

Quarterly Meeting - 5th May 1903.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber Court House, Wexford, on May 5th 1903.

Present - In the Chair, Mr. E. Hore Vice Chairman
Other Councillors - Messrs D. Dempsey, J. E. Mayler
M. Browne, J. Donohoe, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, A.
Kinsella, M. J. Furlong, R. King, D. Kavanagh,
J. B. Hearn, J. Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, G. H. Peacocke
J. Shearne, J. J. Walsh, J. Bolger, J. Gadd, M.
Hickey, J. D. Doyle, M. A. Ennis, and Lord Stopford

The Secretary (Capt. Pigott), Mr. Elgee Solicitor to the Council, and Mr. Webster, County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of the Chairman the standing orders were suspended to allow of him to move a resolution.

Obstruction at Asaly Bridge.

The Chairman moved - That the County Surveyor be directed to write to the Manager of the G^o Southern and Western Railway Company, with reference to the obstruction which was caused to traffic at Asaly bridge, Killinick on the morning of May 5th by a traction engine and several waggons of the Company being drawn across the road. In consequence of this obstruction a number of people with vehicles were delayed for over an hour at this place. That a copy of the letter of Mr. Webster, and the reply of the Manager of the Railway Company be laid before the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Dempsey seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Transport Development Committee

Arising out of the minutes of last meeting Mr. Ennis explained the steps which had

been taken by the Transport Development Committee to induce the promoters of the Transport Development Scheme to include Rosslare as a central depot.

Mr Peacocke moved - "That the Transport Development Committee of the Council be re-appointed, and that they be empowered to prosecute negotiations with the Great Southern and Western Railway Company of Ireland, and the Great Western Railway Company of England, and to carry out such steps as they may consider desirable with a view to the promotion of the wishes of the Council in the matter of the Development Scheme."

Mr J. D. Doyle seconded the resolution which passed without dissent.

The late Councillor Ryan.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey the following letter was ordered to be inserted on the minutes -

Westgate, Wexford

14th April 1903.

H. J. Trizelle Esq.

Dear Sir,

I am extremely obliged for your kind favour of the 4th instant, enclosing copy of resolution adopted by the County Council in regard to the death of my husband.

I do not know how to thank the Council for its great kindness in having passed that resolution. My husband during all his term of office felt that it was a great honour to be a member of the Council, and I know he was grateful for the kindness and courtesy which he invariably received at the hands of yourself and all the other Officials.

No greater honour could be paid to his memory than to have a resolution passed in such generous terms by such a body.

will you kindly convey to the members of the council, my sincere thanks for their great kindness in thus expressing their sympathy with myself and all the family in our great sorrow.

Pray accept also for yourself the expression of my sincere thanks.

Yours truly
H. J. Ryan.

Co-option of councillor.

The chairman proposed that Mr John J. Kehoe Main Street Wexford, be co-opted a member of the council in the room of the late councillor Ryan.

Mr Ennis seconded the motion.

Mr Cummins proposed the election of Alderman Blaney, Mayor of Wexford.

Mr J. B. Hearn seconded.

In connection with the question of the co-option of a member the following resolution was received from the Wexford Corporation -

Proposed by councillor Mr Mangan,

seconded by councillor J. Bullimore,

Resolved - That as a vacancy has occurred in one of the two offices of county councillor for the Urban District of Wexford, and as the duty will devolve on the county council to fill the vacancy by co-option we respectfully suggest to the members of the county council the propriety of co-opting the present Mayor of Wexford as representing the Borough."

Mr J. J. Walsh, county councillor, who was not in attendance for this portion of the proceedings wrote that he thought any member put forward by the public body representing the District ought to have a claim on the votes of the county council. A poll was taken with the following result. For the co-option of Mr Kehoe - Messrs Mayler, J. Bolger, Twilong, Broune, Leacocke, Dempsey, King, Donohoe, Gadd, Ennis, J. A. Doyle, J. D.

Doyle, J. Bolger, M. Hickey, and the chairman. 15.
For the co-option of Alderman Blancy Messrs
Hearn, Cummins, Kinsella, Sinnott, and
Lord Stopford - 5.

The chairman declared Mr Kehoe co-opted.
Mr Kehoe subsequently attended the meeting
and made the usual declaration of office.

Mr Kehoe's appointment on committees Mr Dempsey proposed - That Mr John J. Kehoe,
be appointed a member of the Finance
Committee of the County Council, a member
of the County Wexford Infirmary Committee
a member of the Asylum Committee, and a
member of the County Wexford Committee
of Agriculture and Technical Instruction
in the room of the late councillor Ryan.
Mr Peacocke seconded the resolution which
was passed nem con.

Striking the Rate.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by
the chairman the following recommendation
of the Finance Committee was agreed to -
"Proposed by Mr Browne, seconded by Mr Durlong
that we recommend the Council to strike the
Rate for General and separate charges for
the financial year ending 31st March 1904,
that we seal and sign the Rate Books,
and the Warrants of the collectors".

Appointment of Rate collector.

To fill the vacancy created by the death of
the late collector Dunne, applications were
received from the following.
Edward Somers, Dunsinane, Enniscorthy
Patrick Fortune, Galbally, Bree
Moses Sutton, Ballyvake, Oylegate
John Sinnott, Ballyland, Enniscorthy
John O'Connor, Breefoque, Enniscorthy
Martin Doran, Adamstown
Moses Dunne, Knockmore, Baim
Patrick Dunne, Dranagh
Thomas Stafford, Whelanstown, Davidstown
James Murphy, Davidstown

John Mullett, Davidstown
 All the candidates were in attendance with the exception of John O'Connor. They were questioned by the chairman, and stated that they had read the advertisement and were satisfied to comply with its conditions.
 Mr. J. Furlong proposed and Mr. Browne seconded the appointment of Patrick Dunne.
 Mr. J. Bolger proposed and Mr. J. D. Doyle seconded the election of John Sinnott.
 Mr. Hearn proposed and Mr. Ahern seconded the election of Martin Doran.
 Mr. Dempsey proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the appointment of Moses Sutton.
 Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the election of Patrick Fortune.
 Lord Stopford proposed and Mr. J. A. Doyle seconded the appointment of John Mullett.
 None of the other candidates were proposed or seconded.

The following was the voting on the first poll. -

For Patrick Dunne - Messrs Furlong, Browne, Donohoe, Ennis, and Cummins - 5.

For John Sinnott - Messrs Kinsella, J. Bolger, Dempsey, J. Bolger, J. D. Doyle, Kavanagh, and the chairman - 7.

For Martin Doran - Messrs Maylor, Peacocke, King, Hearn, and Lord Stopford - 5.

For Moses Sutton - Messrs Codd, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, and Ahern - 4.

For Patrick Fortune - Messrs Walsh, & Sinnott - 2.

John Mullett received no vote.

Fortune and Mullett having dropped out a vote was taken between the remaining candidates, as follows.

For Patrick Dunne - Messrs Furlong, Browne, King, Donohoe, Ennis, and Cummins - 6.

For John Sinnott - Messrs Kinsella, J. Bolger, Dempsey, J. Bolger, J. D. Doyle, Kavanagh, and the chairman - 7.

For Martin Doran - Messrs Maylor, Peacocke,

Sinnott, Hearn, and Lord Stopford - 5.

For Moses Sutton - Messrs Walsh, Codd, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, and Shearne - 5.

Moses Sutton and Martin Doran securing an equal number of votes it was necessary to take a poll between them to ascertain which of their names should be retained for the third poll.

The voting was as follows.

For Sutton - Messrs Walsh, Kinsella, J. Bolger, Furlong, Dempsey, Donohoe, Codd, Ennis, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, J. D. Doyle, J. Bolger, Kavanagh, Shearne, and the Chairman - 15.

For Doran - Messrs Mayler, Browne, Peacocke, King, Sinnott, Hearn, Cummins, and Lord Stopford - 8.

Sutton having been retained, the third poll resulted as follows.

For Patrick Dunne - Messrs Furlong, Browne, Peacocke, King, Donohoe, Sinnott, Ennis, Cummins and Hearn - 9.

For John Sinnott - Messrs Kinsella, Dempsey, J. Bolger, J. Bolger, J. D. Doyle, Kavanagh, and the Chairman - 7.

For Moses Sutton - Messrs Mayler, Walsh, Codd, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, Shearne, and Lord Stopford - 7.
Sutton and Sinnott having secured an equal number of votes a poll was necessary to ascertain which of their names would be retained in the final poll - the following was the result -

For Sutton - Messrs Mayler, Walsh, Browne, Codd, Ennis, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, Cummins, Shearne, and Lord Stopford - 10.

For Sinnott - Messrs Kinsella, J. Bolger, Furlong, Peacocke, Dempsey, King, Donohoe, Sinnott, J. Bolger, J. D. Doyle, Kavanagh, Hearn, and the Chairman - 10.

The final poll resulted as follows -

For Patrick Dunne - Messrs Mayler, Walsh, Furlong, Browne, Peacocke, King, Donohoe, Sinnott, Ennis, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, Hearn, and Shearne - 10.

For John Sinnott - Messrs Kinsella, J. Bolger, Dempsey, Codd, Hickey, J. Bolger, J. D. Doyle, Kavanagh, Lord Stopford and the Chairman - 10. The Chairman then declared Patrick Dunne elected. The following is a copy of the application of the successful candidate -
To the Chairman, and members of the Wexford County Council.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your advertisement for Poor Rate collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballyhoque, Bree, and the Leap, I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the position. I being the eldest son of the late collector Patrick Dunne, who died about a month ago. I have a thorough knowledge of the duties involved as for the past six months I did all my father's work, which I think Capt. Pigott, and Mr. Fizzelle, will acknowledge was done satisfactorily. Should the Council think me suitable I will use the best endeavours to give them every satisfaction. Having been at the Drapery business for the past six years, I have acquired a thorough knowledge of business habits. Enclosed please find copies of testimonials as to character etc, I beg to offer the Patriotic Insurance Company for my guarantee, it being the Society the Council approve of.

I am, Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant

Patrick Dunne.

The following are copies of the testimonials submitted by Patrick Dunne.

Clark's Office

Enniscorthy Union

4th May 1903.

I know the bearer Mr. Patrick Dunne junior son to the late collector for the divisions of Ballyhoque, Bree, and the Leap, for seven or eight years past at the Drapery business here.

I know that during his father's tedious illness his son, the present applicant for the position, assisted him in the closing of his collection accounts, and gave every satisfaction at a very critical period.

Owen Connolly.

clerk of Union, and checker of Rate collector's Accounts.

Enniscorthy

4th May 1903.

Patrick Dunne, has been in my employment for past two years. I know him to be strictly honest, sober, and of very good character in every way. I am certain if he obtains the position of Rate collector he will perform its duties satisfactorily and creditably.

(M^{rs}) M. J. Roche.

The Cloth Hall, Enniscorthy

May 4th 1903.

Patrick Dunne, served his time with me to the Drapery business for four years, during which time I found him strictly honest sober, well conducted, and attentive to his business.

Mary O'Gorman.

I have known Patrick Dunne for a great number of years. He is an honest active sober and well conducted young man, and if he obtains the situation now vacant by the death of his father I am quite sure will perform the duties of the appointment with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his employers.

(S^r) H. Durlong.

Lymington, Enniscorthy.

1st May 1903.

The Bearer, Patrick Dunne, whom I have known for the past half year intimately is a sober, smart well conducted young man, and I feel confident he will give every satisfaction to the

members of the county council, and the public in general if elected to the vacant position of Rate collector.

30/3/1903.

A. Lennon. C. C. Courtmacuddy

Patrick Dunne has been a resident of this parish for several years and during that time his conduct has been everything that could be desired. He bears an excellent character. He is strictly honest and temperate, and I regard him as a person to whom duties involving grave responsibility may be committed with perfect safety.

John Dunne. Adm.

Enniscorthy, March, 30th 1903.

Previous to his election, Patrick Dunne, in reply to Mr. Walsh, stated that his age was 20 years and four months.

Mr. Elger said he considered that it was not legal to appoint a minor to the position.

Mr. Browne pointed out that the applicant was the son of the late collector, had been discharging the duties for the father, and would in a few months be of legal age.

claim by Dr. Murphy, coroner.

A claim for £13. for holding inquests outside his district on the requisition of the police was received from Dr. Murphy, coroner for North Wexford.

Letters from the Local Government Board No. 7,543/1903. Wexford county, under date 10th Feb. 1903.

No. 11,325/1903. Wexford county under date 27th Feb. 1903, and No. 15,663. 1903 Wexford county under date 20th March 1903, on the claim of Dr. Murphy were read.

Mr. Hearn proposed and Mr. Goad seconded that the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, on the matter be confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. Furlong, seconded by Mr. Browne that we pay Dr. Murphy, coroner, a sum of £8. for holding four inquests outside his district at the rate of £2. per inquest, and which were held on the requisition of the police. That our Secretary inform Dr. Murphy that the section of the Act of Parliament has been repealed allowing mileage, otherwise the Council might have allowed the amount.

Qualification of Mr. D. Dempsey as councillor. Under date 10th Feb 1903, the Local Government Board, (letter No. 10,0313, 1903 Wexford County) wrote that in the circumstances of the case of Mr. Dempsey they had been advised they have no power to make an Order for a new election under article 7 (1) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898."

On the same subject Mr. R. W. Elger, Sol^r to the Council wrote under date 21st Feb. 1903.

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th Inst., with a copy letter from the Local Government Board as to Mr. D. Dempsey's case, but it appears to me that the Board have entirely overlooked the fact that Mr. Dempsey was not eligible for election in the months of June last, and that consequently his election was void from the beginning, but of course if the Local Government Board are satisfied, that he is still a member of the Council, I don't see that the Council need take any further notice of the matter. I think however Mr. Dempsey should sign a new declaration."

The Secretary said that acting on the advice of their solicitor, Mr. Dempsey had made a new declaration of Office.

Re-adjustment, Financial Relations
Co. Council and Wexford Urban Dist

The Secretary read letter from the Local Government Board, under date 31st March 1903. (No 17375, 1903) forwarding copy of draft provisional order altering the financial relations between

the Wexford Urban District, and the County Council, and explained that it carried out the agreement that had already been arrived at between the two bodies.

Extension of time for payment of Debts. Circular letter from the Local Government Board, No. 22 M. 1903. Miscellaneous, under date, 19th Feb 1903, was read. This letter pointed out that the Local Government Board would enforce the provisions of section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, except in cases in which it is clearly proved to their satisfaction that there was a reasonable cause why the debt was not paid, or for not taking legal proceedings within the prescribed period.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke, it was decided that the terms of the Order of the Local Government Board be advertised in the local papers.

Regulations-Locomotives on Highways. Letter No 71677/1902, under date 9th Feb 1903 (Sealed Order, Amended General Regulations under the Locomotives on Highways Act 1896, was read by the Secretary, who explained that a copy of these regulations had been supplied to each member of the County Council.

Wexford Dist. Col. & state of roads- Letter No 15090/1903. Wexford Rural District, from the Local Government Board, under date 16th March 1903, was read.

The Local Government Board enclosed copy of Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Rural District Council of the 7th March, with a copy of the Local Government Board reply.

The County Surveyor explained that this matter had been settled. Orders had been obtained against the Railway Company, and they were carrying out the work of repairing the roads which had been damaged by them.

Closing accounts-Financial Half Year. Circular letter No. 42 M. 1903. Miscellaneous, from the

Local Government Board, under date 25th March 1903. was read. According to this communication the Local Government Board have decided to direct that all accounts both as regards receipts and expenditure, shall be closed and balanced for audit as at the end of each financial year, or, in the case of accounts required to be closed half yearly as at the end of each half year.

Order (Sec 12) Local Govt (I) Act 1902

The following letter No 17920/1903 Wexford County, under date, 8th April 1903 was read from the Local Government Board.

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution adopted by the County Council of Wexford at a special meeting held on the 28th ultimo, proposing to adopt the system of half yearly meetings for the transaction of the business of the Council now dealt with at Quarterly Meetings; and in reply I am to state that the Local Government Board, have given directions for the preparation of an order under section 12 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, authorising the Council to hold half-yearly instead of quarterly meetings. A draft of the order will be forwarded to the Council for their consideration in due course.

As regards the salaries of the County and Assistant Surveyors, the Local Government Board will be glad to learn the result of the circular issued by the County Council to the contractors, inquiring whether they will consent to half yearly instead of quarterly payments, in respect of their contracts, before the Local Government Board proceed to deal with the question. The following recommendation had been made by the Finance Committee.

"That we recommend the County Council to inform the Local Government Board that

we have not yet received a reply from all the contractors, and when the Council is in possession of a full statement as to the views of the contractors they will again communicate with the Local Government Board. That we instruct our Secretary to correspond with the clerks of the Rural District Councils, and request them to draw the attention of their district Councils to the resolution of the County Council on this subject.

Lord Stopford moved the confirmation of the minute of the Finance Committee with the following rider, 'And that the Secretary to this Council issue a circular to the contractors who have not already replied as to whether they are in favour of continuing the quarterly payments, or would be satisfied to accept the amount due to them half yearly.'

Mr. Hearn seconded the resolution which was adopted nem con.

Complaint by a Road Contractor. Richard Kelly, Road Contractor, Ballygalbert, came before the meeting, and complained that although he had his road in good order some of his money had been detained by the County Surveyor.

The meeting having heard a statement from the County Surveyor, decided to take no action in the matter.

Representatives of the Press at Meetings. Sealed order from the Local Government Board No 18/M. 1908. as to the exclusion of the representatives of the Press from meetings of public bodies was read.

Reports as to Audit of Accounts. Reports as to the audits of the accounts of Enniscorthy Union and District Council, New Ross Union and District Council, Wexford Union and District Council, and District Asylum, received from the Local Government Board were laid before the meeting.

Abstract of Mortgages - Board of Works

The Board of Works forwarded an abstract of the deed of mortgage entered into between them and the Wexford Rural District Council for a loan of £250, under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts.

Payment of Instalments of Loans.

The following circular letter from the Board of Works under date 23rd March 1903. No. 14338-02, was read.

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that it has been brought to their notice that there has been a failure on the part of the Council to fulfil the undertaking with reference to punctual payment of instalments of their loans which was given by them before their last loan was submitted for the sanction of the Lord Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

"The undertaking was to the effect that the instalments in repayment of the loan for which they were then applying, as well as of any existing loans would be remitted at the dates at which they became due - viz - 1st May and 1st November in each year. Notwithstanding this undertaking it has been reported to the Board that the instalment due the 1st November 1902, was not brought to their account in the Bank of Ireland until the 6th November 1902.

The Board direct me to request that this circumstance may be brought under the notice of the Council, and that it may be conveyed to them that it is most necessary that the undertaking given should be strictly observed, and that payment of the instalment on the 1st May 1903, and of all future instalments should be punctually made, as a second default would seriously affect the question of the granting of any further loans to the Council."

The Finance Committee made the following recommendation on the matter.

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Peacocke

"That if the Board of Works forward their Receivable Orders in time for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, which are held on the first Tuesday in each February, May, August and November, they will be paid. That this fact has been brought to the attention of the Board of Works on at least two occasions, and we would point out to the Board of Works that we are precluded from making payments of this nature except at a quarterly meeting.

We consider the threat of the Board of Works in their circular letter No 14,333 as entirely unwarranted and uncalled for, in face of the promise of this Council to pay these Receivable Orders, whenever they come to hand in time to be dealt with at a quarterly meeting.

Mr Dempsey moved, and the Chairman seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee
Passed unanimously"

Proposed Basin at Curracloe.

The following letter under date March 7th 1903. from Mr Francis Killeen, Ballyneskar Cottage Curracloe, was read.

"At a Meeting held in Curracloe recently it was decided to bring before the County Council a proposal to build a Basin as shelter for the numerous Fishing Boats of this Coast. I have been instructed to apply to you to get Mr Webster to inspect the place. I enclose you a map of the place and a rough sketch.

If Mr Webster would want any information about soundings etc, I can supply him, if he would kindly let me know what day he would call."

The County Surveyor stated that he had made a preliminary examination of the place, and he considered to make the proposed basin would be a very expensive work. He did not think that it was a suitable place for a harbour, and the question was, if a

more suitable place could not be procured higher up the coast.

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided that the consideration of the matter be postponed till Mr Webster makes an inspection of some other site, and his report thereon has received the consideration of the Piers Committee."

Claim - Excess Rate

The following letter was read from Mr J. Bolger Terns under date March 13th '03

"I beg to apply to the County Council for the sum of £2 : 2 : 3½ amount of rate overlodged which I paid Mr John Walsh, on his last collection on increased valuation of my place to £60.

The present valuation fixed by the County Court judge being £38 : 10/- and the rating on this amount is £3 : 13 : 7."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee on the above was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Dempsey. -

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr Donohoe seconded and it was passed - "That we refund Mr John Bolger, the sum of £2 : 1 : 10 excess rate charged in consequence of his valuation being reduced on appeal to the County Court judge from £60 to £38 : 10/-

Repairs - Courthouses.

The following recommendation of the Magistrates at Terns petty sessions of the 4th March '03 was laid before the meeting.

"That we the Magistrates, sitting at Terns petty sessions court, consider there is a necessity to have the floor laid with cement and windows painted, and we request the landlord to bring the matter under notice of the County Council"

The following letter from Mr Joyce, Petty Sessions Clerk, Loughmon, under date 14th March was also laid before the meeting.

I beg to inform you that the recent

storm inflicted considerable damage on the outside of the courthouse, at Laghmon. Some slates were also blown from the roof and the building requires immediate repair. The Finance Committee recommended that these repairs should be carried out by the respective landlords.

On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Gadd the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

Road Contract of Philip Kelly -

Under date 13th April '03 the Town Clerk, New Ross Urban Council wrote that Philip Kelly was doing little or nothing with his contract within the Urban District, and in consequence the roads in his charge have worn very considerably. His Council consider that some action should be taken by the County Council to have these roads put into order as the District Council should not take them over in their present condition on the expiration of Kelly's contract in July, 1904.

Mr. Webster, County Surveyor stated that he had reported to the Proposal Committee, the manner in which Philip Kelly was carry out his contract. The difficulty in the case was that this was an old Grand jury contract, and portion of the road was now in charge of the Urban District. He did not know if he had power to prosecute Kelly for the manner in which he was doing his work on this portion.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the County Surveyor, and that if he considers it necessary that he consult the Solicitor to the Council.

Collectors' Somers & Smith - Change of Sureties -

Collector Edward Somers wrote that John Doyle, Moneyhouse, one of his Sureties had died, and offering the name of Thomas Swilong, of Dranagh instead.

collector Smith wrote that Mr S Richards one of his sureties wished to be relieved of his bond, and offering in his place, Thomas Smith, of Sara Hill.

On the motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr J. D. Doyle, it was decided to accept the names offered by both collectors.

Speed of Traction engines New Ross bridge. The following resolution was received from the Ida District Council:-
 "We hereby request the county councils of Wexford and Kilkenny, and the New Ross Urban District Councils to take the necessary steps to have the present by-law regulating the propelling of steam and traction engines across New Ross Bridge changed, so as to allow the propelling of engines by steam across said bridge in future at not more than two miles an hour."

Mr. Hearn proposed.- That we request the County Surveyor to meet the County Surveyor of Kilkenny at the New Ross Bridge, with one or two councillors from the District, and consider the matter with a view to furnishing a report to the Council.

Mr. Shearne proposed.- That having heard the statement of our County Surveyor, that we take no action towards altering the present by-law.

Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, which passed.

New footpath - Enniscorthy Bridge. The following resolution was received from the Black Urban District, Enniscorthy.
 That the Council consider that a new concrete footpath - 300 feet, with new granite kerbing requires to be laid down on Enniscorthy Bridge, North side, also that both walls of said bridge require to be pointed with cement mortar on sides and tops the (300 yards) cost of same not to exceed £56 : 18/-
 The Council respectfully request the County

Council to contribute half the cost viz-£28: 9/- this being a main road and the great necessity for the work being done.

The County Surveyor stated that he considered the work was very necessary.

The Secretary said that if this were a new work the Council should have some proof that Article 14 of the Urban Order had been complied with.

The County Surveyor said the work was one merely of maintenance.

Mr Donohoe proposed - That as the application of the Enniscorthy Urban Council is for maintenance of an existing work we contribute half the cost, said contribution not to exceed £28: 9/-

Mr Peacocke seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Recoupment jurors' Payment -

Enniscorthy Urban District -

The Clerk Enniscorthy Urban District wrote applying for a refund of £4: 0: 8. amount paid the Poor Rate collector, of the Enniscorthy Urban District, for assisting in the preparation of the jurors Lists for the year 1901. Letters from the Local Government Board No's 21,137, under date 15th April '03 and 22,845/1903. under date, 22nd April '03 on this subject was read.

The following recommendation had been made by the Finance Committee - Proposed by Mr Kincella, seconded by Mr Donohoe - That we refund the sum of £4: 0: 8. to the Enniscorthy Urban Council, payment made to the Rate collector of the Urban District for assisting in the preparation of the jurors' lists for 1901.

Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Ennis seconded the confirmation of the minute of the Finance Committee. Passed.

Evicted Tenants' - Restoration Committee -

The following letter under date, 28th Feb '03 was read from Mr G. W. Russell, Hon Secy, Evicted

Tenants' Restoration Fund.

"In further reference to your letter of the 5th, if cheque for balance of funds on hands in Wexford is sent here payable to the Elected Tenants' Restoration Fund, it will be lodged at once and our cheque sent to whoever may be appointed to receive it for an equal amount."

On the motion of the chairman it was decided to take no further action in this matter for the present.

County Wexford Feis

A circular was received from the Rev. P. Murphy M.S.S. Enniscorthy, asking for the support and influence of the county council for the county Wexford Feis.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by the chairman the following resolution was adopted.

"That the object of the county Wexford Feis have our hearty sympathy and support. That we regret that we are not in a position to make a contribution to the funds of the Feis from the account of the county council, but hope the councillors in their individual capacities will help the movement financially and otherwise."

Cheap Railway Fares.

Under date March, 7th '03, the Secretary to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Co. wrote that the application of the Wexford county council for cheap rate tickets for members of the council when travelling on county business was considered by the Irish Railway Managers when it was decided that the application could not be entertained. Mr. Peacocke proposed.- That our Secretary correspond with the Secretary of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, Company, as regards giving facilities to teachers employed through the county committee of Agriculture

and Technical Instruction by giving tickets on the same terms as are given teachers residing in the Dublin suburbs.

Mr. Ennis seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Lowest tender and wages.

A circular was received from the Irish Trades Union Congress, stating that if the Council adopted the fair wages resolution of the House of Commons, it was not necessary they should accept the lowest tender if the person making it would not agree to be bound by the fair wages resolution. No action was taken.

By-law. Covered vehicles

A similar ruling was made in the case of a suggested by-law as to covered vehicles received from the cycling tourists' club.

Re-valuation of Ireland.

The following resolution received from the Mayo County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. J. D. Doyle. That this Council view with alarm the proposals forwarded by Sir John Barton for the re-valuation of Ireland, recognising as we do the result would be the imposition upon this impoverished country of a further serious contribution to the British Treasury, thereby adding to the monstrous over-taxation of Ireland already existing. And we regard his ideas as to the valuation of Irish land especially as fraught with the most serious consequences to the agricultural interests of the entire country.

Valuation Lists

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and it was passed - That we agree with the resolution received from the Dublin County Council asking that the revised lists of valuation should be supplied at an earlier date than at present.

Amalgamation of Unions

Resolutions in favour of the amalgamation of

unions was received from the county councils of Kilkenny and North Tipperary.

On the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. J. B. Doyle the following resolution was adopted -

"That we agree with the resolutions received from the county councils of Kilkenny and North Tipperary as to the amalgamation of unions."

Town Rating

A resolution was received from the Strabane town council requesting that new buildings should not be rated for three years, but no action was taken thereon.

Dates-Quarterly Meetings- Councils. The following dates of Quarterly Meetings were agreed to.

Wexford District Council July 4th - 10.30 O.C.

New Ross, " " " 11th - 12 Noon

Enniscorthy " " " 14th - 11.15 O.C.

Korey " " " 15th - 12 O.C.

Proposal Committee " 17th - 2 O.C.

County Council Meeting August 4th

Contribution- Footpath- New Ross.
Urban Council.

Mr. Hearn moved the following resolution of which he had given previous notice -
"That the application of the New Ross Urban District Council, to construct a footpath leading to the new church, New Ross, be acceded to, and that the amount contributed by the County Council be £62.10/- and be a county at large charge.

Mr. Peacocke seconded the motion which was adopted.

Postal Promotion

Mr. Peacocke moved the following resolution, the standing orders having been suspended to enable him to do so.

"That we, the members of the Wexford County Council desire to place on record our high appreciation of the manner in which Mr. J. A. Parker, Postmaster, Wexford, has performed his official duties. Since his appointment in 1894, and during the last nine years

the telegraph, money order, business, and rural post, with house to house deliveries have been greatly extended throughout the County Wexford. We consider his energy, efficiency and courtesy to the public, entitle him to promotion, and we ^{now} desire to recommend Mr Parker to the favourable notice of the Postmaster General, with a view to his further advancement in the postal service. "Copy of this resolution to be sent to the Postmaster General"

Mr Cummins seconded the resolution which passed unanimously.

Mr Taylor. V.S.

Mr Hickey proposed that Mr Taylor V.S. New Ross, be informed, that the Council consider it portion of his duty to see that animals offered for sale at horse auctions, or imported into New Ross are free from contagious disease.

That we request the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts Committee to ask Mr Taylor to carry out this work.

Mr Cummins seconded the resolution which passed.

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street

Dublin, 7th February 1903.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B.Sc. M.D. Public Analyst for the County of Wexford on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31st December 1902.

48 articles were received from the Food & Drugs Inspectors, R.I.B. as follows.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Milk	19
Whiskey	16
Butter	8
Rum	3
Buttermilk	1
Cheese	1
Total	48

of the specimens of milk one was adulterated with at least 18 per cent of added water.

Two of the specimens of whiskey were 29 and 31 degrees under proof and were therefore adulterated with at least 5.55 and 81 per cent of added water respectively.

The remaining articles were of good quality. There were fifteen specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merion Street, Dublin which were taken up in the County of Wexford. They were pure.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs were analysed. One of them namely, Compound Tincture of Gentian, was low in extract,

Two specimens of Easton's Syrup were very high in phosphoric acid.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union nine drugs, namely Tincture of Cinchona, was low in alkaloids. Another, namely, Liniment of Potassium Iodide with Soap, was deficient in potassium iodide. The teas were of good quality.

A specimen of water analysed for the Guardians of New Ross Union had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	9.100
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.006
Saline Ammonia	0.004
Nitric Acid	1.000
Chlorine	0.994
Sulphuric Acid	None
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	None
A good water.	

A specimen of water analysed for Colonel Baulfield, Camolin, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters,	28.000
Including	

Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.002
Nitric Acid	4.800
Chlorine	2.982
Sulphuric Acid	5.0442
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	7.0000
A very pure water	

A specimen of water analysed for Mrs W. L. Loyd Killinick, had the following composition
One imperial gallon contained in grains
Total solid matters, 26.600

Including.

Albuminoid Ammonia	0.002
Saline Ammonia	0.001
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	5.268
Sulphuric Acid	5.7648
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	8.0000
An unusually pure water.	

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, nine drugs, two specimens of milk, one of butter, and one of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of milk and butter were pure. The specimen of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 8.400

Including

	0.014
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005
Saline Ammonia	Trace
Nitric Acid	0.795
Chlorine	
Sulphuric Acid	None
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	None
Total Analysis 107.	

A slightly inferior water

C. A. Cameron

Confirmation of minutes

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis the minutes of the Proposal Committee were confirmed.

These minutes included a recommendation to pay the Assistant Secretary the sum of £4. for discharging the duties of Secretary during a fortnight's illness of Capt Pigott and in respect of which a medical certificate had been received from Dr J. Bourne.

Grant to County Infirmary

Grant of £200 to the County Infirmary for repairs to building.

In connection with this matter a letter was read from the Local Government Board, No 7529/03 Wexford County, under date 24th Feb. 03 pointing out that if the proposed alterations do not involve enlargement the County Council can vote a sum of £1200 as their contribution to the Infirmary for one year, and £200 of this amount can be applied in carrying out the alterations.

Also the following resolution - Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis - "That Mr Webster be empowered to prosecute the Road Contractors and their sureties mentioned in his report if he considers this course necessary."

Confirmation Minutes Finance Committee

- April 17th -

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis, the following minutes of the Finance Committee meeting were confirmed.

"That the Secretary of the Council inform the Board of Trade, that the Finance Committee consider they should have had a voice in the selection of the firm which carried out the work in connection with the reverification of the weights and measures of this County, and which was carried out by Messrs. McGuire and Gatchell to the order of an official of the Board of Trade, more especially as District Inspector Kelly has informed the Committee that the cost of one of the items of the

account is very high.

Second Assistant - Contractors Bonds.

That in consequence of the large number of contracts to be renewed at the District Council meetings of New Ross, Enniscorthy, and Gorey, a second Assistant be sent to those places and his expenses allowed, in connection with the work of executing the bonds of the contractors."

Confirmation of Proposal Committee.
Works, etc.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis, the following resolution was adopted "That the several proposals for new works and for payments, sent up by the proposal Committee as regards expenditure chargeable to the County-at-Large be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and that the following orders be made in connection with works untendered for at the meeting of the Proposal Committee."

Drains - New Ross Court House

No 79- To lay down new drains and put up shoots, and down pipes in New Ross Court House; not to exceed £15. to be a County-at-Large charge.

Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Repairs - Fethard Pier.

No 80- To repair Fethard Pier; not to exceed £45. to be a County at Large charge; Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

In connection with this work the following letter and memorial was read:-

Killoggan Castle, Fethard
via Waterford
May 4th 1903.

Re Fethard Pier.

Dear Sir,

With regard to the recommendation of the County Surveyor, to expend £45. on repairs to this pier, I beg to say that it is only five or six years since a sum of £28 was expended in repairing it, and now the County Council is asked to lay out £45. for the same

purpose, and very probably in four or five years time a further sum of £40 or £50, will be required to do more repairs on it. Now, in my opinion, it is only throwing away money to be patching up this old pier. With regard to the statement of the County Surveyor that the sea wall is cracked, and Bulging, I am informed that it has been nearly in the same condition for the past 25 years, so that there does not appear to be any very great cause for alarm in consequence of this. I may point out that the Chairman of the County Council, and I believe Mr. French, M.P. visited Fethard about two years ago in order to inspect this pier and the site proposed for a new one, and I understand that they entered into communication with the Chief Secretary, and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction with the view of obtaining a government grant for the construction of it. It would therefore be well if the Chairman could now make a statement as to how the matter stands, because if there is any reasonable prospect of a new pier being built in the near future it is simply folly to be spending money on repairs to the old one.

I enclose a statement signed by the two District Councillors for Fethard and some of the fishermen, also protesting against this work, which you will please read for the Council along with this.

Yours truly

B. Duilong D.C.

The Secretary
County Council
Wexford

To the Chairman of the Wexford County Council
Sir

We, the undersigned ratepayers of Fethard

County Wexford, having learned that it is proposed to expend a sum of £45 on repairs to Bethard dock respectfully beg to express our entire disapproval of the expenditure of such an amount, as it would be entirely worthless, and a waste of the funds to attempt anything in the way of repairs to the present structure, the dock being wholly incapable of affording the accommodation necessary and for which it was intended. Kindly have this protest entered when matter comes before your next meeting.

Your Obedient Servants

Chas Mullins, D.B. Henry P. Gahan D.B.

Chris. Bird, J. M. Namara, Michael Handrick,
Chas. Cooper, Rich^d. Power, Geo. Wallace, Chas.
Bird, John Dwyer, all fishermen.

The Secretary said he had received the following letter from the Board of works, under date, 1st April 1903 in connection with this pier.

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works, to inform you that it has recently been reported to them that some damage has occurred to the masonry work of Bethard Pier, County Wexford, and they would be glad to hear that the necessary work of repair and maintenance will be undertaken at an early date."

In the course of the discussion which took place, Mr. Browne pointed out that the idea in the minds of Mr. Turlong and the fishermen who had made the protest against the repair of the present pier was that a new pier would be built very soon, and that the present one should be allowed to fall. The County Council had no information that a new pier was even under the consideration of the Government, and if the Council did not now take some steps to carry out the work which Mr. Webster, County Surveyor said was very

necessary the Council would have the Board of Works doing the work themselves at a very much enhanced cost.

Repairs - Barne Pier

No. 81 - To repair Barne Pier not to exceed £6.
To be a County at Large Charge.

Referred to the County Surveyor, who is to have the work carried out.

In connection with this matter a letter was read from the Board of Works, under date 1st April 1903. as follows:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that it has recently been reported to them, that about 56 yards of concrete work on east side of Barne Pier, County Wexford requires repair, and pointing and resetting of coping stones near the end of the pier is also required. The Board would be glad to hear that the necessary work of repair, and maintenance will be undertaken at an early date"

Wexford Rural District - Roads.

No 79 - To maintain 597 perches leading through Churchtown, from Barne road not to exceed 7^d per perch.

(1) Thomas Ryan, Ballytra Barne tendered at £17 : 8 : 3 (7^d per perch) and (2) James Kearns, Airdownes at £12 : 8 : 8. (5^d per perch)

Mr. O'Connor Solicitor who appeared for Ryan stated that his client's tender was the only one which came before the District Council, and it was rejected as it had not been signed by Ryan. He had offered at the District Council Meeting to get the tender signed by Ryan, but the members of the Council would not consent.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Webster said he considered that 5^d per perch was not an adequate price to keep the road. Kearns had not been a satisfactory contractor.

Mr. O'Connor said that he contended that the tender of Kearns had been

put in for an unfair purpose. Why did he not tender at the District Council Meeting if he wished to compete fairly for the road, and not wait until he had seen the tender of Ryan.

Mr Peacocke held that as the road had been advertised for the County Council meeting the proceedings had to commence de novo, and he moved that the lower tender be accepted.

Mr J. D. Doyle seconded.

Mr Hearn proposed and Mr Ahearne seconded that Ryan's tender be accepted.

A vote was taken with the following result.

For Ryan - Messrs Kehoe, Maylor, Kinsella, Swilong, Stopford, Walsh, J. Bolger, Browne, King, Hearn, J. D. Doyle, Donohoe, Ennis, Hickey, Cummins, J. Bolger, and Ahearne. 17.

For Kearns - The Chairman, Messrs Peacocke, Dempsey, Sinnott, Codd, J. D. Doyle and Kavanagh. - 7.

The Chairman declared the tender of Ryan accepted, and the following reasons for accepting it were mentioned by Mr Browne and agreed to -

That we consider the tender of Kearns was not a bona fide tender; that we understand from the County Surveyor that the road cannot be maintained for the amount of Kearns tender.

No A. - To construct a gullet from Coldblow to Kisha Mills; not to exceed £3. Given in charge of the County Surveyor, no tender being received at the District Council or County Councils Meetings.

No H. - To repair Kilmore Pier not to exceed £10. No tender was received and the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 6. - To keep in repair 270 perches, between Balloughton Churchyard, and the crossroads beyond having not to exceed 7^d per perch.

The following tenders were received - Richard Dake, Grange Bannow (1) tendered at £6 : 3 : 9 (5¹/₂ per perch) Patrick Carroll, Busherstown (2) tendered at

£5 : 12 : 6 (5^d per perch).

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Kehoe, the tender of Richard Dake, (no 1) was accepted.

The tender of Patrick Carroll (no 2) was moved for acceptance, by Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Dempsey.

The voting was as follows.

For Dake's tender - Messrs Maylor, Kehoe, Walsh, Broune, Ennis, Hearn, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, Cummins and Shearne - 10.

For Carroll's tender - The Chairman, Messrs Peacocke, Dempsey, Kinsella, Sinnott, Codd, and J. D. Doyle - 7.

The following reasons for the acceptance of Dake's tender were given.

That Dake was the only person who tendered at the District Council Meeting, and that his tender was there rejected as it was not signed. That we are given to understand by the County Surveyor that Dake is a good contractor.

No 68 - To repair 1024 perches, leading from the crossroads near Carrig to the water-guard station at Bannow.

Richard Dake, Frange Bannow (1) tendered at £21 : 5/- (5^d per perch)

Patrick Carroll, Busherstown (2) tendered at £20 : 5 : 4. (4³/₄^d per perch)

Mr Broune proposed, and Mr Shearne seconded the acceptance of Dake's tender.

The voting was as follows.

For Dake's tender - Messrs Maylor, Kehoe, Walsh, Broune, Kinsella, Ennis, Hearn, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, Shearne, and Cummins - 11

For Carroll's tender - The Chairman, Messrs Peacocke, Dempsey, Sinnott, Codd, and J. D. Doyle, - 6

The Chairman declared the tender of Richard Dake accepted.

The reasons given for the acceptance of Dake's tender were - That it was rejected at the District

council because it was not signed by Dake. That there was no opposition at the District Council meeting, and the Council considered that if the tender of Barrioll were a bona fide tender he would have tendered at the District Council.

No 70 - To keep in repair 710 perches leading from Mr. Codd's gate and Newtown and Clearestown crossroads.

Thomas Kelly, Rathtown (1) tendered at £11:16:8 (4^d per perch)

William Byrne, Grasscut (2) tendered at £10:7:1 (3½^d per perch)

Mr. Browne proposed and Mr. Ahearne seconded the acceptance of Kelly's tender. Mr. Peacocke proposed and Mr. J. D. Doyle seconded the acceptance of Byrne's tender. The voting was as follows.

For Kelly's tender - Messrs Kehoe, Walsh, Browne, Ennis, Hearn, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, Ahearne & Cummins - 9.

For Byrne's tender - The Chairman, Messrs Peacocke, Dempsey, Kincella, Sinnott, Codd, and J. D. Doyle, 7.

The Chairman declared the tender of Kelly accepted.

The same reason as in the other cases were given for the acceptance of Kelly's tender, which was rejected at the District Council Meeting for want of signature.

No 72 - To keep in repair 685 perches, between Seaview gate and the leading road from Duncormack to Wexford.

Patrick Kelly, Redmoor, who tendered at £11:8:4 (4^d per perch) was accepted, his being the only tender.

No 76 A - To keep in repair 802 perches from the turn to Churchtown to the Strand at Netherstown, with the branch to the fishery etc. Thomas Ryan, Ballytra Carne, tendered at £20:1/- (6^d per perch) and as this was the only tender it was accepted.

No 89- 20 kcp in repair 800 perches between the cross of Blackhall and the bounds of the barony.

Nicholas Fortune, Barmoney Bree, tendered at £25. ($7\frac{1}{2}$ per perch) and this being the only tender was accepted.

No. 95- 20 kcp in repair 355 perches of the road leading from Killurin to the Rural District bounds.

Nicholas Fortune, Barmoney Bree, tendered at £8. 17. 6 (6^d per perch) and this being the only tender was accepted.

No 97.- 20 kcp in repair 640 perches, between the bounds of the barony at Carrareigh to Lady well,

David Reilly, Camross, tendered at £10. 13. 4 (4^d per perch) (1) and David Connors, Ballinclair (2) tendered at £7. 6. 8. ($2\frac{3}{4}^d$ per perch)

Mr. Browne proposed and Mr. Shearne, seconded that Reilly be accepted contractor. His tender was rejected at the District Council Meeting because "name of witness" to mark of person tendering not affixed. Connors did not tender at the District Council.

The following was the voting
for Reilly's tender- Messrs Kehoe, Walsh, Browne, Ennis, Hearn, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, Shearne, Cummins, - 9.

For Connors' tender.- Messrs Peacocke, Dempsey, Kinsella, Codd, Kavanagh, J. D. Doyle, and the Chairman - 7.

The Chairman declared Reilly's tender accepted, the reasons given being that it was considered that Connors' tender was not a bona fide tender.

Enniscorthy Rural District- Roads.

The Secretary reported that the following tenders had been found unsigned on examination at the County Council Office -

Hugh Brien Clonroche, No 18. Hugh Brien No 147. Edward Walsh, Ross Road, Enniscorthy No 158. Martin Farrell, Ballydow No 61, and Michael Dunnigan No 83 on list of proposals received

from the clerk of the Rural District Council. Mr. Elger said that he considered as these tenders, had not been signed by the persons making them it would be illegal for the County Council to ratify them.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Peacocke it was decided that the tenders in question be rejected and the works be referred back to the District Council. Passed.

The following tenders for this district were then accepted.

No 109 and 121 - To keep in repair 300 perches between the rural district bounds and Knocktown cross, etc.

Edward Clancy, Coolnacon, tendered at £ 7 : 10/- (5^d per perch), and as it was the only tender received it was accepted, on the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Dempsey.

No 135 - To keep in repair 308 perches from Meelnagh cross to the cross of Ballingowan.

No tender was received at the work was referred back to the District Council.

No 137 - To keep in repair 256 perches from the cross roads at Dubberlamina to the bounds of the barony Michael Brien, Ballingowan, tendered at £ 5 : 6 : 8. (5^d per perch). This being the only tender was accepted.

No. 157 - To keep in repair 884 perches from Enniscorthy to Kiltaly.

Joseph Bullen, Kiltrea tendered at £ 81 : 0 : 8. (1/10 per perch) and John Roche, Kiltrea, tendered at £ 99 : 9/- (2/3 per perch)

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, the tender of Mr. Bullen being the lowest was accepted.

No 157A - To keep in repair 600 perches from Enniscorthy to Kiltaly, between the turn to Gaim, and the bounds of the baronies of Bantry and Scarawalish.

John Roche, Kiltrea, tendered at £ 57 : 10/-

(1/3 per perch), Patrick Dunne, Caim, tendered at £35. (1/3 per perch) and Joseph Bullen, Kiltrea tendered at the same figure as Dunne.

The County Surveyor, said he considered that the road which had just been given Bullen, would keep him fully employed.

On the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr J. Bolger, the tender of Dunne was accepted.

No 6. To build two gullies at Coutracuddy. There was no tender received and the work was referred back to the District Council.

Gorey Rural District - Roads -

The Secretary reported that the following tenders had been found unsigned.

Thomas Hendrick, Camolin No 3, Thomas Hendrick, Camolin No 5, No 7, Thomas Lawless, Ballywalterbeg, No 8, Patrick Doran, Ballinacraw.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that these tenders be rejected on the advice of the Solicitor to the County Council.

No 4 - To construct a fence on the road to River-chapel. Referred back to District Council as no tender was received.

No 92 - To keep in repair 1226 perches between Kilmurry hill and the roads at Maoyle. Referred back to District Council, no tender being received.

New Ross Rural District - Roads -

The tenders of Michael Byrne, Templeudigan No 4, and John Moran, Clonsharrow, No 2, were found unsigned, and on the motion of the Chairman were rejected.

No 4. was given in charge of the County Surveyor as Mr Webster stated it was a work which would not admit of delay.

No 8. To keep in repair 65 perches between Fethard and New Ross. Referred back to District Council.

No 60. To maintain 744 perches, between Intern

and New Ross. Given in charge of County Surveyor, for the full period 11 months.

No 71. To maintain 694 perches, between Dallyght cross and Taylors town. Given in charge of the County Surveyor, for the full period 11 months.

No 1. - To rebuild the sea wall at Arthurs town pier. No tender was received and the work was referred back to the District Council.

Special Minutes - Lowest Tender. The Secretary stated that he had received from the clerk of the Gorey Rural District Council special minutes as to the acceptance of tenders higher than others which had been received.

Repair of Road No 7. - Michael Ryan, Ballinacoda tendered at £4:15/- and John Doran Kilmuckridge at £5:18:9. The reason given for the acceptance of Doran's tender was because one of the sureties of the second person tendering was considered insufficient by the Council.

Road No 64 - Michael Ryan tendered at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ^d per perch, and David Breen, Glone at 1/- per perch.

Ryan's tender was rejected as one of his sureties was not considered sufficient.

Road No 97 - There tendered James Doyle, Tara Hill and £15:12:11 $\frac{1}{2}$; Thomas Byrne, Donsilla at £25:13:9; Patrick O'Neill, Ballingarry at £22:16:8, and Michael Keegan, Gorey at £19:19:7.

The tender of Michael Keegan was accepted as Doyle, whose tender was lower did not appear.

The Secretary stated that he had not received any forms of special minutes from any of the other Rural District Council clerks.

District Councils - Proposals for Payments & New Works etc.

That the several proposals for new works, renewals of contracts, and for payments, for the current quarter, sent up by the Rural District

Councils of the County, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman, including provisional proposal to make a new road from White's contract to the Carne River, from Wexford District Council. "Passed."

Secretary's Holidays

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was resolved that the Secretary (Capt. Pigott) be granted a month's holidays from the 11th May, and that the Assistant Secretary (Mr. Fizzelle) discharge the duties of Secretary during the absence of Capt. Pigott.

Edmund Hore.