

MEETING, 3rd APRIL, 1922.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford on 3rd April 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding., also Messrs. James Byrne, Michael Cloney, John Cummins, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, Seumas Doyle, E.P. Foley, James Hall, Mathhew Hughes, John Murphy, John O'Byrne (Gorey) J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Michael Redmond, A.F. Smith, and M.M. O'Donoghue (new member who subscribed the declaration of office)

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Personal Explanation by Mr. Cloney.

Mr. Cloney, by permission of the meeting, made a personal explanation as to statements made by members at County Council meeting in respect to what he was supposed to have said at a meeting of the Farmers' Union in respect of Labour members of the Council. He denied that he had (as appeared in the Press report) stated that members of Labour Unions were paid for attendance at County Council meetings. But he did say and would repeat that they were paid organisers, and as such, he did not consider it fair that they should attend meetings at which they dealt with the distribution of public money for the interests of trades unionism. If public business was to be kept in pure channels, labour members should not use their positions on public boards to further class interests.

Mr. Corish denied that he, as a labour representative, ever used his position on a public board except for the purposes of doing what he considered best for the general body of ratepayers. He was present at public boards as the representative of the people, and not like Mr. Cloney, who was admittedly on the Council representing one class - the farmers.

After a heated discussion, the matter dropped.

Proposed Superannuation to Ex-Collector Banville.

The following notice of motion, standing in the name of Mr.

M. Redmond, was before the last meeting of the Council, and adjourned as Mr. Redmond was not in attendance--

"That the question of granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, be considered and if agreed to, that the amount of superannuation be fixed".

The Secretary stated that copies of Mr. Redmond's motion had been furnished County Councillors on the 4th February 1922.

Mr. James Murphy, Shanoules, Foulksmills, the present Collector, wrote under date 15th February 1922, that he could not say too much in praise of Mr. Banville for the way he had assisted in the collection of the Rate for March 1921. It was through Mr. Banville's advice and assistance that he (Mr. Murphy) was able to collect the Rates so well.

The Secretary stated that the total Mr. Banville could receive under the Local Government Act of 1919, on a three years' average of salary and emoluments to October 1920, was £78.18.4 per annum. The County Council could add, if they so desired, 10 years' service to an official's service for good and faithful service, but as Mr. Banville had 37 years' service, between the Council and the Grand Jury, it would take an addition of three years only to bring to 40-60ths or two-thirds of his salary and emoluments. The scale of superannuation set out in Circular No. 55 of the Local Government Department provided for, at the discretion of the County Council, an addition of ten years to the period of service of an official to enable him to be paid the maximum figure of two-thirds. On the basis of a two-thirds' allowance, Mr. Banville would be entitled to £69.0.5 per annum. If the County Council did not add anything to Mr. Banville's length of service, he would be entitled to 37-60ths of his salary and emoluments, viz:- £63.16.11.

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which was passed nem. con.

Mr. Redmond proposed:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, be voted a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum, payment to be deferred until the finances of the Council allow of payment".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. Cummins moved:-

"That the question of awarding a fixed superannuation allowance to Mr. Banville be adjourned for the present".

Mr. Hall seconded.

A show of hands was taken and it was found that three were in favour of the amendment and ten against. The other members present did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond (to allow superannuation allowance to Mr. Banville) being put to the meeting, a division was not challenged, and the Chairman declared it carried.

Proposed Rate for Irish.

The following resolution from New Ross Urban District Council was read--

"That this Council request the Wexford County Council to include, in their Estimate of Rate for financial year ending 31st March, 1923, one penny in the £ on the valuation of the County for the purposes of the Irish Language".

Mr. Seumas Doyle had given the following notice of motion:-

"That Wexford County Council strike a rate of one penny in the £ on the County for the teaching of Irish in the area under their control".

By permission of the meeting, Mr. Doyle altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That a rate of 2d in the £ be struck under Agriculture & Technical Instruction Acts, of which one penny, to be devoted to the present Live Stock, Agriculture and Technical Instruction Schemes of the the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, will be raised as a County-at-Large Charge from which Urban Districts are exempt, and the other penny, to provide for the teaching of Irish, to be a County-at-Large Charge, the Urban Technical Instruction Committee to receive their portion of Rate as per their valuation, subject to their making adequate provision for administration of same to the satisfaction of the County Council. money for the teaching of Irish not to be paid over to the Technical Instruction Committees until a scheme has been

agreed to by the County Council".

Mr. Corish seconded the motion, which was adopted nem. con.

County Board of Health.

Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Acting Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote under date 29th march 1922, that the Board at their last meeting, by seven votes to six, decided to ask the County Council to reconsider their rating resolution in connection with the new Public Health Service, and to make the expenses of the New Ross and Gorey District Hospitals District Charges.

The Secretary stated that the following charges had been decided by the last meeting of the County Council to be County-at-Large Charges:-

In maintenance and clothing., establishment., workhouse burials Workhouse farm, against which receipts for repayment of relief, sales of offal, etc. had been put.

The following remained Union Charges:-

Expense of maintenance in Extern Institutions., Emigration., Law and other Expenses., Medical Charities., Lunacy Fees., Registration., Superannuation and Outdoor relief.

The following notice of motion was moved by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown):-

"That the question of the chargeability of County Home, County Hospital and District Hospitals under Union Amalgamation Scheme, be re-discussed, and if considered advisable, that same be varied".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) proposed:-

"That the administrative charges for County Home, County Hospital and District Hospitals in New Ross and Gorey, be County-at-Large Charges. That the upkeep of the County Hospital, County Home and District Hospitals in New Ross and Gorey, be charged to each Rural District according to the number of patients sent from these Districts".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which on a show of hands, was carried by seven votes to six.

Vacancy on County Board of Health.

County Public Health Board, wrote that Mr. James Connors, Gorey, nominated on the Board by the County Council, had resigned and the County Council were asked to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by the Chairman--

"That the resignation of Mr. James Connors, Gorey, as a member of the Co. Wexford Board of Health, be accepted, and that Mr. James Swords, North Parade, Gorey, be appointed to the vacancy".

Finances, County Board of Health.

The Secretary stated that the County Board of Health had applied for £1,030 to carry on. This amount had been transferred to them, but they now stated they could not carry on without a further £100.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Coris seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That a further sum of £100, making £1,130 (in all) be transferred to the County Wexford Board of Health".

The Forthcoming Parliamentary Elections.

Under date 15th March 1922, the Minister for Local Government Irish Provisional Government, wrote bringing under the notice of the Council the question of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places. It was essential that the fullest facilities should be given to Voters so that they would not have to walk unduly long distances. The necessary arrangements should be made at the earliest moment so that the Returning Officer may have time to carry them into effect. The Secretary of the Council should send to each County Councillor a copy of existing Polling Places and a meeting summoned to consider the representations made by each Councillor. The Registration Officer and returning Officer could be summoned to the meeting for consultation. Copy of the Scheme should be transmitted to the Department with a coloured map, and it should be published as directed by the Polling Districts & Places Rules, 1919. No registration unit, except for very grave reasons, should be divided as the Register was made up according to Registration Units.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins--

"That the revision of present Polling Places for Parliamentary election be referred to a Committee with plenary powers to dispose of this matter".

The following Committee was appointed, to meet on 10th April 1922 at 10.30 a.m. in the County Hall, Wexford:-

Messrs. John Murphy, R. Corish, E. Foley, John Cummins, and John O'Byrne (Gorey).

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection to date from which it appeared that two-thirds of the rate for half year ended 31st March 1922, was still outstanding.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)-

"That we hereby direct that the Rate Collection for periods to 31st March last must close on 15th May next. That defaulting Ratepayers, in respect of rate for 31st March last, be proceeded against immediately after that date, but that we expect Rate Collectors to proceed at once against those who are still in default as regards payment of Rate for periods ended September 1921".

Finance and Roads Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman--

"That the terms of Reference to Roads Committee be extended in order to allow of this Committee dealing with matters of Finance in addition to questions relative to roads".

Recommendations from Roads Committee.

A large number of recommendations were presented from the Roads Committee, but owing to the lateness of the hour, it was possible to deal with the following only--

"That, for the purposes of effecting agreement, the Roads Committee, at meeting held this 3rd April 1922, recommend the County Council to fix a wage of 38/- for a 50-hour week for men engaged at work on roads and in quarries".

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Seumas Doyle seconded:-

"That the recommendation of the Roads Committee be approved".

Mr. Cloney moved:-

"That we disagree with the recommendation of the Roads Committee and that wages for road men and quarrymen be fixed at 35/- per week".

A show of hands was taken when four were found to be in favour of Mr. Cloney's amendment, and seven against.

Mr. Cloney demanded a poll which resulted as follows:-

For the amendment- Messrs. Murphy, O'Donoghue, Hall and Cloney- 4.

Against- Messrs. Corish, Cummins, Foley, John O'Byrne (Gorey)

S. Doyle, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and the Chairman- 7.

Messrs. James Byrne and M. Doyle did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the resolution of confirmation was then put and declared passed nem. con.

Adoption of Estimate of Rate.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1922-23, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County, be as follows:-

<u>District</u>	<u>Land</u>		<u>Other Heredatments.</u>	
	s	d	s	d
Enniscorthy	4	10	8	3
Gorey	4	7	7	4
New Ross	3	10	7	5
Wexford	3	11	7	0

And we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County to be as follows:-

<u>District</u>	<u>General Charges</u>			<u>Separate Charges</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Enniscorthy	1094	15	6	nil			1094	15	6
New Ross	2069	4	5	nil			2069	4	5
Wexford	3415	5	11	nil			3415	5	11

Rooms in County Hall.

Mrs. M. Hibbitts, late Matron of Gorey Union, wrote asking the Council to let her two small rooms, at present vacant in the top landing in County Hall, as she found it impossible to obtain

lodgings in Wexford.

Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:-

"That we agree to the application of Mrs. Hibbitts for rooms in County Hall".

The Chairman seconded.

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) proposed:-

"That the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee".

Mr. Hall seconded-

On a show of hands, five voted for the resolution to accede to the application and seven against.

The motion to refer the matter to the Finance and Roads Committee was then carried.

Dublin & South-Eastern Railway Service.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That we request the Directors of the Dublin & South-Eastern Railway System to re-instate the 6 p.m. train from Wexford, with a connection to Waterford from same".

Carnegie Library for County Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Seumas Doyle:-

"That this County Council expresses satisfaction at the action taken in County Wexford to establish a Rural Library Scheme for Co. Wexford and will do all possible- individually and collectively to help the project".

Quarry Work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That the County Surveyor carry out work at quarries within his estimate of £500, and report to the Council what amount of work he has been able to carry out for this sum".

Bazaar Carman.

The Hon. Secretary, "Bazaar Carman", under date 25th March 1922, wrote stating that this Bazaar, which was to have been held

on 31st October and 1st November 1921, in the County Hall, had to be postponed owing to circumstances which could not be controlled by the promoters. It was now decided to bring it off on Easter Sunday and Monday, 16th & 17th April 1922, and the Committee requested the use of the Hall for these dates.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Hall be given to the Committee of Bazaar Carman for 16th & 17th April, portion of the premises required to be arranged by our Secretary and County Surveyor with the Bazaar Committee".

Confirmation, Minutes, proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the various applications adopted at this day's meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council be and are hereby approved".

Adjournment of Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to Monday, 10th April 1922, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

Meeting, Proposal Committee.

3rd April, 1922.

A meeting of above Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford on 3rd April, 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding, also:- Messrs. Michael Cloney, R. Corish, E.P. Foley, M. Hughes, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and Michael Redmond.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgée, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Applications for Works.

The following applications were submitted by the Surveyor:-

No. 160. To strengthen the bascule of Wexford Bridge, not to exceed £150. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley.

No. 161. To repair pileheads of Ferrycarrig Bridge, not to exceed £25, to be a County-at-large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, Gorey.

No. 162. To repair New Ross Bridge, not to exceed £100. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey)

No. 163. To maintain roadway over Wexford Bridge from 8th May 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £30. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Byrne (Gorey)

No. 164. To maintain roadway over Ferrycarrig Bridge from 8th May 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £5. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Byrne (Gorey)

No. 165. To maintain roadway over Deeps bridge from 8th May 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £5. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Byrne, (Gorey)

No. 166. To maintain roadway over Edermine Bridge from 8th May 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £25. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey)

No. 167. To maintain roadway over New Ross Bridge to 30th June 1922, not to exceed £50. To be a County-at-Large Charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey)

No. 168. To maintain roadway over New Ross bridge from 30th June 1922 to 31st March 1923, not to exceed £50. To be a County-at-Large charge.

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey)

The above proposals from No. 160 to No. 168 inclusive were given into charge of the Co. Surveyor.

Advertising.

The following notice of motion was moved by Mr. Foley:-

"That the three local papers be asked for quotations for advertising of the Council and its Committees as from the 31st March 1922 to 31st March 1923, quotations to be considered at first available meeting of Co. Council.

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present:- Messrs. J. Cummins, R. Corish, G. Devereux, E.P. Foley, James hall, D. Kavanagh, Philip Lennon, J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) James Shannon and John Sinnott.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Lennon, the chair was taken by Mr. Corish.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Leave of Absence- Mr. S. Hayes.

Mr. S. Hayes, Clerk in Secretary's Office, submitted the following certificate from Dr. Bowen, Enniscorthy, under date 6th April, 1922:-

"This is to certify that Mr. S. Hayes is suffering from a severe chill, and will be unable to resume work for a week. I have advised him accordingly".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a week's leave of absence as from 6th April 1922 be granted Mr. S. Hayes, Clerk in Secretary's office".

Representation on County Board of Health.

Under date 1st April 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote that the Ministry are not prepared to consider the question of increasing representation on the County Board of health at present.

Mr. Sinnott resigned membership of the Board, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resignation of Mr. John Sinnott as member of the County Board of Health be accepted, and that the vacancy be filled by the appointment of Alderman Nicholas Connolly, the nominee of the Wexford Corporation".

Extension of Road Limits.

Under date 1st April 1922 the Minister for Local Government wrote, agreeing to the extension of road limit for Gorey District to £13,007, and in Enniscorthy Rural District to £27,721. 7. 0. for one year to 31st March 1923.

Applications were received from New Ross and Wexford Rural District Councils for extension of Road Limits, the former to £12,000 and the latter to £17,200.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lennon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Ministry for Local Government to extend the Road Limits for New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts, to £12,000 and £17,200 respectively".

Application, Increase of Salary.

Under date 24th March 1922 Mr. D. Radford, Clerical Assistant in County Surveyor's office, applied for an increase of salary. He was appointed in September 1920, at a salary of 30/- per week. It was unnecessary for him to point out the inadequacy of the salary and he hoped the Council would grant such an increase as, in the circumstances, they thought just.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the salary of Mr. D. Radford, Assistant in County Surveyor office, be fixed at £2 per week as from the date of this meeting".

Parliamentary Polling Districts, &c.

The Secretary read circular Letter, under date 15th March 1922, from the Irish Provisional Government, relative to the situation of Polling Districts and Places in view of the forthcoming Parliamentary elections, which was referred to a sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, Messrs John Murpyh, R. Corish, John Cummins, and John O'Byrne (Gorey) who reported as follows:-

bree (killurin Polling District) to be transferred to D E D of Bree, Polling District of Bree.,

Ballyhogue, portion situate in bree Polling District to be

transferred to D E D of Ballyhogue, Killurin Polling District.,

Ballyanne, portion situate in Templeudigan Polling District to be transferred to D E D of Ballyanne, Polling District of Rathgarogue

And the adoption of the following Scheme:-

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Regn. Unit</u>	<u>Poll At</u>
Baldwinstown	Kilcowan Killag Kilmore	Baldwinstown School Baldwinstown School Kilturk School (Nos 1 & 2 Stations)
Ballycanew	Ballycanew Balloughter	Ballycanew School Balloughter School
Ballycullane	Tintern	Ballycullane School
Ballyellis	Ballybeg Ballyellis	Askamore School Askamore School
Ballygarrett	Ballygarrett Cahore Killenagh	Ballygarrett School Kilennagh School Killenagh School
Bannow	Ballymitty Bannow Duncormick Harpurstown Harfistown	Hilltown School No. 1 Danescastle School Duncormick Courthouse or School Hilltown School No. 2 Duncormick Courthouse or School
Blackwater	Aughwilliam Bridgetown Mayglass Newcastle	Cleariestown School Mulrankin School Mayglass School Cleariestown School
Bree	Bree The Leap	Bree School Davidstown School
Camolin	Huntingtown Kilcomb Rossminogue	Craanford School Camolin School Craanford School
Castlebridge	Ardcavan Ardcolm Artramont Kilpatrick	Castlebridge male School Curracloe School Grossabeg School Kyle School
Clonroche	Castleboro Clonroche	Courtnacuddy School Clonroche Courthouse or School
Coolgreany	Ballylarkin Coolgreany Kilgorman Limerick Wingfield	Inch School Coolgreany School Castletown School Kilanerin School Ballythomes School

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Regn. Unit</u>	<u>Poll At</u>
Courtown	Ardamine Courtown	Riverchapel School Kiltennel School
Enniscorthy	Enniscorthy Rural Enniscorthy East Urban Enniscorthy N.W. } Urban) Enniscorthy S.W.) Urban)	Enniscorthy Workhouse Convent of Mercy School Technical Institute Nos. 1 & 2
Ferns	Ballycarney Ballymore Ferns Kilboro The Harrow Tinnacross Tombrack	Ballycarney School Ferns Courthouse and Female School Ferns male School Ferns Courthouse & r female School Boolavogue School Tinnacross School Tombrack School
Fethard	Fethard Templetown	Poulfur School Templetown School
Glenbrien	Ballyhuskard Edermine Kilmallock	Kilcotty School Oylegate School Ballymurn School
Glynn	Forth Glynn	Glynn School No. 1 Glynn School No. 1
Gorey	Dunmain Inch Killesk	Gusserane School Gusserane School Killesk School
Killana	Killann Killoughrim	Killann School Nos 1 & 2 Caim School
Killiniok	Killiniok Kilscoran Lady's island Rosslare St. Helen's Tacunshane Tomhaggard	Ballymore School Tagoat School Lady's Island School Rosslare School Kilrane School Nos. 1 & 2. Tacunshane School Tomhaggard School
Killurin	Ballyhogue Killurin	Galbally School Glynn No. 2
Kilnamanagh	Ford Killincopley Monamolin Wells	Kilmuckridge School Kilmuckridge School Monamolin School kilnamanagh School

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Regn. Unit</u>	<u>poll At</u>
Kiltealy	Ballindaggin	Ballindaggin School
	Kiltealy	Kiltealy School
	Marshallstown	Marshallstown School
	Rossard	Templeshambo School
Meylerspark	Carnagh	Meylerspark School
	Oldcourt	Ballykelly School
	Rochestown	Meylerspark School
	Whitechurch	Ballykelly School
New Ross	New Ross Rural	New Ross Workhouse
	New Ross N.E. Urban	New Ross Tholsel & St. Michael's School No. 1
	New Ross S W Urban	St. Michael's School No. 2 & Courthouse Nos. 1 & 2
Newtownbarry	Castledockrill	Castledockrill School
	Kilrush	Ballyroe buck School
	Moyacomb	Newtownbarry School
	Newtownbarry	Newtownbarry Courthouse and Hall
	St. Mary's	Kilmyshal School
Oulart	Bolaboy	Oulart School
	Kilcormick	Kilcormick School
Raheen	Adamstown	Adamstown School
	Barronstown	Raheen School
	Carrickbyrne	Carrickbyrne School
	Clongeen	Clongeen School
	Newbawn	Newbawn School
Ramsgrange	Ballyhack	Arthurstown Dispensary
	Kilmokea	Horeswood School
	Rathroe	Ramsgrange School
Rathgarogue	Ballyanne	Rathgarogue School No 1
	Old Ross	Rathgarogue School No 2
	Whitemoor	Rathgarogue School No 2
Taghmon	Horstown	Traceystown School
	Kilbride	Taghmon School
	Kilgarvan	Caroreigh School
	Taghmon	Taghmon Courthouse or School
	Whitechurch	Caroreigh School
Templeudigan	Barrack Village	Templeudigan School
	Clonleigh	Donard School
	Templeudigan	Templeudigan School
Wexford	Garrick	Barntown School
	Brinagh	Piercestown School
	Rathaspeck	Murrintown School
	Wexford Rural	Wexford Courthouse Nos. 1 & 2

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Regn. Unit</u>	<u>Poll At</u>
Wexford	Wexford Urban No 1	Foresters' hall and Town Clerk's Office
	Wexford Urban No 2	Maudlintown to King St at Faythe Schools, and remainder, King St. to Gibson's St. at St. Brigid's National School
	Wexford Urban No. 3	Town Hall and Court- house

On the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted".

The Secretary read letter (no. L.G. 855) from Irish Provisional Government, 6-8 College Green, Dublin, asking him to inform the Under-Sheriff as early as possible, of the supply of Ballot Boxes, fittings, compartments, etc., available for use at the forthcoming Parliamentary Elections, so that provision could be made for any further supplies required in consequence of additional polling places and any necessary repairs carried out.

The Secretary stated that he had complied with this request.

Application for Rooms in County Hall.

Mrs. Margaret Hibbitts, Carour Cottage, Wexford wrote under date 2nd April, 1922, stating that she was prepared to rent two small rooms in the County Hall, which were not in use, as it was so difficult to get lodgings in Wexford.

This matter had been before the last meeting of the Council when it was referred to the Finance & Roads Committee who made no order thereon.

On the motion of Messrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mrs. Hibbitts be informed that at present the Council cannot see its way to entertain any application for the letting of any portion of the premises of the County Hall".

Provision for the Blind.

Under date 22nd March 1922, circular letter as to the provision for the Blind in the County Council's area was received from the Local Government Department with a request that the matter would

receive early consideration with a view to the County Council undertaking in a special manner the care of the Blind, which had hitherto devolved on the Poor Law Authorities. This course would have the advantage of discontinuing the dependence of the Blind on the Poor Law, would allow better treatment, and put the Council in touch with the proper Institutional, pension and other Authorities, thereby in many cases, relieving the local rates, and enable the Council to give further help to Institutions, which help was urgently needed, owing to deficits arising from increased costs and reduced charitable contributions. It was to be noted that the Institutions in question would relieve the rates to a marked extent, as their charitable income supplemented by Government grants, meet about two-thirds of the cost of many of the Blind, which otherwise would be borne by local Poor Relief. The "Act to promote the Welfare of Blind Persons", (16th August 1921) and the regulations made thereunder by the Local Government Board (Custom House) were also enclosed for information.

These pointed out that every blind person over 50, who was unable to perform work for which sight was essential, was entitled to a pension under Old Age pension Acts. It was the duty of the County Council, within twelve months after passing of the Act, to submit a scheme to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Health for promoting the welfare of the Blind, and for this purpose, they could provide and maintain or contribute towards the provision and maintenance of workshops, hostels, homes or other places for the reception of blind persons. A Government grant of £20 for each blind person would be provided, and the Council could delegate their powers to a Committee, of which not less than two-thirds were to be County Councillors. The County Board of Health was the Local Authority in all Counties in which Union Amalgamation had been effected.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That, as the County Board of Health is now the Local Authority under Act of Parliament "to promote the welfare of Blind Persons" circular letter from Ministry of Local Government, under date 22nd

March 1922 to Corporations and County Councils be referred to said Board of Health".

Applications for Poundage.

Messrs. J. Banville (ex-Rate Collector) and E. Cummins (Ex-Collector) applied for poundage on amounts of rate collected by them in respect of period ended 31st March, 1921.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Banville be informed that the County Council consider that their grant of superannuation to him should in the circumstances be sufficient remuneration without giving him poundage on the small amount of rate collected by him in respect of the period ended 31st March 1921.

"That, in reference to the application of Mr. E. Cummins for poundage, as he declined to throw in his lot with the Council, we refuse to agree to any payment of poundage in respect of the small amount he collected in respect of the March 1921 Rate".

Mr. P. Codd, Ex-Rate Collector.

Under date 11th February, 1922, Mr P. Codd, Ex-Rate Collector, wrote that he was willing to collect the outstanding rates to 31st March, 1921, provided the County Council was satisfied and was willing to pay poundage on same. He wished to have cheque for amount of Rate collected. He also asked to be informed as soon as possible if he would be allowed to collect the amount outstanding as he was about to prosecute some parties who had not paid Rates for two years, and he wanted permission to include the half year's rates (that he had not paid the Council) in the amount due by them and have the whole lot finished up.

Under date 9th March 1922, Mr. Jasper Whitty, deputy Rate Checker, wrote that he had gone through P. Codd's books and had written Codd to attend in order to satisfy himself as to the amount due by him to the Council. As soon as he attended, Mr. Whitty would present a report. The latter asked what was he to do with the Collecting Books, as according to the receipts, there was nearly £600 outstanding in the district for Rate of March, 1921.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as Mr. P. Codd declined to carry out the instructions of the County Council, we cannot see our way to get him to collect the amount of rate outstanding in his former district in respect of the period ended March, 1921. That the Deputy Checker be directed to hand over Collecting Books in respect of this period to Mr. Michael Deegan, Brideswell, Craanford".

Ex-Collector M. Tobin.

In connection with amount of rates, collected by M. Tobin, Ex-Rate Collector, the Secretary produced bond given for this man by the National Benefit Life and property Assurance Company, Ltd., National House, 27 & 28 Newgate Street, London, E.C. in the sum of £900 under date 11th July 1919.

The Commandant, North Wexford Brigade, under date 11th March 1922, submitted the following report from Captain Quirke, F. Co., 2nd Battn., as to the allegation of Ex-Collector M. Tobin that a large sum of money had been looted at his house on the occasion when his Collecting Books were taken-- certain

"About one and a half years ago, in compliance with instructions I ordered the rate books to be seized from Tobin, Rate Collector, The Ballagh. In consequence of rumours being current after the seizure to the effect that money had been taken, I subsequently visited the Ballagh and saw Tobin. Having questioned him in connection with what I had heard, he assured me that there was nothing taken except the books. If Tobin missed money after the seizure of the books, he should have reported it immediately, or, at least, when I visited him".

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That criminal prosecution be instituted against M. Tobin, Ex-rate Collector, for the amount of Rate which he collected on behalf of the County Council, and failed to account for, viz:- £245.12.9. That a copy of this resolution be furnished Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council".

Rate Collection.

Under date 9th march 1922, Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, wrote that prior to his arrest in March 1921, he paid the second moiety of 1921 Rate for a friend, Mr. William Breen, Garraheen, amount £4.18.6. Mr. Breen was not aware of this and paid the amount to the Bank. Accordingly, Mr. Quirke asked for a refund.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Quirke's statement in this matter was quite correct.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Lennon:-

"That amount of £4.18.6 for Rate for Nos. 29 and 51, E D of Forth, paid by Collector Quirke and by ratepayer, Mr. William Breen, Garradreen, be refunded Mr. Quirke".

Under date 4th April 1922 the following letter was read from Mr. E.J. Murphy, Rate Collector:-

"I enclose you circular letter I am posting to-day to all the defaulters, and this is my fourth notice to them since last October and if this does not work them by the Fair, next Tuesday, I will hand them over to the Courts to satisfy the wishes of the County Council, but my opinion is that course is useless, because the courts are powerless to enforce decrees. At least, we must judge them by what we know of facts. If they were active, Collectors would have an easy journey each half year. And needless to inform you, the people are well aware of these facts and are glad to avail of the situation. That's honestly my own experience".

Advertising Contract

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the three local papers be requested to state on what terms they would be prepared to let to the County Council scale contract, seven inch space, per week, for one year".

Restarting Road Work on Existing Contracts.

On the motion of Mr. devereux, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That instructions be given to the County Surveyor to restart

work on road contracts".

Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District.

The County Surveyor read for the meeting a letter from Mr. James Kirby, late Assistant Surveyor in Gorey District, in which he stated that, before coming back to take up duty, he would wish to have a guarantee from the County Council as to his salary from the date of his suspension, and as to what his salary in the future would be fixed at.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Cummins, to adjourn the matter to the next meeting of the County Council.

Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Charles Byrne, owner of the machinery yard at Enniscorthy, was asking for an increase of 6/- per week in the rent of the yard. The Council were at present paying 6/- per week to Mr. Byrne who wanted 12/- per week.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

Road Contractor James O'Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien.

Mr. James O'Brien, who was contractor for roads Nos. 25E, 26E, 231E and 234E for a number of years, either direct from County Council, or through County Surveyor, has been persistently making claims for monies which he held to be due him on foot of these contracts.

At a recent meeting, the County Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor and the Secretary.

Accordingly, on 23rd February 1922, Mr. O'Brien's claims were gone into exhaustively. He maintains that for year March 1918 to March 1919, a depot of 27 cubic yards of hand-broken stones, which he had on road No. 25E, were never credited to him. He believed that the real amount in depot would have been four or five yards over and above the 27, but as a result of a visit to the County Surveyor's office, he fixed on 27, and in a letter, dated 22nd February 1919, he made a definite claim based on this figure. He valued material at 10/- per cubic yard. Total, £13.10.0.

The County Surveyor stated he is absolutely certain Mr. O'Brien received full measurement for all his roads for the period in question. A certain amount of material from one depot was transferred from Road 25E to 26E, but Mr. O'Brien was credited with that. the County Surveyor had no hesitation in saying that there was no material in any depot belonging to Mr. O'Brien for which the latter did not receive full credit.

Mr. O'Brien made no claim as regards year 1919-20, but for the following year he claimed to have supplied a surplus amount of material of approximately, 34 cubic yards.

The County Surveyor conceded that Mr. O'Brien had apparently this amount of surplus material, but seven cubic yards were credited to Road 231E to make up for a shortage of gravel, and 22 cubic yards were put on road 234E owing to shortage. Mr. O'Brien contended that the 7 cubic yards was too big a reduction for the gravel shortage, and in the case of Road 234E, he stated that he drew the material from the quarry and spread it. The only documentary evidence was a note by Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, that the 22 cubic yards had been taken from the surplus.

In regard to contract for supplying and spreading 63 cubic yards of material for steamrolling work, Mr. O'Brien received the full amount, £32, but he holds he provided and spread further material than what was specified, for which he claims £7,7,6, and for which payment was recommended by Enniscorthy Rural District Council.

The principal claim made by Mr. O'Brien is for extra cost of material owing to enhanced prices caused by the War. the County Surveyor points out that there were several contractors in the same position as Mr. O'Brien, and they had made no complaint of the War Bonus which was paid them and which was on the same basis as paid Mr. O'Brien. This claim of Mr. O'Brien was very fully considered by the late County Council, who recommended a payment of £30, but the Ministry of Transport refused to sanction the payment of a bonus plus War Bonus, and no further action was taken. Mr. O'Brien stated that he had, owing to increased War Prices, lost about £200 on these contracts.

The last item claimed by Mr. O'Brien was for £1.74 on foot of Sudden Damage Order and which he claimed had been promised to him. This could not be allowed on 25E which had a surplus, but we believe it could be allowed.

The total claim is £66. 9.10, but the County Surveyor can recommend only the payment of the £30 if this commends itself to the County Council. In the absence of documents caused by the seizure of County Council premises, it is difficult to clear up the details, but taking everything into consideration, Mr. O'Brien's claim for £30 appears to be the only one which can be sustained. There is no doubt this amount would have been paid him long ago if the Ministry of Transport had not refused their sanction.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That without prejudice, the Council offers Mr. James O'Brien, Glenteigue, the sum of £30 in full settlement of his claim against the Council".

General Council of County Councils and Roads.

Under date 25th February 1922, the Secretary to the Irish County Councils' General Council, wrote that he had been directed by the General Council to impress on all County Councils the urgent necessity of making ample provision in the estimates for the coming financial year for the restoration and improvement of roads.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Irish County Councils' General Council be informed that this Council have spent a sum of £93,000 on the restoration and improvement of the County Roads".

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Under date 4th April 1922, the Secretary Irish Land Commission forwarded list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in County Wexford and against whom legal proceedings had been instituted for recovery of the instalment due on 1st November and 1st December 1921.

No Order.

Coal etc., County Courthouses.

Mrs. McNally, Caretaker, Wexford Courthouse, wrote under date 3rd April 1922, that she had been referred by the Under-Sheriff to the County Council for coal for use of Courthouse and for Office of Clerk of Crown & peace. She also wished to know what would be done in connection with small repairs etc., at Courthouse.

The Secretary said he had written to the Under-Sheriff in the matter, and he received from the latter the following extract from a letter written by the Under-Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"With reference to the arrangement under which you have been paying certain salaries and expenses in connection with the upkeep of Courthouses in your County and recovering the amounts so expended from this Office, I am directed to inform you that this procedure will cease as from 31st instant (March, 1922) and thereafter all claims in respect of the salaries and expenses in question should be preferred on the County Council".

Under date 7th April 1922, the following letter was read from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Gorey--

"We have had a letter from Mr. James P. Connor, Sub-Sheriff, Enniscorthy, in which he informs us that he will not be responsible for the rent of the Gorey Courthouse beyond the 31st ult., and refers us to you for the future payment of the rent.

"Your Council have surrendered this Courthouse, and we would feel obliged if you would kindly instruct whoever has the keys at present to hand them over to us on behalf of our client".

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lennon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to advise this Council with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of Courthouses".

Proposed payment - Inquests.

Under date 27th March, 1922 the following letter was read from Mr. Philip Lennon, Registrar of republican Courts, South Wexford--

"at a meeting of Justices held on yesterday I was ordered to write to you for Fees for Justices who attended Inquests in South

Wexford on the Bodies of

Thomas Connolly, Rathgarogue.

Laurence Curran, new Ross.

An Infant (dead) " "

William Edwards " "

The Coroner at present acting is getting paid whilst he is not recognised by the Justices. Therefore, it is most unfair if the men who do the work are not paid.

The Secretary read the following letter from the Local Government Department (K 153) under date 16th November 1921, and which was before the meeting of the County Council on 22nd November 1921:-

"With reference to Mr. J.J. Roche, I have to request you to again ask Mr. Roche to resign his position as J.P. I desire to point out that, in case of refusal, serious action will be taken".

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of 22nd November, 1921 on the latter--

"That Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, be informed that, unless he resigns his J.P-ship by the 1st December, his position as Coroner for South Wexford shall be determined".

The Secretary stated that, previous to 1st December 1921, a letter was received from Mr. Roche that he had resigned his J.P ship.

Under date 31st March 1922, the following letter No. 8043/22, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th instant., regarding the proposal of your Committee to dispense with the services of Mr. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, I desire to inform you that the Council have no authority to dispense with Mr. Roche's services. The Ministry for Local Government have referred the whole file in connection with this matter to the Minister for Home Affairs for his attention".

Under date 31st March 1922, the following letter, No. 8042/22 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 28th inst., regarding the payment of Justices for sitting on Inquests, I desire to

inform you that there is no provision in the existing laws to allow of Justices receiving such payment".

Mr. Sinnott proposed and Mr. Lennan seconded:-

"That Mr. J.J. Roche be called on to resign his position as Coroner for South Wexford".

The Chairman considered it was not in order to move a resolution of this description at the present meeting, and, this ruling being accepted, Mr. Sinnott intimated his intention of serving Notice of motion that Mr. Roche be called on to resign his position as Coroner for South Wexford.

Voters & Jurors Lists.

Under date 23rd March 1922, the following letter, No. D/80 was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With a view to minimising adjustments as between the British Government and Dail Eireann, the Department should like^{if}/your County Council would deal with the claims of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace as heretofore. Of course, the usual recoupments will be made in respect of these payments".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That except for adjustments such as those referred to in the letter of the Local Government Department, under date 23rd March. 1922, and No. D/80, this County Council declines to deal with any person who is described as the Clerk of the Crown & Peace".

University Scholarships.

Mr. Frank Algar, Students' Representative Council (University College, Dublin) forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted at the meeting of his Council on 9th February 1922:-

"That this Council is of opinion that the Scholarships awarded to students in this College by Corporations and County Councils are grossly inadequate and urges an immediate and substantial increase".

Marked "read".

Underdate 3rd April 1922, the following letter was read from Mr. Leo F. Sullivan 40 Selskar Street, Wexford:-

"Owing to a slight illness, I have been obliged to spend part of last College term in hospital. Accordingly my expenses at University Hall have only amounted to half their usual amount. As attendances at any lectures missed will be granted to me on medical grounds, I should feel obliged if you would forward me the remainder of my Scholarship, due for this term, at your earliest convenience".

Referred to next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee.

Funds for Subsidiary Bodies.

Under date 27th February 1922 the following resolution was received from the New Ross Board of Guardians:-

"That the County Councils of Wexford, Kilkenny and Carlow be requested to forward funds due to this Union on foot of 1921-22 Estimate of Rate to enable the Guardians to clear off all liabilities for the 31st March 1922".

In forwarding this resolution, the Clerk to the Guardians added:-

"I was directed to add that, even if other Unions in the County are left short of funds, we are entitled to the amounts due in view of the rates having been paid punctually in this Union".

Underdate 31st March 1922, the Clerk, New Ross Union, wrote that in reference to the balance of £3,158 due the Union by the County Council on foot of Demand, it had been decided that Insittutional administration continue as heretofore for the present. This meant that the Guardians should be provided with money and the Treasurer could not reasonably be asked to continue accommodating the Guardians. he (Clerk) would be glad if the Treasurer was written to, giving guarantee that the amount due the Guardians would be transferred by a particular date.

Under date 8th March 1922, Mr. Röchford, Clerk New Ross Union wrote, asking that the special attention of the County Council should be called to the amount due on foot of New Ross Union Demand, viz:- £4,158, while there were only three weeks of the financial year to run. The Board were anxious to pay off their liabilities before ceasing to function. They were grieved over the treatment they were receiving from the County Council in the matter of funds, considering that the people of New Ross Rural

District paid their Rates long before they were collected in any other District in the County.

The Secretary that he had informed the Clerk, New Ross Union, that the Guardians had received all the money which the Council could spare them. The Clerk of New Ross Union did not consider that the Council had paid three-fourths of Union demands, while at last meeting of the Council, a sum less than £2,000 had been collected on the Rate from September to March".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary be instructed to transfer whatever amount he considers can be spared from the funds of the Council to the Subsidiary Bodies".

Messrs. Thompson's Account for Trailers.

Under date 1st February 1922, Messrs. M/ J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford forwarded the following letter which they had received from Messrs. Thompsons' Motor Car Co. Ltd:-

"I hear that the Road Board are now arranging to pay the grants that have been promised. Is there no chance of getting the money for the balance of the trailers, as we are most anxious to get this transaction wound up as soon as possible?

Under date 8th April 1922, the following letter was read from Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council--

"I have now gone carefully through the correspondence which has passed between you and Messrs. Thompson as to the purchase of the Trucks herein. The facts appear to be as follows--

The first order was for Steam Lorry and two trucks, but I leave these out of consideration as they have been delivered and paid for long since.

The next order was in the month of July, 1920 for 10 Trucks or Trailers, same to be delivered within 4/5 weeks at the rate of 5 per week, payment to be made within 30 days after delivery, the price to be £357.10.0., plus £16.10.0 for steel linings, or together £374, or for the 10 Trucks, £3740.

The Makers afterwards varied this Agreement and declined to deliver the Trucks unless payment was made before they left the

works.

Accordingly, on the 26th Jan. 1921, the payment of £1,000 was made to them, and on the 36th February 1921 a further payment of £500 was made, being together £1,500.

As against these payments, 4 trucks were delivered in the Summer of 1921, just twelve months after the order was given, and 6 months after the payments on account were made.

Two more trucks were delivered in the month of October 1921, and in the month of December 1921, a payment of £738.13.0 was made to Messrs. Thompson on account.

Six of the 10 trucks have thus been delivered and paid for, and four trucks have not been delivered, although Thompson & Co. have apparently a small sum in cash to credit of them after the various payments made on account.

Now it seems to me that the original Contract having been varied in so many particulars, both as to time of delivery and mode of payment, that it terminated and became impossible to complete, that is as to the ten trucks which, according to the original contract, were to be delivered (after the expiration of 4/5 weeks) in a fortnight.

The actual delivery of the trucks appears to me to be an entirely new contract for each lot of trucks as delivered, the first four which were not delivered until long after they had been paid for, and the other two which were apparently delivered before they were paid for.

Then as to the 4 trucks still undelivered, I am of opinion that the Council are entitled to do as they have sought to do, in seeking to cancel the order for these 4 trucks, as owing to the great delay in making delivery by the Company, I do not see how they can force the Council to take them now after the lapse of 22 months from the date of the order being given for them.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of the advice of our Solicitor, we hereby decide to cancel the contract with Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd., Dublin, for the supply of trailers".

Re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works.

A number of letters were received from County Councils and development Associations of Cork and Dublin, etc., relative to the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works. The most important of these was a letter from the proprietors, "Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Limited", under date 22nd march 1922, expressing astonishment that the Council had passed a resolution to boycott English cement, in view of the fact that the question of the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works was at the present time under consideration, and that an early interview had been arranged for some of the Directors of the Company to meet the authorities in Dublin on the subject.

Under date 27th March 1922, the Secretary to the Cement Marketing Co. Limited, the selling organisation of the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Ltd., wrote that they had suggested appointments with the Ministry of Trade & Commerce and with the Local Government Department for Friday, 31st march 1922 and at which they would be glad to see the Secretary to the Council.

The Secretary explained that, owing to pressure of business, he had been unable to make arrangements to go, but Mr. Foley, Vice-Chairman of the Council, very kindly took his place.

The Chairman stated that the works were being opened that day.

Intermediate Examinations - "North-East" Ulster.

The Secretary of the "Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland" wrote under date 22nd March 1922, enquiring if the Wexford County Council would be prepared to accept the results of the Intermediate Examinations, conducted by this Ministry for the same purposes and in the same manner as it has hitherto accepted those of the Intermediate Board.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, should occasion arise, the query from the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, relative to acceptance of Intermediate Examinations (conducted in "North-East" Ulster) for University Scholarship purposes, will be dealt with. At present, none of the students who have made application for University

Scholarship proposes sitting for examination at other than County Wexford centres".

Ministry of War pensions
Two Committees for Ireland.

Under date 28th march 1922, the regional Director, Ministry of Pensions, Ireland South Region, 41 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, wrote that the Minister of Pensions had under consideration the re-organisation of Committee Areas in Ireland under the War pensions Act, 1921, and as a provisional arrangement, which would be subject to alteration hereafter, the Minister proposed to issue orders establishing two Committee Areas for Ireland, viz:- one for the Ireland (South) Region, and the other for the Ulster Region. Any observations which the Council desired to make in the matter should reach the writer before the 12th April next.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Ministry of pensions be informed that this County Council declines to deal with anything which recognises the partition of Ireland".

Pension of Ex-Jail Official.

Under date 3rd February 1922 Mr. N.E. Walsh, ex-Jail Official, wrote that, now that a settlement is being effected relative to matters which might have conduced to the Council's former decision not to pay superannuation of Jail Officials, etc., he asked that the matter should be brought before the Council with a view to his being paid the amount due, viz:- from 1st July, 1920.

Referred to the Local Government Department for directions.

Preparation of Rate Books and
Receipt & Demand Notes.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ temporary clerical staff to have rate Books written up and Collectors' receipt and Demand Notes prepared., that a Committee consisting of Messrs. R. Corish and Foley be appointed to assist him in the selection of said staff .

Removal of Co. Council Offices to County Hall.

The Secretary stated that as the result of the removal of County Council Offices back to County Hall on its evacuation by the English Police, he had been obliged to employ extra clerical assistance to sort and arrange papers etc.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. devereux, seconded by the Chairman--

"That we approve of the employment of Mr. P. Connaire in County Council Offices from 25th February 1922 at £2 per week, employment to continue until the various documents etc., have been put into order and classification".

The Council's Bank Pass Books.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Treasurer of the County Council be requested to have the Council's Bank Pass Books written up and balanced at the end of each month as in the past".

Enniscorthy Rural District School
Attendance Committee.

Under date 1st April 1922 the following letter was read from the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"The following names have been suggested by my Council for appointment on School Attendance Committee:-

Martin Kelly, Tombrick, Ballycarney, Ferns.

James Hall, Boolavogue, Ferns.

John Kavanagh, Ferns.

James Clince, Caim, Enniscorthy.

Martin Cummins, Ballymurn, Enniscorthy.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Foley, the foregoing were appointed as the representatives of the County Council on the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.

Appointments of High Sheriffs.

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be directed to ascertain from the Minister

for Home Affairs who nominated the present individuals acting as High Sheriffs".

Ex-Service Men and Appointments under
Public Bodies.

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Lennon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in the opinion of this Council, some consideration should be given to Ex-Service Men in the shape of allowing them to pass at lower marks than ordinary candidates in connection with examinations for positions under Public Bodies".

Road at Kilmore.

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to inspect the road at Kilmore, known as the "Pig's Elbow", and take the necessary steps before the District Council to have same widened, as at present, it was a grave danger to the public".

Expenses, Conveyance of Lunatics.

The Secretary submitted expenses for conveyance of lunatics forwarded by the Brigade Police Officer, and accompanied by the certificates of the Justices.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council do not consider it necessary that each item of expenditure for conveyance of Lunatics should be specially brought before them, provided the approval of the Local Government Department has been obtained and the expenses are accompanied by a certificate of the Justices that they are actual and necessary".

Death of Rate Collector D. Byrne.

Mr. O'Byrne reported that Mr. Daniel Byrne, Rate Collector, for No. 13 District, had been killed in Gorey on Saturday 8th April. He proposed that a vote of sympathy be passed to Mrs. Byrne, wife of the deceased Collector.

The Chairman seconded the motion which was passed,

Roads Committee.

The following reports were submitted from the Roads Committee:-

Wexford County Council.

Roads Committee,

The first meeting of above Committee was held on 3rd March 1922 in conformity with the following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 1st March 1922:-

"That a Committee with plenary powers, be appointed to deal with the present road scheme of the Council (under which grant of £10,000 is being spent) to investigate and deal with claims, etc., of Road Contractors, obtain information as to the working of Direct Labour schemes in other Counties, and endeavour to devise a scheme which will be acceptable to all sections of the rate-payers and which will serve the interests of the County as a whole. That, if Committee consider it necessary, they can spread over a period of years the working of a scheme which will bring the roads of the County up to first class standard, the first meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday, 3rd March 1922 at 11 o'clock a.m. in the Town Hall, Wexford. And that in view of the gravity of the matters to be dealt with by the Committee, the Secretary request a full attendance at meetings".

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs. E.P. Foley, (Vice-Chairman County Council) presiding. John O'Byrne, (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) G. Devereux, Seumas Doyle and R. Corish.

The two other members of the Committee could not be present. Mr. Etchingham was detained owing to the serious illness of his mother, and Mr. Michael Doyle wired that he had been confined to bed for some days.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

The Chairman in referring to the formation of the Committee, stated that his object in moving in the matter at the last meeting of the County Council was not only to try and have the present

system of road maintenance improved, but also if possible to bring about real harmony between the two most important Associations in the County, viz:- the Farmers' Union and the transport Union. The gulf between them at present was very wide and was hampering the work of getting the road scheme of the County on a proper and businesslike footing. He (Chairman) was anxious that the leaders of both sides would meet the Committee and discuss their differences in a whole-hearted open manner. He hoped they would be all perfectly frank with each other, and if any of them found anything in the details of a scheme to which he objected, he should be honest enough to say so. They should do everything they could to establish harmony and to look to the best interests of the County as a whole. The roads at present were unable to withstand the traffic, and everybody was complaining of their condition. The Council was criticized and attacked, and it was up to the members of the Council to try and do what they considered best to meet this public criticism. There are great complaints all over the County as regards the present Scheme, even from the workers themselves, in connection with overlapping in the system of employment. Another very serious thing was the fact of the men being paid for a 40-hour week. This was a touchy and thorny question but the Committee had to consider it, because after all, where you had men on the roads working a five-day week for 40/-, and a man on the other side of the fence working six days for a much smaller wage, it was bound to cause friction and dissatisfaction. They should see if it was not possible to do something new as regards hours and wages. He believed there was a very large section of the men who did not expect they would be called on to work only for five days a week for 40/-

Mr. Corish said that it was a mistake that the gangers should have been appointed by the Transport Union. The gangers should have been employed by the County Council, irrespective of Farmers' Union or Transport Union.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne said that the reason why they could not change the amount of the wages, viz:- 1/- per hour, was because it would have required a notice of motion, and the amount was

back money which the workers should have earned long ago.

The meeting then discussed the matter at length, when it was finally decided that, as the scheme had only three weeks to run, and as it would practically take this period to have notice of motion discussed by the County Council, it would be inadvisable that any change should now be sought, but the Committee are of opinion that, before any new scheme is considered, the Council should go very carefully into the question of hours and wages, in view of the fact that circumstances had altered considerably since the Council fixed the rate of 1/- per hour as remuneration for road workers.

In reply to queries, the County Surveyor stated that, as regards existing scheme- provided it was not possible to obtain the second £10,000 on which the scheme was originally based- the most pressing matter was the spreading of the material, but all he would be able to do, with the funds now available, was to fill the pot holes.

Several members advocated that arrangements should be at once made to have the work of hauling and spreading the material taken in hands at once. The cost of hauling would, on the average, work out at 1s.6d a cubic yard per mile.

The following recommendation was moved by Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That a charge hand be placed in the various quarries from which it was proposed material should be drawn., that the County Surveyor be directed to arrange with hauliers to have material concentrated on particular roads at particular periods, workers from adjoining roads to be employed to carry out the spreading. That the various gangers employed under present scheme meet the Assistant Surveyors on Saturday 4th March in the four towns of the County, with a view to having the work of hauling and spreading the material begun on 6th instant., Assistant Surveyors to attend at quarries on Monday and Tuesday, 6th and 7th March, to try and arrive at what amount of work hauliers can do in a day, and in the event of any haulier not working satisfactorily, that his services be discontinued".

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:-

"That the Assistant Surveyors be empowered to employ motor cars for Monday and Tuesday, 6th and 7th March to arrange for hauling, and for one day per week for every other week during the continuance of the Scheme".

Mr. Seumas Doyle seconded the motion, which was carried.

In the course of the discussion, it was stated that it should be distinctly understood that the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyors can discharge any ganger or worker who is not giving satisfaction. The County Council will insist that their responsible officials must have control.

The Chairman raised the question that in a particular district, hauliers would not be allowed to work, as they were not members of the Transport Union.

Mr. Corish pointed out that it was agreed that hauling could be carried out by anyone, and it was not necessary that hauliers should be members of any Union.

The County Surveyor said that no big farmers had submitted figures for hauling, so that there was no necessity to have a direction that small men only should be employed.

Meetings were then arranged for Saturday 4th March 1922, with the gangers as follows:-

Enniscorthy - Mr. Ennis and Mr. Curran.

Gorey - Mr. T. Treanor.

New Ross - County Surveyor and Mr. Jones.

Wexford - County Surveyor and Mr. Kehoe.

It was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) and passed:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to procure, from other County Surveyors in Ireland, copies of their direct labour schemes also any information he can also get from them as to the working of their quarries, and wages paid men working in same, and a list of the machinery they have for the purposes of their Schemes".

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) thought it would be advisable for some of members of the Committee to visit other Counties to see how their Road Schemes were being carried on.

The Chairman considered this was premature at present.

Mr. Corish said it appeared that the County Surveyor had provided £73,000 for repair of roads next year. He estimated that £12,000 of this would be necessary for the maintenance by direct labour of about 500 miles of leading first and second-class roads. This would give employment to between 320 and 350 men for 24 weeks in the winter, and the men could be employed for the balance of the year in quarries and on the land. The third-class roads, comprising about 1,484 miles, could be taken by contract. This would entail an expenditure of £30,000. The balance of the estimate of the County Surveyor, viz:- £31,000 would be utilised for material, haulage, machinery and steamrolling.

As regards the latter, the County Surveyor said it could only be done on the system of patch and rolling and with the ordinary maintenance material. The usual method of re-making, surfacing and steamrolling was too costly, as that recently carried out had cost £2,000 per mile, and by filling holes, levelling up and rolling in patches on the worst places, a great improvement could be effected, as they knew from experience of similar work in the County. He had an engine and eight trailers at present. On a good road the engine would pull two trailers about ten tons. He had arranged with Mr. Thompson to do some experimental haulage for a few weeks with a Fordson tractor. Mr. Thompson had given him figures for haulage by this tractor for 475 days- 675 miles, which worked at (practically) cost of 1d per ten mile.

The County Surveyor was instructed to prepare an estimate for erection of shed at County Hall in which to house the machinery of the Council.

Mr. Corish stated that, until the Council were able to utilise the County Hall premises, he would ascertain if it would not be possible to have the machinery kept in the New Market, Wexford.

A long discussion took place as to the opening of the County Council quarries. It was pointed out that loan from Dail Eireann of £4,400 and of a similar amount from the Bank, approximately, £9,000 could be utilised for the purpose of starting quarry work. The meeting pointed out that unless this work was done at once, it

would not be possible to provide sufficient material at the proper time. The average cost of material procured in the quarry was 10/- per cubic yard, and spread on the road, £1 per cubic yard.

It was decided that the County Council consider at once the advisability of opening the various quarries.

Dealing with roads under contract, the County Surveyor pointed out that there were roughly about 180 miles of the 500 miles of main roads at present under contracts which would expire at various periods, the bulk in 1923.

It was decided that the Secretary obtain the opinion of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, as to the responsibility of the County Council to the road contractors, whose contracts had been suspended, and if the Council had power to terminate same. Should Mr. Elgee advise in the affirmative, the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor to interview the the contractors concerned in the contracts of the 180 miles included in main roads, which it is proposed should be maintained by Direct Labour, with a view of inducing them to surrender their contracts.

Mr. Devereux considered it would be well if the County was divided into five areas, and if the County and Assistant Surveyors and the members of the Roads Committee in each of the five areas could get into closer touch and have attention called to anything considered necessary to be done.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) disagreed. Definite work should be apportioned to County and Assistant Surveyors, and if they neglected to perform this, they should be held responsible by the Council.

The Chairman said it would not be possible to have the various duties etc. of officials decided that day. He suggested that, in view of their proposals, close supervision would, in the future, be most essential to success., they should have to do something definite to see that such supervision would be forthcoming.

Mr. Devereux stated that he had been informed by one of the gangers under the present scheme that he had received no instructions.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Barry and Mr. Treanor had spent a whole day explaining their duties to the gangers.

It was further decided that the County Surveyor should submit to next meeting a list of the machinery he required, and if possible, the probable cost.

It was also arranged that broken stones, provided they are found suitable for the roads, broken by people on the mountain of Forth, be purchased and also that particulars of new quarries available for districts in which material was badly needed and price should be submitted to next meeting.

It was decided that next meeting of the Committee be held on Monday, 13th March 1922, at 10.30 a.m. and that County Council be summoned to meet at 12 o'clock on same day.

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

Wexford County Council.

Roads Committee.

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd April 1922, to consider the fixing of hours and wages for men engaged on road work and in quarries, and to agree to Estimate of Rate for the forthcoming financial year.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etohingham (Chairman Co. Council) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, M. Doyle, E.P. Foley, John Murphy, John O'Byrne (Gorey) and John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown).

The County Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Corish said that in order that there might be a possibility of coming to an agreement between the Workers and the County Council he had called to the head office of the Irish General Workers & Transport Union, and asked them to send down a representative to discuss the matter with the Council. He also asked some men from Local Branches of the Union to attend, and they were now waiting to go before the Council.

Mr. Doyle asked the County Surveyor what would be the average cost on maintenance for first and second class roads under his proposed Scheme.

The County Surveyor said he had estimated there would be 80 yards to the mile on first class roads for material alone, and this would cost, exclusive of putting on roads and spreading £40 per mile. The cost on first and second class roads would be £28 per mile as an average. The cost of material put in depots, would be from £40 to £45 per mile, but this did not cover the cost of spreading.

Mr. Doyle said the Council never paid such prices in the past.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) contended that the roads would require

a great deal more material than they had received in the past.

The County Surveyor did not agree withthin , the amount specified would make good rao

Mr. Corish said the feeling of the men in North Wexford was to work a 50 hour week for 40/-.

Mr. Doyle said that as regards the suggestion he had made at the last meeting of the Roads Committee, that men on the roads should be paid 35/- per week, he was only taking the same percentage from road men as the Arbitrator from dail Eireann had taken from Agricultural labourers' wages, viz:- 12½ per cent from 32/- per week. He was of the opinion that if the County Council fixed any higher rate than 35/- per week they would have dissatisfaction not alone with the Ratepayers, but with the labourers who could not get these high wages. At the meeting of his local branch of the Farmers' Union the majority were opposed to 35/- on the ground that it was too high, but he succeeded in pacifying them on the strength of the necessity to bring about a settlement.

Mr. Corish challenged the accuracy of some of the figures which had been supplied to the County Surveyor from other Counties. He thought 40/- per week was a good compromise.

Mr. Doyle said the County Surveyor had not been able to get figures from Carlow. He had made enquiries and found that the rates paid were very diversified running from 32/- to 38/- per week, but the majority were working for the 32/-

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) said the men who had been working for the 40 hour week for 40/- would have preferred if the wages had been lower so that the work would have continued longer.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) could not see that the men would be any better by having to work two weeks extra for the same amount of money.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) rejoined by stating that there was a certain class of men who would always live up to the wages of which they were in receipt.

Mr. Doyle said the cost per perch for roads would under the new Scheme be 6/- which they never paid in their lives.

The County Surveyor, in answer to Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) said there were some roads for which they had to pay 6/- per perch.

Mr. Corish said that taking hours and wages the proposal of Mr. Doyle would mean a reduction of over 20 per cent.

Mr. Doyle held the Council would be able to obtain plenty of satisfactory labour at 35/- per week.

The County Surveyor said the average cost per perch on first class roads under the proposed Scheme would be 7/3 and on second class roads 3/9 per perch.

After considerable discussion as to differences between figures supplied to the County Surveyor from other Counties, and those obtained by Mr. Corish, on behalf of the men, Mr. Foley suggested they should try and fix an agreed figure between the 35/- per week proposed by Mr. Doyle, and the 40/- per week which Mr. Corish asked for on behalf of the men.

Mr. Doyle said if the County Council would employ more men at less wages, the country would be better satisfied. Owing to the gloomy prospects before the Agricultural industry, farmers would not be able to keep half the usual number of men.

The Chairman considered that if the last Scheme had been worked on the basis of a 50 hour week for 40/- there would not have been much grumbling.

Mr. Everitt (Wicklow) representing the Transport Union, pointed out that the general wage for surfacemen in Wicklow was 40/- per week, and in his opinion Wexford should be able to pay the wages which obtained in Wicklow.

Mr. Hayes of South Wexford Transport Union, pointed out that the cost of living was 125 per cent above pre war figures.

Mr. Denis Whelan, Crossabeg District representative of Transport Union, said the present wages paid to agricultural labourers who had families was a starvation one.

Mr. Corish said that the wages fixed by the County Council was 1/- per hour of £2.10/- for 50 hours. The reduction to 35/- per

week would be in the neighbourhood of 40 per cent.

Mr. Everitt said a great deal of objection had been made to the employment of direct labour in Wicklow, but even those who opposed it were greatly in its favour as a considerable improvement had been brought about in the condition of the roads.

Mr. Corish on behalf of the Workers, said they would if it were an agreed figure, accept the 38/- per week for a 50 hour week suggested by Mr. Foley, and this would be almost a 25 per cent reduction.

The County Surveyor stated that he intended employing about 300 men on the roads under the direct labour scheme.

Mr. Doyle said a difference of 3/- per week in the wages of 300 men would be £45.10/- per week or £2366 per annum.

After some lengthy discussion the following was unanimously agreed to, for recommendation to the County Council:-

"That for the purpose of effecting agreement, the Roads Committee recommend to the County Council to fix a wage of 38/- per week of 50 hours for men engaged on roads and in quarries".

Grants.

Mr. Foley pointed out that he had ascertained from a call which he had made on Mr. Blake (Ministry of Transport) that a number of Grants were standing to the credit of the County Council. They had no record in the office of the Ministry of Transport of having received any amended Scheme from the County Surveyor to cover the £10,000 which they had spent, but if the County Surveyor submitted one at once, the money would be forthcoming. There was also a sum of £2250 earmarked for share of the cost of Mountgarrett Bridge to the County Wexford..

In connection with machinery there was a sum of £7,105 to be obtained. If they decided as suggested by the County Surveyor, to spend £6,000 on new machinery, they would get £2,000 as a grant against that amount.

It was then decided that the County Surveyor should apply for any road grants which were available. He was instructed to complete

the steamrolling of the bad portion of the main road between Wexford and Enniscorthy at a cost approximately of £1,500 and to get the adjoining roads in fair order. Balance of road grant to go to the Gorey-Arklow road.

The question of purchasing engines was postponed to next meeting to enable Mr. Corish to find out if grants were available for next year, and provided the County Council were not in a position to avail of them then, for how long would they be available.

**Report re Wagons & Engines hired to Wexford
Corporation.**

The County Surveyor submitted a report as to the hire of Engine and wagons to Wexford Corporation. Allowing for wear and tear and depreciation, particularly depreciation to engine and wagon tyres, the net profit on the transaction would be £10.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the various recommendations of the Roads Committee were confirmed.

Arising out of the various recommendations of the Roads Committee, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"That we instruct our Secretary to get into touch with the Ministry of Transport and ascertain if, in the event of the County Council purchasing four engines for road work, cost £5,400, whether the Ministry of Transport would be prepared to contribute one-third of this amount, viz:- £1,800., also that he communicate with the Treasurer of the Council with a view to ascertaining on what terms rate per cent and period of repayment, the Bank would be prepared to advance £3,600, balance of cost of engines.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Dail Eireann with a view to obtaining facilities to inspect road machinery in charge of Dail Eireann, which was handed over by the British Government".

The County Surveyor stated that at present he was able to obtain only 150 pounds of gelignite at a time for quarry work., it was entirely inadequate and would not be sufficient even for one quarry. he required at least 600 pounds per week.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, travel to Dublin, and interview the officers in charge of issue of explosives for quarries, with a view to having such an amount issued per week as will enable the road work of the County to be carried out efficiently. That, in order to provide for the transport of gelignite to the various quarries and to arrange for blasts so as to avoid delay. Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor be provided with a motor car at the expense of the Council".

Road Overseers.

Under date 8th April 1922, the following letter was read from Mr. M. Kehoe, Secretary, Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' union:-

"We have been informed that your Council is about to dispense with J.J.O'Gorman, Overseer, owing to some other arrangements that are being made.

We protest against any arrangements being made to dispense with him as he should be allowed to continue in his position.

Trusting that your Council will settle this matter".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that where possible, overseers be offered the position of charge hands in quarries, as provided in the report of the Roads Committee.

Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Lennon pointed out that some of the Assistant Surveyors would not be able to make use of the motor bicycles, to be provided by the Council, and in the circumstances, he served notice of motion that at the next meeting, they determine certain appointments on superannuation.

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19