

Wexford County Council

Meeting 27th April, 1925.

A Special meeting of the Wexford County Council for consideration of Estimate of Rate and other business was held on 27th April, 1925.

Present: - Mr. E.P. Foley, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. M. Bloney, J. Cummins, P. Hayes, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, R. Conish and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, were also in attendance.

The Late Rev. J. W. O'Byrne P.P., Kilmore

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne the following letter in reply to vote of Condolence on the death of his brother, the late Rev. J. W. O'Byrne, P.P., Kilmore, from Mr. J. J. O'Byrne A.B., was ordered to be inserted on the minutes: -

"I beg to sincerely thank the members of the County Council for their kind resolution of sympathy. I am also most grateful to you and enclose a few monetary notes."

The Late Mrs. Frances Doyle

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

"That we desire to express our deepest sympathy with Mr. M. Doyle J.D., our esteemed colleague, in the loss sustained by him in the death of his sister Mrs. Frances Doyle. In view of the excellent relations which have at all times existed between Mr. Doyle and the County Councilors generally, and their great regard for the manner in which he has always discharged his duties to those whom he represents, this Council, individually and collectively, deeply regret that an occasion should arise to convey to him their condolence in the death of a member of his family. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Doyle."

Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges

Financial year 1975-76

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Under date 4th April, 1975, the Department of Local Government wrote (G/2535-1975-Wexford County), that the Minister had sanctioned such departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order as would enable the County Council to determine the rates for the current financial year at a date not later than 30th April, 1975.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 21st April, was submitted:—

" Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges were submitted to the meeting. The general Rate, as submitted to last meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee was as follows:—

Rural District	Land	Other Hereditaments
	Rate in £ s d	Rate in £ s d
Enniscorthy	11. 5-	11. 9
Gorey	10. 7	10. 10
New Ross	11. 4	11. 9
Wexford	10. 9	11. 1

" After considerable discussion it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, that the Council be recommended to agree to the following Rates in £ for general charges in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 1976:—

Rural District	Land	Other Hereditaments
	s d	s d
Enniscorthy	9. 4	9. 8
Gorey	9. 2	9. 5
New Ross	9. 0	9. 5
Wexford	9. 2	9. 6

And Rates for Separate charges as appearing on Form 46.

" The following are particulars of reductions made in the demands of Subsidiary bodies:—

	£
County Board of Health	3294
Mental Hospital Committee	3294
Enniscorthy R. & S. Council	225
Gorey R. & S. Council	296
Wexford R. & S. Council	373

"The revised amounts included in this estimate for the Mental Hospital Committee and the Rural District Councils were at the same figure as demands for the year ended 31st March 1975".

"The revised amount included for the County Board of Health represents a sum of £9912 over the amount in the County Estimate for year ended 31st March 1975".

It was also decided, on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Bryne, seconded by the Chairman that a road rate of 3/6 in the £ be included in estimate for each Rural District.

"It was pointed out that this meant a reduction in the Road Estimates as approved by the Rural District Councils for the current year of £15,760 and a reduction on last year's Estimates of £13,102".

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Bryne seconded by Mr. Cummins: -

"That we recommend the County Council to take over the Carnegie Library with full powers to appoint Committee; to cancel any books; to purchase any new books of which the Committee approve; and to have absolute independence in management; the County Council liability in respect of library not to exceed £745 per year. That a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ in the £ be included in the Estimate of Rates for this purpose".

The Chairman dealt with the various figures contained in the Estimate and explained the particular items in which decreases and increases had taken place. He also gave a review of the discussions which had taken place in connection with the matter at the meetings of the Finance and Roads Committee.

Letter under date 23rd April, 1975, (G. 19559/1975, Miscellaneous), was read from the Department of Local Government. This communication pointed out that the Agricultural Grant was being doubled and that legislation would be introduced to enable the benefit of the increased grant being allowed to Agricultural ratepayers in the present financial year.

The Secretary stated that this concession would mean a reduction in the rates on land as proposed by the Finance and Roads Committee as follows: -

	s	d
Innisconthly	1	8
Lorey	1	6
New Ross	1	9
Droghda	1	7

A letter was read from Mr. James F. Kelly, County Wickford Executive Irish Tourists' Association, asking the Council to include a rate of one farthing in the £ for the purpose of advertising tourists resorts in the County.

A communication on similar lines was read from the Irish Tourists' Association, Westland Row, Dublin.

It was decided to take no action thereon.

Letter under date 26th March 1925 (L. 13184-25) as to deductions from Agricultural Grant in respect of arrears of Land Purchase annuities was read from the Department of Local Government and also circular letter as to the amount of normal Agricultural Grant to be paid to the County and the deductions made therefrom in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1925.

In connection with the taking over of the Carnegie County Wexford Library Service the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Sam O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins and adopted, Mr. Hall dissenting:—

"That we hereby adopt the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1855, for the County Wexford (exclusive of the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford) and that we agree to a rate of $\frac{1}{2}^d$ in the £ for this purpose.

"That we further agree to take over the County Wexford Library Service, established under the Carnegie Library Trust on the understanding that the Council shall have full power and control in regard to the management of some, the books which are to be retained and obtained for the library and the appointment of a Committee of Management.

"That the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford be informed that in order to take advantage of the library service in the future it will be necessary for them to strike a rate of $\frac{1}{2}^d$ in the £ for this purpose or arrange for the payment of an equivalent contribution to the County Council in lieu thereof.

"That the Wexford County Council hereby delegates to the Central Library Committee of County Wexford all the powers and duties vested in it as the Library Authority under Section 12 of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1855. Provided always that further agreements with adjoining Library Authorities for the joint use of the library service shall be subject to the approval of the other areas co-operating in the service; and, that the proceedings of the Central Library Committee, including the appointment and dismissal of paid officers, shall be reported quarterly to the various authorities concerned, and that the Central Library Committee shall submit an annual estimate of the expenditure proposed for each year.

"That this Council agrees to the proposal of the Carnegie Library Trust that the Librarian appointed to administer the Scheme shall always be a person recognised by the Trust as a trained and competent Librarian at a salary of not less than £250 per annum; that an annual report and statistics of the Scheme be sent to the Carnegie Trust, Dunfermline, and that instructions be given to the Central Library Committee to invite the Secretary and Organiser of the Carnegie Trust from time to time to visit the Wexford Repository and report as to the progress of the work."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1925-26 be adopted and the following rates in the £ levied off the Rural Districts of the County:—

Rural District	Land	Other Hereditaments
Enniscorthy	7. 8	9. 8
Gorey	7. 8	9. 5
New Ross	7. 3	9. 5
Wexford	7. 7	9. 5

and that the following amounts be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County: -

	£	s	d
Ennisorthy	2274	0	7
New Ross	2243	4	9
Wexford	5340	5	9

Assistant Surveyors' Application for increase of Salaries

In connection with the application for an increase of their salaries from the assistant surveyors, the Secretary submitted reports from 17 Buries in Saorstad Eileann giving particulars of assistant surveyors' salaries and travelling expenses, road mileage and road rate therein.

It was decided on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins, that the matter be adjourned to next meeting.

Insurance Employers' Liability & Public Liability

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted: -

"Under date 20th April, 1925, letter was read from Messrs Mc Donagh & Boland Ltd., Insurance Brokers, Dublin, pointing out that they had taken up the question of a reduction in the rate for Employers' Liability Insurance Policies and hoped to forward particulars as to reduced rate for the meeting of the County Council on 27th April. With regard to Public Liability Insurance they were continuing same as from 17th April when the old policy expired. The County Surveyor had returned them the covering note stating the existing policy was being kept in force with another firm.

"It was decided on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Syngne, that Messrs Mc Donagh & Boland be notified that the County Council do not require to be covered by their firm for third party policy as the County Surveyor arranged, as instructed by the Finance and Roads Committee, to keep existing third party policy which he had with another firm in force until the County Council had disposed of the matter of the renewal of the insurances."

"The action of the County Surveyor in having insurances renewed through brokers who arranged each policy was approved."

"It was further decided, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the County Surveyor be directed to request both firms of brokers to submit quotations for payment in respect of injury to employees whose injury lasts for lesser period than that specified in the Employers' Liability Act."

"The County Surveyor submitted correspondence from Messrs Boyle & Co., asking for the date of the meeting when the question of the Council's insurances would be finally dealt with, and stating that they did not think the Council could secure better terms than those offered by their representative

at the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee.

"It was decided to notify Messrs Boyle & Co. that the matter would be dealt with at the meeting of the County Council on 27th April."

Under date 25th April, 1925, Messrs M. Donagh & Boland, Ltd., Insurance Brokers, Dublin, wrote to the County Surveyor that, as regards the Employers Liability Policy, they had been successful in having the rate reduced from 35/- to 30/- (plus the usual additions) on a wage roll of £49,358. If the Council wished to avail themselves of the Agents commission the premium would be £768. 12. 1. with regard to the payment for the first week's incapacity this would be included at an addition of 7½ per cent. This risk, however, was not provided for under the Act and the County Council were not responsible for it. For Public Liability risk, they tendered at £36. 9. 0.

Under date 25th April, 1925, Messrs. Boyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, Dublin tendered at £735. 7. 8 for Employers Liability risk and at £36. 15. 0 for third party risk. An addition of 7½ per cent to the ordinary premium would be made if the Council desired to include compensation for first week's incapacity.

Mr. Boland and Mr. Stokes (Representative of Messrs Boyle & Co. came before the meeting and dealt with the figures.

After considerable discussion Mr. Boland agreed to reduce his quotation for Employers Liability risk by £40. leaving a net of £728. 12. 1, after which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:—

"That the tender of Messrs M. Donagh & Boland, Ltd., Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame St., Dublin, at £728. 12. 1 for Employers Liability Insurance on a wage roll of £49,358. and at £36. 9. 0. for Public Liability Insurance, be accepted."

Building Facilities Act

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:—

"The question of advertising draft Scheme for loans under the above Act was considered.

"It was pointed out that the National Bank had stated that they could only agree to loan of £10,000 for the present year for County Hospital improvements &c. on condition that loans for no other purpose would be applied for in the coming year.

"It was decided on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, to postpone the draft Scheme and to request the National Bank to state if loans under the Building Facilities Act were excluded from their reservation as regards granting further loans."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Weights & Measures Office

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads

Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted: -

"Sergeant Lyons, ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, submitted a communication from Town Clerk, Gorey, offering the use of Gorey Town Hall for the verification and safe custody of the sub-standards at a rent of ten shillings per week on condition that the Hall be available for meetings held for an hour or so on odd days, and that, at a week's notice, it would be would-be cleared out for travelling companies, the Town Clerk to make room for the storing of the standards at such times."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hayes it was decided to accept the offer of the Gorey Town Commissioners for the use of Gorey Town Hall for the verification and storing of the weights and measures sub-standards at a rent of ten shillings per week and in accordance with the conditions laid down in letters submitted by Sergeant Lyons from the Town Clerk, Gorey."

A letter was read from Sergeant Somers stating that he had secured a suitable weights and measures office at Mr. P.J. Kennig, Slaney St., Ennisceorthy, at a rent of ten shillings per week. There was no other suitable place to be found in the town."

"The Secretary stated he had written to the Town Clerk, Ennisceorthy, asking if there was any accommodation available at the Technical School. The Town Clerk replied that he had no accommodation but submitted the name of Mr. Royce, Slaney Street Ennisceorthy, who might provide an office. The Town Clerk pointed out that he did not think a place would be secured in Ennisceorthy at less than ten shillings per week."

"A letter was read from Mr. Royce that provided the terms were worth it he would supply accommodation for an office in the most central part of the town."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hayes, it was decided to agree to a rent of ten shillings per week for premises of Mr. Kennig in which Sergeant Somers is at present working."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Boush seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Rates District Court Clerk's Office Ennisceorthy.

The following extract from the minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 21st April, 1925, was submitted: -

"A letter was read from Mrs. Moore, asking the County Council to pay £1. 14. 10. half year's rates for District Court Clerk's Office held from her and which was not separately rated."

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne it was decided that Mrs. Moore be asked in respect of what period the £1. 14. 10. was due, as the County Council do not consider themselves liable for any rates due in this case up to 31st March, 1925, as the premises were not separately rated up to that date."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Boush seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Rate collector Patrick Donohoe

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee was submitted: -

"A letter was read from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Ennisceorthy

that when Patrick Donohoe's permanent appointment as Rate collector was sanctioned, he would forego any claim for compensation in connection with any former position held by him under the Board of Health, provided his previous service was allowed to count for pension with his service in the position of Rate collector."

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

"We recommend that the previous service of Mr. Patrick Donohoe under Enniscorthy Board of Guardians and Board of Health be allowed to count for pension as service in his position as Rate collector, as this is provided for under the Local Government Act, 1925"

Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish.

Resignation of Mr. John Sinnott Rate collector

Under date 25th April 1925 the following letter was read from Mr. John Sinnott, Rate collector, for No 10 Collection District: -

"I beg to tender my resignation of the position of Rate collector for the Electoral Divisions of Bree, Ballyhogue and The Leap.

I would respectfully ask your Council when calculating my pension to take into account the fact that I stood by the County Council at a critical time in the County's affairs, and grant me the maximum pension possible."

The Secretary stated that this resignation was not handed to him until the morning of the meeting.

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

"That the resignation of Mr. John Sinnott, Rate collector for No 10 Collection District be referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee with power to accept same if they consider this advisable; also to advertise for a collector for the Divisions in No 10 Collection District; poundage to be at the rate of 7d in the £ with the usual Registration fees. No separate remuneration to be payable to the new Collector in respect of preparation of parochial lists as under the Finance Amendment Act, 1924, such fees are not payable in the case of any collector appointed after 15th November 1923 - Mr. Sinnott to continue in office until the new Collector has been appointed"

Rate Collection

Personal Bonds.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted: -

"Mr. B. Cleary, Rate collector, wrote, asking to have the name of Lawrence Kehoe, Rostown, approved as his surety instead of Mr. R. Bennett."

"Mr. P. Donohoe wrote asking to have the name of Mr. W. H. Stamp, Market Square

Unanimously approved instead of Mr. Greene."

"It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman that the names of Messrs Kehoe and Stamps be approved."

"It was further decided that the names of any Collectors who have not completed personal Bonds by the instant be reported to the County Council meeting on that date."

The Secretary stated that all the Collectors had entered into personal bonds with the exception of Mr. Charles Mc Carthy, Rate collector for No 5 Collection District and Mr. John Sinnott, Rate collector for No 10 Collection District. The latter, however, who had resigned stated that he would furnish personal bond next day. On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Borish, the following resolution was adopted: -

"That Mr. C. Mc Carthy Rate collector for No 5 Collection District, be notified that his services cannot be continued as Collector beyond rate now in course of collection as he has not submitted personal bond, nor can the Council all their way to recommend that he be paid poundage. This resolution, however, not to take effect provided personal bond be lodged within a week."

Poundage Fees

Under date 31st March 1975, letter No. C. 17655/1975, Wexford County, was read from the Minister for Local Government sanctioning payment of Poundage fees on the amounts collected and lodged by Deputy Collectors, Furlong, Gannon and J. Deegan.

Mr. James Burke Rate collector wrote on behalf of all the Rate collectors, requesting the Council to sanction payment of all arrears of poundage on previous year's Rates and payment to 31st March last on this year's collection. The Collectors had only received about three fourths of poundage due on last year's collection and none for the present year which meant that they had received only three quarters of one year's pay for two years work.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to allow the Council to pay poundage on all amounts collected and lodged to 31st March, 1975."

State of the Rate collection

The state of the Rate Collection was considered and the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman: -

"That the attention of Messrs P. Walsh (No 3 Collection District), and James Murphy (No 19 Collection District), be called to the small amount which they have collected and that they be informed that unless they make very substantial progress immediately the Council will not be able to retain them in office."

Rates R.H. Pease.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1975, was submitted: -

"Under date 10th March 1975, a letter was read from Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk, Ennis, stating that the delay in paying the amount - £ 89.

in above case was occasioned by the fact that, owing to pressure of Court business he was unable to prepare account for stamps &c. He would have the account made out and the amount sent on during the week."

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins that Mr. Doran be requested to have the amount - £89. paid over without delay."

Under date 25th April 1975, a further letter was read from Mr. Doran that he would send cheque during the week.

Under date 25th April 1975, Mr. W. Cummins Rate Collector wrote stating that he had made repeated applications to Mr. Doran for the amount but was never able to secure it.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Loushi, and the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Doran that unless the amount is lodged at once the matter must be reported to the Ministry of Justice.

Loss of Rate Collecting Book

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 21st April, 1975, was submitted: -

"Report was received from Mr. J. J. Fanning, Deputy Checker, that Mr. Sean Gannon, who had acted as Deputy Rate collector for No 15 Collection District, had lost Collecting book for the S. E. D. of Gorey Urban, second position in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1977.

"It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by the Chairman, that Mr. Gannon be requested to forward declaration as to the loss of the book to the County Council."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Irrecoverable Rates

The following recommendation from meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1975, was submitted: -

"That irrecoverable Rates amounting to £868. 19. 6 for 1973 Rate and £1041. 8. 2 for 1974 Rate be submitted to the Local Government Department for approval and that they be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Finance and Roads Committee.

That the sum of £4166. 3. 2 in respect of rates for periods ending 31st March, 1977 be struck off as irrecoverable and that the Local Government Department be requested to sanction this proposal."

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne

Road Limits

Sealed Orders were received from the Department of Local Government (R/E/32) fixing road limits for year ending 31st March 1976, as follows: -

	£
Inniscorthy R.D.	25,000
Gorey R.D.	16,104
New Ross R.D.	17,961
Wexford R.D.	19,269

Camolin - Ballyduff Road

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 21st April, 1925, was submitted: -

"Under date 6th March, 1925, letter no 630/2, was read from the Department of Agriculture (Forestry Branch), stating that they were not prepared to reduce the rent in connection with the proposed diversion of the Camolin - Ballyduff road below the figure of £1. per annum as the annual loss incurred by them as a result of the works contemplated would exceed £1."

"On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins it was decided that the County Council be recommended to agree to the payment of £1. as requested by the Department."

A resolution was received from the Garry Rural District Council recommending the acceptance of the Department's offer.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Demand for Income Tax

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 21st April, 1925, was submitted: -

"Demand for payment of Income Tax in respect of Bourtown Harbour was received from E. O'Connor, Collector, Gorey."

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hayes that Mr. O'Connor be informed that the County Council do not derive any benefit from Bourtown Harbour which is run at a considerable loss."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Wexford Courthouse

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 21st April 1925, was submitted: -

"A report was received from the Clerk of the Peace that claim had been lodged in respect of the malicious burning of his office in 1922 and the matter was now in order."

"Mrs. Mc Nally, Courtkeeper, Wexford Courthouse, applied for payment of £58. 5. 8, being for salary £10. Contingent expenses £9. Rent allowance £26. Coal allowance £7. 16. 0, and gas £5. 9. 8 in respect of period from April 1924 to March 1925."

"It was decided that claim for £10. salary, and £16. Rent allowance, be granted and Mrs. McNally be asked to submit vouchers for the £9. It was decided to disallow claim for £7. 16. 0 for coal, and £5. 9. 8 for gas."

"It was also decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to recommend the County Council to notify the Under Sheriff that they cannot hold themselves responsible for payments under these heads in future."

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brennan, the recommendations of the Finance and Roads Committee were confirmed.

In connection with the rebuilding of Wexford Courthouse, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that the Compensation Commission had awarded a sum of £5,600 of which £500 went for contingencies, leaving £5,100 which would be paid on the Architect's Certificate as the work of rebuilding proceeded.

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

"That the re-erection of Wexford Court House be taken in hand as soon as possible. That Messrs Foley (Chairman of the County Council), Corish and Cloney, be appointed a Committee with power to deal with this matter in conjunction with the County Surveyor. That the Ministry of Justice be requested to state what would be their requirements as regards accommodation in the new building."

Ennisceorthy Gorey Courthouses

A resolution was received from the Ennisceorthy Branch, Cumann na Gaedheal, pointing out the necessity for the reconstruction of the courthouse at Ennisceorthy; the accommodation at present provided for the District Court being inadequate and unsuitable.

A resolution on similar lines was received from the Gorey Branch of Cumann na Gaedheal as regards the rebuilding of Gorey courthouse.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that, in the case of Gorey, the landlords interest had been purchased by Mr. Breslin for £100. but the Courthouse building had been erected by the ratepayers and compensation for the destruction should be given to the Council in order to allow of replacement.

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

"That our solicitor be instructed to lay the position of the Council as regards the rebuilding of Ennisceorthy and Gorey Courthouses before the Ministry for Justice and the Ministry for Finance with a view to obtaining compensation to allow of new Courthouses being erected."

Weight of Vehicles Using Roads

Under date 20th April, 1935, letter No. R/RV/38, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister for Local Government was not empowered to permit the Council to adopt a by law to limit the weight of vehicles of any class using the roads. He would, however, consider an application from the Council under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1930 for an order prohibiting or restricting

the driving of vehicles of any specified class on any specified highway within the County.

The Secretary stated that under Section 39 of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Minister for Local Government on the application of the County Council, could close any road or portion of any road, and under Section 40 he could prohibit or restrict the driving of vehicles of any specified class on any definite roads.

Ex Rate collector Tobin

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee was submitted:-

"Under date 18th March, 1925, letter no. C 11,251/1925, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government in reference to the payment made to ex Rate collector Tobin by the Department of Finance and pointing out that the Council had been definitely informed on 16th September last that there was no power under the Local Officers Compensation (War period), Act, 1924, to withhold payment of pension or gratuity from any of the ex-officials concerned. He saw no reason why the Council should not take further legal steps to recover the sums due."

"Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, pointed out, that Tobin had absolutely no goods and had expended the gratuity he had received in discharge of his indebtedness to other persons."

"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman it was decided that, in view of the fact that Tobin had no assets, no further action be taken."

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, had informed the Committee that Tobin had no assets; the only satisfaction the Council could obtain was by sending him to jail, and, as this was a costly proceeding, the Finance and Roads Committee did not see their way to adopt it.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Nurse O'Brien

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 20th March, 1925, letter, no P. 11,247/1925, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government calling attention to the provisions of Section 8 of the Local Government Act of 1919, and pointing out that the County Council had no power to grant a gratuity to Miss O'Brien, ex nurse, Gorey Workhouse, as she did not hold office on the passing of the Act of 1919."

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, it was decided that a copy of the foregoing letter be sent to Miss Price, Secretary to the Nurses' Union."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Damage to Property Rate

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee

of 31st April, 1975, was submitted :-

"An application was received from the Ministry of Finance for payment of amount due in respect of Damage to Property Rate"

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the amount be paid on the close of the rate collection on 31st May."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Officials of abolished County Infirmary

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Botish seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne :-

"That the Finance and Roads Committee be requested to consider at next meeting allowances which should be granted to whole time officials of abolished County Wexford Infirmary under Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1975."

Local Elections

Circulars from the Department of Local Government dealing with the local Elections were submitted to the meeting.

It appeared from the general circular that Local Elections would take place on 23rd June and the first meeting of the new County Council would be held on 6th July 1975.

The Secretary stated that he had received copy of the Wexford County Electoral Areas Order 1975 from the Department of Local Government. There was no change in the four Electoral Areas as regards district electoral divisions, but the number of County Councillors to be elected would be :-

Enniscorthy	6
Gorey	7
New Ross	7
Wexford	7

This would mean a total County Council of 27 members as against the existing number of 25.

Superannuation - Local Government Act, 1975.

Circular letter under date 4th April, 1975. No G 15477/75 from the Department of Local Government dealing with superannuation - Local Government Act 1975, was read for the meeting.

Transfer of officers

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 21st April 1975, No 15477/1975, as to transfer of officers of Rural District Councils to the County Council was read. A scheme for each County should be prepared by the County Council for the consideration of the Minister.

It was decided that this matter be referred to the Finance and Roads Committee. ✓

Relief Grants - Rural Districts

Under date 18th March, 1925, letter No R/RA/32, was read from the Department of Local Government, relative to the provision of relief grants for rural districts of the County. The communication pointed out that the funds provided under the Relief Rates Grants had already been fully allocated and that the Minister for Local Government was not in a position at present to indicate any further grants.

Loan - County Hospital Improvements

In connection with the application for loan of £14,763 for improvements to County Hospital and purchase of residence for Surgeon the following recommendation from meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

"That the National Bank be requested to advance loan of £10,000 for proposed improvements at County Hospital and purchase of residence for Surgeon; being the amount which will be required in the coming year to finance cost of such improvements, said amount to be repayable in 15 years with interest at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent under Irish Banks' discount rate (varying) with a minimum of 4 per cent."

Under date 6th March, 1925, letter No E9,454/1925, was read from the Minister for Local Government, approving of proposal of the County Council to raise a loan of £14,763 for the purpose of carrying out improvements in the County Hospital, Wexford, and for the purchase of a residence for the Surgeon; the loan to be obtained from the National Bank Ltd., and repayable in twenty years with interest at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent under Irish Banks' discount rate (varying), with a minimum of 4 per cent.

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Leach.

Loan Courtown Harbour

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

"A letter was read from the National Bank, asking that the period of repayment of above loan be reduced, if possible, from five to two or three years."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that the period of five years, as previously agreed to, remain unaltered."

"On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, it was also agreed that the County Council be recommended to affix their seal to the mortgage in connection with this loan; loan to be repayable by yearly instalments in five years with interest at a $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent under Irish Banks' discount rate (varying) with a minimum of 4 per cent."

Under date 2nd April, 1925, letter No 1. 15020/1925, was read from the Minister of Local Government approving of a period of five years for repayment of loan of £1000, sanctioned for repairs to Courtown Harbour; the rate of interest to be one-half per cent under Irish Banks' discount rate (varying) with a minimum of four per cent."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne :-

"That pursuant to letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 2nd of April 1925, the sum of £1000 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Wexford, for the purposes therein mentioned to be repaid by instalments within five years with interest at one half per cent under Irish Bank's rate from time to time rising and and falling therewith with a minimum of 4% per annum as in said letter of Sanction provided. And it was further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure said loan".

Leaseholder of Gorey Workhouse

Under date 11th March 1925 letter No 112 42/1925 Wexford County, was read from the Minister for Local Government stating that he would not raise any objection to the proposed payment of remuneration at the rate of £1: 5: 0d per week to Thomas Cowle for his services as leaseholder of Gorey Workhouse.

Machinery Operatives' Wages.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925, was submitted :-

"Under date 23rd March 1925 letter No R/RM/32 was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) stating that the Minister could not assent to the Machinery Overseer and Engine attendants being placed on incremental scales, he considered that Maximum wages of 16/8d per day should suffice for the Machinery Overseer whose duties should be strictly confined to the mechanical side of the work, and would raise no objection to a maximum rate of wages of 10/- per day for Engine Drivers. It was resolved to higher

wages than 6/- per day to Drivers' attendants who should only be employed when absolutely necessary."

"The County Surveyor pointed out that previous to the receipt of sanction, Machinery workers' wages had been paid in excess of the amounts sanctioned by the Department of Local Government. If the amount paid in excess of the sanctioned sum were deducted from the Men's wages in future payments, it would inflict hardship in certain cases and it was probable that some of the men would relinquish their employment."

"On the motion of Mr Sean. C. Byrne seconded by Mr Hoyer, it was decided that the Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment of wages as fixed by the County Council and paid by them previous to the receipt of letter from the Local Government Department under date 23rd March 1925"

Confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman.

Road Gangers' wages.

Under date 25th March 1925 letter No R/RM/32, was read from the Minister for Local Government, stating that he would raise no objection to the Wexford County Council paying an increase of wages to their road gangers subject to the maximum wages set out in the Direct Labour Scheme.

Gangers' Cycle Allowance.

Under date 2nd April 1925 letter No R/RLG/32, was read from the Minister for Local Government stating that he would not approve of any increase being paid to road gangers by of an allowance for the use of a bicycle.

Expenses Of Machinery Overseer.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:

under date 12th March 1925 letter (No R/SBA/32) (Plant)
was read from the Department of Local Government. 670
(Roads) asking for full particulars regarding payment
of £17. 10^s 0^d to Machinery Overseer by way of out-of-
pocket expenses incurred in bringing machinery
from Dublin to Enniscoorthy, and stating it did not appear
upon what basis the sum of £2. 10^s 0^d per day was
calculated or why so many visits to Dublin were necessary.
"The Secretary stated that the particulars asked for
were forwarded to the Department of Local Government."

"It was decided that payment issue to Mr Murphy
Machinery Overseer when sanction has been received
from the Department of Local Government."

Mr Sean. O. Byrne moved and the Chairman
seconded the following:-

"That the amount (£17. 10^s 0^d) agreed to by
the County Council to the Machinery Overseer in con-
nection with visits to Dublin for the conveyance
of machinery to the Co. Council's yard at Enniscoorthy,
be paid."

Mr Shannon stated that he would hand in
notice of Motion that the resolution of the Council
agreeing to pay £17. 10^s 0^d in this instance be rescinded
and the full amount claimed by Mr Murphy £22. 10^s 0^d
be paid.

In view of the notice the motion proposed
by Mr Sean. O. Byrne and seconded by the Chairman
was withdrawn.

Payment Of Compensation to Workmen

In connection with the resolution of the
Council that when a workman in the County
Council's service has been injured, payment of
compensation be made to him pending settlement
with the Insurance Co., the Department of
Local Government wrote under date 16th March
1925 (R/RM/32) that the Council in this matter
must be prepared to satisfy the Auditor in the
event of any question being raised in con-

nection with any payments made in accordance with this resolution.

Food and Drugs Acts,

Under date 7th April 1925, the Department of Agriculture wrote (To 1551-25) that an officer of the Department had taken during the month of March 16 samples of butter for analysis as follows:-
Ennisceorthy 4; New Ross 4; Ferns 4; Gorey 4.
The samples were certified by the Public Analyst to be genuine.

Sparrowsland Bridge.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor submitted copy of notice put by the Railway Company on Sparrowsland Bridge to the effect that the bridge was insufficient to carry weights in excess of the ordinary traffic of the district, and warning owners and persons in charge of traction engines &c against taking such engines &c over this bridge. He had inspected the bridge some time ago and was of opinion that no damage or appearance of shaking had taken place to the present.

The County Surveyor stated he considered the bridge quite safe for traffic.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Chief Engineer of the Railway Company in the matter.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had made arrangements to meet the Chief Engineer of the Railway Company, in the matter.

Siding at Sparrowsland.

Under date 4th April 1925 letter No R/RM/32

was read from the Department of Local Government asking if the Council had made a request to the Railway Co., to erect a siding at Sporrowland, and if so with what result.

The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with the Railway Co., but had not received any reply to the present.

It was decided that the County Surveyor put this matter before the Chief Engineer of the Railway Co., at his interview with him.

Flooding at Bellefield

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 9th March 1925 the County Surveyor wrote that Mr Elgee had informed him that he had made an agreement with Messrs P. J. O. Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Limerick, in connection with above. He asked for the approval of the Finance and Roads Committee".

The County Surveyor stated that the matter had been satisfactorily dealt with and Mr Elgee submitted agreement for approval.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne, that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the agreement between the County Council and Messrs O. Flaherty & Son in connection with the matter.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean O. Byrne seconded by the Chairman.

Engine Men and Lodging Money.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 11th March, 1925, letter was read from the County Surveyor stating he had received application from some of the Drivers and Attendants for lodging money during the time they were not provided with living bars. Four men were entitled to this money, viz., Thomas Breen and Denis Redmond from 11th August to 1st September and Gerald Tobin & John Ryan from 4th August to 18th December 1924."

"The County Surveyor stated he considered the men's application reasonable".

"On the motion of Mr Sean OByrne seconded by Mr Cummins, it was decided that the men be paid at the rate of 7/- per week as lodging money for the period in respect of which they were awaiting bars."

The following are the amounts involved:—

D Redmond £ 1. 15. 0^d Thomas Breen £ 1. 15. 0^d
Tobin £ 6. 10. 0^d; and J. Ryan £ 6. 10. 0^d — a total of £15.25.0^d

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean OByrne seconded by Mr Coish.

Travelling Expenses of County Surveyor

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925 was submitted:—

"Under date 11th March 1925, the County Surveyor wrote asking the Finance & Roads Committee to sanction payment of £2. 10. 0^d to Messrs Duff & Kehoe West Gate Garage, Woodford, for hire of motor car to take himself and Committee to Courtown Harbour on 2nd January last. His own car had broken down and it was necessary to hire a car from Messrs Duff & Kehoe".

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean OByrne it was decided that £2. 10. 0^d be paid to Messrs Duff & Kehoe."

"The County Surveyor made application for payment in connection with travelling with the Roads Committee during the recent road inspection"

The County Surveyor stated that the number of miles travelled was over 400."

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"It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O Byrne
seconded by Mr Cummins that the County Surveyor
be paid at the of 6^d per mile to cover travelling
& expenses in connection with recent road inspection."

The County Surveyor made application for
travelling & expenses pointing out that the majority
of County Surveyors received the rate allowed by the
Department of Local Government and in addition
salaries in most Counties were higher than his own."

"No Action"

The minute of Finance and Roads Committee
was confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean, O. Byrne
seconded by Mr Cummins.

Lubberfinnick Quarry.

The following extract from minute of Finance
and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925 was submitted:

"A report was received from the County Surveyor
in connection with a suggestion from Mr. D. Whelan
J. T. & G. W. D. regarding the making of a roadway
into Lubberfinnick Quarry. The County Surveyor
reported that as he was not satisfied there would
be over a first class quarry in this place, he
would not recommend the making of a roadway
which he estimated would cost £ 373"

It was decided on the motion of the
Chairman seconded by Mr Sean, O. Byrne that a
copy of the County Surveyor's report be sent to
Mr Whelan"

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads
Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Hall
seconded by Mr Corish.

Petrol Pump at Lerno.

The following extract from minutes of meeting
of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925
was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor made application from

Mr. N. Hayes Ferns, for permission to erect a petrol pump at Ferns in field opposite Mr Houghton's Stores."

It was decided that the application be agreed to subject to applicant agreeing to pay such rent as may be fixed by the Department of Local Government.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean. O. Byrne.

Ferns Weighbridge.

The following extract from minutes of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted :-

"In connection with the above Mr Geary reported that he had not heard from Representative Church Body relative to their title to the plot of ground adjoining the Church wall at Ferns. He considered as the Church Body did not produce their title and as the matter was so long hanging over, permission could be given to Mr Bolger for the erection of the weighbridge"

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean. O. Byrne it was decided that the County Council be recommended to grant the necessary permission to Messrs Bolger & Co, for the erection of the weighbridge on condition that they give an undertaking to indemnify the Council against any loss which they might sustain by reason of proceedings being taken against them in connection with the matter"

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean. O. Byrne permission was granted for the opening of the roadway for the erection of the weighbridge at Ferns."

"On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Shannon the recommendations of the Finance and Roads Committee were confirmed."

Reports from the County Surveyor regarding alleged damage to Mrs Lett's premises through blasts at Dunanore Quarry in February last were submitted.

The County Surveyor stated the damage was very trivial but he had arranged that Mrs Lett should be duly informed on all occasions when blasting was about to take place and all precautions would be taken to prevent stones flying in the direction of her premises.

Right of Way Newtown - 1778

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. Treanor Assistant Surveyor, under date 10th March, 1925 recommending that the consent of the County Council be obtained to the payment of £5 per annum to Mr Smith, Clonevan, for right of way through his lands at Newtown for the purpose of obtaining sea gravel".

"On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Sean, O'Byrne, it was agreed that a rent of £5 per annum be paid to Mr Smith, Clonevan, for right of way through his lands for the purpose of obtaining sea gravel and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement as submitted by Mr Elgee with Mr Smith in the matter"

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr. C. Donoghue.

Accident Claim.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

"William Kerr Guinness applied for compensation through accident on the footbridge at Blackwater on 22nd February".

"The County Surveyor stated that he had reported the claim to the Insurance Company and they stated that the Council were not liable".

"It was decided that the County Surveyor notify Mr Kerr accordingly".

"The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean. O. Byrne seconded by Mr Corish.

New Roads - Dundrum to Linnacree.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925 was submitted:-

"A Memorial signed by a number of Ratepayers in the district was read asking that a new road be made from the main road at Dundrum to the Quarry at Linnacree, a distance of about one mile."

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes, that the matter be referred to the new Council for their favourable consideration."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by the Chairman.

National Agricultural Union.

The following resolution was received from the County Wexford National Agricultural Union:-

"That we condemn the system which exists in the Wexford County Council in giving unmarried men work in preference to married men with families".

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

"That the Secretary County Wexford National Agricultural Union be informed that, (other things being equal) the County Council have always given preference to the employment of married men

Hedge Cutting

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925, was submitted:-

"A letter was read from P. Murphy, Ballyduff, Ballycarney, complaining that orders were served on him to cut two hedges in Ballyduff which had been cut and splashed last December by the Council's employees. He refused to cut these hedges which enclosed a paddock and were necessary for shelter"

"It was decided that the communication be referred to the County Surveyor who will take Mr Murphy's observations into consideration at the proper time - viz, October"

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne.

Ballymacar Bridge

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

"A letter was read from Mr J. J. Meehan, Erin Dale, New Ross, relative to repairs being carried out at Ballymacar Bridge".

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the County Surveyor get in touch with Mr Meehan in the matter".

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had arranged to meet Mr Meehan in connection with the matter.

Gullet at Cross at Mye - 227 E.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 14th April 1925, letter was read from the County Surveyor stating he had inspected this place and had met Mr Keating & Mr Heffernan owner of the drain complained of. Mr Heffernan was prepared to move the drain to the other side of the road, if assisted for a week or two by a couple of the Council's workmen. The County Surveyor believed it would be an improvement to have this alteration made and would arrange if the Council were satisfied, to have the work done during the coming summer time"

"The suggestion of the County Surveyor was approved on the motion of Mr Sean O. Byrne seconded by Mr Cummins."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O Byrne,

Closing Roads

Under date 24th April, 1925, letter was read from the County Surveyor applying for permission to close during urgent repairs, the road over Ferrycarrig Bridge from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. for a period of three weeks from 11th proximo, and the road over Kiltrea Bridge for a period of six weeks from 18th proximo.

The application of the County Surveyor was agreed to, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O Byrne.

Under date 24th April 1925, a letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that he had arranged to have two sections of above road, which had been closed by order of the Council, opened to traffic and to have notices erected drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the road which was undergoing repairs.

The action of the County Surveyor was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Water Pipe - 19th

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 20th April, 1925, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 14th April, 1925, from Mr M.S. Davis, Cliff House, Ganiscorthy, asking for permission to take a water pipe along the side of the public road for about 100 yards from the town boundary at the County Home towards St John's to supply house which he was erecting".

"It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cummins that the necessary permission be granted to Mr Davis subject to the approval of the County Surveyor"

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall,

New Ross Bridge.

Under date 24th April, 1925, the County Surveyor reported that owing to the lateness of the season and weather conditions only three of the four mooring chains for the warping buoys at New Ross Bridge could be fixed. Special arrangements would be necessary for the chain for the fourth buoy. The balance in

hands (£23.. 9^s.. 11^d) from the original proposal might not be sufficient to complete the work and he asked for the instructions of the Council in the matter.

He had also arranged with New Ross Urban Council Commissioner to maintain the Bridge for the coming year at £40 and to have the footpaths tar surfaced out of the repair proposal for £10.

He had also made an agreement with Messrs Lawlor & Sons, New Ross, for the caretaking of the bridge at £44.. 10^s.. 0^d; their tender being the lowest of those he had received.

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Corish the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £36 be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor for the purpose of work of replacing mooring chain at New Ross Bridge."

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in arranging with the New Ross Urban Council to maintain roadway over New Ross Bridge for current year for £40 and for the tar surfacing of the footpaths for £10 out of the repair proposal and in making agreement with Messrs Lawlor & Sons (which tender was the lowest) for the caretaking of the bridge for the current year for £44.. 10^s.. 0^d

Repairs &c. Bearings, New Stone Breakers.

The County Surveyor reported that he had found it necessary to replace the bearings on one of the new "Hadfield" stone breakers and it would probably be necessary to replace the bearings in two of the other three,

The shooks from the upper screen on these breakers were not satisfactory, and, in consequence it was necessary to employ an extra horse to keep the breaker fully up to the work; thus adding an extra 3^d per cubic yard to the cost of material. He proposed to make an alteration in these screens at an estimated cost of £20 for each screen. He asked for sanction to this proposal.

The County Surveyor further stated that the work would be carried out by the Machinery Overseer.

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Messrs Hadfield, makers of Stonebreakers and draw their attention to the fact that the machines in question were only recently purchased by the County Council who expected that any defects would be remedied by the Manufacturers. That no further action be taken pending their reply."

Carriglyrne Quarry.

Under date 24th April, 1925, the County Surveyor wrote stating that in conformity with the resolution of the County Council he had made agreement with five men for supplying material from Carriglyrne Quarry at the inclusive rate of 6/- per cubic yards. One of the parties to the agreement was the former Ganger who was under notice and he (County Surveyor) suggested that Ganger Patth Mc Gee be transferred from A Section to C Section and that Michael Connors be appointed Ganger in D Section.

Richard Murphy, John Hanlon, and Henry J. Mill three of the employees from Carriglyrne Quarry

Came before the meeting and protested against the Quarry being worked at piece rate,

After considerable discussion Mr Shannon gave notice of motion for next meeting of the County Council that the resolution as to piece work at Carriglyrne Quarry be rescinded

Absent Workman,

Under date 24th April, 1925, The County Surveyor wrote that the Ganger of Section had reported that he had found John Hanlon, one of the men in Section "6" New Ross absent from work on the 14th instant. He submitted report from Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor which stated that Hanlon said he had gone into Kelly's Shop at 5.15 P.M. to shelter from a shower of rain. Kelly corroborated this.

John Hanlon the man concerned, came before the meeting and stated that it was raining very hard about 5.0. Clock and he took shelter in Kelly's Shop. Afterwards he had continued at work until six o'clock.

It was decided that the half day's pay stopped from Hanlon, be remitted.

Machinery Stores.

The County Surveyor submitted requisition for Machinery Stores for the coming quarter, amounting to £822.. 14.. 6^d.

Referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

Parker & Co. Council,

Mr Geary wrote under date 21st April 1925 that the costs of Messrs M. J. G. Connor & Co., in above action had been taxed and certified to the sum of £263.. 18^s.. 2^d.

On the motion of the Chairman Seconded

by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided that 677
the amount be paid at the earliest opportunity.

Sheep Dipping Programme 1925.

In connection with the proposed arrangements for the appointment of four additional lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors, the establishment of public dipping baths for sheep and the appointment of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council to supervise dipping operations, objections were received from Wexford Rural District Council, Enniscorthy Executive of the Farmers Union, Newbawn Branch of the Farmers Union &c.

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-
"That the Veterinary Inspectors be requested to furnish particulars of the private sheep dipping baths in their districts which they consider could be utilised in connection with the general scheme for dipping of sheep in the County."

Superannuation - J. J. Rochford New Ross

Under date 25th April, 1925, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Mr J. J. Rochford Clerk to R.D. Council, New Ross, claiming Superannuation for loss of office as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages as from 31st March 1924. Mr Rochford received fees in 1921, £34. 14^s. 0^d; 1922 £39. 2^s. 6^d; 1923 £48. 4^s. 4^d average £40. 15^s. 4^d Mr Rochford claimed £24. 2^s. 4^d. two-thirds of this lost sum as a yearly pension. The emoluments from the office of Superintendent Registrar were not taken into account when Mr Rochford was elected. The Union was

abolished Union amalgamation took place on 1st April 1922 and Mr Rochford held the office of Superintendent Registrar until 31st March 1924.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to furnish their observations in connection with the claim of Mr J. J. Rochford to pension of £27. 2. 4 per annum for his services as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for New Ross, Union."

Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was granted to G. Daly, Manager, Enniscoorthy, Co-Operative, Agricultural Society Ltds. and renewal of licence to James. J. Codd 26 & 27 Court Street, Enniscoorthy.

Wages of Engine Driver - Tara Hill Quarry

Under date 26th March 1925 letter to R/RM/32, was read from the Minister for Local Government referring to his letter of the 23rd March approving of a maximum rate of wages of 10/- per day for Engine Drivers.

Pension - Michael Furlong

Under date 23rd April, 1925, letter was read from the Secretary, County Public Health Board, stating that the Minister for Local Government Board had sanctioned pension of £15 per annum to Michael Furlong ex-Porter of the Enniscoorthy workhouse and asking if this pension could be paid monthly.

on the motion of the Chairman seconded

by Mr Hall the following resolution was 678
adopted:-

"That the Secretary County Health Board,
be informed that it is not possible for the
County Council to make provision for the
monthly payments of pensions"

Conveyance of Prisoners.

The following extract from Minutes
of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee
of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

A letter was read from Superintendent
Kilroy, New Ross, asking for a written guarantee
that the Council would pay all expenses in
connection with the arrest of Richard Cullen,
formerly of Ballinruane, Ballycullane,
and now residing at Gillerlydan, North Wales
charged with neglecting to support his two children.

Mr Elgee pointed out that the Council
were liable for the expenses of the escort
in such cases".

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded
by Mr Hayes it was decided that the County
Council pay the expenses necessarily
incurred by the Garda Síochána in
connection with the arrest of Richard Cullen.

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman
seconded by Mr Cummins.

Use of Workhouse Buildings New Ross.

The following extract from Minutes
of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee
of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

"Superior, Christian Brothers, New Ross,
wrote asking for the use of Workhouse
Fever Hospital, New Ross on 22nd & 23rd inst
for the accommodation of the Artane School
Band for fete on these days"

It was decided on the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne that permission be granted on condition that any injury done to the premises would be made good by the Committee in Charge of the Fete."

Confirmed on the Motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne.

Fencing - Co. Council Offices,

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

Under date 25 March, 1925, Mr^{Tom} Hoyle Selskar Iron Works, Wexford, wrote asking to have the fence between the Council's premises and the dumping ground on the Redmond Road made good."

"The County Surveyor stated that the Council's premises were becoming a regular commons and he recommended that 65 yards of fencing with barbed wire be carried out at a cost not exceeding £12."

Confirmed on the Motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne.

Preparation of Rate Books,

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne, the following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee from meeting of 21st April, 1925, was confirmed:-

"That the Secretary be empowered to employ the necessary temporary Clerical staff for the writing up of the Rate Books and Rate Collectors receipt & demand notes."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne, the following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee from meeting of 21st April, 1925, was confirmed:-

"That our Secretary be granted a month's leave of absence in connection with the work relating to Local Government Act 1925. That Mr J. A. Grizzle be appointed Acting Secretary during the Secretary's absence".

Licence Forms - Publicans.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 21st April, 1925, was submitted:-

"An application was read from the Clerk of the Peace for a supply of printed forms on which to submit particulars of persons licensed in the County to sell intoxicating liquor to District Court Clerks"

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O. Byrne it was decided that an order for the supply of the forms be issued".

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall.

Temporary Clerical Staff.

Under date 9th April, 1925, letter no G. 15002/1925 Wexford County, was read from the Minister for Local Government sanctioning the continuance of the temporary employment of Messrs Maloney & Hawkins to the 30th Sep^r next.

New Room Workhouse as Home for Unmarried Mothers.

Under date 24th March 1925 the Secretary County Wexford Public Health Board, wrote forwarding

report of the conference held at New Ross to consider the utilisation of New Ross Workhouse as a home for unmarried Mothers.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cummins it was agreed that the report be received and approved.

Complaint as to Trespass on Meadow

Mr Michael Stafford, Bridgetown, Davidstown, complained that in the erection of a fence near his farm a number of stones had been thrown into his meadow which caused him a considerable amount of loss.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cummins that the matter be referred to the Special Roads Committee for their inspection and report.

(Signed)

Canon O'Connell

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 22nd day of May 1925.