

WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

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MINUTES OF HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

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10th DECEMBER, 1923.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY CO. COUNCIL.

Portview, Wexford

The half-yearly meeting of Wexford Co. Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 10th December, 1923.

Present:- Mr. E. Foley Chairman (presiding) also Messrs John O'Byrne, Michael Cloney, R. Corish, John J. O'Byrne, James Byrne, J. Shannon, G. Culleton, James Hall and M. M. O'Donoghue.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### Financial Position of the Council

Under date 29th November, 1923 a letter was read from Mr M. Doyle, M.C.G., T.D., forwarding letter from Minister of Local Government. On receipt of this letter which was dated 28th November, 1923 (S.49908/23) and which stated that the matter of Local Taxation grants in Wexford County was receiving his personal attention, Mr. Doyle went immediately to see the Minister but did not find him. He had an interview with the private Secretary to the Minister and explained to the latter the condition of the finances of the Council. He pointed out to this gentleman that the Ministry were doing more harm to the Council by withholding grants than the foreign government did at any time. It was really humiliating to be begging for the money of the County in this way.

The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to appoint a small deputation to wait upon the Minister of Local Government and point out to him the condition of the finances of the County. It was quite possible that notice might be received any day from the National Bank (the Councils' Treasurer) that Pay

Orders would not be longer honoured, as we find the overdraft at this day's meeting to be £50,315: 12: 7d."

The above recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr O'Donoghue.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue:-

" That the following deputation be appointed to wait on the Minister of Local Government on Thursday 13th instant and that Messrs R. Corish T.D., and Michael Doyle T.D., be requested to accompany the deputation:-

The Chairman and Mr. John O'Byrne with the Secretary"

#### Ex-Rate Collectors' Compensation

In connection with this matter a letter was received from the Ministry of Local Government acknowledging letter of 4th December. The Minister desired to state that he feels confident the Co. Council will act in accordance with their legal obligations in the matter. He (Minister) was bringing the whole matter to the attention of the Minister of Finance.

The Council discussed the statement which appeared in the "Irish Independent" of the 7th December, 1923 under the heading "Wexford Collectors" and exception was taken to the observations attributed to the President that the Council had not sustained a farthing of loss. They hold if the old Collectors had been allowed to have remained in office they would have been able to have had the rate collection on a proper footing. But to replace them the Council had been obliged to appoint men who, while willing to carry out the wishes of the Council were not familiar with the Districts to which they had been appointed, and received very little outside help in this particular matter

In the case of some of these men their service was so short that they were not entitled to any superannuation. The Council distinctly objected to any official who refused to carry out their instructions being compensated by receiving the highest penny to which they were entitled under English law.

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

"That our Secretary prepare a statement of the circumstances re the cases of each Ex-Rate Collector and that the deputation which is to wait on the Minister of Local Government on Thursday 13th instant endeavour to have this matter discussed with the Ministry of Local Government. That particulars of each case be also submitted to the Minister of Finance and Minister for Home Affairs"

#### Rate Collection

The state of the Rate Collection as follows was submitted:-

There is outstanding on Rates for  
 1921-22 £5,634: 19: 5d and on Rate for  
 1923 £4,172: 15: 5d. The amount of  
 Collectors' Warrants for  
 1924 was £120,550  
 and of this a sum of 1,674: 16: 3d was collected to date.  
 The Collectors were at present laying down demand notes and  
 procuring data for the preparation of Register of Voters.

#### Rate Collection - No 2 District.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Mr. Francis Sutton and Mr. J. Quirke (Collector for No 1 Collection District) be instructed to attend Co. Council meeting on Monday 10th instant to allow of the arrears of

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Rate in No 2 District being considered, in view of the unsatisfactory condition of the collection.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne. was adopted

The following resolution/on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cloney:-

"That Collector Quirke be granted an extension of time to 31st December, 1923 to close Rate Collection in No 2 Collection *District* and in the meantime proceedings be taken against all defaulting rate-payers so that by 31st December all outstanding rates will be covered by Decree or proceedings having been taken.

### No 9 Collection District.

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The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That a definite statement be obtained from Miss O'Byrne, deputy collector for No 9 District, as to whether her brother intends resuming his position as Rate Collector".

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J O'Byrne.

The Secretary stated that he had received the following telegram from Miss O'Byrne:-

"Definite statement from my brother who will resume work".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr James Byrne:-

"That Collector P O'Byrne be instructed to resume duty within ten days from this date. That our Secretary furnish him with Collecting Books for Rate, 1923-24, as soon as a covering note for fidelity guarantee bond has been received".

### Collection District No 3.

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Under date, 5th December, 1923, Mr N Kehoe, Assistant Clerk, Wexford Rural District Council, forwarded letters from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, demanding payment of Rates. The Rural District Council stated ~~that~~ it was alleged that the Collector never called on the parties concerned prior to the receipt of the notices.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Mr P Walsh, Collector for No 3 Collection District, be asked for his observations re allegations made at meeting of Wexford Rural District Council that he had never called on certain ratepayers in his district prior to issue of letters from Solicitor, demanding payment of Rates".

Under date 8th December, 1923, the following explanation was read from Mr P Walsh, Collector:-

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"I received your communication and documents re allegations made by Mr Davy at meeting of Wexford District Council, alleging that I served six days' notices on persons in Bannow District without having first called to their houses. While I admit that I am not infallible, I am not aware of any such cases, but beg to remind the County Council that I have called to several houses in Bannow and other districts on different occasions only to find the doors locked against me. I would also like to point out that these people had six months in which to pay their Rates to the National Bank, between the time the demand notes were served and the service of six days' notice. And I am sure it would not be a very great hardship on anyone, if he had the money waiting, as Mr Davy alleges, to send me a line to that effect, and I would soon relieve them of their burden. I will attend next meeting of District Council to answer above allegation".

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

"That we consider the explanation, received from Collector Patrick Walsh, relative to allegations made at Wexford District Council Meeting (that he had never called on persons for rates), as satisfactory".

Ex-Rate Collector John A Ryan.  
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An application was received from Mr John A Ryan, ex-Rate Collector, under date 31st October, 1923, for payment of poundage on £254:13:3, lodged to the credit of the Council. The matter had been referred from the meeting of the County Council of 19th November, 1923, to the Finance and Roads Committee.

The Secretary stated the amount in question had been lodged on 9th April, 1921.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to pay amount of poundage due Mr J A Ryan, ex-Rate Collector, in respect of lodgment of £254:13:3".

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 The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was ~~con-~~  
~~signed~~ *adjourned* on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Hall.

#### Prosecutions for Rates.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-

"That, as regards prosecutions against defaulting ratepayers, in respect of Rate for 1923-24, the Rate Collectors be instructed they must employ their own Solicitors, thus reverting to the procedure which obtained under normal conditions".

#### Rate Collectors' Poundage.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-

"That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to issue immediate sanction for the payment of poundage to all Rate Collectors, who have lodged the amount of their Collections, except for outstanding amounts covered by decree, or in respect of which proceedings have been instituted. That poundage be also paid on amount of old bank lodgments in so far as same have been identified in Collectors' Districts by the Chairman".

#### Road Administration.

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##### Road Grants.

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Under date 28th November, 1923, (R/SG/32), the Ministry of Local Government wrote in reference to Trunk Road Grant of £3,510, asking if the County Surveyor had obtained lists of demobilised men from local Office of Ministry of Industry and Commerce in accordance with the terms of circular letter of 24th October, 1923. Having regard to the rate of wages paid to agricultural labourers in Wexford County, the maximum rate, which appeared to be payable to labourers employed on work under this Grant, is 4/6 per day. The Ministry noted that the estimated cost of the work was £15 in excess of the Grant allocated.

Circular R 35, Roads Department (Ministry of Local <sup>9</sup>Government), under date 27th November, relative to proposed National grant of a

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million and a quarter for road improvement, was also read.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, in connection with paragraph four in circular letter, R 35, of Roads Department, Ministry of Local Government, Messrs M Doyle, T D, and R Corish, T D, be requested to ask the Ministry what power County Councils have, under existing law, to interfere in any way with estimates for roads and works, which have been adopted by Rural District Councils".

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, in connection with letter from Ministry of Local Government, under date 28th November, 1923, (R/SG/32) we would ask the County Council to point out to the Ministry that the wage of 6s 4d per day, paid to Road workers, was fixed by agreement between all parties concerned. We believe, if the Ministry are not prepared to accept this rate in respect of work to be carried out under trunk road grant of £3,510, it would be useless for the Council to arrange for a scheme for utilisation of grant. The rate of wage now paid has been fixed for the County Scheme of Direct Labour, and, in our opinion, should not be altered. There would be nothing but endless trouble and confusion to have two sets of workers, carrying out similar work at different rates of wages. We feel that any alteration in present wages would only upset the Direct Labour Scheme, which ~~xxxx~~ has been approved by the Ministry, and, unless the latter are prepared to fall in with our views in this regard, it will be impossible for the Council to take advantage of the grant".

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

"That a Sub-Committee be appointed to consider Circular letter, R 35, under date 28th November, 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government, and recommendations from Finance and Roads Committee re same, the first meeting of the said Committee to be held on Tuesday, 18th instant, in the County Council Chamber, Wexford, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The following were then selected as a Sub-Committee:-

The Chairman, Messrs Corish, Cloney, Culleton, Hall, John O'Byrne, Doyle and Shannon.

In regard to the letter from the Ministry of Local Government, under date, 28th November, 1923, R/SG/32, (Proposed Trunk Road Grant of £3,510), the following was moved by Mr Corish, and seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-

"That the minute of the Finance and Roads Committee, relative to proposed Trunk Road Grant of £3,510, be confirmed".

As an amendment, Mr J J O'Byrne proposed, and Mr O'Donoghue seconded:-

"That consideration of the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee, submitted to this day's meeting, relative to proposed Trunk Road Grant of £3,510, be adjourned until after the Sub-Committee, appointed to deal with expenditure on roads, etc., as per circular letter, received from Ministry of Local Government, read at this day's meeting, has met and reported to the County Council".

A poll was then taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs John J O'Byrne, Hall, James Byrne, Cloney, O'Donoghue, and the Chairman. 6.

Against:- Messrs Shannon, Culleton, John O'Byrne and Corish. 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried. On being put as the substantive motion, it was carried nem. con.

#### Economy in General Administration.

Under date, 4th December, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G 50875-1923), calling attention to the necessity of exercising economy in local administration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by ~~xxx~~ Mr Cloney:-

"That the circular letter from Ministry of Local Government (G 50875-1923), under date 4th December, 1923, be referred to Sub-Committee, appointed at this day's meeting to consider circular letter R 32 ~~to the effect of R/SG/32~~, in connection with Road Administration and Trunk Roads".

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Newtownbarry Dispensary District & Special Expenses.  
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Sealed Order (No 3L871-1923), under date, 21st November, 1923, and fixing the Newtownbarry Dispensary District as the area of charge for all expenses in carrying out the provisions of Section 49 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, within the limits or boundaries of the townland of Newtownbarry, was received from the Ministry of Local Government.

Enniscorthy R D Council and Direct Labour Scheme.  
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Under date 3rd December, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (R/RL/32) that the Enniscorthy Rural District Council could not be authorised to raise an overdraft for expenditure on Roads. It was pointed out that the authorised limit for road expenditure in Enniscorthy Rural District, for the financial year ending 31st March next, is £26,242, over three and a half times the original statutory limit, and the Rural District Council, therefore, must work within the present limit for the current financial year.

No Order.

Mr J J Fanning, ex-Clerk, Gorey Union.  
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Under date, 30th November, 1923, the following letter (No P 49863/1923, Wexford County) from the Ministry of Local Government was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, in regard to the superannuation of Mr J J Fanning in consideration of his services as Clerk of Gorey Union, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to point out that, although Mr Fanning had only two years' service as Clerk and the remainder of his service was given in a minor capacity, his pension was calculated on the average of his salary and emoluments for the three years prior to the termination of his employment, and 50 per cent was added to the period of his service for the purposes of calculation. In the circumstances, the Minister considers that Mr Fanning's claims have been adequately dealt with".

Under date 7th December, 1923, a letter was read from Mr Fanning, pointing out that he had been an Assistant to the late Clerk of Gorey Union (Mr Creighton) for 15 years from 1907, and it appeared this was not taken into account by the Minister of Local Government in fixing his superannuation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr John J O'Byrne:-

"That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to state why they have not provided any compensation to Mr J J Fanning, late Clerk, Gorey Union, in respect of the 15 years, for which he acted as Assistant to Mr Creighton, the late Clerk".

#### Grant from British Government of £450.

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Under date 30th November, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G 49848/1923, Wexford County Council), approving of the Council's proposal to distribute £20 of the £450, recovered from the British Government, in respect of overtime for County Council Staff.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, applied for payment of the rent of County Hall during its occupancy by the Black-and-Tans, and which had been earmarked as portion of the amount included in payment of £450 from the British Government.

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

"That rent of County Hall, paid by the British Government, during the period for which the premises were occupied by the Black-and-Tans, be paid over to the landlord's representatives".

#### Sale of House at County Home.

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Under date 30th November, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (A 49849-1923, Wexford Co. Board of Health) that, with regard to the proposed sale of house at County Home to Mrs Cosgrave, they would be glad to be furnished with information, for the purpose of issuing formal consent to the sale of this property, as to the townland, parish and rural district in which the property, proposed to be sold, is

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situate. They presumed the Wexford County Council were satisfied as to the expediency of the sale and the price offered for the property.

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

"That, in connection with the proposed sale of house at County Home to Mrs Cosgrave, the Council have already approved of the sale as, in their opinion, the price offered is an excellent one".

#### Preparation of Register of Electors.

Under date 29th November, 1923, the Minister of Local Government wrote (F 49846-1923, Wexford County) that, in reference to the resolution of the County Council on 19th November, 1923, relative to the preparation of the Register of Electors, the Register at present in course of preparation should come into force on the 1st June next.

#### Local Elections.

Under date, 3rd December, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (F 49851/23, Wexford County) that, in compliance with the wishes of the majority of the Electors in the Registration Unit of Horetown, the polling station at Traceystown West National School would be transferred to Cullentown Little National Schools.

#### Employment of Demobilised Soldiers.

Under date, 3rd December, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote, referring to the letter of the President of the Government on the duty of providing in civil life for officers and men demobilised from the Army. The Ministry had been charged with the supervision of arranging for the absorption of demobilised soldiers into the service of local authorities. In order to determine the vacancies, etc., he requested that form attached to his letter should be completed and forwarded to the Manager of the Labour Exchange as soon as possible.

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

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"That this County Council are prepared to honour the following undertaking- 'In selecting workers for all present and future vacancies in this establishment, we undertake to give preference to men who have served in the National Army and to notify such vacancies to the nearest Employment Exchange or Branch Office of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, with a view to having suitable demobilised men sent us'- with the following reservation- 'With due regard always to men offering themselves, who were for a considerable time unemployed; married men to receive first preference'".

Nursing Tuberculous Patients - New Ross District.

Under date, 21st November, 1923, the Minister for Local Government wrote (P H 48462-1923, Wexford County) that, subject to the ratification of the proposal by the Wexford County Council, the Minister concurs in the proposed subsidy from Wexford County Tuberculosis Committee of £20 per annum to the New Ross Nursing Association for the "part-time" services of Nurse H A Murphy for attendance on tuberculous patients.

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

"That we approve of the arrangements, proposed to be entered into by the County Tuberculosis Committee with New Ross Nursing Association, for the services of Nurse Murphy for tuberculous patients at £20 per ~~ann~~ annum, half to be contributed by County Insurance Committee, and payment to begin as from date Nurse Murphy took up duty, and which should be certified by Dr O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer."

Law Costs of Late Board of Guardians, New Ross.

Under date 30th November, 1923, the Minister of Local Government wrote (G 49850-1923, Wexford County) that, as Bills of Costs of Messrs Colfer and Son, Solicitors, New Ross, amounting to £305:12:4, and which were incurred for late New Ross Guardians, were taxed on 19th July last, they only became due as from that date, and the time limit of Local Government Act, 1898, would not operate until after 31st December, 1923.

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It was decided that the amount be paid.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 5th December, 1923, the Secretary, Ministry of Education, wrote (Ed 5576/23), expressing the regret of the Minister of Education for the delay which had occurred in dealing with the letter from the Council, under date 24th October, 1923. The Rules were now practically ready for publication, and an advance copy was enclosed for the guidance of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Donoghue:-

"That this Council approve of the regulations, proposed to be issued by the Ministry of Education, governing the award of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools as submitted to this meeting, and consider that any expenditure in the conduct of the examination should be borne by the Ministry".

Food and Drugs Acts.

Under date 24th November, 1923, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G 3295/23) that an officer of the Department obtained, on 2nd November, 1923, at Enniscorthy four samples of butter for analysis. These were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County Wexford, who certified that they were genuine.

Under date, 30th November, 1923, Guard Dalton, Gorey, requisitioned articles for use in connection with taking samples under Food and Drugs Acts.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That the Council approve of requisition from Guard Dalton for articles required by him as Ex-Officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts. We would ask Guard Dalton to exercise all possible economy in the purchase of said articles."

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The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, Guard Dalton to be asked to state prices at which articles are to be supplied.

Ex-Officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 30th November, 1923, Mr P Kilroy, Inspector, Civic Guard, Wexford, wrote that, owing to the transfer of Sergeant Morley, from Enniscorthy, a vacancy had arisen in that district for an Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts. He put forward the name of Sergeant J McDermott, Enniscorthy, for the position.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That J McDermott be appointed ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the District of Enniscorthy".

Weights & Measures Standards.

Under date 23rd November, 1923, the Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, PowerSection, wrote that tenders for above had now been finally adjusted, and the final figures of the tenders for the County Wexford were:-

Messrs De Grave, Short & Co Ltd.,	London. <del>Wexford</del> ,	£114: 8:0
Messrs W & T Avery, Ltd.	London & Birmingham	119:12:9
Messrs Gertling Ltd.,	London.	161: 4:6

The Council were asked to confirm the acceptance of the tender of Messrs De Grave, Short & Co., Ltd., Naylor Street, London, S.E. 15.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the acceptance of tender of Messrs De Grave, Short & Co., Ltd., Naylor Street, London, S.E.15, for supply of requisites under Weights and Measures Acts at £114:8:0, which is only £2:18:6 above provisional tender which has been already approved by the Council, articles to be supplied as per schedule given with letter from Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Power Section, No 2575a, under date 23rd November, 1923."

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The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cloney.

Foot & Mouth Disease.

The warning and appeal, relative to above, from the Minister of Agriculture, was read for the meeting.

Alleged Breaches of Sheep Scab Order.

Under date 4th December, 1923, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (S S 145/23), asking what steps had been taken to institute legal proceedings against Thomas Shannon, Garryhaston, Clonegal, and Henry Ryan, Clonegal, for breaches of Article 1 of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to proceed against Thomas Shannon, Garryhaston, Clonegal, and Henry Ryan of Clonegal for alleged breaches of Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905".

Terms and Conditions of Employment of Road and Quarry Workers.

The draft terms and conditions of the employment of Road and Quarry Workers, submitted by the County Surveyor, and as appearing on the Minutes of Finance and Roads Committee of 6th December, 1923, were read.

The following minute of Finance and Roads Committee was submitted:-

"After discussion as to the terms of dismissal, the following was agreed to in substitution for what appears in the draft:-

"Any man may be suspended without notice for gross inefficiency, slacking or disobedience. The County Surveyor may close down any job at once on his being satisfied that the work is not proceeding economically or in a proper manner. Assistant Surveyors or Gangers may suspend labourers or carters, pending investigation of complaint by Finance and Roads Committee. Gangers can be suspended in the

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 same manner by Assistant Surveyors. All such suspensions are at once to be reported to the County Surveyor. If suspension be confirmed by Finance and Roads Committee, man concerned will be entitled to wages up to date of suspension only. If man be reinstated, there shall be no interruption to payment of his wages from the date of his suspension.

"That, with the exception of this reservation, the terms and conditions of employment as submitted by County Surveyor be and are hereby agreed to, and forwarded to the County Council for confirmation, as the figures, now before us, are those which have been included in our Direct Labour Scheme".

In further connection with this matter, the County Surveyor submitted return of wages paid to Road and Quarry Workers in other Counties:-

Gangers (paid in Wexford), 42/- to 50/- per week; average for other Counties, 46/6.

Road Labourers (Wexford), 38/-; average, 36/-.

Hours (Wexford), 50; average, 50 per week.

Horse, car and driver (Wexford)- varying price according to size of cart and horse, 10/- to 14/- per day; average, 11/6 per day.

Engine Driver (Wexford), 70/- per week; average, 60/-.

Machinery Overseer (Wexford), 100/- per week; average, 100/-.

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

"That the recommendations of the Finance and Roads Committee, relative to the terms of employment and dismissal of Road and Quarry Workers, be referred to the Special Committee, appointed at this day's meeting to deal with expenditure on roads, etc."

#### Yard for Pound at Enniscorthy.

Under date 10th November, 1923, the Manager, Enniscorthy, Co-Operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., wrote that they had a nice, compact, walled-in yard, adjoining yard of County Council in Enniscorthy, which the Society would be prepared to let to the Council at a reasonable rent for use as a Public Pound.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society be informed that the County Council do not require a yard in Enniscorthy at present".

Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

Sessions Offices.

Enniscorthy.

Under date 17th November, 1923, Mr D Doran, Registrar, District Sessions Court, Enniscorthy, wrote that he did not consider it fair he should be asked to pay for Sessions Office from the time he went into occupation of same, viz., 1st March, 1923, down to the date upon which he applied to the Council for same, considering the fact the Offices were used solely for the purpose of Public Business.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, having considered the letter of Mr Doran, Registrar, District Sessions Court, Enniscorthy, under date 17th November, 1923, relative to payment of rent for District Sessions Office in Enniscorthy, the Finance and Roads Committee cannot see their way to recommend any change in the resolution adopted in this matter by the County Council. We are of opinion that the decision of the Council has met the situation very fairly, the Council having agreed to pay as from the date of his first application, viz., 17th July, 1923".

In connection with District Sessions Office, Enniscorthy, Mrs Moore, 30 Court Street, Enniscorthy, owner of the premises, wrote that she was not prepared to sell the office furniture for £4:15:0, valuation arrived at by the County Surveyor, as she had an offer at present of more than this amount for the pigeon-hole press alone; she would, however, be prepared, to accept £9 for the furniture. As to the rent, she was willing to accept £26 per annum, but, as Mr Doran had been in occupation of the office since 1st March last, the tenancy should commence, and rent be paid at £26 per

year from that date.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be directed to interview Mrs Moore as to purchase of furniture for District Sessions Office in Enniscorthy and report result of same to next available meeting of the Council".

Gorey.

The Secretary submitted a letter from J V Fahy, District Justice, pointing out that Mr P J Byrne, Clerk, Gorey Sessions Court, had paid £15:10:0 for rent of office to 1st September, 1923, and requesting that this amount should be refunded to Mr Byrne.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"The Finance and Roads Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to incur any liability as regards District Sessions Office at Gorey beyond that covered by the resolution of the Council, adopted at the meeting on the 19th November, 1923".

Mr James Byrne proposed the confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Roads Committee as regards the application of Mr D Doran, Registrar, District Sessions Court, Enniscorthy.

Mr Cloney seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Shannon proposed:-

"That the County Council be responsible for payment of rent of the District Sessions Office, Enniscorthy, from the date upon which the premises were first occupied as a sessions office, viz., 1st March, 1923".

Mr Corish seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Culleton, Shannon, Corish. 3.

Against:- Messrs John O'Byrne, Hall, James Byrne, Cloney, O'Donoghue, John J O'Byrne, and the Chairman. 7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was then put as the substantive motion and passed nem. con.

In connection with proposed purchase of office furniture from Mrs Moore, the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

In connection with the claim of Mr P J Byrne for payment of £15:10:0 for rent of premises, Mr Cloney, proposed the confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Roads Committee.

Mr J J O'Byrne, seconded. Adopted.

Road 68G - Gorey.

Under date 1st December, 1923, Messrs M J O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, wrote that an informal tender of Michael Kilty, had been accepted by the Gorey Rural District Council. Mr John Ouley, their client, objected to this, and contended that his tender, which was the next lowest, should have been accepted.

Under date 7th December, 1923, Mr John J Fanning, Clerk, Gorey Rural District Council, wrote with reference to contract on road, No 68G. He pointed out that through an oversight Michael Kilty had not his tender signed until it came before the meeting. It was only a technical omission, and the members present overlooked the informality. He stated that, in any case, the tender of Mr John Ouley would have been ruled out, as he holds over 20 statute acres of land, and the Rural District Council had made a ruling that any person, holding over that amount of land, should not be given a road contract.

No order was made, as neither Mr Ouley nor his Solicitors were in attendance, and they had been informed that it was necessary to give three clear days' notice of their objection to Mr Kilty.

Motor Car Administration.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, in connection with letter of 14th November, 1923, M T/20(/32, from Ministry of Local Government, we recommend that, unless the sum of £645:11:5, claim for expenses for Motor Car

Administrative work, be lodged to the credit of the Council within ten days from this date, the collection of Motor Duty, etc., be suspended and remain in abeyance until said amount has been received by the Council".

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Jas Byrne.

Under date 23rd November, 1923, a letter was read from Messrs P A Murphy & Co., Solicitors, Waterford, applying for remission of fine of £20, for not having paid motor duty for quarter ended 30th June, 1923, and inflicted on Mr William Murphy, Waterside, Waterford, horse dealer.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, in connection with application of Mr William Murphy, Waterside, Waterford, for remission of fine, inflicted for failure to pay motor duty, for quarter ended 30th June, 1923, as the motor car in question was - from information supplied to us - used for two quarters without appropriate tax having been paid, we cannot see our way to recommend the Council to make any reduction in the amount of fine, which was imposed in this case".

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-

"That prosecutions be instituted against the following, reported for alleged breaches of the Motor Car Act and Finance Act:-

Thompson Bros., The Quay, Wexford; John Deegan, Brideswell, Craanford; Anthony Kehoe, Fairfield, Enniscorthy; G Flood, Castleboro, Clonroche; A J Clarkin, 204 Great Brunswick Street, Dublin; G George H Lett, Millpark Road, Enniscorthy."

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Midwives Act, 1918.  
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In accordance with instructions from meeting of County Council of 19th November, 1923, the Secretary submitted a memorandum, explanatory of the provisions of Midwives Act, 1918, and of the Regulations and Memoranda issued thereunder by Ministry of Local Government and laid same before the Finance and Roads Committee.

Correspondence from the Ministry was also submitted. In their communications, the Ministry pointed out that, as a temporary arrangement, they would agree to the appointment of the Tuberculosis Officer to carry out the general supervision of the midwives of the County.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, in connection with administration of Midwives Act, 1918, the Ministry of Local Government be requested to inform the Council as to what is really the meaning of the 'general supervision' which is to be carried out by the Medical Officer, and how many visits they consider should be paid to each midwife".

"That, in order to estimate the volume of work to be performed, the Secretary, County Board of Health, be requested to obtain from the Relieving Officers, for the information of the County Council, the number of midwives in their districts practising, whether employed under the County Board of Health or otherwise".

Under date, 25th September, 1923, the Secretary, Central Midwives Board for Ireland, wrote that, under Section 13 of Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, any balance against the Board, as approved by the Minister of Local Government, may be apportioned amongst the County and County Borough Councils in proportion to their rateable valuation, and it was mandatory on these Councils to pay the amounts so apportioned.

The Secretary stated that the amount apportioned against Wexford County Council was £15:2:3.

The Following recommendation was made by the Finance and Roads Committee:-

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 "The Council should point out, as regards account for £15:2:3 from Central Midwives Board, that the Council have not yet adopted the Midwives Act of 1918, though they have the matter under consideration. And, in view of this fact, they consider they should not be held responsible for the payment in question".

Mr Cloney proposed:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee, relative to securing information as to 'general supervision' ~~xxxx~~ of midwives under the Midwives Act, be confirmed".

Mr John O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee, relative to demand of £15:2:3 from Central Midwives Board, was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon.

#### Proposed Ministry of Health.

The Secretary submitted Minutes of Meeting of General Council of County Councils, held on 11th July, 1923, dealing with recommendations in connection with Public Health legislation.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"We consider that the time is not opportune to deal with the important and far-reaching recommendations, relative to Public Health, submitted from the General Council of County Councils".

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr John J O'Byrne.

#### County Wexford Insurance Society.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That, in order to have payments for benefits, etc., made punctually, it is absolutely essential that one of the trustees of the Society should reside in Wexford town, and, we accordingly

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suggest that Mr John Sinnott should be appointed a Trustee, provided Mr John Cummins, recently appointed, is satisfied to resign".

The above recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr John J O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Culleton.

Mountgarrett Bridge.  
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Under date, 3rd December, 1923, Mr Thomas Drew, Secretary, Kilkenny County Council, wrote he did not consider it advisable at present to invite tenders for erection of new bridge at Ferry Mountgarrett. He stated it would be necessary for the Wexford County Council to formally notify the Kilkenny County Council that they had approved of the proposal to erect a suitable bridge, and that they were willing to defray half cost of same. He further pointed out that the Wexford County Council should also nominate representatives to act in conjunction with a like number of representatives of the Kilkenny County Council to act as a Joint Committee having charge of the work. It would be for this Committee to approve of the plan and specifications and to invite and accept tenders.

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

"That the immediate attention of the Ministry of Local Government be drawn to the necessity of issuing sanction to loan for re-construction of Mountgarrett Bridge, as it is most important to set about the work without further delay in order to prevent considerable waste of money in repairing the old structure. That the following be appointed representatives on Mountgarrett Bridge Joint Committee:- Messrs John J O'Byrne, James Byrne, Cloney, Cummins, and Michael Byrne".

Gorey Rural District Council.  
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Under date 26th November, 1923, Mr John J Fanning, Clerk, Gorey Rural District Council, wrote that his Council had decided to transact no further business until the political prisoners were released.

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Demand on New Ross Urban Council.  
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Under date 28th November, 1923, Mr Finn, Clerk, New Ross Urban Council, wrote, relative to the payment of the demand by the County Council, that he was directed to inform the County Council that his Council were not in a position to pay an instalment at present.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"We recommend the County Council, in view of the fact that the New Ross Urban Council have made no serious attempt to collect their Rates, to proceed against said Council by mandamus, unless a substantial portion of the demand of the County Council be paid at once.

Mr Cloney proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee, relative to proceedings against New Ross Urban Council, for failure to pay demand of County Council, be confirmed".

Passed, Mr Corish dissenting.

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Wexford R. D. Council of Roads.

Under date 19th November, 1923 the following was read from Clerk Wexford R. D. Council:-

The following resolutions were passed by the Council at their half-yearly meeting held on last Saturday the 17th instant:-

1. "That the several damaged bridges in Wexford Rural District in the list submitted by the Co. Surveyor be repaired at cost not exceeding £832:10/-, but that no work be commenced without a specific resolution from the Co. Council, and that the money required for the purpose be provided out of the six penny (6d) rate, from a Government Grant, or failing these sources that the necessary money be borrowed.

2. That the work of removing the corners and making new road at the "Pigs Elbow" at a cost of £90, and £10 for compensation for the owner of the land, be done by Direct Labour, and that no tender for the haulage for this work be invited except from a member of the Union.

3. In accordance with Section 3 in the Direct Labour Scheme, and at the request of the Co. Surveyor it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Mr. J. O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. P. Hayes to recommend the County Council to transfer the surplus £160, on road No 32 W (Section J) to Road 23W (Section E)".

Under date 7th December, 1923 the Ministry of Local Government wrote R/JRL/32 that there appeared to be no objection to the proposal to transfer to section 23, £160 of the expenditure estimated to be defrayed on section 32 of the proposed Direct Labour Scheme.

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

"That as regards haulage in connection with the removal of corners etc at the "Pigs Elbow", Kilmore the Co. Surveyor employ any person for this purpose he considers suitable, whether a member of a Union or not, these being the definite terms of the resolution of this Co. Council adopted on the subject of haulage sometime since "

#### Flooding of Cottages

Under date 4th December, 1923 the Clerk Wexford R. D. Council wrote that a plot attached to the cottage of Patrick Doyle, Yoletown was constantly flooded by reason of a water course on the land of Mr. Power, Thornville being choked.

Mr. Culleton said that a cottage occupied by Nicholas Furlong, Ballybeg, Killinick was in exactly the same condition.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to report as to flooding of lands attached to cottages occupied by P. Doyle, Yoletown and Nicholas Furlong, Ballybeg, Killinick "

#### Proposed Erection of House.

Under date 7th December, 1923 Miss Ellen Turner, Rochestown, New Ross wrote asking the Council's permission to erect a wooden house on plot adjoining the Road at Rochestown.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne:-

"That permission be granted to Miss Ellen Turner to erect wooden house at Rochestown as we are informed the structure will not cause any obstruction to traffic".

#### Cutting of Hedges

#### Case of Mr. M. M. O'Donoghue

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In connection with this matter the Committee appointed at the meeting of the Co. Council on the 19th November, 1923 reported as follows:-

"In pursuance of directions of the Co. Council the Chairman (Mr. E. P. Foley) and Mr. John O'Byrne visited the farm of Mr. M. O'Donoghue M.C.C. on 26th November, 1923 relative to the complaint of the latter as to the cutting of a hedge. In this case Ganger Swords visited Mr. O'Donoghue's place on at least two occasions and requested Mr. O'Donoghue to see that hedges were cut. Mr. O'Donoghue was absent on each occasion. Mrs O'Donoghue stated she would tell Mr. O'Donoghue. About three weeks after the last visit was made as nothing was done ten days notice was served by Thomas Flood Ballyoughna, Killenogh, , Flood being the man engaged at work on road adjoining Mr. O'Donoghue's hedge. No attempt was made to attend to notice, proceedings were taken on 9th March and double order made viz:- "If hedge was not cut within ten days the Council to enter and carry out the work". On the 26th March Ganger Swords again called on Mr. O'Donoghue and asked him to carry out the order made by Court. In the event of this not being done the Co. Council would be obliged to do the work. Mr. O'Donoghue stated in reply to this that he had no help and could not do the work. Ganger Swords then informed Mr. O'Donoghue that he would be obliged to proceed next day as time (31st March) when such work could be done would soon be up. Accordingly on 27th March four men were started and the cutting of the hedge finished on the evening of 31st March.

We would point out that when the case was called tho' Mr. O'Donoghue was summoned to attend he did not appear and allowed the case go by default.

We consider the hedge was cut as well as could be expected

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under time limit as no cutting could be legally carried out after 31st March. Some people made gaps in the hedge to take away boughs etc which had fallen in the field. This gives the hedge a very ugly look but, in our opinion it had nothing to say to the work carried out for the Co. Council. Of course if Mr. O'Donoghue had carried out the work himself he probably would have done a better job. Mr. O'Donoghue contended that the Council should not have cut his and similar hedges but not alone the present Co. Council but the old Council and the Dail had directed that all hedges which it was considered were an injury to roads and prevented the play of wind and sun upon them should be cut.

In our opinion no blame can be attached to any employee of the Council in connection with this case. We fail to see that Mr. O'Donoghue has any real grievance in the matter.

Mr. George Black, Garrynew.

In this case Ganger Swords had repeatedly asked Mr. Black to cut hedge but Mr. Black stated could not get men to do the work. As it was quite clear he (Mr. Black) did not mean to cut ten days notice was served by M. Kane, The Moor, Killenogh, Contracot for road (148G). Since this notice was unattended to proceedings were taken on 9th March. Mr. Black attended at Court and stated he would cut the hedge. The District Justice allowed the case to stand to enable Mr. Black to have work done, on the understanding that if it was not done within time given (ten days) then the Council were to enter without further proceedings and carry out the work. Mr. Treanor attended Court 23rd March and reported nothing done and the District Justice then confirmed the decision given on 9th March entitling Council to do the work. On the 26th March Ganger Swords again called on Mr. Black and asked him to proceed with cutting.

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Mr. Black informed him he could'nt as he had neither time nor help consequently on 27th March ten men were employed and work proceeded with and finished about 10 a.m. on 30th March.

Mr. Black is in error when he states 40 men were sent to cut the hedge, also that the best part of the hedge was cut when men were sent to do the work. If Mr. Black had had any cutting done it is more than likely he would have pointed it out to Ganger Swords on 26th instant, as evidence of his intention to do the work. Ganger Swords is quite certain no cutting was done when he started men to work on 27th March.

We found 14 or 15 yards of this hedge badly cut but on close examination we came to the conclusion that portion of this had been cut later and at particular parts we noticed that the cutting was camouflaged with sods and mud to cover the fresh cutting. This was apparently done recently.

Mr. Black stated that he had been carrying out the work for some days before the County Council employes came on the scene, but from the evidence of the Ganger and others we believe no cutting was carried out previous to that done by Co. Council men.

We consider Mr. Black has no grievance. If we had been convinced that Mr. Black had not been given time to cut this hedge or had actually started work before Co. Council men undertook the work the Committee might have taken a different view but from all the evidence which the Committee secured we believe that Mr. Black received ample time to carry out the work and made no attempt to obey the order of the Court.

No complaint had been made to the Council in either of these cases until the meeting in November although the proceedings were instituted in March last.

Messrs Kavanagh & Hall the other members of the sub-Committee were unable to be present.

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

"That the report of Committee relative to cutting of hedges at the premises of Mr. M. M. O'Donoghue and Mr. George Black be received and adopted"

#### Haulage on Roads.

<sup>M.C.C.</sup> Mr. Hayes complained that a man named Jones the son of a farmer with 14 acres of land in Taghmon District had been employed at haulage while two men named Donovan and Hayes who had to live by cartage and had no land were left unemployed.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Jones had sold some material to the Co. Council last year and had arranged to break this material. When extra material was required Mr. Birthistle had employed Jones. The latter had to haul only from 20 to 25 yards.

A resolution was adopted by the Finance and Roads Committee directing Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor to exercise careful supervision over employment for haulage of material in future.

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

#### Road 235W.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. James Kelly, Ganger reported that on Wednesday 21st November, 1923 John Ennis, Road Labourer found Francis Newport, Milltown, Taghat (a boy) working for Walter Doyle, Milltown removing gravel from a road Depot/235W <sup>R3</sup> WK Section) Newport used an ass and cart the property of Doyle. Ennis made Newport empty the cart and then reported the matter to Kelly. Kelly called at Newport's house but could not see him; he saw his mother who stated that no gravel had been brought there. Kelly next visited Doyle who stated he sent Newport to draw gravel from the seashore. Newport told Doyle he got the stuff at shore

near Walshes' Corner.

This matter was considered by Finance & Roads Committee which decided that report of Ganger James Kelly as to material having been taken from Road 235W be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor with a view to taking proceedings in respect of same.

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

#### Damage done to Road by Railway Company

Under date 5th December, 1923 Mr. J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor reported that Road 196R would require 200 cubic yards of material to repair the damage caused by the Contractor who was employed by the Railway Company in rebuilding Taylorstown Bridge, viz., John Hearn & Son, South Parade, Waterford. Mr. Kehoe considered it would take £200 to put the road into repair.

The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the report of Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 5th December, 1923 as to injury caused by Messrs Hearn & Son South Parade, Waterford to Road 196 R. be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor with a view to proceedings to recover cost of putting this road into proper repair."

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

#### Proposed Quarry at Poulmarle.

Mr. Hayes suggested that steps should be taken to procure a quarry at Poulmarle near Taghmon and which he understood would be available. The draught from present quarries to roads was very expensive owing to distance.

The Co. Surveyor stated they had a quarry at Taghmon but it had been found unsuitable owing to the difficulty of getting

the material out of it. He would be glad if a suitable quarry could be procured in the neighbourhood.

A recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee that the Co. Surveyor inspect and report as to the suitability of proposed quarry at Poulmarle.

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne.

#### Carrigbyrne Quarry.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mrs Murphy would not sign agreement in connection with way-leave to this quarry. She complained that some of her sons had lost their employment with the Council, and wished to make a condition of signing that one of her boys should be reinstated.

The Finance & Roads Committee decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Co. Surveyor as it appeared from circumstances mentioned by him that more consideration would have been given to the claim for employment by Mrs Murphy's son only for unforeseen conditions which arose in the district.

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

#### Ryland Quarry.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy under date 29th November, 1923 stating that Mr. Hall Dare owner of above quarry was not satisfied that £15 was a fair rent for the quarry but to meet the Council he was prepared to accept a rent of £20 per annum.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee :-

"The Finance & Roads Committee consider that £15 is a fair rent for Ryland Quarry and cannot see their way to recommend any increase beyond this figure.

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

New Ross Dispensary.

Under date 4th December, 1923 Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health wrote asking the Co. Council to serve notice to Quit on the tenant who occupied a room in the Dispensary at New Ross since he had procured another house.

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

"That communication from Co. Board of Health under date 4th December, 1923 relative to New Ross Dispensary be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor "

Proposals for payment.

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The following/was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne:-

"That the several proposals for payment as submitted from Proposal Committee and R. D. Councils of the County and appearing on Forms 22 be and are hereby adopted"

Sale of Sheep Dip.

Under date 23rd October, 1923 Messrs I. Hutchinson & Co., Gorey wrote that while waiting for licence from Council under Poisons & Pharmacy Act they had placed on Order for Cooper's Sheep Dip as they were not aware that sheep dip was manufactured in Ireland. They noticed there was a proviso in the Licence that it had been granted on condition that Irish Manufactured Sheep Dip only be stocked ". They asked that this proviso should be erased or that Council permit the sale of English Sheep Dip until their stocks were cleared.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That on receipt of assurance from Messrs I. Hutchinson &

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Co., Gorey that they will stock and sell Irish Manufactured Sheep Dip only they be allowed to dispose of English Sheep Dip which they have in stock and provided that Messrs Hutchinson furnish a date which will be approved by the Council for clearance of same.

The foregoing recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Culleton.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Messrs Philip Keating, Taghmon; Peter Cooney, Oulart; Richard Sinnott, Broadway!"

*Conditional on their selling and stocking Irish Manufactured Sheep Dip only*

Preparation of Register of Electors.

Application for advance of £300 in connection with preparation of Register of Electors which was before the meeting of the Co. Council on the 19th November, 1923 was referred to the Finance & Roads Committee; the Registration Officer to be asked in the meantime to specify the nature of the expenditure proposed to be met from this advance.

Under date 26th November, 1923 Mr. Scallan, Registration Officer wrote that the advance was required to defray current expenses, postage, extra clerical work and other incidental expenses. The amount asked for would cover these for the ~~issuing~~ 6 months.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That in view of our present financial position we recommend the Council to advance to the Registration Officer £150 to meet expenses in connection with preparation of Register

of Electors".

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton.

Office of Clerk of Peace - Application for  
Coals.

Under date 28th November, 1923 the Clerk of Peace applied for a supply of anthracite coal for the stove in his office.

The following resolution was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to ascertain if Messrs Thompson Bros., can supply Anthracite, if so, at what cost ?. If the price be satisfactory that one ton of coals be provided for the office of the Clerk of the Peace"

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton, coal to be supplied at £4 per ton plus handling and bagging.

Road 18R.

Under date 8th December, 1923 Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor wrote that Patrick Kennedy to whom he had set Road 18R Section B. Ross had failed to complete his contract to draw 150 c.y. from Carrigbyrne Quarry to road in question tho' he had been pressed several times to do so. The work was then given to Thomas Kelly but Kennedy refused to allow Kelly to work on the road.

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

"That Mr. Elgee be directed to inform Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin that if he interferes with Patrick Kelly or anyone else employed by the Co. Council in hauling material the Council

will take criminal proceedings against him. That Kelly be called on to fulfil the agreement with Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor to haul material for Road 18R. Section E.

Next Meeting Proposal Committee.

It was decided that the adjourned meeting of the Proposal Committee be held on second Monday in January viz., 14th.

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Certificate of Secretary.

I certify the foregoing to be a correct record  
of the Minutes of Wexford Co. Council in respect of  
Meeting held on 10th December, 1923

(Signed)

*W. J. Truzyelle*

Secretary Co. Council.

*11th*  
~~12th~~ December, 1923.