

Wexford County Council
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Meeting - 5th December, 1924.
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The half-yearly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Yortueid, Wexford, on 5th December, 1924.

Present:- Mr. C. P. Foley, Chairman (presiding), also:- Messrs James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Michael Cloney, John Cummins, James Lawlor, Patrick Hayes, James Hall, Philip Lennon, Sean O'Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, & James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor & Mr. Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

The late Mr. John Bolger, Ex-Chairman
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On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne the following letter was ordered to be inserted in Minutes of meeting:-

"Mrs J. Bolger & family return their sincere thanks for your kind sympathy in their recent bereavement."

The late Mr. P. O'Neill, ex County
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The following from Mrs P. O'Neill was on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, ordered to be inserted in the Minutes of meeting:-

"Mrs O'Neill & family desire to return thanks for kind sympathy in their recent bereavement."

The late Cardinal Logue
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on the business of the meeting it was their duty to propose a vote of sympathy with the Catholic hierarchy in particular and with Catholic Ireland in general, in the lamented death of the Venerable Cardinal Logue, Primate of Ireland, one of the most imposing pillars of the Irish Church, and in connection with whose demise, testimony of sympathy was being extended to the Church from over the world. The Wexford County Council deeply regretted the passing of such a great Churchman & such a great Irishman.

Mr. ^{Seán} O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed in silence

The late Rev. John G. Roche O.F.M.

The Chairman said it was also the duty of the County Council to adopt a vote of sympathy with the Franciscan Order & with Wexford Catholics in the loss which they had sustained by the lamented death of Father John G. Roche. The brother of deceased, Rev. James Roche, P.P. had built the twin Catholic Churches in Wexford town - a monument of more than local importance to his memory. They were all aware of the great work which had been accomplished for faith & Fatherland by the Irish Franciscans, particularly in the town of Wexford. There was no more worthy or more saintly member of that Order than Father John Roche. The people of Wexford in his demise believed they had added another to the great number of Irish Saints.

Mr. Seán O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed in silence

Wages of Gangers.

Mr. Seán O'Byrne moved the following of which he had given previous notice -

"That the wages of gangers be increased by the appropriate percentage of increase given to Road workers said increase to begin as from the 22nd July, 1924"

Mr. P. Hayes seconded.

Under date 23rd October 1924, the General President Irish Transport & General Workers Union wrote appealing to the Council, on behalf of the Overseers & foremen that some further recognition of their arduous duties should be made. Their present rates compared with men holding

similar responsible positions in other Counties & the President of the Union asked that the rates in Co. Wexford be increased by say 10/- per week.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne said he had given notice of motion because at the time the wages of road & quarry men were reduced the gangers' wages were cut in proportion. Now that the wages of road & quarry workers had been increased he considered the wages of the gangers should be proportionately increased. This motion would therefore mean that as from the 22nd July to 22nd September gangers should get the proportionate increase sanctioned to the road workers for that period and as from 22nd September the proportionate increase which was payable to road & quarry workers from that date should be also payable to gangers.

The Secretary stated that there would be 45 gangers involved & the increased cost would come to £6 per week approximately.

In reply to Mr. Clonry the County Surveyor stated that each ganger had a certain area under him; it was his duty to see that material was spread; to look after the quarry work in his district; in fact he was responsible for the general upkeep of the roads in his area. He had to fill up Pay & Time sheets & also to lay out work & carry out all his duties under the directions of the Assistant Surveyor of the district.

Mr. James Byrne - Do gangers measure stones?

County Surveyor - In some cases but the measurement must be checked & certified by the Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. M. Byrne said the Council had appointed additional Assistant Surveyors for this work & they now found it was being carried out by the Gangers.

Mr. Clonry said the present condition of some of the roads showed a great dereliction of duty on the part of somebody. Water was tearing up many roads & it would take two years' work.

to meet the damage which had been caused during the past fortnight. No effort had been made to divert the water off the roads, and the damage caused had, as regards some years obliterated all the improvement work which had been done for the past ten years. Mr. Clonely then referred to some particular road which had been badly damaged by flooding.

Mr. M. Byrne said the roads were so constructed that water could not be kept off them.

In reply to Mr. Lawlor, the County Surveyor stated that the ganger was supposed to be on the road at 8 o'clock a.m., but, of course, he had to be at different places on different days.

Mr. Clonely - Is it the duty of the Gangers to see that the water is taken off the roads?

County Surveyor - It would be, but the Assistant Surveyor is primarily responsible for all work.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne considered this was part of the duty of the Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. Shannon said that a good deal of destruction could be done by one night's flooding; the roads were so worn out before direct labour was tried that they could not be properly drained.

The County Surveyor said that when he came to the County no attention whatever had been paid to water-tables; these had been enormously improved.

A vote was then taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs Cummins, Hall, Lennon, Lawlor, Sean O'Byrne, Donoghue, John J. O'Byrne, P. Hayes, Shannon, and the Chairman - 10.

Against:- Messrs Clonely & Michael Byrne - 2.

Mr. James Byrne declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Upkeep of Gangers Bicycles

The Chairman called attention to the following notice of motion which had been given by Mr. Shannon:-

"That remuneration be given to Road Gangers to meet the cost of upkeep of bicycles."

Cause 4 of Direct Labour Scheme stated that the wages of gangers covered "maintenance etc. of cycle" and so long as this remained part of the Direct Labour Scheme he (Chairman) looked on Mr. Shannon's motion as out of order and he would decline to allow it to be submitted to the meeting.

Primary Scholarships - tenure ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Mr. Sean O' Byrne moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Council extend, in suitable cases by a year, Primary Scholarships awarded in 1922 & 1923."

Mr. Shannon seconded.

After considerable discussion during which it was pointed out that it would not be necessary to take action on the matter until June 1925, Mr. Sean O' Byrne agreed to withdraw the notice of motion for the present.

University Scholarships & Agriculture ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by the Chairman:-

"That 'Practical Agriculture' be included in the University Scholarships Scheme of this Council as an optional subject & that one University Scholarship be tied down to Agriculture."

Mr. John J. O' Byrne seconded the motion which passed nem. con.

The Workmen of County Council & Labour Unions ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Mr. James Byrne moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That any resolution of the County Council or of any other public body, which compels workers to become members of any trade or labour Union is against Public Policy, and in the interests of Ratepayers, should be repudiated."

Mr. Byrne said that in a year of such economic depression it was certainly against public policy that road maintenance which in 1920 cost £40,000 should now cost £108,000 (including grants) & that only one section of the community should be engaged in carrying out the work which was represented by such a very large sum of money.

The work of all public bodies should be open to all who were willing to labour & earn a living. When the contract system existed many a man made a livelihood & saved his sons from emigration by ^{road} work but with the advent of Direct Labour, they were thrown out of employment. He had personal knowledge of men who fought in the Anglo-Irish War & they were denied an hour's work under the County Council because they were not members of a trade union. Every man who wished to work should get his opportunity without consigning him into a labour union.

Mr. L. L. only seconded. Surely he contended they had come to a time & lived in an age when no one should be debarred from giving an honest day's work for an honest day's wages.

Mr. Hayes held that no County Councillor could sit there & say that men with property should get work in preference to men who had nothing to offer but their labour. If the Council were prepared to recognise every Union that came along they would have nothing but friction, confusion & chaos. Labour knew that it could not secure a fair price for what it had to offer except through organizations; these would continue to exist & the Council would be well advised to pull with one Union which they at present recognised, & which endeavoured to give them satisfaction.

The Chairman held that before the motion if carried could become operative as regards the Transport Union there should be carried another motion regarding the recognition of the Transport Union by the Council. He asked the Council to look at the matter in a broad light & consider their ^{road} work as it stood. Their roads were not what they ought to be & the Council were at a very critical period of the year's working. The next four months - to the end of their financial year - would be all important as regards road maintenance. The adoption of the motion might cause an upheaval among their workers. If they had discontent now it would be disastrous to their road policy. The proper time to consider a matter of this kind was when plans were being laid for next financial year. Any changes desired could be dealt with then. The life of the present Council was a limited one & by adopting the motion they might be placing upon the shoulders of their successors a very heavy responsibility which they need not take on themselves. Without giving any opinion on the merits of the motion, he would be in favour of dealing with it at the beginning of the financial year.

Mr. James Byrne held that it was necessary

injustice that any man willing to work should be debarred from securing it.

Mr. Shannon said that if Mr. James Byrne thought the Transport Union was going to submit to his dictation he was under a grave mistake. The work on roads had gone on under the present regulations for the past three years without friction.

Mr. J. J. O'Byrne said that the motion asked for an expression of opinion from the Council. The resolution recognising the Transport Union had been adopted from political motives. Work should be free to all men without coercion or influence of any kind.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs Hall, Lawlor, John J. O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, L. L. L., James Byrne, & Michael Byrne - 7.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Sean O'Byrne, Hayes, & Shannon - 4.

Declined voting:- The Chairman & Mr. Lennon.
The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. De Valera's visit to Gory

Mr. Lennon moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That a welcome & address be presented to President de Valera on his visit to Gory after his release from Belfast Jail." He hoped the Council would agree to the motion.

Mr. W. Byrne seconded. Mr. de Valera would soon form a Government in the country & be head of the State. The people were not as fond of the Free State as when it started. By adopting the motion the Council would carry out the wishes of the majority of the people.

The Chairman said they could claim that the Council had acted creditably & honestly for the past three years. They recognised that the fight during that period was not against the foreigners but a fight amongst themselves. And during the time the Council did not lose its head. It succeeded in keeping out of the Council Chamber

big political differences and it was not fair now, when the Council were within a few months of the termination of their office, to ask them to present an address to Mr. de Valera. It would not be treating fairly the people who were opposed to Mr. de Valera's policy - the people who were represented by the Council. He had asked Mr. Lennon to withdraw his motion but the latter did not see his way to fall in with the request. If he (Chairman) were asked what should the Council do as regards political leaders he would say they should not present any address to any political leader at the present time. If President Cosgrave came to Wexford he (Chairman) would oppose a motion for the presentation of an address.

Mr. J. J. O'Byrne said that politically he had begun with Arthur Griffith & politically he had finished with him. The motion came with very bad grace from Mr. Lennon when the wrangling as to "Treaty" or "non treaty" was carried on. Mr. Lennon went to him, as he (Mr. O'Byrne) was then Chairman of the Council, to have a meeting called in support of the Treaty. He had instructed Mr. Lennon to communicate with the Secretary. The meeting was then called and a resolution in favour of the Treaty was adopted. (Mr. Lennon being present) and there was only one dissentient voice - that of a gentleman who had the grace not to attend any subsequent meeting of the Council. It would be much wiser if they kept neutral for the short time the Council would remain in existence. And they really could not say that they represented the people at the present time.

Mr. Lennon said he was not prepared to withdraw his motion. It was quite true that he was (like many others), at first in favour of the Treaty, at the time that Mr. O'Byrne referred to Mr. de Valera had not spoken. When he did & when he (Mr. Lennon) found the Treaty did not make for independence, he took his rifle & fought against it.

The Chairman then moved the following as an amendment:-

"That we consider ^{an inopportune} the present time to present an address to any political leader. In the present state of the country the Council should confine its activities to the performance of its administrative duties in an efficient & economical manner"

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. O'Donoghue - Perhaps Mr. Lennon would change his motion to one of congratulation to Mr. de Valera on his release from prison by the Northern Orangemen, & leave it at that?

Mr. Lennon said if the Council would be

unanimous he would fall in with the suggestion of Mr. O'Donoghue.

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

For:- Messrs Hall, John J. O'Byrne, Shannon, Clardy, James Byrne, Sean O'Byrne & the Chairman -

7. Against:- Messrs Cummins, Lennon, & M. Byrne - 3.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

It was then put & passed nem. con. as the substantive motion.

Proposed Purchase of Rosepark As Surgeon's Residence

Under date 19th November, 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (A.50214/24 Wexford Co. Council) requesting that an Engineer might be asked to furnish a report regarding Rosepark as a residence for the Surgeon of the Co. Hospital.

The Secretary stated that on the 1st November, 1924, he had written to the Department that Mr. Daly, vendor of Rosepark, had called on him & asked him to ascertain from the Department if their sanction to the purchase of the place would be forthcoming as he (Mr. Daly) wanted a definite answer one way or other at once. When he (Secretary) furnished Mr. Daly with copy of the letter of the Department of Local Government (A.50214/24 Wexford Co. Council - 19th November, 1924,) Mr. Daly called & stated that in consequence of the delay which had occurred in connection with the matter he would withdraw his offer.

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

"That Mr. Daly, vendor of Rosepark, be asked to reconsider his withdrawal of Rosepark for sale.

to the County Council & allow the County Surveyor to inspect the premises & furnish report on same required by the Department of Local Government. The Council feel that arrangements, as to the vacation of the premises, which would be satisfactory to Mr. Daly, could be made".

Rate Collector Donohoe

Under date 21st November, 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health (G. 51, 396/1924, Wexford County) in response to a request for sanction to permanent appointment of Mr. P. Donohoe as Rate Collector, No. 12 District, provided he was satisfied to regard this appointment as a transfer of office from those offices which he held under the County Board of Health or District Council, wrote asking if Mr. Donohoe had closed all his collections to the 31st March, 1924.

Under date 24th November, 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (P. 49310/1924) that while the Transfer of Officers' Order does not give power to a County Council to transfer an officer from the services of the Board of Health to the service of the County Council, the Minister was advised that it would be competent for the County Council to appoint Mr. Donohoe as Rate Collector, subject to the condition that, on the abolition of the office of Assistance Officer, he would not claim compensation in respect of such abolition.

Under date 29th November, 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G. 53653/1924, Wexford Co.), that the Minister was not prepared to sanction Collector Donohoe's permanent appointment. He should be called upon to close all outstanding warrants without delay.

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

"That the Co. Council desires to express surprise at the refusal of the Minister to sanction the permanent appointment of Mr. P. Donohoe as Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District. He has carried out his duties with quite as much satisfaction as the majority of the other collectors of the Council. We also desire to point out that the amounts of outstanding rates furnished the Ministry include those which are irrecoverable. The ascertainment of exact amount of rates in last mentioned category is being examined as regards all collectors. We would wish to point out that

forgo compensation as Home Assistance Officer, the Minister be requested (as recommended by the County Board of Health) to allow his service as assistance officer to count as for Rate collector.

Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Collectors

The Secretary reported that all the collectors (with the exception of Mr. M. M. Kelly collector for No. 6 District) had furnished receipts for renewal of Fidelity Guarantee Bond & had secured their Books. Mr. Kelly took no notice of the instruction forwarded him in the matter.

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

"That Mr. M. M. Kelly, collector for No. 6 Collection District, be directed to furnish, within a week, receipts for renewal of his Fidelity Guarantee Bond & that in the event of failure to comply with this direction that he be suspended from office."

Payment "Dail Eireann" Loan

Under date 13th November, 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (S. 51,162) 1924 Wexford Co.) asking for payment of the Dail advance of £4,400 with interest to date.

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

"That, as soon as Rates are available, the advance of £4,400 (with interest thereon) from Dail Eireann be redeemed. We would point out that Rates for the current financial year are in process of collection only for the past fortnight."

Proposed Agreement Between Tuberculosis & County Insurance Committees

Under date 18th November 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (S. 51,902/24) Wexford Co. by the County

Tuberculosis Committee at their meeting of 22nd September last for deferring action in connection with the conclusion of an agreement with the County Insurance Committee for the treatment of eligible persons suffering from tuberculosis, appeared to be inadequate seeing that the suggested agreement is being promoted with a view to the co-ordination & improvement of the facilities for the treatment of all classes of tuberculous patients in the County.

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

"That letter (No. P.H. 51902-24 Wexford County - under date 18th November, 1924) relative to proposed agreement for the treatment of tuberculous persons, between County Council & County Insurance Committee, be referred to the Tuberculosis Committee for recommendation to the County Council"

New Ross Hospital & Co. Boards of Health of Carlow & Kilkenny ~~~~~

Under date 2nd December, 1924, the Department of Local Government wrote (A. 48634/1924, Wexford Co. Council) forwarding copy of sealed order approving of New Ross Hospital as an Institution for the reception, maintenance & treatment of patients sent thereto from the County Boards of Health of Carlow & Kilkenny in pursuance of article 15(iii) of the County Scheme Order. The Minister saw no objection to the proposed agreements in this case.

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

"That copy of letter No. 48634-1924 Wexford County Council - 2nd December, 1924 - be furnished the County Wexford Board of Health for their information."

Postal Arrangements in Rural Districts ~~~~~

Under date 9th October, 1924, letter (P. 27877/25) was read from the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs, pointing out that no change had been made in the frequency of the postal delivery to the townland of Castle Dockrell. Full consideration had been given to all the circumstances but it was not found practicable to restore the old arrangements.

In connection with alterations in the rural districts generally any restrictions which had been adopted were necessary in consequence of the financial

loss which the service entailed. County Wexford had not been treated exceptionally as the policy of retrenchment on unremunerative postal services was applied generally throughout An Saorstát. On non post days correspondence could be obtained, free of charge, on application at the local post office.

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

"This Council have been given to understand that, in a number of instances in which restrictions had been made in postal deliveries in Rural Districts, the opinion of the people affected was not taken into consideration; also, that if this had been done alterations could have been suggested which, while effecting the financial savings required by the Post Office, would have minimised considerably the inconvenience to the public. We are of opinion that when alterations in postal deliveries in rural districts are under consideration some steps should be taken by the Ministry for Posts & Telegraphs, to ascertain how these changes would be viewed by the people concerned."

Weights & Measures Standards

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Under date 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1924, the Ministry of Industry & Commerce (Power Section) wrote asking for payment of £14.1.2 in connection with the above & which was made up of the following items:-

- (a) Proportion of fees & expenses of expert in collecting & examining the old Standards, £7.16.2<sup>d</sup>
  - (b) stamping of Beam scales £1.10.0.
  - (c) adjustment & cleaning of the old weights & measures Standards £4.15.0.
- No. fees were charged for verification of ordinary weights & measures standards

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:

"That Pay Order for £14.1.2 be issued in favour of the accountant, Department of Industry & Commerce, for expenditure in connection with the preparation, adjustment & testing of weights & measures Standards for County Wexford."



### Good & Drugs Acts

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G. 3633/24), that six samples of butter taken in the County by an officer of the Department, three at Ennisorthy & three at Gorey were found, on analysis, to be genuine.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, the Chief Superintendent, Garda, Siothchana, Wexford, wrote that Garda Michael O'Brien, Good & Drugs Inspector, Gorey, had been transferred to the Depot. He forwarded the name of Garda James Neylon (4188) for appointment to the vacancy.

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

"That Garda Michael Neylon (4188) be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Good & Drugs Acts for the division of Gorey vice Garda Michael O'Brien transferred."

### Campile Dispensary

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1924, the Office of Public Works wrote (17208/24) regretting they were not in a position to make an advance to the New Ross District Council in respect of the erection of a labourer's cottage for the caretaker of Campile Dispensary. Perhaps the caretaker could arrange to secure accommodation in the temporary barrack at present occupied by the Civic Guard when vacated by the latter.

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

"That the Office of Works be informed that in the opinion of the Committee of the Council which dealt with the matter the building at present occupied by the Garda Siothchana is unsuitable for the tenant of Campile Dispensary & for his family."

### Workhouse Buildings - Dispensary Houses

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> November 1924, the Office of Public Works wrote that a considerable sum was in arrears in connection with the above & they asked for information as regards the discharge of same.

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

"That the Office of Public Works & County Board of Health be asked for information particulars



as to the liability of the County Council in connection with loans for Workhouse buildings & dispensary houses.

### Bahore & Low Drainage Districts

Under date 30th November 1924 the Office of Works wrote (19023/24) that if some definite complaint was sent them as to the Low Drainage District showing what part of the river was neglected or what lands are suffering from such neglect they would have an inspection made of the district. As to Bahore District it was inspected in 1909 & the Office of Works then decided not to proceed with the question of putting the drains into a complete state of repair as they were satisfied at the time that the agricultural benefit likely to accrue to the lands affected would not justify the estimated necessary expenditure.

The following resolution adopted at the half yearly meeting of the Gorly Rural District Council was read for the meeting.

"That the County Council be asked to take proceedings against the Bahore Drainage Committee to compel them to abate the nuisance caused by the flooding of portion of Road No. 177 B"

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

"That Mr. O'Donoghue M.C.C. & the County Surveyor be requested to inspect the Bahore Drainage system & report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

### Rate Collection

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection to date

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins.

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to take what action they consider necessary in connection with decrees for Rates which have been obtained by Rate Collectors, and also as regards outstanding & irrecoverable rates."



## Personal Bonds Rate Collectors

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, Mr. J. J. Summott, Rate Collector, No. 16 Collection District, wrote that one of the sureties whose name had been submitted for personal bond was unwilling to sign same & he submitted instead the name of Mrs Mary Keane, Parkannesley House, Clonavan.

Mr. M. Deegan, Rate Collector No. 7 Collection District, submitted the names of John Whitty, Island, Craanford & Owen Sheridan, Askamore, Carnew as his sureties for personal bond.

Mr. Patrick Walsh, No. 3 Collection District submitted the name of James Hillis, Augherman, Yaghman, & Matthew Walsh, Rochestown, Yaghman.

P. Fitzpatrick, Collector for No. 15 Collection District submitted the names of John Fitzpatrick, N. Y., Killealy & Joseph Hendrick, Main Street, Enniscorthy.

Charles McBarthy, Collector for No. 5 Collection District, submitted the names of Charles McBarthy, Murrinton, & John L. Doyle, North Main Street, Wexford.

The names, after considerable consideration, were approved on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall.

In connection with personal bonds of the collectors the following letter, under date 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1924 (G.53595/1924 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health.

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the above, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that the perfection of additional personal bonds in the prescribed form should be expedited, but, in view of the late date at which these books will be given to some of the Rate Collectors, the Minister will be prepared to give favourable consideration to claims for an extension of time for closing warrants under their bonds say to the 31<sup>st</sup> May next, to collectors who, he is satisfied, are diligently carrying out their duties.

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

"That as the Department of Local Government & Public Health have extended the time for closing current rate collection to the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1925, we call upon the Rate Collectors, who have not already done so, to perfect their personal bonds at once. That our Secretary report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, by the collectors concerned in the meantime."



## Appointment of Deputy Rate

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

"That the following Deputy checkers of the apes of the Rate collectors be appointed in respect of the collection for financial year ending 31st March, 1925:-

Ennisorthy District - Jasper Whitty
Dorcy District - John J. Fanning
New Ross District - M. J. Finn
Wexford District - J. A. Fitzgerald

remuneration in each case to be amount provided under Article 98 of the Public Bodies Order 1904.

Application Payment of Poundage

Under date 14th November, 1924, an application for balance of poundage due on amount of Rates collected was received from Mr. E. J. Murphy, Collector No. 17 District.

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

"That the question of payment of poundage due Rate collectors be considered by Finance & Roads Committee with a view to putting the position in this matter before the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health."

Ex-Rate collector Yobin

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Under date 10<sup>th</sup> October 1924 the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (S.L. 6185/24) forwarding copy of letter received from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford on behalf of Matthew Yobin, Ex-Rate collector, claiming that a sum of £478, which he had in a book, was taken with the book on the night his house was raided for the Rate Books.

This matter was considered in Committee.

Mr. Elgee explained that as directed at last meeting of the County Council, the men who had been engaged in the raid had been examined by him. They were



prepared to give evidence when the case came before the Court.

### Claim for Poundage by Ex-Rate Collectors

Claims for payment of poundage were received from Edward Cummins, James Cogley, Gregory Rositer & Patrick Rositer, Rate Collectors whose services had been dispensed with by the County Council, & also from John Banville a collector who had been superannuated.

The Secretary stated that if all Ex-collectors claimed on the amounts lodged by them previous to their dismissal, the amount involved would be £127: 1: 10<sup>d</sup>.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that no order be made on the applications for payment of poundage from Ex-Rate Collectors.

### University Scholarships Scheme

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, letter was read from the Department of Education forwarding draft scheme for above & which would suit the provisions of the Leaving Certificate Examination of the new Secondary Schools' Programme.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, the Department of Education wrote (Ed. 1973-24) forwarding copy of proposed scheme of the Council & calling attention to amendments required of them therein if the Scheme was to be issued under their approval.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, the Department of Education wrote (Ed. 1624-24) that as a result of representations made by the Senate of the National University it had been arranged to hold a conference of representatives of University colleges & the Department of Education to consider further the terms of University Scholarships Scheme & other matters affecting the co-ordination of the University Matriculation Examination. In these circumstances the Department of Education suggested that the Council should defer taking final action as to the publication of their University Scheme.

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

"That pending report of conference between representatives of University colleges & the Department of Education no action be taken as regards preparation of the provisions of University Scholarships Scheme for 1925. That we urge upon the Department of Education the necessity of having two representatives



appointed by the General Council of County Councils present at the Conference, I suggest (if a meeting of the General Council cannot be made available for appointment of representatives), the Chairman of the General Council & a member nominated by him should be empowered to act. That we ask the Department of Education to communicate with the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils in this matter as soon as possible.

### Disputed University Scholarships

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1924 Mr. P. J. Hayes, 65, South Main Street Wexford wrote in connection with the University Scholarships which had been awarded to his son, Patrick M. Hayes, & subsequently withdrawn Mr. Hayes wrote:-

"I am sure all reasonable men will admit a great injustice has been done to the boy. He did not look for this Scholarship & when he saw the result of the Senior Grade Examination he recognised he had no chance. Subsequently owing to two of the successful students not taking the Scholarship, he appeared to have a fair prospect & when the Council voted him for one he was both surprised & grateful. He worked hard, & by successful Examinations he endeavoured to appreciate the confidence the Council had reposed in him, and at the close of the academic year he secured 5<sup>th</sup> place out of about 50 students.

"The Council by awarding him a Scholarship & then depriving him of it, has done him a great injustice. Had he never got the Scholarship he would have been able to pass an Examination for some public position. Being over 19 years now, he is not eligible to compete for the Banks - Railways & similar clerkships. Is it not therefore - a great injustice to have kept him wasting valuable time?"

✓ It has been deprived of his Scholarship because he got honours in one subject only, but having regard to the history of these Scholarships, this rule was never strictly adhered to, and if it had been many of those who are now in the University



would never have got there. The Council does not appear to think this should be considered as a barrier to any student as it is only quite recently they have awarded two Scholarships to two students who also got honours in one subject only. Why is there a distinction drawn in my son's case? If it is legal to give the two Scholarships & I believe the Council has the right to give them to whomsoever they think fit, I consider my son is entitled to have his Scholarship renewed.

"a great wrong has been done to this boy by the <sup>Co.</sup> Council, unwittingly of course. It remains now to have that wrong righted. I am sure the County Council will admit this; & do him justice by restoring the Scholarships."

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

"That we request our Chairman to lay before the Auditor of Department of Local Government & Public Health the particulars relative to University Scholarships awarded to Mr. P.M. Hayes & afterwards withdrawn & point out to him that the manner in which the Co. Council found themselves obliged to act has interfered with the boy's career."

### Primary Scholarships Scheme

#### Recommendations of Scholarships Committee

The following report was submitted:-

"at the meeting of Wexford County Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1924, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the suggestions submitted by Mr. R. G. Phillips, Hon. Sec. County Wexford Committee National Teachers' Organization re Primary Scholarships Scheme be referred to Scholarships Committee for report to first available meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

The meeting of Scholarships Committee was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, in the County Council Chamber, Watnuff, Wexford.

Present:- In the Chair - Very Rev. Canon Dunne P.P. Castlebridge, also Rev. Superiors Christian Schools Ennisceathy, New Ross & Wexford. Mr. P. D. Breen, National Teacher.

The Committee having considered the suggestions from National Teachers' Organization make the following recommendations:-

1. Scholarships should be extended from three to four years. In the official recommendations from the Ministry of Education Scholarships can be renewed up to six years. The Committee hold that public money may be wasted if the Scholarships are not held for four years.



With a three year Scholarship the most deserving cases will never be in a position to compete for University Scholarship or to prepare for Matriculation Examination.

2. The Committee recommend Scholarships to be increased from £40 to £50 per annum for second third & fourth years but to remain at £40 for first year. Students who reside within a radius of two miles of a Secondary School to be entitled to bursaries of £15 for four years.

3. The Committee have carefully examined the examination papers set for July 1924 & consider the general standard of questions to be too high & the marking too severe.

4. The Committee consider it would be advisable to make the following changes in Programme for 1925 as they believe it would make syllabus more suitable for Co. Wexford Students.

(1) History - a greater number of questions should be given & one third of these should be optional. a definite period for Irish History should be selected, say from year 1432 to end of 16<sup>th</sup> century.

(2) Irish - In consequence of the backward condition of knowledge of the language in Co. Wexford the Committee are of opinion that 3<sup>rd</sup> standard Irish should be substituted for 5<sup>th</sup> standard which is too advanced for ordinary County Wexford pupils.

(3) English - Present Programme is suitable.

(4) Arithmetic - Present Programme is suitable.

(5) - Geography - The Committee are convinced that the questions set this year were too difficult for ordinary pupils of Scholarship type. They consider questions at future examinations should be a more elementary character.

(6) Algebra - When it is remembered that algebra has only been introduced into Elementary Schools, the questions set this year were too difficult.

(7) Geometry - Present Programme acceptable.



- (8) Drawing - Present Programme acceptable
- (9) Nature Study - No objection to present Programme.
- (10) Needlework - No objection to present Programme.

Mr. Cummins proposed the adoption of the Committee's recommendations.

Mr. Blonely seconded.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne moved as an amendment:-

"That the recommendations of Primary Scholarships Committee in connection with Primary Scholarships Scheme for 1925 be agreed to except the recommendation relative to Irish. We consider that examination should apply to 5<sup>th</sup> Standard as recommended by Department of Education & not 3<sup>rd</sup> Standard as recommended by the Scholarships Committee."

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

For: Messrs Hall, Lennon, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Sean O'Byrne, & the Chairman - 6

Against - Messrs Cummins, Blonely, Lawlor, Shannon, John G. O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, & Hayes - 7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr. Cummins accepting the recommendations of the Scholarships Committee was then <sup>put</sup> & passed nem. con.

### County Board of Health & Co. Hall

The Secretary stated he had received a telephone message on 3<sup>rd</sup> November last stating that the County Board of Health had passed a resolution requesting the Co. Council to allow some portion of the Co. Hall to be utilised for the distribution of out door relief every Saturday morning.

The Chairman said as there was no meeting of County Council available he had given tentative permission for the use of the premises pending a meeting of the County Council.

The County Surveyor stated that he had made arrangements with the Home Assistance Office that he should utilise only the caretaker's portion of the buildings. On the morning of 29<sup>th</sup> November he found the people were in the main block & in the portion of the premises formerly the County Council offices. The Assistance Officer said that as had been agreed to the premises outside the caretaker's portion had been wired off but the wiring had been pulled down.



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

"That we confirm the permission given by our Chairman to allow of distribution of Home Help at County Hall, Wexford, provided that only the caretaker's portion of the premises be used for the purpose & that the rest of the premises be properly walled off to prevent trespass."

### New Ross Union Buildings

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, the following was read from the Secretary County Board of Health:-

"During a Committee visit to the District Hospital at New Ross, attention was called to the condition of the roofs of the old Union Buildings. There is at present a scheme under consideration for the utilisation of these buildings for public health purposes & it would be uneconomical to let them fall into disrepair."

"I was directed to bring the matter under your notice & ask you to give it attention."

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this letter, on its receipt, to the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said <sup>that</sup> it would cost £120 to repair the roofs. A great deal of the slating was in a very bad condition.

Mr. John G. O'Byrne said if the repair had been attended to early it would have only cost a very small sum. Buildings of this nature when neglected fall rapidly into decay.

The County Surveyor mentioned that on 13<sup>th</sup> June last Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had made an inspection of the place & found it in very bad order. A number of large slates were missing from the roof.

Chairman - Was anything done on the report? —



County Surveyor - There was nothing done, I was not instructed to do anything.

Chairman - Who was to do it? - If you get a report from your deputy & you don't act on it what happens? -

County Surveyor - I was not aware I was to get the roofs done at all.

Chairman - What are you expected to do? - sit down & let the place fall. I consider this shows very great neglect of duty on the part of the County Surveyor. Did you get any further report from Mr. Jones, your Deputy? -

County Surveyor - yes - on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, setting out the present condition of the premises. I went into those with him & priced the cost.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne & adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor advertise for tenders for the repair of the roofs of the New Ross disused Workhouse & that same be submitted to the next available meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

It was also decided that Messrs Sean O'Byrne, J. Cummins, J. Hall, & the Chairman who were visiting New Ross the following week as a Special Roads Committee should inspect the old Workhouse buildings there & report to the Council.

### Haulage Contracts

The following resolution adopted by New Ross R.D. Council on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, was submitted:-

"That Haulage Contracts be given by R.D. Councils in future, same as road contracts."

Mr. Shannon proposed:- "That no change be made in existing system by which haulage contracts are arranged by County Surveyor or his staff."

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne instanced the case of a haulier who had been previously employed by the County Council & when he wanted work again he had been referred by Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, to another haulier.

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



"That in future particular care be employed by the County Surveyor & his staff to have all hauliers employed directly by County Surveyor or his deputies & not through any intermediary"

### New Ross R.D. School Attendance Committee

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1924, the following was read from Rev. M. Hickey P.P. Clongeen:-

"As a Manager of National Schools & as a Ratepayer, I am anxious to know how many meetings of the New Ross Rural School Attendance Committee have been held during the past two or three years & what is the annual cost of the New Ross School Attendance Act.

"I met one of the Attendance Officers in the School to-day & I asked him when they had a meeting "about twelve months ago" he told me".

"I would be very pleased to see the School Attendance Act in force and we need here some way to move parents to discharge their duties in regard to the education of their children".

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1924, the Secretary, New Ross, R.D. School Attendance Committee wrote that one meeting of the Committee had been held during the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1924.

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

"That letter from Rev. M. Hickey P.P. Clongeen, re work of New Ross School Attendance Committee be referred to New Ross R.D. Council for their observations."

### Courtown Harbour.

In connection with coal dues at above the following recommendation was submitted from Courtown Harbour Committee:-



coal be reduced from 6<sup>d</sup> to 5<sup>d</sup> per ton as there are no boats here for discharging coal"

The recommendation of the Harbour Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall.

"The following extract from the Minutes of Courton Harbour Committee for 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, was submitted:-

"The Harbour Master reported that two lamps were required & were necessary for the fishing season & we recommend that two "Quicklite" lamps be obtained."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure two "Quicklite" lamps for Courton Harbour"

"The County Surveyor reported that the porticos which had been erected to house at Courton Harbour without the sanction of the County Council & which the latter had directed to be removed were still standing. He wished to know what action the Council would now take."

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to take the necessary steps to have removed, from houses owned at Courton Harbour by Mrs. Dowse, porticos which had been erected without the permission of the County Council & which the latter regarded as a serious public inconvenience"

### Courthouses

#### Buncloody:-

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1924, was submitted:-

"Mrs Lizzie Doyle, caretaker Buncloody Courthouse, wrote applying for £3. 15. 0 for caretaking Buncloody Courthouse for 18 months."

"Mr. Gahy, District Justice, wrote under date 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1924, that Mrs Doyle had acted as caretaker of Buncloody Courthouse since he opened the Court there in January 1923. She had provided fires during the winter months & carries out her duties quite satisfactorily."

A recommendation was adopted that



Mrs Lizzie Doyle be paid £8: 15: 0 for her services as caretaker of Bunclody Courthouse to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1924, and that as from that date she be paid at the rate of 4/- per month & on the understanding that she provides a fire during the winter months."

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

Gorly:-

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1924, Mr. P. J. Byrne, District Court Clerk, wrote that it was necessary that a supply of coal to heat District Court Office should be procured immediately. It was, therefore, applying to Mr. R. Connors, Coal Merchant, Arklow Road, Gorly, for the said supply with directions to charge the Co. Council for same.

The following recommendation was adopted  
"The County Council should inform Mr. P. J. Byrne, District Court Clerk, Gorly that the order for coal for his office without the authority of the Co. Council the latter will repudiate liability.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall.

### Workhouse Board Rooms & District Justice

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The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th October, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 4th October, 1924, Mr. J. V. Gahy, District Justice wrote that he had been informed by the Minister for Justice that the Ministry of Local Government had requested the County Board of Health to consent to the use

of the Board rooms in New Ross, Gorey, & Enniscorthy Hospitals for use as a temporary Court room pending the rebuilding of Courthouses in the two latter & the acquisition of New Ross Courthouse.

"The Chairman said that he had granted, pending the meeting of the County Council, the use of New Ross Board room to Mr. Gahy as he wished to hold a Court there & could not wait for the meeting of the Council."

"The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That in view of a report which has appeared in the Press we consider it advisable that the Co. Council should point out to all concerned that the various Workhouse Buildings, including the Board Rooms in these places, are now the property of the Co. Council & that the latter can give their use to whoever they please. That we confirm the permission of our Chairman for the use of New Ross Board room by the District Justice. As regards the Board rooms in Enniscorthy & Gorey we believe neither is suitable for use as a Court premises. They are inconvenient from a public point of view, & the County Board of Health, in respect of Enniscorthy, would object to persons not connected with the County Home being at liberty to come & go on Court days. They feel this would interfere with ordinary discipline."

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

Mr. J. J. O'Byrne said that in the opinion of the Co. Board of Health none of the board rooms referred to were suitable for Court purposes.

It was decided, as the District Justice now agreed with that view, that no further action be taken in the matter.

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

"That the County Council rent from Mr. Thomas Butler, New Ross, the premises at present used for Court purposes, (for a further period of six months if necessary) at 5/- per week to cover rent, fire, & light. This to be subject to a provision that in the event of New Ross Courthouse becoming available the tenancy of present premises can be determined by a month's notice in writing."

Under date 31st October, 1924, a letter was read from Mr. Denis Borish District Court Clerk, New Ross asking for the use of the Courthouse there - 3 tables, 6 upholstered chairs, a stove of some description either gas or oil, to heat the place.

Under date 12th November, 1924, Mr. Borish wrote the County Surveyor asking to be provided with office accommodation. He had at present no place for Court records or to perform his duties.

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

"That similar furniture to that provided for Gorey Courthouse be provided by the County Surveyor for New Ross Courthouse. That Mr. John G. O'Byrne be requested to interview Mr. Borish in connection with the matter of office accommodation."

Ballycullane:-

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th October, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 15th October, 1924, Mr. J. V. Haly, District Justice, wrote that Mr. Patrick Power, had completed the new hall at Ballycullane. It was suitable for a Courthouse in fact had been used as such by the District Justice. He suggested that Mr. Power be paid an annual rent of £10 for the place with an additional £2 to cover heating, lighting, & cleaning.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That Mr. P. Power, be paid an annual rent of £10 for use of Ballycullane Hall for Courthouse & a sum of £2 per annum to provide for caretaking & supply of fuel for same."

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. C. Lonly seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

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Old Age Pension Sub-Committees

The Secretary submitted lists of attendances of members of Old Age Pension Sub-Committees for year ended 30th September last.

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

"That lists of attendances at meeting of Old Age Pension Sub-Committees be referred to Finance & Roads Committee for examination & report. That we approve of the action of our Secretary in asking Sub-Committees to recommend appointments to fill vacancies"

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

"That the following appointments be made to fill vacancies on Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, and as recommended by these Sub-Committees:- (No. 4) Rev. D. Kavanagh P.O. Braanford, Gorey, vice Canon Murphy Braanford, deceased. Thomas J. Doyle, Main Street, Gorey, and Mr. Henry P. Wall, Charlotte Row, Gorey were also appointed; (No. 8) Rev. R. Hickey, C.C. Kilmuckridge, Messrs Joseph Sinnott & Co., Albert Y. Smith, M.C.C. & John O'Brien, Killigh, Blackwater"

Mountgarrett New Bridge

Under date 2nd October, 1924, a letter was read from Mr. R. J. Bowen, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, as regards delay in dealing with above & that he was going into the design of new bridge & until he had completed certain preliminaries it would not be necessary to call a meeting of the Bridge Committee.

No. Order.

Amalgamation of Unions Pensions

Under date 22nd November, 1924, a letter was read from Dr. N. Gurlong, Enniscorthy asking if his superannuation allowance for the quarter ended 30th September had been forwarded to him.

The Secretary stated that he had informed Dr. Gurlong, the Co. Council were not in a position to pay his pension unless the sanction of the Minister of Finance was obtained.

After further correspondence with Dr. Gurlong the Secretary submitted the matter to the Department of Local Government & Public Health.

Under date 3rd December 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (No. P.53654/1924 Wexford Co)

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo in regard to the question of pension to Dr. Gurlong, who was formerly employed as a Medical Officer by the Ennisworthy Board of Guardians I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that it would appear from the information before him that there was no valid resolution by the local authority fixing a pension for Dr. Gurlong, & it is a question for the County Council to consider whether they will proceed to fix the amount in pursuance of section 8 of the Local Government Act of 1919."

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

"That the question of outstanding pensions of officers of late Ennisworthy Guardians be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee with a view to the examination of amounts etc. That the Committee be asked to furnish a report to the next available meeting of the Council"

Gorey Workhouse Caretaker
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Under date 4<sup>th</sup> December 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote that the Minister considered the remuneration of 30/- per week proposed to be allowed to Thomas Lawlor, caretaker, Gorey Workhouse as excessive.

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

"That in view of the manner in which Thomas Lawlor is carrying out his duties as caretaker of Gorey Workhouse it is considered that the nature



of the place, requiring constant vigilance, we consider the weekly wage fixed in this case to be reasonable."

### Proposals for Payments ~~~~~

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

"That the several proposals for payment as agreed to by Finance & Roads Committee including payments appearing on Form 22 from Rural District Councils, be and are hereby adopted. That consideration of roads & works on Form 20 be adjourned to next meeting of County Council, as New Ross P.D. Council has arranged for their adjourned meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1924"

### New Ross Bridge Repair ~~~~~

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, the following was read from Mr. H. J. Ginn, Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner to draw the special attention of the County Council to the very serious obstruction of traffic on the New Ross Bridge caused by the barricade erected there in connection with the repairs to the bridge, which are being carried out for a very considerable time past, and to point out that it should at least be properly lighted at night."

"I am also to request that such action may be taken by the Council as will ensure the early completion of the repairs & consequent removal of the obstruction referred to."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry the repairs to New Ross Bridge to completion at once, and that workmen be employed by him continuously in order to have this done."

### Dangerous Corner at Wilton 315C. ~~~~~

The County Surveyor reported that as directed by a former meeting he had offered Miss Summott, Dumanone, Bree, 5/- per perch as compensation for the land taken from her in connection with widening of Road 315C. She had refused to accept the amount.

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



"That in view of the refusal of Miss Summott to accept 5/- per perch for land taken to straighten out dangerous corner on 315 E. & which we believe to be reasonable & fair compensation we direct Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to defend any proceedings which may be taken by Miss Summott in regard to said compensation."

### Creane v. County Council

The County Surveyor reported that in this case Maurice Creane, Aonestown, Ballymitty, against the Co. Council a decree for £30 had been given against the Council for work carried out by Creane & for loss during the period for which road work was held up. He (County Surveyor) wished to know if the Council would prosecute an appeal in the case.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, advised against an appeal as he did not believe the Council would succeed on the facts of the case.

Mr. Cummins proposed & Mr. Clonely seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That acting on the advice of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, appeal in the case of Maurice Creane v. County Council be not proceeded with."

### Suspension of Quarrymen

The County Surveyor reported that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, had found it advisable to suspend William Butler in Herlogue Quarry. In the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, he had lost nine days & in the present quarter had been absent for close on three weeks. He claimed to be ill, but he was observed on several occasions doing work of a heavy nature for himself. He was a bad example to the large number of men in the Quarry & was evidently not very anxious for constant work. Mr. Birthistle thought it would be advisable to take on another man.



being used against them.

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

"That complaint against William Butler, Herlogue Quarry, in connection with losing time, be investigated by next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

The County Surveyor also reported that it had been found necessary to suspend Nicholas Fitzpatrick in Ballybrennan Quarry.

It was decided that this man's case be also investigated at next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee.

### New Ross Bridge & Railway Travellers.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, Mr. G. G. Kelly, Solicitor, South Street, New Ross, wrote that his clients Messrs G. G. McDonald & Thomas Cockrill, Commercial Travellers, living in New Ross, were crossing New Ross Bridge on 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30 a.m., to travel by the 8.40 train from New Ross to Wexford. The bridge was open as they came to the bascule & they were prevented from travelling by train, & had to hire a motor car, & were late for their business in Wexford. They claimed £10 each as damages.

The Chairman explained that he had interviewed Messrs McDonald & Cockrill, the caretaker of the bridge & the Captain of the vessel which was going through bridge at the time. It appeared the ship fouled the bridge & this caused the delay. It appeared the caretaker could not open the bridge for 20 minutes before & after the arrival of trains, & as the train service stood at present very little time was allowed for the opening & closing of the bridge. Messrs McDonald & Cockrill had withdrawn their claim but asked that all possible steps should be taken to prevent inconvenience to the public as regards use of the bridge.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor to ascertain if he could make any suggestion which would help in minimising any risk the public would have in catching the train at New Ross owing to the opening of draw bridge.

### Arrears Wages Tara Hill Quarry Workmen.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (R/P/L/32) that they had



extended the time within which payments of arrears of wages to men mentioned in their letter may be made by the County Council to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1924. The extension merely enabled payment to be made & had not the effect of validating illegal or unfounded expenditure.

### Dangerous Corner at Cain Lave

In connection with above, to which attention had been called at last meeting by Mr. Shannon & which had been referred to the Co. Surveyor for report, the latter stated that the Rural District Council had agreed that the work should be carried out but not until the Spring.

### Flooding at Kilmannon Wexford District

In connection with above which had been referred to the County Surveyor for report the latter stated that the work had been carried out.

### Yeans Weighbridge

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1924 a letter was read from Mr. D. G. Bolger (John Bolger & Co. Yeans) that in connection with proposed erection of weighbridge they had a communication from the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland about the site. They claimed the ground as their property but were prepared to rent it. Before doing any further with the matter Mr. Bolger wished to know his position with the County Council.

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

✓ "That Mr. Elgee Solicitor ascertain from the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland how they claim the ground at Yeans on which it is proposed to erect a weighbridge, also that he arrange for an inspection of any deed or instrument which the Representative Body holds establishing their title to same."



### Flooding at Bellefield No. 14 C.

In connection with the above Messrs Shannon & Hall with the County Surveyor were appointed at the meeting of the Council, on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1924, a Committee to report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Mr. O'Flaherty, Solicitor in the matter.

### County Hall & Hunt Ball

In connection with the application of Wexford Hunt Ball Committee for use of County Hall for this function, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Donoghue seconded by Mr. Clancy:-

"That Wexford Hunt Ball Committee be allowed the use of County Hall premises for Hunt Ball on the following conditions:-

"That they be responsible for the premises while in their possession.

"Take out a special policy of insurance to cover fire risk while they utilise the premises.

"Carry out all preparations for Ball at their own expense & pay a nominal rent of £1 for the premises."

### Rent County Hall

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote enclosing copies of letters which he had had from the Military Authorities & from Mr. M. G. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, as to payment of rent of above premises. Messrs O'Connor & Co. were threatening proceedings if the rent charge due to their client was not met.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that since the above letter had been written the Military had paid £350 rent & there was no necessity for any order on the matter.

### Gorey Workhouse Premises & Sinn Féin Meeting

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, Mr. Thomas Gunge, 8, Pearse Street, Gorey, had written asking if the Organising Committee for Mr. de Valera's visit to Gorey could have the use of Gorey Workhouse premises for a biddle & concert.

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



"That the Organising Committee in connection with visit of Mr. de Valera to Gorey, be granted the use of Gorey Workhouse premises on the same conditions as Wexford Hunt Ball Committee have been granted the use of the County Hall"

### Parker v. County Council

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Under date 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the Co. Council re above:-

"This action which was a claim by Mr. Parker for Damages for personal injuries caused by running into a damaged bridge at Ballyweather, while motoring from Youghmon to Wexford on the 13<sup>th</sup> March last, was heard before Judge Johnson, & special jury in Dublin yesterday. When I regret to say that the jury found that the Council were guilty of negligence in repairing the bridge after it had been destroyed first in the manner that the bridge had been repaired in that the temporary structure had only been placed across half of the road space, & not across the entire available road surface. Secondly that they had no lights upon the bridge at night time & that they had not a watchman or someone to warn the public of the danger & they assessed the damages at £105.

"a stay of execution had been placed upon the Order for three weeks to enable the County Council to consider whether they will apply for a new trial or not.

With regard to the question of applying for the new trial I do not feel that I can advise the Council to do this, because I have very little hope that the present judgment would be upset, & even if we did succeed the Council would still have to bear the expense of the fees paid to counsel on the present case, and also on the appeal, which would come to over the amount of the £105.







## Printing Appeal Lists Civil

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Under date 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, Mr. Scallan, Clerk of the Peace, submitted letter from Department of Justice stating that the printing of the pending Civil Bill appeal cases should be now proceeded with in the usual manner. Mr. Scallan submitted a quotation from the "Free Press" at £5: 5: 0 for the printing of Lists.

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

"That the Clerk of the Peace be empowered to have Appeal List of Civil Bills printed for forthcoming Circuit Court cost not to exceed £5: 5: 0.

## Register of Voters Preparation of

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Under date 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, Mr. Scallan, Clerk of the Peace, wrote applying for £250 as an advance to enable him to meet current expenses in connection with the preparation of the third Register of Electors.

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

"That a sum of £250 be advanced to Clerk of Peace to meet current expenses in connection with the preparation of Register of Electors."

## Coal for Office of Clerk of Peace

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The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1924, was submitted:-

Mr. G. N. Scallan, Clerk of the Peace, wrote asking if the County Council had given a contract for the supply of anthracite coal to his office.

The following recommendation was adopted:-



"That the question of the supply of coal for office of Clerk of Peace be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall.

### Sheep Dipping Order - Swim Baths

The following extract from meeting of County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1924, Mr. Hayes, V.S., wrote:- "I have been asked by several farmers in different districts around here to propose to you the necessity of having swim baths erected in the various districts, when the operation of dipping could be properly supervised and a charge of so much per head be made. When the dipping is left to this stage many farmers have an objection to having the ewes turned up as it is the tub that is mostly used."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the County Council to have established six centres for Sheep Dipping in each of the Rural Districts of the County & in which systematic dipping under the Officers of the County Council could be carried out at so much per head; County Council to supply dip."

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

"That the necessary steps be taken to have established six centres for Sheep Dipping in each of the four Rural Districts of the County; dipping to be carried out at so much per head; work to be in charge of a responsible official of the County Council, and that the latter provide the dip."

### Weights & Measures Office, New Ross

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1924, Sergeant Somers, Garda Siothchana, New Ross wrote that he proposed to take over part of a house in South Street, New Ross from Mr. Michael Barron, Cross Lane, New Ross at 5/- per week for use as Weights & Measures Office. He also asked for allowance for supply of coal to be used at the premises.

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



"That we agree to rent as weights & measures Office for New Ross district premises in South Street the property of Mr. Michael Barron, Cross Lane, New Ross, at a rent of 5/- per week. That tenancy can be determined by a week's notice in writing on either side; that half ton of coal be allowed for the heating of the place.

### Tuberculosis Scheme - Administrative ~ ~ ~ Expenses ~ ~ ~

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1924, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (P.H. 46001/24 Wexford County) to the Presiding Chairman, Tuberculosis Committee, that subject to ratification by the County Council, he had approved of the proposed continuance for a further period of 12 months, as from the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1924, of the appointment of Mr. N. J. Grizzle as Secretary to the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee at a remuneration of £52 per annum.

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

"That we ratify the appointment of Mr. N. J. Grizzle as Secretary to County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee for twelve months as from 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1924, at salary of £52 per annum."

### Interest on Overdraft Wexford Guardians

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Under date 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1924, Mr. J. D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health wrote that with reference to list of sanctions which were sought by County <sup>Wexford</sup> Board of Health from Ministry of Local Government the latter in connection with the question of Interest on Overdraft for Wexford Board of Guardians, stated that the matter might be referred to the County Council.

A resolution was adopted by the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1924.



asking the County Board of Health the circumstances under which the Overdraft was incurred & the period in respect of which it was in existence.

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1924, Mr. J. L. Sinnott Secretary, County Board of Health wrote that the Overdraft had been caused by the delay in the payment of instalment of demand by the County Council.

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

"That in the circumstances mentioned in letter of Mr. J. L. Sinnott Secretary County Board of Health, under date 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1924, the County Council are prepared to assume responsibility for repayment of interest on Overdraft; payment to be made subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

### Repairs House Adjoining Co. Home

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1924, Mrs Margaret Cosgrave, St. John's Ennisceorthy, tenant of house adjoining the County Home, wrote that the Council could not expect her to pay rent for a house which was not habitable. The agreement with the County Council bounds them as lessors to keep the house in repair outside & the Council had failed to do this. The only course open for her was to have the repairs carried out & deduct the amount from the rent. The property was depreciating every day & it was very bad business to allow it become worthless.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the absolutely necessary outside repairs to house occupied by Mrs Cosgrave, St. John's Ennisceorthy, the property of the County Council carried out"

### Finances Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

Letters from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction & Department of Education, were read relative to amounts standing in the books of these Departments to the credit of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, on No. 1 a/c (Live Stock & Agriculture) & No. 2 a/c (Technical Instruction).

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



"This Council considers it has the right to allocate in what proportion it desires funds provided from the 1<sup>st</sup> Rate for Live Stock & Agriculture & Technical Instruction. The savings on the last mentioned scheme in Bank arise entirely from the produce of the penny rate & the Council claim they have a perfect right to transfer funds from one a/c to the other as required for the working of the various schemes. also, that the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction acting for the Council have similar rights & powers".

### Local Banks & Weekly Half-Holidays

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Correspondence was read from the Managers of various Bank Branches stating that in future when the weekly half holiday would fall on a fair day the Banks would remain open until 3 o'clock p.m.

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Consideration of General Resolutions received from other Bodies was adjourned to next meeting of the County Council

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(Signed) Wm. Curran  
Presiding Chairman

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1925.

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