

"This Council considers it has the right to allocate in what proportion it desires funds provided from the 1st 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 12th day of January, 1925.

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Wexford Co. Council
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Meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1925  
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a meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortuneis, Wexford, on Monday, 12th January, 1925.

Present: Mr. John Cummins (Vice Chairman) Presided; also present Messrs James Byrne, Michael Clardy, C. Bulleton, R. Corish, J. D. M. Doyle, J. D. James Lawlor, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, P. O'Byrne, W. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender & James Shannon.

The following officials were in attendance: The Secretary, the County Surveyor & Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

A letter was read from Mr. E. P. Gohy, Chairman apologising for his absence from the meeting owing to the illness of a near relative.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Late Rev. John J. Roche O.F.M.
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The following in reply to a vote of condolence by the Co. Council, on the death of Rev. J. J. Roche, O.F.M. Wexford, was read, and, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne ordered to be inserted in the Minutes of Meeting:-

"I am very grateful for your kind letter of sympathy & I on behalf of the Community, ask you to accept & convey to the Members of the Council my very sincere thanks.

"There is no need for me to dwell on Fr. John's saintly life. We saw it, the people of his native town acknowledged it by their wonderful demonstration at his funeral, which for many years will be remembered as a spontaneous tribute to a Venerable Franciscan, who was a guide to his Province & an honour to Wexford."

Gangers & up. keep of bicycles.  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was given by Mr. Shannon:-

"That article 7 of the District Labour Scheme be varied to allow of the Co. Council paying a sum of 2/- per week to Gangers for the up-keep of their bicycles, as, in view of weather conditions & the state

of the roads it is inequitable to oblige them to maintain bicycles out of their ordinary wages.

Mr. Shannon in moving his motion said that Gangers in his district, had to ride their bicycles to New Ross & Enniscorthy with Pay Sheets & this after after their week's work. When when they returned home they had often to look for a man to start work on a Monday morning.

Mr. P. O'Byrne said he was in touch with five gangers & their average daily mileage was 40 or 50 miles. At six o'clock in the evening they could not consider their work finished as they had often to be in certain districts very far from home to check the time men left their work in the evening. The same applied to the morning. Taking the time actually worked they put in every week two days more than the ordinary worker on the road.

After further discussion it was decided that the motion should be considered in conjunction with report of Special Roads Committee.

Special Roads Committee Report

The Chairman forwarded report of Special Roads Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Clonky:-

"That Report of Special Roads Committee be received, printed & circulated amongst the Members with a view to its consideration by next meeting of Co. Council to be held on Monday 2nd February, 1925."

University Scholarships Scheme

In connection with above circular letter under date 23rd December, 1924, was read from the President University College, Dublin. The University approved of the Leaving Certificate Examination which had replaced the Senior Grade Intermediate Examination, as an examination which would be accepted for Co. Council University Scholarships. Regulations to this effect had been made by the College. A list of the names of candidates for the Councils

on or before 15th June next. The regulations made by University College should be included by Co. Councils in their University Scholarships Schemes.

The following are the regulations proposed by University College:-

1. Applications for Entrance Co. Council Scholarships should be made locally to the Secretary of the Co. Council as according to the date fixed by each Council & a list of the applications approved by the Council forwarded to the Registrar, University College, Dublin, on or before June 1st 1925.

2. The examination on which awards of Entrance Co. Council Scholarships may be made will be the Leaving Certificate Examination (Secondary Schools)

3. The subjects of the Examination to be considered for the award of a Scholarship must include Irish, & four subjects from the list included in the Leaving Certificate Examination. The subjects on which the awards are to be made shall in every case include at least three Honours subjects

4. The recommendations for the award of Scholarships will be made by the Academic Council after consideration of the total marks obtained in each of the five subjects by the candidates at the examination estimated for Honours subjects at the relative values assigned to the subjects in the Regulations for the Special Examination held in the College in past years for County Councils, & pass marks in the reduction, be made in relation to Honours standard

5. The candidates of each Council shall be placed in the order of merit according to the total of the marks so determined & the list of the candidates with the recommendations of the Academic Council shall be so returned to the County Council

6. Copies of the Examination papers of the Examination for the Leaving Certificate, & the written answer books of the candidates at that Examination are to be available for the College Professors in the subjects in respect of which recommendations for the awards of Scholarships are to be made.

7. The recommendations for the award of the Scholarships, of the Council of the City of Dublin, for which previously a separate Examination was held, shall be made as according to the mode of the award of College Scholarships & on the Regulations applying to groups of subjects & marks as at the Examination for the College Scholarships.

The attention of all County Councils candidates is directed to the requirement of Matriculation in the University

County Council Scholarships in the University, & the subjects presented for the Leaving Certificate Examination should as far as possible include those required for Matriculation. Candidates not passing the Leaving Certificate Examination in the subjects required for the Matriculation Examination will be under the necessity of presenting themselves for the Matriculation Examination.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended the adoption of these Regulations

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee the Regulations of University College, Dublin, governing award of University Scholarships be and are hereby adopted & that same be embodied in our University Scholarships Scheme. That the full text of the provisions of Wexford Co. Council University Scholarships Scheme be submitted to the Ministry of Education & University College as soon as possible"

Primary Scholarships Scheme

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5th January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 31st December, 1924, the following letter (No. G. 7352, was read from the Office of National Education Dublin:-

"With reference to previous correspondence I am directed to inform you that recommendations 1 & 2 of the Scholarships Committee in the enclosure with your letter to 12th instant are approved.

✓ "With regard to the recommendations bearing on the Syllabus for these Scholarships, I am to state that sanction cannot be given for a programme in Irish which would be inferior in scope or difficulty to the Programme outlined in the official Scheme. As regards the Committee's observations relative to the Programmes & tests for Geography, History & Algebra, it is to be borne in mind that the whole gist of the Scholarships Scheme is to select the best boys & girls who have gone through

the Primary Course and, in the circumstances, the Primary School Programme in operation at the moment must be taken as the basis for the Scholarships Programme."

"I am to request that the final draft of the 1925 Scheme be submitted for consideration at your earliest convenience"

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

"In view of the refusal of the Office of National Education to entertain recommendations made by the Council as regards Syllabus under Primary Scholarships Scheme, this Committee feel it would be advisable to fall in with the views of the Office of National Education & allow their Primary Scholarships to be awarded under the official syllabus."

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

*Ballyweathe Bridge - Parker &
others v. Co. Council
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The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 24<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote enclosing copy letter from Messrs W. G. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors Wexford, asking for payment of £105 amount of damages in above. He also asked what the Council proposed to do in the three other claims in respect of the same accident.

"Mr. Elgee in reply to the Chairman said that John B. Ryan, Dublin, owner & driver of the Chevrolet motor car claimed £200 for car & £50 for personal injuries. Laurence Gurlong & Mr. Postlethwaite claimed £50 each for personal injuries.

"In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that £30 would be an absolute outside figure for repair to the car. A new car would cost £200 odd.

"The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That Mr. Elgee negotiate with Mr. W. G. O'Connor (Solicitor) with reference to a settlement of claims of Messrs Ryan, Gurlong & Postlethwaite for injuries through accident at Ballyweathe Bridge. And that negotiations be without prejudice"

The following resolution was also adopted:-

"That Council's fees in the case of Parker v.



County Council & amounting to £54: 15: 0, be refunded Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, at the earliest opportunity"

The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Cloncy.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, Mr. Elgee, reported that he had gone into the matter with Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, since the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. Messrs O'Connor & Co. would be prepared to recommend Mr. Ryan to accept £150 in respect of the damages to the motor car & £50 in respect of his personal injuries & to measure their costs at £30. They stated that the car was not worth repairing & was sold for scrap. If the case went to a hearing he (Mr. Elgee) considered there would be judgment for a substantial sum. Plaintiff's costs would be over £100 & there would be the out-of-pocket expenses for the Co. Council for Counsel's fees which would be at least £50.

It recommended that £200 be offered in full settlement of claim & costs. As to Gurlong & Postlethwaite's claim Messrs O'Connor & Co. suggested £20 each to cover claim & costs but Mr. Elgee, thought £15 each might settle the matter.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of effecting a settlement in the claims of Ryan & others v. County Council for injury sustained at Ballyweather Bridge be left in the hands of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor. That Mr. Elgee be requested to report to next meeting of the Council in the matter."

### Proposals for Works ~~~~~

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

✓ "That the several proposals for works as appearing on Form 20, submitted to the Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted"



### Employment of Ex-National Army Men

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, letter (No. SGA/32) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health, pointing out in reference to progress of work Report for week ending 29<sup>th</sup> November, that out of a total of 91 men employed, only 48 were Ex-National Army Men, & asking whether the instructions contained in Paragraph 8 of Circular SGA/201 of the 18<sup>th</sup> February, last were complied with before employing civilians on work under the Trunk Road Grant (£1,000,000).

Mr. Coish thought that the number employed was a fair percentage.

The County Surveyor stated, in his opinion, it was a very reasonable proportion. Of course he could not put a complete list of new men into each survey or on road work. Besides they were unable to get any more applications. He nearly got all the Ex-service men that were available.

No. order.

### Local Elections

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1924 letter (No. G. 57456/1924 Miscellaneous), was read from the Minister of Local Government & Public Health, stating that, in view of the provisions of the Local Government Bill 1924, in regard to local authorities, it was his intention to postpone the Local Elections to a date subsequent to 15<sup>th</sup> January.

No. order.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, letter No. 1111/ Miscellaneous (m) was read from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health stating that he had issued an order under the Local Elections Postponement (Amendment) Act, 1922, as amended by the Local Elections Postponement Act, 1924, postponing the local elections to the following dates:-

(1) County Councils, County Borough Councils, Borough Councils, Urban District Councils & Town Commissioners to the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1925; first meeting to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925.

(2) Rural District Councils & Guardians in Urban Districts to the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1925; first meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1925.

The existing Rural, Borough, Urban, & Town Electoral areas would remain as at present constituted.



County Electoral areas were liable to be changed, in view of the provisions in the Bill which increased the number of members of a County Council by a number equal to twice the number of Rural Districts in such County. In anticipation of the passing of the Bill draft Electoral area Orders had been prepared allocating this increase but no substantial variation of the existing areas had been found necessary.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Michael Doyle the following resolution was adopted:

"This Council is of opinion that there should be no further postponement of Local Elections beyond the date given in the communication from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, under date 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, No. 1111, Miscellaneous (M)"

### Sealed Orders - Water Supplies

Sealed Order, 46418/1924, dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, fixing the Rural District of Ennisceathy as the area of charge for special expenses to be incurred for the purpose of improving water supply & maintaining same at Courtmacuddy, was submitted to the meeting.

Sealed Orders Nos. 48220/1924 & 48221/1924, dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, fixing the Kellnagh & Wells Dispensary district as the area of charge for the purpose of improving & maintaining the supply of water at Big Crosses, Kellnagh & Little Crosses, Kellnagh respectively, were submitted to the meeting.

No. Order.

### Loan for Erection of Attendants' Cottages, Mental Hospital

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, the Department of Local Government wrote (M. H. 349) that before the application for sanction to borrowing for the purpose of building cottages for attendants at Ennisceathy Mental Hospital could be taken into consideration the plans & specifications of the works must be approved.



by the Minister as required by Section 9 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1898. No application for such approval had been received.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That a copy of letter (M. H. 549) under date 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, relative to erection of attendants' cottages at Enniscorthy Mental Hospital be furnished the Resident Medical Officer for his information.

"The Secretary said he believed the plans had been furnished since the date of the letter."

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

### Dail Eireann Loan

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 57205/1924 Wexford County), requesting that the advance of loan from Dail Eireann to the Co. Council should be repaid at next meeting of the Council."

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That as in consequence of the dispute between the Co. Council & the Government in regard to the payment of compensation to ex-officers, the Rate for current year is only in <sup>course of</sup> collection for a month, very little money has been collected & the Co. Council will not be in a position to deal with the repayment of Dail Eireann Loan until they can bring about a substantial improvement in the Rate Collection."

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

### Local Budgets Administrative Economy

Circular letter G. 55189/24 miscellaneous, under date 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1924, relative to the exercise of economy in the preparation of estimates of expenditure from the Department of Local Government & Public Health was referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean B. Byrne.



### Overdraft

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, letter (No. G.58550/1924 Wexford County) was read from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, sanctioning overdraft of £25,000 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March next on the same terms as the previous overdraft.

### Notice to Judgment Creditors

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1925, the Department of Local Government forwarded circular from the Ministry of Justice as to judgment creditors bringing into court for examination as to their private means etc., debtors against whom the Sheriff had been unable to execute decrees"

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That copy of circular from Department of Justice relative to summoning debtors to a District Court for examination as to their private means be furnished Rate Collectors & that they be informed the Council expect them to take this remedy in suitable cases."

On the motion of Mr. Sean B' Byrne seconded by Mr. Cloncy the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed

### Postal Services in Rural Districts

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1924, letter (No. P.27877/23) was read from the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs stating that before sanctioning alterations in postal arrangements it was the desire of the Department to ascertain the views of the majority of the residents affected but this was not always practicable without incurring undue expense. If the Council had any suggestions to offer for the improvement of the existing rural services in County Wexford they would be considered.

On the motion of Mr. Sean B' Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted



"That we request the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs, when he is about to make any change in local postal arrangements, to inform the Co. Council of such changes & in time to allow the local people concerned to make representations to the Minister with regard to same."

Mr. Culleton moved a resolution that the Minister be requested to restore the daily delivery of mails in rural Districts but the proposal was not seconded.

### Sheep Dipping

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, Mr. Gmelay Kerr, M.R.B.V.S. Supervisory Officer of the Department of Agriculture, wrote that he had noted the County Council proposed to establish six centres for Sheep Dipping in each of the four Rural Districts of the County & that a consultation with the Finance & Roads Committee & the Veterinary Inspectors, etc., should take place early in January. If he were informed of the date of this consultation he would arrange to be present."

"a recommendation was adopted directing the Secretary to make arrangements for the attendance of Mr. Gmelay Kerr at the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee"

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

### Courtown Harbour

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, from the Department of Fisheries, stating that the Department's Engineer would be instructed to inspect & report on Courtown Harbour at an early date, & pointing out that the provision of funds for a marine work, whatever might be the measure of the Scheme from the view point of fisheries, was one in which the opinion of the Minister of Finance would be paramount"

No. Order.

"a resolution was submitted from the Courtown Harbour Committee, under date 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, stating that the Committee intended holding a public meeting



at Bourton Harbour with a view to having some necessary improvements carried out on account of the damage caused by the recent storm, & calling on the Government to help in the matter.

"The Secretary stated that, in consequence of considerable damage having been effected by the recent storm at Bourton Harbour he had forwarded a letter to the Department of Local Government under date 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 1925, by directions of the Committee pointing out the following:-

"During the storms since Christmas last the foreshore had been washed away & there is grave danger of the houses in the village being affected by the floods as well as of the destruction of the entire Harbour basin.

"The Committee with County Surveyor & Mr. Hazard Engineer, Department of Fisheries, inspected the place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant and, in the opinion of the County Surveyor & Mr. Hazard it will require a sum of £3,000 to provide for the immediate protection of the foreshore. The work is of the gravest immediate necessity."

"The County Council are unable to finance the expenditure & the Fisheries Department, it is understood, have no funds at their disposal.

"The Committee appeal to the Department of Local Government to provide the amount from the Unemployment Grant. at least 75 per cent of the money would go towards labour and, in this connection, I am asked to point out that there is considerable distress in the village & neighbourhood as the fishermen have not been able to carry on their work owing to the present exceptionally severe weather."

"The Committee have every confidence, in view of the extreme urgency of the case, that the Department will come to the assistance of the Co. Council & of the unfortunate people of Bourton."

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That, in connection with the report of the recent exceptionally heavy damage to the Harbour at Bourton, we recommend the Co. Council to endeavour to obtain from the Government a grant to carry out the necessary repairs - in view of the fact



that it has been estimated by the County Surveyor & Mr. Hazard, Engineer, Department of Fisheries that a sum of £3,000 will be required to repair the damage & the Co. Council are unable to provide this money. It is, to our mind, inequitable that Counties with a seaboard should be held responsible for repairs to piers & harbours as well as storm damage there.

All these structures should be vested in the State & cost of upkeep, repairs etc. should be dealt with as a National charge.

Mr. Loxish submitted letter under date 6<sup>th</sup> January 1925, (No. 2012/25) from the Minister of Fisheries stating that Mr. Hazard's report indicated that the damage at Courton was serious & needed immediate attention. Mr. Hazard suggested that protection work, consisting of concrete blocks, at an estimated cost of, approximately, £3,000 should be placed along the foreshore to the north of the Harbour entrance.

The Minister would be prepared, in the interests of the fishing population at Courton to recommend a contribution from State Funds to meet the cost of this work, but no doubt, the Department of Finance would require that the bulk of the outlay should be met out of County or other sources, as the Harbour belonged to the County Council. The suggested extension of the existing piers would, the Minister was advised, be of doubtful benefit, as it was considered that the effect of such projection at the mouth of the river would be to cause greater erosion immediately to the north & render further protection works essential.

Mr. Loxish stated that when he received this letter on the 9<sup>th</sup>, he was rather doubtful as to whether the County Council would be able to provide the large amount of money required as per the terms of the letter. He again wrote to the Minister saying that the Co. Council expected the Ministry should find at least £1,500, half cost. He received a reply under date 10<sup>th</sup> January from the Minister stating that their Engineer, Mr. Hazard, had had a long conference with the Secretary, Local Government, Department and as a result, that Department had sent a recommendation to the Minister for Finance that a sum of £2,000 might be made available as a Grant in aid towards the work. He was adding his weight to this recommendation in the interests of the local fishermen. He could not, of course, anticipate the ruling by the Minister of Finance in the case; but it would be a good plan if the Council would make a provisional allocation of funds to meet the necessity for consideration.



if & when the Minister for Finance had agreed to make a grant.

Mr. Borish stated he had also taken up the matter with the Department of Local Government & had a letter from the Secretary that he had seen Mr. Hazard, Engineer, & had put up a strong case for a grant of £2,000, the other £1,000 to be provided by the Co. Council by means of a loan, say, from 5 to 10 years.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council visited Bawterson on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant & met Mr. Hazard Engineer to the Department of Fisheries

"There were present, the Chairman, Messrs O'Donoghue, J. O'Byrne and also Alderman Borish, Mr. Elgee County Solicitor, the County Surveyor & Mr. Shannon were also present. Messrs J. Cummins, Cloney & Hall were not able to attend.

"The position is of such a serious nature that unless immediate protective works are put in hands the sea may breach into the Harbour basin. The masonry bridge is also endangered by the wastage of the sand banks immediately opposite it. During the last 20 years the high water mark was encroached at this point about 200 feet & nearer the pier by about 165 feet.

"Mr. Hazard recommended the placing of large concrete blocks along the foreshore, as has been done by the Dublin & South Eastern Railway below Greystones. These will gradually build up the foreshore by deposit of sand etc. behind them & will break the force of the waves. The County Surveyor estimated the cost of this work at £3,000 & it was directed that the Secretary of the Co. Council make application to the Ministry of Local Government for a grant to carry out the work.

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. James Byrne.

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

"That the necessary work of protecting the Harbour



a village at Courtown be taken in hands as soon as possible after information has been received that the Department of Finance are prepared to contribute a sum of £2,000 towards the cost. The County Council, will, by loan, provide the necessary balance, viz. £1,000.

### Old Flag Staff - Courtown Harbour

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, a letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that Mr. Greener, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the old flag staff at Courtown Harbour was in a dangerous condition. The stone work around it would be very useful in connection with the wall to be built between the bridges as already approved by the County Council."

"A recommendation was adopted directing the County Surveyor to remove the old Flag Staff at Courtown Harbour."

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

### Yara Hill Quarry

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, the County Surveyor wrote that Mr. Greener, Assistant Surveyor, had reported that the greater number of the men in Yara Hill Quarry were found idling on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant & that they had been previously warned accordingly they had been suspended. The names were Laurence Darcy, James Miller, Peter Noctor, Michael Waddock, James Barrington, Patrick Kehoe, Matthew Redmond, Moses Kavanagh, James Noctor, & Michael Kavanagh."

"In further connection with this quarry Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, reported that Mr. Greener & Mr. Murphy Machinery Overseer reported that Owen Mc Bleau, Drill Operator, & Patrick Doyle, Blacksmith, had been found idling on one occasion. As the Drill Operator was in default he was suspended."

"The men concerned attended the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."



Mr. Greanor stated that shortly after eight o'clock a. m., on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, he found only one man working in the quarry & then directed that the others should be stopped a half day's pay. On the 13<sup>th</sup> December, about 11.50 a. m., he (Mr. Greanor) visited the quarry & found the men were all in the huts doing nothing. He asked the Ganger for an explanation & the latter stated that when he was going into Gory with his time-sheets he had directed the men to carry on the work. They did not do so until twenty minutes after he (Mr. Greanor) had visited the quarry. The Drill Operator had been in the quarry 3½ days & had only drilled 38 feet. He (Mr. Greanor) started Mc Blean to work & found he bored two feet in twenty-five minutes. The average for an eight hour day would be 20 feet & Mc Blean was daily turning out 11 feet only. The Saturday morning in question when this man could have made an attempt to make up for his very bad return during the week he did nothing. The men took advantage of the fact that they believed he (Mr. Greanor) & the Ganger would be engaged at the pay sheets on Saturday forenoon.

"Yara Hill which should be the best quarry in the county compared very unfavourably with other quarries.

Waddock, one of the men concerned, stated that on the first occasion four men turned up in the quarry at ten minutes to eight. They could not be expected, as regards the second occasion, to work on a wet day.

"Several of the other men made similar statements. Mc Blean in reply to Mr. Borish stated that it was not raining to an extent to prevent the men working. He would have carried on his work if the other men had started.

"Mr. Greanor pointed out that on the first occasion he proceeded to the local steam-rolling gang & found they had been working for some time which was very improbable if the time when he was at Yara Hill Quarry was ten minutes to eight.

After some discussion the following recommendation was adopted:-



"That we confirm the suspension of men working at Yara Hill Quarry & reported by Mr. Gorman to this meeting for neglect of duty. From the evidence we have heard from both sides we are convinced that Mr. Gorman's action in this matter has been fully justified & we hereby empower him to make whatever arrangements he considers most advisable for the future working of the quarry."

After a long discussion Mr. James Byrne proposed & Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, which was passed. Mr. Shannon dissenting.

### Complaint by Workman

William Duffin, Little Graigue, Ladywell, The Hook, was allowed to come before the meeting. He complained that he had been disemployed as road worker some time ago without reason. He contended that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, had dispensed with his services owing to lies which had been told him by other workmen.

The County Surveyor stated he had received several letters from Duffin but was never able to clearly make out what grievance he suffered from.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Blaney:-

"That the County Surveyor obtain from Messrs Kehoe & Jones, Assistant Surveyors, a report as to how William Duffin came to be disemployed & submit same to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee"

### Suspended Quarrymen

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5th January, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with the working of Kerlogue Quarry the last meeting of the Co. Council had passed a resolution that the question of the suspension of Butler, employed at Kerlogue Quarry, be considered by the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Mr. Barthistle, Assistant Surveyor, reported that for the quarter to June Butler had lost nine days & in quarter ended September last he had been



three consecutive weeks absent from the quarry. He was a very difficult man to deal with. He never seemed to be really idle but was not, at the same time, turning out work to the same extent as the other men in the quarry. Butler was working for himself during the three weeks absence in the September quarter. He was upsetting the arrangements in the quarry, asking the men why should they kill "themselves for the County Council" & making other similar statements.

"William Boggan, Ganger, stated that Butler would not keep proper time & did not do an average day's work. When he was away from his work he was employed at the half acre attached to his cottage.

"Butler replied that all the work he did during the three weeks absence was to paint a door. He had a pain in his back for which he procured a plaster from a chemist. He did not go to a doctor nor did he report to the Ganger that he was ill. He was insured but did not draw any insurance money during his illness. He contended that he did as much work as any other man in the quarry.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the suspension of William Butler from work at Kerlogue Quarry be confirmed"

#### Ballybrennan Quarry

In connection with the suspension of Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Ballybrennan Quarry, Mr. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that Fitzpatrick had been absent from his work for five weeks. He now produced a Doctor's certificate to cover that period. During his absence another man had been employed in the Quarry. But he (Mr. Bullen) had now employed Fitzpatrick on the road.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the suspension of Nicholas Fitzpatrick, as regards work at Ballybrennan Quarry be confirmed"

#### Brownswood Quarry

Mr. Cummins brought forward the case of a boy named [unclear] who had been



employed hauling water to <sup>the</sup> quarry. He had been dismissed without reason & the work given to D'Arcy, the chargehand in the quarry.

"Mr. Bullen said that D'Arcy's son was carrying out the work. It had been given to him because no extra remuneration had been provided for the work carried out by a chargehand who looked after the men when the ganger was absent from the quarry.

"Mr. Cummins considered that Carty should be reinstated in his job.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That when the work of breaking road metalling is resumed at Brownswood Quarry some person who has no connection with Carty or D'Arcy, be employed to haul water."

In the case of William Buttle the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. G. J. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. James Byrne.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, regarding Nicholas Fitzpatrick, was confirmed.

Regarding the case of Carty Mr. Borish proposed & Mr. O'Donoghue seconded, the adoption of the minute of the Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr. Shannon proposed & Mr. Bender seconded.

"That the matter be adjourned to allow the Co. Surveyor to furnish figures showing amount earned by Carty for carting at Brownswood Quarry."

This latter motion was passed, and, pending the production of the figures by the County Surveyor the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was held over.

### Bahore Drainage

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"The following report of Committee appointed by the County Council was submitted:-

"On the 17<sup>th</sup> instant the Committee, consisting of Mr. M. O'Donoghue, M. C. C., & the County Surveyor visited Bahore & inspected the drains & flooded lands. Mr. Borish, M. C. C., & a number of the land owners were also in attendance.

"The lands within the District lie to the Southward of Bahore Point, & about ten miles to the S. S. E. of Galway, & are separated from the sea by a range



of sand hills. The outlet of the drainage is through a culvert discharging under the Pier at Pollduff.

"The Committee found the area in a deplorable condition the lands adjoining the drainage cut are entirely under water with consequent standing back of the drainage on the more remote areas. These bottom lands if kept free from flood are amongst the best grazing lands in the County; now they are worthless, and a source of injury to the whole area. The Public Road through Newtown to the sea is deeply flooded rendering almost impossible the passage of farm produce, & of sea gravel, which is the only Road Material available in the area. This point on the shore is the best for obtaining gravel for a considerable length north & south.

"We understand there was a Drainage Board constituted in or about 1852, & works costing about £4,000 were carried out. Subsequently a further sum of in or about £2,000 was expended in restoration. This expenditure is now wasted unless steps be taken to clean the drainage channels & culverts, & repair & improve the sluices etc.

"It is estimated that a sum of from £2,500 to £3,000 will now be required to thoroughly restore the works, & we recommend that the County Council make application to the Government for a free Grant to carry out the work, it being of National utility. Moreover, it is to be noted that there is a great deal of unemployment in this area, & almost the entire expenditure will be on labour.

"The report of the Committee was adopted & recommended to the Co. Council for confirmation.

"In connection with this matter, Mr. Borish mentioned that, on his recommendation, a memorial to the Board of Works had been presented by the local people with the result that Mr. B. C. Olley, Engineer to the Board, would make an inspection on the 7<sup>th</sup> January. He (Mr. Borish) Mr. O'Donoghue, M. C. C., & the County Surveyor would meet Mr. Olley & accompany him in his inspection."

Mr. O'Donoghue mentioned that there were over 600 acres of land in the area.



Mr. Sean O'Byrne pointed out that the roadway there had been destroyed & the Co. Council did not know what were the responsibilities of the local Drainage Board.

Mr. O'Donoghue stated that they were not able to get any information from the representatives of the landlords who attended; no answer was given to Mr. Alley when he asked what levy was on the members for Drainage purposes. Mr. Borish then asked them what money they had on hands but this question was also unanswered. The strangest part of the matter was that these persons were against the suggested work being carried out while the Secretary of the Drainage Board would derive more benefit from it than anybody else. The County Council were asking rates from people in this district but he (Mr. O'Donoghue) held they would not expect rates to be paid for water.

"Mr. Borish proposed:-

"That the matter be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to advise the Council, and, if possible, to obtain from the Office of Public Works a map of the Drainage system & copy of the Scheme."

Mr. Borish seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that the local Drainage Trustees appointed a Committee which was responsible to the Board of Works for the upkeep of the drains. The Engineer from the Board periodically inspected the works & reported as to how the Drainage Committee were carrying out their duties.

Mr. Borish held that where local Drainage Boards were not working efficiently, the Board of Works should be held responsible. Mr. Borish further contended that the loans for drainage purposes, which had been obtained, ought to be repaid by the landlords who wanted to unload their responsibilities on the tenants.

Mr. O'Donoghue pointed out that the Cahore System was established in 1852. The landlords had put on a rate of 5/9 <sup>d</sup> per acre to cover their liability in regard to repayment of loans.

Mr. Borish pointed out that Mr. Alley was against any such expenditure as would put the place in the same condition as immediately after the drainage works had been started. He had agreed with the proposal for the opening of some outlets to relieve flooding.



### Gord of Lyng

Mr. Doyle called attention to the state of the Gord of Lyng, which, he complained, was flooding practically the whole of the Barony of Gorth. The present deplorable position arose from the fact that the owners of the slob would not clean the drains on their property & the Council found it impossible up to the present, to proceed against them as they were informed those people were living out of jurisdiction.

Mr. Clancy proposed:-

"That the Minister for Lands & Agriculture be requested to empower the County Council to take over, without compensation, the land of the owners of the slob who had refused to carry out drainage work, & who were thus causing serious injury to a large section of a whole countryside."

Mr. Bullerton seconded.

Passed.

### Road from Gaps at Ginnaberna to District Bounds at Littlemore

a memorial was read from ratepayers of the district calling attention to the state of the road from the gaps at Ginnaberna to the District Bounds at Littlemore & the branch leading to the cross at Ballymacsimon. The bulk of the material required for the roads in part of the Gorey District is being carted from Ginnaberna Strand to Kilmuckridge & this increased traffic has had a very deteriorating effect upon the road on which there has not been a contract for years while the tonnage put out during the present season was totally inadequate.

Mr. O'Donoghue said that this road, which was in Mr. Bullen's district, had been out of contract for years, and <sup>was</sup> in a disgraceful condition.

Referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee.

### County Surveyor's Travelling Expenses

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, the County Surveyor wrote:-



"I shall be obliged if at next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee you have on the agenda the consideration of my travelling expenses when going around with the County Council Committee"

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had travelled 413 miles with the Committee.

After some discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter for the present

### Trunk Road Grants

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Under date 19th December, 1924, letter No. 85/32, was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads) that arrangements had been made for payment of £382 (Trunk Road Grant £100,000)

Under date 19th December, 1924, letter No. 85/32, was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads) that arrangements had been made for the payment of £3,092 (Trunk Road Grant £1,000,000)

Under date 5th January, 1925, letter (No R/984/32) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health that directions had been given for the payment of £168 in respect of Ministry of Transport Grant - 8.48.

Damaged Bridges

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The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, the County Surveyor wrote, calling attention to the necessity for getting refund from the Government to cover the very heavy expenditure incurred in the restoration of damaged bridges. The work was ordered by the County Council & payment had to be made out of the road proposals with the result that they were coming to the end of the available cash in several sections, and, moreover, improvement work that could otherwise be put in hands, had to be held over.

"A recommendation was adopted directing the County Surveyor to make application to the Department of Local Government for refund of amount expended by him on the restoration of damaged bridges & that he furnish schedule, showing in detail the actual money spent thereon."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Blonly seconded by Mr. Birch.

"In reply to Mr. Blonly the County Surveyor stated that the total estimate for damaged bridges was £9,497. Six more had to be done. £3,075 had been expended." ✓



Bridgls would take a good deal of money. Taking it all round, the expenditure would work out within this estimate

### Sewer at Knockrathkyle

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 1925, Mr. J. Dunbar, Solicitor, Ennisceorthy, wrote on behalf of Mrs Catherine Keating, Knockrathkyle, Glenbrien, asking the Council to repair the "shoe" draining the water from his client's yard. The pipes into which the water flowed were clogged as a result of the recent heavy rains & in consequence his client's yard was under three feet of water. He asked to have the matter remedied as soon as possible, otherwise proceedings would be taken against the Council

Referred to the County Surveyor on the motion of the Chairman

### Ballyhack Pier Light

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Mr. Cummins called attention to the necessity of having some light on Ballyhack Pier. a steamer was plying between there & Waterford, and, owing to the absence of a light serious accidents were in danger of taking place - as a matter of fact, two or three persons had been in great danger of drowning

a recommendation was adopted calling upon the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to restore the light on Ballyhack Pier"

On the motion of Mr. Clorke seconded by Mr. Shannon the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed

### Yeems Weighbridge

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, Mr. Elgell, Solicitor, submitted letter which he had received from the Representative Church Body, enclosing letter from the Protestant Dean of Yeems in which he held that the site on which it was agreed to erect weighbridge for Yeems belonged to the Representative Church Body



"Mr. Elgee explained that on receipt of this letter he had written, that before he would recommend the Council to accept the statement that the ground in question was not the property of the Council, documentary evidence vesting it in some other persons should be produced for his inspection.

The minute of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean B. Byrne.

### Road at Mayeady Bridge

Mr. Shannon stated that two or three prominent rate-payers met him recently in Ennisceorthy & complained of the road at Mayeady Bridge. They could not send their children to school without making a detour of two or three miles.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

### Footbridge at Boro' River

Mr. Shannon complained that the footbridge over the Boro' river at Ballybawn Mills was in a dangerous condition.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

### Roads in Lady's Island District

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5th January, 1925, was submitted:-

"The following letter was read from Mr. J. Devereux Broadway, under date 30th December, 1924:-

"At a large meeting of Ratepayers of Lady's Island, I was directed to inform the County Council that the people of Lady's Island are very indignant at the action of the Council in not putting men to work on the roads of the same District as a result of which that the roads are absolutely impassable in places. One road the gullet is broken down & is nearly always flooded, the children around that area attending same school having to make a detour of over a mile going & coming & needless to say the watercourses were choked up with mud on all the roads. The Lady's Island people have waited on Messrs Doyle, J. D. & Bullerton, & they have visited the district & can verify the foregoing statements. A resolution was unanimously passed demanding an explanation from the Co. Council why this parish should be selected for such treatment & until such is forthcoming & the roads put in repair no rates will be paid. The Ratepayers would also



like to know why the men who worked on the roads here for the last three years & who gave every satisfaction were not employed this year, their application was never even answered. Those & several other labourers in the parish are idle & we insist that they get first preference.

I ask you to bring this forward at the next Co. Council meeting. Hoping they will set matters right, if not the people are determined not to pay their rates."

The Secretary stated he had furnished the County Surveyor with a copy of the foregoing letter, & Mr. G. H. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district had submitted the following under date 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1924:-

"Referring to complaints made recently about the condition of the above roads in the Lady's Island District, I beg to report as follows:-

"I visited this area on the 16<sup>th</sup> December with a view to getting some cleaning & drainage work done & arranged with the ganger to start three men working on them on the Monday following viz:- the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant. The tools for these men, also the tools for some additional men, who were being put into St. Helen's Quay, were sent down on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> instant.

When I inspected these roads they were in an unsatisfactory condition as the ganger had reported, the Nethertown road 249 W. being particularly bad owing to heavy traffic to Nethertown Strand by the local farmers who are all engaged drawing seaweed, this being a plentiful year of same. The road itself is simply a "boreen" in every sense of the term & when subject to such traffic would be very hard to maintain under the best conditions that is with a plentiful supply of good material available etc.

"This brings us to the kernel of the trouble in this area. Good material is very hard to obtain in this area but with a view to getting it in time the various hauliers were given their work very early in the year, about February. A few of the men did their work but the great bulk of them have nothing practically done though continuously urged to hurry by the Ganger on my instructions & these men I am convinced, could have done much more had they tried.

"Take the roads in question:-

"381/1-18-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041-1042-1043-1044-1045-1046-1047-1048-1049-1050-1051-1052-1053-1054-1055-1056-1057-1058-1059-1060-1061-1062-1063-1064-1065-1066-1067-1068-1069-1070-1071-1072-1073-1074-1075-1076-1077-1078-1079-1080-1081-1082-1083-1084-1085-1086-1087-1088-1089-1090-1091-1092-1093-1094-1095-1096-1097-1098-1099-1100-1101-1102-1103-1104-1105-1106-1107-1108-1109-1110-1111-1112-1113-1114-1115-1116-1117-1118-1119-1120-1121-1122-1123-1124-1125-1126-1127-1128-1129-1130-1131-1132-1133-1134-1135-1136-1137-1138-1139-1140-1141-1142-1143-1144-1145-1146-1147-1148-1149-1150-1151-1152-1153-1154-1155-1156-1157-1158-1159-1160-1161-1162-1163-1164-1165-1166-1167-1168-1169-1170-1171-1172-1173-1174-1175-1176-1177-1178-1179-1180-1181-1182-1183-1184-1185-1186-1187-1188-1189-1190-1191-1192-1193-1194-1195-1196-1197-1198-1199-1200-1201-1202-1203-1204-1205-1206-1207-1208-1209-1210-1211-1212-1213-1214-1215-1216-1217-1218-1219-1220-1221-1222-1223-1224-1225-1226-1227-1228-1229-1230-1231-12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was made with John White of Knockanlasy for 120 c. y. There might be 40 or 50 c. y. out at the outside, up to a fortnight ago.

"248 W. - The Churchtown road - a contract was made with Patrick Ryan, Churchtown for 65 c. y. There are about 30 c. y. of very poor material on this road.

"249 W. The Nethertown road - a contract was made with Richard Synnott for 80 c. y. This is the worst road & there is hardly a scrap of material on it.

"There was no complaint from this area during the summer months, nor was there any work on the roads. In consequence with no material to measure, the area was not visited to the same extent as it would have been under anything approaching ordinary conditions. Continuous pressure was brought on the hauliers but with no result, & even what material has been supplied is for the greater portion of an inferior quality. Generally speaking it has been a late year of materials in this area through lack of machinery & inclement weather. In consequence the bulk of my time has been spent on the roads in those sections where quarries are being worked. In addition to this the Grant work in this area requires a lot of individual attention, & in the process of engine haulage from Ballybrennan Quarry to Shyle the road from Killurin Bridge to Shyle Cross has been badly damaged. A considerable amount of my time goes each week to these works, so that all things considered there is very little opportunity for a cursory inspection in an out of the way district such as the one complained of. Had there been any appreciable amount of material put out on these roads my presence would have been necessitated in connection with the measurement of same for full payments & the usual instalments on a/c as the case might be. The present oversight, & in consequence belated work, would not then have arisen.

"As previously stated, the ganger was instructed to put out three men on these roads on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. When you inspected this area with me on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, none of those men were to be seen. I wrote the ganger to put them out immediately & visited him on New Year's Day to inquire generally about the whole business. He had misinterpreted my original instructions & had been daily expecting a message from me in connection with these men. He is a very reliable man & no blame attaches to him for what was a very pardonable mistake. He went down on the evening of New Year's Day & arranged for an immediate start & the whole trouble should by now be well in hands."

"I trust you will find this statement of the case satisfactory."

"P. S. © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES



surface men in the balance of this area was 10. The number is now 13. On more than one occasion public mention has been made as to the general satisfaction of the road work in this part of the County. I mention this to show there has been no "neglect" on my part in the strict sense of the term.

Mr. Brithistle stated that quite recently, he had seen four of the principal men in Lady's Island & explained to them the difficulties with which he had to contend in connection with the repair of the roads & also what steps he had taken to remedy the state of things complained of. They expressed themselves quite satisfied about the matter.

"After considerable discussion the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we desire to point out to Mr. Devereux & the people of Lady's Island District generally that if the attention of the County Council had been called to the condition of the roads of the District earlier they would have taken all possible steps to have them put into proper repair. The Council are always prepared to go fully into any complaint made by any body of ratepayers and, if, within their power to make every effort to meet the wishes of the people whom they represent. They regret, however, that before calling the attention of the Council to their grievances the people of Lady's Island should have adopted "a pay no rate policy". It was quite unnecessary to make any threat to the Council, these concerned should realize that the Co. Council were unaware of the condition of the roads in Lady's Island District until reports appeared in the Press dealing with the matter & stating that no Rates would be paid until some remedy has been provided. The Finance & Roads Committee hereby direct the County & Assistant Surveyor concerned to have the roads of this particular district put into proper order without further delay".

Mr. Bulliton mentioned that the people who had complained were now satisfied that steps had been taken to put the roads in order. However, they believed that the gravel was not of proper quality. Suitable gravel could only be obtained in winter.

Mr. Doyle said that some stuff that was being put on the roads was certainly sheer waste. He had seen



this supplied on the Nethertown road. He blamed the Deputy Surveyor of the district for the neglect of these roads.

The minute of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean B'Byrne seconded by Mr. James Byrne.

### Flooded Cottage at Coolroe Blarroe

Mr. Shannon complained of the flooding of a cottage at Coolroe Blarroe, the residents of which had to live upstairs for the past six weeks & could only get in & out of their houses on stools or planks. It was because one of the twin gullies between Ballymaickessy & Coolroe was broken down that the flooding occurred. The one gully was unable to carry off the water.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

### Road at the Leap

Mr. Lawlor complained of the Davidstown Road at the Leap. People could not pass over this road to Mass or send their children to school.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

### Road 227C.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, from Mr. J. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor, re complaint of Mr. Keating as to flooding of his premises. On the 18<sup>th</sup> February last, the Chairman of the County Council & he (Mr. Bullen) inspected the place & arranged for new pipes to be laid to prevent flooding of Mr. Keating's place. This pipe was laid but was rendered useless by condition of drain in Mr. Heffernan's field. On the 8<sup>th</sup> November last he (Mr. Bullen) wrote Mr. Heffernan suggesting that the drain be properly cleaned up. This had not been done & a few days notice was being served on Mr. Heffernan. A lawsuit was pending between Keating & Heffernan & the matter of this sewer would come into it.

"Referred to the County Surveyor & the County Solicitor to take any action in the matter which they may consider necessary."

The minute of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean B'Byrne.

### Ennisceathy - Wexford Road

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-



"The meeting was engaged for a very considerable time in considering the present condition of the above road. Finally, a resolution was adopted directing the County Surveyor to present a detailed report in the matter to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

No. order.

### Payment Shifting Telegraph Poles

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1925, letter (No. 9K/964) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) stating that where road improvement schemes were carried out by a local authority with the aid of a Government Grant the expenses incurred by the Post Office, in respect of such road improvement schemes, should be charged against the Grant & paid direct by the local authority to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs with a view to keeping these expenses as low as possible the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs are willing to arrange that the County Surveyor would supply the necessary unskilled labour & the Post Office a skilled man to direct & take responsibility for the work.

### New Ross Workhouse

Mr. John G. B'Byrne asked if the County Surveyor had obtained any tender in connection with the repair of New Ross Workhouse Buildings

The County Surveyor stated he received one tender that morning but he considered it very high - much higher than his estimate. He intended submitting it to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee

### Assembling Machinery

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Attention was called to a bill for £64, presented for payment by the County Surveyor, to Messrs Hadfield Limited, Sheffield, for four weeks wages etc. to fitter in assembling for breakers of the Council.

"The meeting considered the amount excessive but as no agreement had been made with Messrs Hadfield Limited, in the matter, they recognised that they were



agreed to payment.

The minute of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean B. Byrne.

### Rate Collection

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"The state of the Rate Collection was submitted & the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rate Collectors be directed to push forward their collections with more energy than they have displayed to the present. That they be reminded the Council have a large Overdraft with their Treasurer & the sooner the Rates are collected the sooner the amount of overdraft can be paid off & the interest on same be saved to the Council.

"The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That Rate Collectors who have not furnished the list of decrees obtained for payment of Rates & which they were asked to furnish some time ago be informed that this list must be received by the Secretary before next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

"The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That no action be taken as respects payment of Poundage to Rate Collectors until the latter have entered into the Personal Bond prescribed by the Department of Local Government. That the deputation from Rate Collectors be informed that any questions they wish to raise as regards entering into personal bonds must be considered at a general meeting of the Council."

"Under date 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, the Under Sheriff, wrote that Mr. R. H. Peare, Kilmallock, Ennisceorthy would pay half the amount of the Order against him for rates now in the hands of the Under Sheriff & the balance in June.

"The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"The Finance & Roads Committee consider that Mr. Peare should be in as good a position to pay his Rates as is the general body of Ratepayers."

### Collector Donohoe

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, the Department of Local Government wrote (B. 57258/1924 Wexford County) that when the irrecoverable rates had been definitely ascertained & the warrant otherwise closed the Minister would be prepared to consider favourably a proposal to appoint <sup>Mr.</sup> Donohoe a permanent Rate collector on the understanding that he foregoes any claims



he may have for superannuation or compensation in respect of any abolished pensionable office held by him.

In connection with Rate Collector Donohoe a resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cloncy directing the Secretary to ascertain from Mr. Donohoe, if, in the event of his permanent appointment, he will be prepared to forgo any claim he may have for superannuation or compensation in respect of any abolished pensionable office held by him.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cloncy the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed.

It was also decided that the collectors who have not yet entered into personal bonds should be notified that the instructions of the County Council in this regard must be carried out by the next meeting of the Council to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 1925.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted from which it appeared that £11,879.2.6 had been collected while £56,073.19.4 was still outstanding in respect of the March 1925 rate.

#### Ex Rate Collector Yobin

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Mr. Elgee Solicitor, explained to the meeting that he had received a letter from the Minister of Finance under date 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1925 No. (4.147/40/24), relative to the gratuity payable to Mr. Matthew Yobin, Ex-Rate Collector for County Wickford, under the Local Officers (Compensation (War Period) Act, 1924, & pointing out that he was advised that he was not empowered under the Act to withhold payment of any of the pensions or gratuities payable thereunder. Further the Solicitor for Matthew Yobin had written to his Department demanding payment of the full amount of the gratuity & the Minister must accordingly make the necessary payment immediately to Mr. Yobin. The Minister regretted that in this particular instance he was unable to render



A recommendation was adopted directing Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to inform the Minister of Finance immediately that steps were being taken to garnishee the amount of compensation in this case.

A further recommendation was adopted that a sum of £5: 10: 0 be paid to the volunteers who had carried out the raid on Tobin's house for their attendance at the County Council offices for the purpose of making statements that they had not taken any money from this man's residence when they called there for the Rate Books.

The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. C. Loney:-

### Rate Collector - M. M. Kelly

In connection with resolution adopted by the Council at their meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, calling upon Mr. M. M. Kelly, Rate Collector (No. 6 Collection District) to furnish receipts for renewal of his fidelity guarantee bond within a week, the Secretary stated that Mr. Kelly had entered into the necessary fidelity guarantee within the time allowed by the Council.

### Witnesses' Expenses - Inquests

Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, wrote that several witnesses (pig dealers) from Waterford, who attended an Inquest at New Ross on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, wanted special costs for motor car & for loss of a day. He (Mr. Roche) informed them he could not give special costs but would report the matter to the County Council.

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

"That Mr. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, be informed that the County Council have no statutory power to order any payments to witnesses at inquests beyond those covered in the Coroner's Acts."

### Weights & Measures

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, a letter was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce, (Power Section) stating that it had been recently ascertained that no steps had been taken for the provision of new date stamps for the year 1925 required in connection with Weights & Measures' verification.



In order that the work of the Inspectors should not be held up an arrangement was made with the Contractor Messrs De Grave Shunt & Co., to put the necessary date stamps in hands as an urgent order. The firm had guaranteed delivery by 1<sup>st</sup> January at the competitive price embodied in their recent contract, viz. 7/6<sup>d</sup> per set. The Weights & Measures Inspectors would be instructed to notify the Secretaries to the County Councils in good time in future as to this annual requirement.

### Pensions Officials - Ennisceorthy Union

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with the pensions of Dr. A. Gurlong, Medical Officer, Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk, & Mr. Jasper Whitty, Assistant Clerk, of the late Board of Guardians, Ennisceorthy, & which were in dispute on the point that they had not been legally fixed, it was suggested by the Department of Local Government that it was a question for the County Council whether they would proceed to fix the amounts of the pensions in pursuance of Section 8 of the Local Government Act, 1919.

"When this suggestion was considered by the County Council they referred the matter to the Finance & Roads Committee with a view to the examination of the amounts, etc., in order to furnish a report to the next meeting of the County Council.

"A communication was read from Mr. Connolly, stating that the amount of the pension in each case was:-

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| Dr. Gurlong  | = | £133: 6: 8 | per annum |
| Mr. Connolly | = | £106: 8: 0 | per annum |
| Mr. Whitty   | = | £56: 0: 0  | per annum |

Dr. Gurlong being the only one who received the maximum amount provided by the Section of the Act in question.

"In forwarding the figures Mr. Connolly wrote that as he considered the Board of Guardians dealt with the cases in a legal manner he was placing his own case in the hands of a Solicitor.

"The following recommendation was adopted:-



"That we recommend the County Council to fix the superannuation allowance to Dr. Gwlong Emmerscorthy, at £133: 6: 8 per annum & to Mr. Gasper Whitty Assistant Clerk, at £56 per annum, which were the figures granted by the late Board of Guardians, provided, of course, that the Department of Local Government agrees that these figures represent amounts which come within the provisions of section 8 of the Local Government Act 1919. That as regards the case of Mr. Connolly, the Finance & Roads Committee cannot recommend the Council to take action in view of the fact that Mr. Connolly has placed his case in the hands of a Solicitor."

On the motion of Mr. Plender seconded by Mr. Bulleton the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

### Pensions Officials - County Infirmary

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5th January, 1925, was submitted:-

"An application was received from Mr. G. Hayes, late caretaker of County Infirmary, for payment of portion of his pension."

"It was agreed to recommend the County Council to pay 25 percent of the pension in addition to the amount already given."

The minute of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Clardy seconded by Mr. Sean B. Byrne:-

### Water Rate - Courthouse

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5th January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Mr. Thomas Parle, Water Rate Collector, Wexford Corporation, wrote under date 20th December, 1924, that he was instructed by the Wexford Waterworks Committee to write that as the Courthouse was occupied during the years for which the Domestic Water Rate was charged, there was no doubt the Wexford Co. Council were liable for water rate. In the event of the amount, £22 - (four years rates) - not being paid, he was instructed to take proceedings for its recovery."

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Wexford Corporation be called to the letter from their Water Rate Collector threatening proceedings against the County Council. We desire to point out that for a considerable period the Courthouse was occupied by the County Council."



Cannot see why they should, therefore, be called to pay in full. They repudiate liability for the time the premises were not occupied."

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

### Gorey Courthouse

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, Mr. John McLeod, Michael Street, Gorey, wrote applying for payment for the cleaning of the Town Hall, Gorey, in connection with the District Court which is held in that building for the period from January 1923 to January 1924"

No. order.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall the minute of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

### Office of District Court Clerk Gorey

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, Mr. P. J. Byrne, District Court Clerk, Gorey, wrote asking for a supply of coal for his office

It was decided that an amount for the purchase of coal for the office of the District Court Clerk, Gorey, be allowed, similar to that agreed to in the case of the office of the District Court Clerk, Ennisceorthy."

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

"That a sum of £4 be allowed for coal for the offices of the District Court Clerks at Ennisceorthy & Gorey. if any further supply be necessary the clerks must be responsible for purchase of same.

### Office of Clerk of Peace

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with the condition of his office, two lo



under date 6<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, pointing out that the floor at the end of the office was uncovered & the draught came up very perceptibly through the divisions in the floor. The doors were all in need of attention & the roof in the private office was leaking very badly. No provision had been made for the keeping of the records which were lying about the floor.

A recommendation was adopted directing the County Surveyor to provide linoleum covering for the floor of the office of the Clerk of the Peace, Wexford. Cost not to exceed £7 & to attend to the other matters complained of by the Clerk of the Peace.

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

### Rosepark as Residence for Surgeon County Hospital

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, Mr. George Daly, Rosepark, Wexford wrote, stating that he had decided not to have the proposal as regards the sale of Rosepark to the Co. Council revived. Negotiations in the matter had been going on for such a long time that he had lost his chance of putting himself with a house & he would be at a loss financially if he now proceeded with the sale.

"Under date 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1925 (letter No A.57264/1924 Wexford Co. Council) was read from the Minister of Local Government & Public Health requesting to be informed if it could not be possible to provide the medical officer with apartments in the renovation of the Hospital premises.

The Secretary stated that in connection with this inquiry he had pointed out that the question of providing apartments for the surgeon in the Hospital had been gone into very fully when the plans were laid before the Committee of the Co. Council & it was agreed that a proposal of this nature was not feasible.

### County Council - General Council

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, a letter was read from the Secretary County Council's General Council, stating that the annual meeting of the General Council had been fixed for 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, & that notice of any matter which the Council desired to have considered should reach him by 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1925.

### Old Age Pensions Act

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, Mrs S. C. Harvard, Clerk, wrote that her Sub-Committee (No. 7) had nominated Mr. John Murphy (Draper) South Street New Ross, to be a member of the Committee.



On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, Mr. John Murphy, (Draper), South Street, New Ross, was appointed a member of No. 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1924, Mr. R. Borish, Clerk, wrote that his Sub-Committee (No. 3) suggested the appointment of the following as members of this Sub-Committee

Miss Station Kearns, Yaghmon.  
Miss Annie Keating, Yaghmon.  
Mrs Mary G. Borish, Odessa, Wexford.  
Rev. James Gaul C. C. Bantown.  
Mr. Frank Fitzgerald, Yaghmon.

There would still be one vacancy which the Sub-Committee thought should be filled by a person in Bree or Davidstown District.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided that the persons mentioned in Mr. Borish's letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1924, be appointed members of No. 3 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee

### Auditor's Reports - Wexford Board of Health

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Under date 2nd January, 1925, letter No. 58619 was read from the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health, forwarding copy of the auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford County Board of Health for the two half years ended 31st March, 1923, together with attested abstracts of the accounts.

Tenders for Roads from Rural Districts

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It was decided that a meeting of the County Council be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, for the consideration of tenders for roads which had been untendered for at Rural District Council meetings.

#### Road 203 W

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that Michael Merryman, contractor for road No. 203 W, was doing practically nothing to keep the road in order & it was now in a neglected state. Mr. Kehoe recommended that the contract be taken up from Merryman on whom his sureties a ten days notice had been served on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1924.

✓ After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor & if he found that he had to spend more than the amount of the the was decided



to proceed against the contractor & his sureties for recovery for anything which he has to spend over & above the contract.

### Ancient Monuments

The following resolution was read from the umbinn-ealaigh Historical Society:-

"That we call upon the County Council to use the powers vested in them to prevent the desecration of ancient graveyards & the destruction of ancient churches, monuments & ruins"

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to supply for the information of the Council a list of ancient monuments in the County & that he communicate with the Assistant Surveyors as to the condition of the various ancient monuments in their districts with a view to the preservation & repair of same"

### County Graveyards

Complaint was made of the condition of some of the County Graveyards.

A resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Blarney, seconded by the Chairman, that a return be requested from the County Board of Health of the names of the Graveyards vested in that Board. That same be submitted to the County Surveyor with a direction to obtain from the Assistant Surveyors the names of the graveyards in their districts which were not vested in any public body as the Council are of opinion that it can be only unvested graveyards which are in an unsatisfactory condition.

### Government Officials

The following resolution was read from the Health Co. Council:-

"That we the members of the Health Co. Council believe the time has come for the Free State Government to take decisive action in its several Departments & comb out the old reactionary officials who still dominate these Departments & who are hampering the useful work of the Government & Local Bodies & thereby preventing the progressive work of the nation"

Mr. Sean B Byrne proposed the adoption of the resolution but there was no second & the matter dropped.



## National University & Industrial Needs

The following resolution from the Dublin County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Pender:-

'The Authorities of the National University, now that they are taking over control of the College of Science, should endeavour to devote special attention to the very pressing industrial needs of the county, especially owing to the depression of Agriculture in the country, by some scheme of research lectureships & library facilities, etc. whereby the latest scientific knowledge in all suitable trades & industries could be availed of by the experts, in the present existing industries, or in industries which could be developed in the country

## Wolffhill Collieries

a letter was read from the Wolffhill Collieries Ltd., stating that their coal was used in many institutions with economy & satisfaction. Great economy could be effected where large quantities of coal were & for steam raising purposes by the installation of forced draught furnaces. They invited the sympathy & support of the Council in the advancement of an industry which was undoubtedly a valuable national asset.

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

"That we consider wherever possible Irish coal should be used in all public institutions."

## Building Facilities Act

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 5th January, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with applications which had been received from six persons for loans under the Building Facilities Act a recommendation was adopted directing the Secretary to communicate with Messrs G. Flood & M. Hassett, the appointed officers under the Act & ask them if they could see their way to explain to the six applicants the requirements of the Act & satisfy



the Department of Local Government & the County Council in order to obtain grant or loan or both under the above Act

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

It was also decided that a Scheme under this Act to cover loans to approved applicants be formulated

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(Signed)

Canon O'Keeffe

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1925.

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