

Wexford County Council

Meeting 22nd July, 1924.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Portlouis, Wexford, on 22nd July, 1924.

Present: Mr. E. P. Foley (Chairman) presiding.
also: Messrs Sean O'Byrne, W. Clarke, Patrick O'Byrne, P. Hayes, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Hall, James Shannon, C. Bulleton & R. Borish.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Salaries of Co. Council Officials

The above matter which was adjourned from last meeting, was again considered by the Council.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by the Chairman, & passed nem. con.:-

"That no further action be taken as regards the question of the salaries of the officials of this Council"

Adoption of Estimate of Rates for General & Separate Charges

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"In connection with the Estimates of Rates for General & Separate Charges, the Ministry of Local Government wrote under date 25th June, 1924 (G. 28755-1924) that they were about to introduce legislation to provide for payment from Government funds of the compensations & pensions to Ex-Officers, who were dismissed from office by County Councils.

Meanwhile the Ministry trusted that the Council would proceed with their Budget for the current year, & to enable them to do so the Minister consented to such a departure from the provisions of the Public Bodies Order as would enable the Council to deal with their Estimates on any date up to 31st July, 1924. The Urban Councils concerned should be notified that an additional period of one month was also

authorised by the Minister to enable these bodies to adopt the Poor Rate to meet the Demand of the County Council. The Minister had also sanctioned the continuance of the overdraft of the Council to 31st July.

"The Secretary mentioned that the Bill in question had been introduced into an Bill. He had notified the Clerks of the Urban Districts of the month's extension for adoption of Poor Rate to meet the Demand of the County Council.

"The figures of Rate Estimate were considered in great detail. It was pointed out that the Demand of the Mental Hospital was £24,454, and last year the amount demanded was only £13,986, this latter being accounted for by a large credit balance which was taken into account.

"The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Clerk Mental Hospital & ask him how it happens that the Demand on the County Council is practically at the same figure as for 1919-20, whereas the maintenance charge for patients had decreased from £60 to £46.

"Mr. Borish gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that the Education (Provision of Meals) Act, 1914-1917, be adopted, & a rate of 4d in the £ struck to provide for expenditure under same.

"It was also decided that a grant in aid of the Carnegie Library be made to enable the County Council to take over same from Carnegie Trustees at the expiration of the two years' working of Library by Trustees viz. December, 1924, & as already agreed upon by the Council & Trustees.

"Mr. Borish considered that the Demand of the County Board of Health, which showed an increase of over £4,000 as compared with last year's Demand, would have been less if the Board had known when preparing same that the Government were about to introduce the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

"It was decided that the Secretary to the County Board of Health be asked to call the attention of his Board to the provisions of this Bill at next meeting, & inform the County Council if, in the opinion of the Board, any reduction, & if so to what extent, could be made in the Estimate in view of the proposals of the Government to help the unemployed.

"It was decided to adjourn the consideration of the Estimate of Rate to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 15th July, 1924, at 11. a. m."

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 15th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"In connection with Estimate of Rates for General & Separate Charges, adjourned from Meeting of 8th July, 1924, Mr. Thomas Kelly, Clerk Mental Hospital Anniscorthy, wrote under date 10th July, forwarding resolution of his Committee, regretting they were unable to reduce their annual Demand on the Council. The increase in wages

from £6,945 to £10,032 had offset reduced expenditure in other services. As regards maintenance costs, the figure for 1919-20 was £53.15.5 as compared with £46.1.4 last year. The comparative disproportion was largely influenced by the daily average number of patients, which was 4,447 in 1919-20 & 5,099 last year. The £60 rate of annual maintenance applied to more recent years when the average cost went as high as £61 odd.

"In connection with Unemployment Insurance Bill, which the Finance & Roads Committee considered should be the means of considerably reducing the cost of Home Help, Mr. V. D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Wexford Board of Health, wrote that he would bring the matter to the attention of his Board at the meeting on 21st instant.

"Under date 12th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (S. 28,455-1924 Wexford County), forwarding copy of the Local Officers Compensation (War Period) Bill, 1924, & which has been favourably received by An Taoiseach.

"After considerable discussion, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Estimate of Rate for General Charges as presented by our Secretary be reduced by 7d in £ as follows:- 3d in £ off total estimate from Public Health Board Demand; 2d in £ off Mental Hospital Demand; & 2d in £ off Rural District Charges".

Under date 22nd July, 1924, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that he had brought the representations of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards reduction of the Demand of the County Board of Health before the Meeting of his Board on the previous day. Returns were produced by him to show that Home Help expenditure was at the rate of £18,000 per annum, & expenditure at this rate would produce a deficit of over £3,000 on their demand as presented. The Board generally were of opinion that Home Help expenditure was more likely to increase than to decrease. A resolution had been adopted by the Board of Health that, having examined their Estimate with a view to every possible economy, they were convinced (even though most anxious to effect a reduction) that a reduction during the present year was absolutely impossible.

The Secretary stated that he had communicated with the Minister of Local Government, relative to taking

advantage of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924, & had received the following telegram:-

"Rates on Agricultural Land Bill expected to pass final stage on Thursday. If it be accepted, Minister will approve proposed abatement of two-thirds"

This telegram was received on 21st July, 1924.

Proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue & passed without dissent:-

"That the Estimate of Rate for General & Separate charges for financial year, 1924-25 as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be adopted & the following Rates be levied off the Rural Districts of the County

	<u>Land.</u>		<u>Other Hereditaments</u>	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Ennisceorthy Rural District	7	6	9	2
Gorey " "	7	8	9	2
New Ross " "	7	6	9	3
Wexford " "	7	0	8	7

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

Ennisceorthy = £2,146 : 3 : 7.
 New Ross = £2,121 : 3 : 10.
 Wexford = £4,260 : 14 : 3.

That we apply the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924, to the Rates on Land for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, & that a sum of two-thirds of the Rates on Land be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., to be repayable in seven years. That one-third of the Rates on Land be levied in the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, making the Land rate for said year:-

Ennisceorthy Rural D. = 2" 6
 Gorey Rural District = 2" 6
 New Ross Rural District = 2" 6
 Wexford Rural District = 2" 4.

Temporary Clerical Staff.

A recommendation was received from Finance & Roads Committee from Meeting 8th July, 1924, that as sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government, the Secretary be empowered to employ a temporary staff of ten to prepare Rate Books, etc., for the current year.

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Clonky, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Wages of Workers.

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

"That the resolution, fixing the rate of wages of road & quarry workers, be rescinded & that they be paid a wage of 30/- per week, workers to be responsible for payment of their ordinary Insurance contributions"

Mr. Bulleton seconded.

Under date 22nd June, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (L./R.L./32) that the Minister could not authorise the proposal of the Wexford County Council to allow the Unemployment & Health Insurance cards of road & quarry workers to be stamped in full by the County Council without the stoppage of the usual contribution from the workers, viz. 1/1d per week.

As an amendment, Mr. Hall proposed & Mr. Blorly seconded:-

"That the wages of workers under the County Council be allowed to stand as at present."

Mr. Borish contended that this was not a direct amendment.

After some discussion, the Chairman decided, in order to facilitate the business of the meeting, to accept Mr. Hall's motion as an amendment.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Hall, O'Donoghue & Blorly - 3.

Against:- Messrs Hayes, Shannon, Patrick O'Byrne, Borish, Bulleton, Sean O'Byrne & the Chairman - 7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

When Mr. O'Byrne's motion was being put to the meeting, Mr. Blorly called for a poll which resulted as follows.

For the motion:- Messrs Hayes, Shannon, Patrick O'Byrne, Borish, Bulleton, Sean O'Byrne & the Chairman - 7.

Against - Messrs Hall, O'Donoghue & Blorly - 3.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Banking Facilities on Weekly Half-Holidays

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

"That, acting in the public interest, this Council request the various Banks of the County to have weekly half-holidays fixed for the day previous to fair days, as is done by shopkeepers, when fairs fall on fixed half-holiday. The closing of banks at an early hour on fair days is causing the greatest possible inconvenience to the public."

"That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Wexford Corporation, which is requested to adopt same."

Mr. Bulleton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Local Officers Compensation (War Period) Bill, 1924.

Under date 12th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 28455-1924, Wexford County) transmitting for the information of the County Council copy of the Local Officers Compensation (War Period) Bill, 1924, which had been favourably received by an Ombudsman.

The meeting made no comment thereon.

Auditor's Report

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 14th June, 1924, (27426), the Ministry of Local Government forwarded report of their Auditor in respect of his examination of the accounts of the Council for the four half years to the 30th September, 1921. The Auditor certified the accounts were correct."

Under date 25th June, 1924, (27426-1924, Wexford County), the Ministry of Local Government wrote, fixing the audit fee for the audit of the accounts of the Wexford County Council at £85 per annum, & asking for payment of £170 due for the audit of the accounts for the two years, 1920 & 1921.

"A recommendation was adopted that the amount due for the audit of the accounts for years 1920 & 1921 be recommended to the County Council for payment."

The recommendation of the Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Blaney, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Letters of County Surveyor Appointment of Deputy County Surveyor & Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District

Under date 18th July, 1924, the following was read from Dr. S. A. Givling, Infirmary House, Wexford:-

"This is to certify that I have advised Mr. Barry, (County Surveyor) to take a further month's sick leave"

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

"That a further month's sick leave be granted to Mr. W. G. Barry, County Surveyor, as from 18th July, 1924. That Mr. Greanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be authorised to act as Deputy County Surveyor during this period. That the employment of Mr. Patrick O'Neill, B. E., as temporary Assistant Surveyor for Garry District, at a salary calculated at £170 per annum & mileage allowance of 3d per mile for motorcycle as allowed by Circular R. 104 of 24th April, 1923, be continued to 18th August, 1924"

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was read:-

"Under date 21st June, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (R./R.S./32) that the Minister would raise no objection to Mr. Greanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, acting as County Surveyor during the illness of Mr. Barry.

"As regards statements made at the last meeting of the Co. Council on 18th June, throwing doubts upon the qualifications of Mr. Greanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, for the position, a letter, under date 21st June, 1924, was read from the County Surveyor, in which he stated that from his own personal knowledge & from the experience that Mr. Greanor had gained, he was in a position inferior to none as regards the discharge of the duties of the County Surveyor. In the opinion of the County Surveyor, Mr. Greanor was the best qualified of the Assistant Surveyors to act as County Surveyor.

"Under date 30th June, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (R./R.S./32) sanctioning the temporary employment of Mr. P. O'Neill B. E., John St. Garry, as Assistant Surveyor in Garry, at a salary calculated at the rate of £170 per annum, with an allowance for vouched travelling expenses at the rate of 6d per mile for motor car hire.

"Under date 3rd July, 1924, Mr. O'Neill wrote accepting the position of Assistant Surveyor stating

that he was unable to hire motor car for 6^d per mile in fact he did not believe it was possible to obtain a car in the district for less than 1/- per mile for the class of work in which he was engaged.

"In the circumstances he used a motor cycle & wished to know what allowance the County Council would make for same.

"Mr. Sheenan reported that he had arranged with Mr. O'Neill to take up duty on 30th June, 1924.

"The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That an allowance for motor cycle be made to Mr. O'Neill, B. E., Assistant Surveyor, Gweedagh District at 3^d per mile, the sum allowed by Circular, R/104 (Ministry of Local Government - 27th April, 1923.)

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

Insurance of Workmen

Under date 1st July, 1924 (R./R.M./32), the Ministry of Local Government wrote in connection with the extra payment proposed to be made to men working in quarries on days when blasting operations are carried on there, & asked if the men were insured against accident risk.

The Secretary stated he had replied that the men were insured under the Workmen's Compensation Act in the ordinary manner.

Proposed Double Wages on Days Blasting Operations are carried out in Quarries

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 15th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 1st July, 1924 (R./R.M./32), the Ministry of Local Government wrote stating that the Minister could not see his way to sanction the proposal to pay an extra day's wages to men working in quarries on days when blasting operations were being carried out there.

It was decided to make no order on the letter & to request the Council to agree to stand by the proposal to pay the extra day's wages to quarrymen on days when blasting operations were being carried out in consequence of the extra risk involved at the particular time."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Borish.

Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924.

Under date 1st July, 1924, (G. 22193/24, Wexford County), the Ministry of Local Government wrote, forwarding order of the Minister, applying the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924, to Wexford County. This communication directed attention to the procedure which was to be adopted as to publication of notices etc.,

The Secretary stated that the directions given had been carried out. He had communicated with the Rate Collectors, & notices had been published in two issues of each of the three local papers.

No. Order as the Council had already adopted a resolution, asking the Minister to put this Act into operation in the Rural Districts of the County.

Wexford Tuberculosis Scheme.

"Under date 30th June 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P. H. 27253/24, Wexford County), forwarding report received from their Medical Inspector, Dr. J. Boyd Barrett, respecting the operations of the Wexford County Tuberculosis Scheme, & requesting that they might be furnished with any observations, which the Council might desire to offer with regard to same.

The following is copy of the report:

Surgical Tuberculosis in Children

Suitable cases are sent to the Hospital at Cappagh, Anglas, Co. Dublin. There are two there at present & recently there were four under treatment. Dr. O'Connor finds it difficult to prevail on the Committee to leave the children sufficiently long under open air treatment, which is frequently essential for a permanent cure.

Surgical Cases of Tuberculosis

Surgical cases which come before the Tuberculosis Committee for treatment are sent to some Dublin Hospital, usually Vincent's, the Mater or Stevens. This seems an unnecessary expenditure of an expensive arrangement since the establishment of the County Hospital at Wexford, where a competent Surgeon has been appointed & is

treating surgical cases of tuberculosis.

I inspected the County Hospital, & was satisfied with the treatment of the tubercular cases there. I found the following number of cases, all of which had been sent in direct by the Dispensary Doctor:-

Females	This Disease	2
"	Lupus	1
	Enlarged Glands	1
Males	This Disease	3
	Tubercular knee	1
	Enlarged Glands	1

The Tuberculosis Committee should take steps to avail of the local Hospital.

Cumsecorby Sanatorium (Co. Donegal)

This Sanatorium consists of the old fever Hospital attached to the County Home which is situated on an eminence outside the town.

It stands in about two acres of ground & is sheltered by high trees. It is well worthy of development by the erection of chalets in the grounds, giving greater accommodation, & by sundry improvements in the building.

There is accommodation for 20 patients & the beds are usually occupied. All the cases are advanced.

The wards are lofty & well ventilated.

Many repairs are necessary & further extension to accommodate the Sisters & maids.

Lavatories inside are required for patients. The dayroom is damp. The disinfecter is broken. The floors are defective, & minor matters such as the drain in the yard, require attention.

This building is most suitable for advanced cases & accommodation for additional 20 cases is essential.

The well ventilated lofty wards, the situation on a height, the sheltered grounds form the nucleus of an excellent Sanatorium which would be capable of dealing with all the advanced cases in the County.

General.

The Scheme seems to be working well in the County. The dispensaries are held regularly & fairly well attended. The local facilities available at the surgical hospital & Cumsecorby Sanatorium should be developed & greater co-ordination between the Tuberculosis Committee & the Hospitals Committee regarding the admission & treatment of advanced & surgical cases is required.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Sean B. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clonky:-

"That we recommend the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee to enter into negotiations with the County Wexford."

Board of Health with a view to making arrangements for the treatment of surgical cases of tuberculosis at the County Hospital for the future. That a copy of the portion of the report of Dr. Boyd Barrett, relative to Enniscorthy Sanatorium, be furnished to the County Wexford Board of Health for their observations.

Under date 19th June, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P.H. 22345/24, Wexford County) stating that the Minister had authorised the issue to the Council of a Paying Order for £900 first instalment of reimbursement from the National Tuberculosis Grant towards the treatment of tuberculosis during the current financial year.

Improvements, Co. Hospital & Purchase of Rosepark as Surgeon's Residence

Under date 14th July, 1924, (A. 3495/1924) - Wexford County Council) the Ministry of Local Government forwarded form of application for loan in respect of cost of proposed improvements at County Hospital & purchase of Rosepark as residence for the surgeon of the Institution; also form of consent to the expenditure in question which form was to be signed by a majority of the Council. When the documents were completed, they should be returned to the Ministry with plans, specification & estimate of the cost of the works.

Under date 18th July, 1924, a letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, that he was forwarding plans & specification to the Ministry that evening.

Overdraft of County Council.

Under date 25th June, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 15424-1924) sanctioning the continuance to the 31st July, 1924, of the Council's present overdraft of £50,000 on the same terms & conditions as obtain at present.

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

"That as County Council have agreed to Rate for General & Separate Charges we request the Minister for Local Government to agree to further sanction overdraft of £50,000 to 30th September, 1924."

Mountgarrett Bridge

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd May, 1924, was submitted: - to the meeting

"Under date 19th May, 1924, the County Surveyor, forwarded letter from Mr. Thomas J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, on behalf of Mr. John Roche, Balhyanne New Ross, stating that for over two years his client had been unable to have a vessel pass through Ferry Bridge at Mountgarrett as the bridge was out of repair. This was the cause of grave inconvenience & serious loss to Mr. Roche & unless the necessary steps were taken by the Council to make the river passable at this bridge his client would take proceedings to hold the County Council responsible for any loss to him.

The following recommendation was adopted: -

"That Mr. Thomas J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross be informed that this Council are taking steps in conjunction with Kilkenny County Council to have a new bridge erected at Mountgarrett as soon as possible."

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 15th July, 1924, was also submitted: -

Under date 8th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (S. 30, 586/24) forwarding copy of letter forwarded to Mr. James Harte, County Solicitor, Kilkenny, pointing out that it was not necessary to invoke the procedure of the Bridges (Ireland) Acts as regards proposed new bridge at Mountgarrett, as the Councils concerned viz. Kilkenny & Wexford were in agreement as to the amount of their contributions towards the cost."

"Under date 8th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (L. 30, 055/24) stating that the Minister had approved of the Council raising loan of £5,750 the sum to be loaned by the County Wexford towards the reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge, loan to be repayable in 20 years with interest at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent under Irish Banks' Discount Rate (varying) subject to a minimum of 4 per cent.

"A recommendation was adopted recommending that the Council should at next meeting adopt the necessary resolution agreeing to the terms of Mountgarrett Bridge Loan, £5,750 & to affix the seal of the Council to the mortgage to be given to the Bank for repayment."

The Secretary reported that the Directors of the National Bank would not agree to a loan for re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge for a longer period than 15 years.

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

"That this Council will accept the proposal of the Directors of the National Bank, Wexford, to issue loan for the reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge for 15 instead of 20 years, that the Ministry of Local Government be asked to vary their sanction to this loan so as to cover a period of 15 instead of 20 years.

"That the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd May & the 15th July in this matter be confirmed.

Machinery Loan.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 15th July, 1924, was submitted to the meeting:-

"Under date 8th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (L. 26433/24) stating that the Minister approved of the Wexford County Council raising a loan of £4,368 to be obtained from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purchase of Road Machinery, repayable in ten years with interest at the Rate of 5 per cent under Irish Bankers' Discount Rate (varying) subject to a minimum of 4 per cent.

A recommendation was adopted that the Council at next meeting adopt the necessary resolution agreeing to the terms of machinery loan (£4,368) & to affix the seal of the Council to the Mortgage to be given to the Bank for repayment."

Under date 14th July, 1924, a letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford that his Directors had sanctioned the loan in question.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Glavin seconded by Mr. Garish:-

"Resolved that in pursuance of the consent of the Ministry of Local Government by letter dated 8th July, 1924 (L. 26433/24) the Wexford County Council do borrow from the National Bank, Ltd., Wexford, the sum of £4,368 for Road Machinery to be repaid to the Bank by yearly instalments spread over a period of ten years with interest thereon at one-half per cent per annum under the Irish Bank Rate rising & falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than 4% per annum said loan

to be secured by mortgage over the Rates available for the purposes. And that the seal of the Council be attached to said mortgage

Sealed Orders Ministry of Local Government

Under date 8th July, 1924, Sealed Order No. 26, 933/1924, fixing the area of charge for water supply at Baracurragh or Boolgareany Dispensary District was read, also Sealed Order of the 30th June, 1924, No. 22, 394/1924, supply of water at Yerns area of charge Curriscothy Rural District & Sealed Order under date 16th June, 1924, No. 23, 509/1924, Dranagh water supply area of charge Blarroeke Dispensary District

Sanitary Salaries

A notification was received from the Ministry of Local Government that the following sums were payable on behalf of the Rural District Councils in respect of Sanitary Salaries for the year ending 30th September, 1924:-

Curriscothy =	£45: 11: 3
Gorey =	£30: 18: 9
New Ross =	£31: 15: 0
Wexford =	£29: 15: 0

Motor Car Administration Reimbursement of Expenses

Under date 15th July, 1924, (R./M.G./209/32) the Ministry of Local Government wrote approving of the arrangements made by the Wexford County Council for the organisation of the work of motor registration & licensing in the County.

With reference to Bond to be entered into by Mr. Richards the Ministry considered that £200 would be a sufficient amount & it was stated that the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Company had already transacted business of this kind in connection with Government requirements.

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

"That Mr. C. H. Richards enter into a Bond for £200 in connection with his work under the Motor Car Acts, Policy to receive sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

Old County Wexford Infirmary

Under date 2nd July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P.A. 146 43/1924 Wexford County) that the Ministry of would not raise any objection to the terms of the agreement proposed

to be entered into between the Wexford County Council & Dr. S. A. Gurlong in connection with the letting to him of the County Infirmary & attached buildings.

Old Age Pension Acts

Circular No. 5431/P/1924, Miscellaneous under date 17th June, 1924, calling attention to the provisions of the Old Age Pension Act was read for the meeting.

Old British Road Grants

Under date 30th June, 1924, (S.R.G./32), the Ministry of Local Government forwarded particulars of Old British Road Grants. The amount of these Grants was £32,672 out of which £13,933 had been expended leaving £18,739 outstanding.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 30th June, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government forwarded copy of letter (S.R.G./32) which was furnished to the County Surveyor & which gave a statement of the expenditure etc., under Old British Road Grants. From this it appeared that the Grants amounted to £32,672 & a sum of £13,933 had been expended leaving £18,739 outstanding. If it was the intention of the Council to place at the disposal of the County Surveyor sufficient funds to enable him to complete specifications for the works on which Grants had been allocated application should be made for further instalments & immediate steps should be taken to complete the works & wind up accounts in connection with the Grants.

A recommendation was adopted that the Acting County Surveyor communicate with the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department & point out that as regards some of the roads on which Grants were formerly made, the same necessity for repair did not now exist & ascertain would it be possible to have the sums allocated to these to repairs of bridges which had been destroyed. That the Acting County Surveyor lay the reply of the Ministry before the next meeting of the County Council, & that the latter be requested to take whatever steps may be considered necessary.

or desirable to utilise the Grants which should not be lost to the County if at all possible".

Mr. Heanor Acting County Surveyor, submitted letter under date 15th July, 1924 (R./H.R./32) from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Grants in question were not available for the repair of damaged bridges and as stated in their letter of the 30th June, 1924, the original specifications for the works in respect of which Grants had been allocated should be completed.

It was decided that the matter be further referred to the Acting County Surveyor with a view to making a report to the Council as to how far he would be able to have the original specifications in respect of which these Grants were given, put into force.

House Adjoining Co. Home.

The following is an extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on the 22nd May, 1924:-

"With reference to the repairs of house occupied by Mrs. Cosgrave adjoining the County Home Enniscaulhy and which was now the property of the County Council, the County Surveyor, under date 19th May, 1924, reported that the roof was very defective. The adjoining house in the occupation of Mr. Keane also required repairs. The outlay on the two houses would cost about £100."

'No. Order.'

It was decided to adjourn the matter to next meeting of the County Council.

County Infirmary Officials

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

"That pending sanction to the Bill at present before the Dail empowering County Councils to pay pensions & compensations to officers of County Infirmaries which have been abolished owing to the amalgamation of Unions we agree to the payment of the officers of the County Wexford Infirmary up to a sum of 25% of their super-annuations & compensations & direct Pay Orders for amounts to issue from the present meeting."

Urban Road Grants

The following is an extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on the 8th July, 1924:-

The Secretary reported that £200 had been received from the Ministry of Local Government as an instalment of the Government Grant allocated for Trunk Roads in Errisowky Urban District, a £800 for New Ross Urban District.

A recommendation was agreed to directing that these sums be transferred to the respective Urban Districts at the next meeting of the County Council.

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

Registration Expenses

The following is an extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on the 8th July, 1924:-

The Registration Officer, Mr. J. V. Scallan, applied for payment of £402:18:2d balance still unpaid in connection with expenses due for the preparation of Parliamentary & Local Government Registers.

A recommendation was adopted that the amount be paid.

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

Local Government Reform

The following is an extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on the 15th July, 1924:-

The Committee considered the recommendations for reform of Local Government which had been made to the Ministry of Local Government by the General Council of County Councils. They were of opinion that before entering into these in detail it would be advisable that the Council would be in possession of the terms of Reference which the Government would issue to the proposed Commission dealing with the matter.

However, as regards roads a recommendation was adopted that the Trunk Roads should be taken out by the State & maintained as a National charge; also that landlords should be responsible for the payment of local rates on all houses held under weekly tenancy.

"The other recommendations of General Council of County Councils, they believed could be more adequately concerned when the Council has seen the terms of Reference to the Local Government Commission"

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Clonely the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards Trunk Roads being maintained as a National charge and as to landlords being held responsible for the payment of rates on all houses held under weekly tenancy were confirmed.

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

"That a special meeting - date to be fixed by the Chairman - be held about the middle of August to consider further the detailed recommendations submitted by the General Council of County Councils in connection with proposed Local Government Reform"

Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924.

Under date 17th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (H. 546/11051/24, Wexford County), calling ^{the} attention of the Council to the procedure outlined in schedule to the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1924, & requesting to be furnished with the particulars referred to in paragraph 5 thereof.

The Secretary stated that this referred to the scheme to be promoted by the County Council, but the latter had decided that, before promoting any scheme they would endeavour to ascertain how far residents in the Rural Districts of the County would make application in connection with the benefits to be obtained under the Act.

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

"That in order to help this Council in the promotion of the necessary scheme under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, an advertisement be issued in each of the three local papers calling attention to the provisions of this Act. That our Secretary prepare a memorandum giving details of grants etc. to applicants"

Weights & Measures Act

Under date 17th July, 1924 (5064A), the Ministry of Industry & Commerce (Power Section) wrote stating that it would be necessary to keep Weights & Measures Sub. Standards at New Ross Gully & Enniscorthy.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Town Clerks of Ennisceorthy, Gorey & New Ross & ascertain from them if it would be possible for them to provide accommodation at premises, the property of their Urban Councils, for the purpose of storing sub-standards for Weights & Measures"

Rate Collection

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted to the meeting

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was also submitted:

"A circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, under date 10th July 1924 (G. 22193/1924, Wexford County), as to collection of Rates Act, 1924 & Orders made thereunder, was read for the meeting.

"The Secretary explained that the directions in the Order as regards advertising, its effects, etc., had been complied with & that the placards, etc., had been issued to the Rate Collectors to be posted at churches & other public places in the District.

"A number of those whose names had been returned to the Clerks, Inspector, Ministry of Local Government, had, since the date of his visit, paid their Rates.

"The meeting approved of the action of the Secretary in the matter.

"The state of the Rate Collection was submitted to the meeting.

"In connection with legal proceedings against Ratepayers, reports were received from the Rate Collectors that they had to incur a charge of 10/- for service of summonses; no matter how small the amount sued for. As regards small items, a decree & costs might be given, but the latter being on the graduated scale was unable to cover the outlay of the Collectors with the result that the Rate Collectors were at the loss of the balance, while in addition, they had further to pay 2/6, cost of summons, & a fee of 6d., so that each summons against Ratepayers involved a charge of 13/- by the Rate Collectors.

"Furthermore, in some cases in which this expenditure had been incurred, the Sheriff might make a return of 'Nulla Bona' on the Deeree with the result that the Rate Collector was at the loss of the whole amount."

Some of the Collectors stated this would mean a loss of £10 individually.

It was decided that the Secretary call the attention of the Ministry of Local Government to this matter and ask if it would not be possible to have law costs so arranged that in cases of Proceedings against Ratepayers for Poor Rate or for any other items in connection with the public services, these costs should only be nominal.

"It was pointed out at the meeting that the cost of service of Civil Bill processes was 2/- or 3/- the high figure, for which the Rate Collectors were responsible, was, to a certain extent, deterring them from bringing cases into Court."

A recommendation was also adopted that the explanation of collector P. B. Byrne as regards his non-attendance on the day appointed for the checking of his accounts was not satisfactory. In the event of any further complaint against him, the Secretary is directed to suspend him from office & report the matter to the next available meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee.

Refund of Rate on No. 144, Killesk, C.D., New Ross, Rural District for half years, March, 1922 & September 1922 amounting to £5:19:10. was agreed to; the amount having been paid twice, - by Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, & Mr. P. Gorman, Receiver; this was certified by Mr. Bernard Cleary, Rate Collector.

"With regard to the complaint of Mr. P. Donoghue, County Councilor at last meeting, that Mr. G. J. Sinnott, Rate Collector, had refused to accept Rates from Mr. P. Murphy, Knockadawke, Mr. Sinnott wrote that he had given every facility to Mr. Murphy to pay his Rates. The Demand Note was served on the 22nd November, 1923, & between that date & 31st March, 1924, Mr. Sinnott called to Mr. Murphy's house on three occasions. He also on several occasions asked Mr. Murphy personally for the Rates, but they were not paid. On the 7th April, 1924, he served a six-day notice and, to give Mr. Murphy an opportunity to pay, the summons was not issued until 29th April. On the 7th May, Mr. Murphy called on Mr. Sinnott & offered to pay the Rates but would not pay the costs. Mr. Sinnott told him the matter was out of his hands & that Mr. Murphy would have to settle with the Court Register."

"The Meeting accepted Mr. Sinnott's explanation as entirely satisfactory."

The foregoing recommendations were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clonely.

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

"That, in view of the fact that ex-collector Yolin has retained monies for Rates in respect of half year ended March, 1921, viz. £245:12:9, as per return of Deputy Checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts, we hereby request the Ministry of Local Government to withhold payment of compensation in this case until the amount in question has been lodged to the credit of the Council."

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

"That, in view of the fact that ex-Rate collector P. Dodd retained sums for Poundage on his lodgments of Rate in respect of the half-year ended March, 1921, & also amounts for certain items of Rate which, amounting to £186:12:2, as certified by the Deputy Checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts, have not been lodged to the credit of the Council, we request the Ministry of Local Government to withhold payment of his gratuity until Mr. Dodd has lodged the amounts in question to the credit of the Council."

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

"That, in view of the fact that the payments for ex-officers' pensions are to be taken as from 1st November, 1920, & that ex-Collector Smith has retained poundage on his lodgments in respect of Rate collection for half year ended March, 1921, we request the Ministry of Local Government to withhold arrears of pension due to Mr. Smith until he has lodged the amount of Rate which he retained as poundage"

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

"That Rate Collectors be directed to furnish their recoverable & Outstanding Rate Sheets in connection with all Rates. That our Secretary arrange for the attendance of the Collectors at a meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee in order to have Collection wound up."

Under date 14th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 13049-24, Wexford County) sanctioning in a temporary capacity Mr. P. J. Sinnott, as Rate Collector for No. 4 District, subject to his providing personal bond in form 55 of Public Bodies Order for £200, in addition to the usual Fidelity Guarantee Bond. As regards Fidelity Guarantee Bond which was submitted, the Ministry pointed out that certain arrangements between the Irish National Assurance Company & the Ministry of Industry & Commerce had to be complied with before this Company would be accepted.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Irish National Assurance Company & request them to state if they have been able to obtain the approval of the Ministry of Industry & Commerce & the Department of Finance for their form of Fidelity Guarantee Bond for Rate Collectors. That, if this arrangement cannot be carried out, Rate Collectors be instructed to provide another company acceptable to the Departments concerned. That Mr. P. J. Sinnott be directed to enter into personal bond for £200, as the County Council have already made a ruling that all Rate Collectors must, as regards collection of Rates as from financial year-1924-25, furnish personal bonds in this amount to ensure the closing of their warrants within the stipulated financial half years, as well as Fidelity Guarantee Bond against embezzlement & defalcation."

Under date 19th June, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 27078-1924, Wexford County) that the Minister would raise no objection to the Council's proposal to allow compensation to Mr. Charles Mc Carthy, No. 5 Collection District, for the period of his internment during the British regime.

Deputy Collectors

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

"That the Deputy Collectors of Rate Collectors' Accounts be paid amounts due to them in respect of collection for financial year ended 31st March, 1924".

Payment of Poundage Fees

Under date 1st July, 1924, the Minister of Local Government wrote (L. 28942-24, Wexford County), that he would raise no objection to the payment by the Council of an advance of 80 percent of the poundage fees on the amounts collected & lodged by the Rate Collectors to the 31st May last, pending the closing of their warrants.

Report Direct Labour Scheme

Report of expenditure on Direct Labour Scheme for financial year, 1923-24, was brought before the meeting. It appeared that the undischarged balances in the several Rural Districts were as follows:- Currishaw, £649:13:11; Garry, £1143:13:8; New Ross, £2010:16:11; Wexford, £1570:12:4; total, £5374:16:10.

The Secretary stated that this amount had been brought to credit in connection with Estimate of Rate for 1924-25.

Heavy Motor Car Act

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 27th June, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government (R.V./213) forwarded Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1924, under which the use of reflecting mirrors on heavy motor cars had been prescribed.

A Recommendation was adopted, directing the Secretary to advertise the directions contained in this Order to users of heavy motor cars.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. M. O'Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Blaney.

Claim For Injury to Motor Car

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 8th July, 1924, was submitted to the meeting:-

"Under date 22nd May, 1924, Mr. D. Curtis, Carrigrohane, Newbawn, applied for £3.00 of repair to motor car which he claimed was damaged through the action of the driver of a steam roller the property of the County Council. The driver, Mr. Curtis stated, took the roller across the road from right to left & did not allow sufficient room for the motor car to pass with the result that he had to drive the car into the ditch & the roller struck the car causing the damage for which he claimed compensation.

Under date 8th July, 1924, Mr. Thomas Bullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had interviewed the driver of the steam roller who stated, although there was plenty of room to allow the motor car driven by Mr. Curtis to pass on the right side, he passed really on the left side & as roller was passing the car stopped with the result that it was struck by the roller. The driver of the motor car admitted at the time of the accident that he was at fault.

A recommendation was adopted that in view of the report of Mr. Thomas Bullen Assistant Surveyor, in this matter, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be directed to defend any proceedings which may be taken by Mr. Curtis.

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

Motor Vehicles used for Road Work.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 15th July, 1924, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. M. O'Donoghue seconded by Mr. Blaney:-

"That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to issue an Order exempting from payment of Motor Tax vehicles the property of public bodies,

which are used for work in connection with maintenance of roads."

Representatives of Co. Councils on Insurance Committees

Under date 26th June, 1924, the National Health Insurance Commission (No. 46/15/S.C.) wrote that the present members of Insurance Committees appointed by County Councils would continue to hold office until the day after the date of the first meeting of the newly-elected Councils.

Scholarships Schemes

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

"The Secretary laid before the meeting the names & addresses of applicants for award of Scholarships under Primary & University Scholarships Schemes.

"It was decided that consideration of same be referred to the meeting of the Co. Council at which it was proposed that Scholarships under these Schemes should be awarded.

Reports of progress of students from National University & St. Peter's College, Wexford, were presented to the meeting.

It was decided that the Secretary call the attention of the meeting of the County Council at which the question of sanction to the continuance of these Scholarships will be considered, to these documents.

In connection with the University Scholarships awarded to Mr. P. M. Hayes, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that as regards the guarantee to be given by Mr. P. J. Hayes, father of this student that in the event of any surcharge being made by the Auditor, he would be responsible for refund, it was agreed at last meeting of ^{the Council} that, provided, Mr. Hayes furnished the names of two solvent guarantors to sign the indemnity with himself, the County Council would continue the Scholarships. Mr. Hayes had been with ^{him} (Mr. Elgee)

and said he did not like to ask any outsider to become a guarantor. He offered the names of his wife a son. The former was a National Works & the latter was employed by the Great Southern & Western Railway Company. Mr. Egan recommended the Council to accept these.
A recommendation was adopted that the names of Mrs. Hays & Mr. Hays - jun., be accepted as guarantors with Mr. P. G. Hays for the repayment of any mortgage which might be made in connection with the award of scholarships to Mr. P. M. Hays.
The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Dwyne, seconded by Mr. Hall.
The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Dwyne seconded by Mr. Hall: -
"That the Council be requested to furnish reports to next meeting of the County Council as to progress & conduct of Scholarship holders of Wexford Co. Council under Primary Scholarship Scheme.
A number of recommendations in connection with amendments of Primary Scholarship Scheme were submitted for County & Ward Branches of the National Teachers' Association consideration.
It was decided to refer same to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee.

Appointment of Four Additional Day
Sheep Dipping Order
Inspectors

The following is an extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on the 21st July 1924: - "At the Meeting of the Co. Council on 18th June, 1924, it was decided after discussion, that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction should make arrangements to allow of the attendance of their Deputy Officer, Mr. Finlay Kerr, M. P. & V. J. at the succeeding meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to deal with the matter."
Under date 24th May, 1924, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (N.O. 1746-24) that from the report of Mr. Kerr they regretted to observe that the Sheep Dipping arrangements which were in existence in the County were not satisfactory.
"It was not possible to secure effective supervision of dipping with two day dipping inspectors."

even if these men were to devote their whole time to the work, they were of opinion that at least six inspectors should be appointed.

Experience had shown that the most satisfactory results were obtained when the work was carried out by means of concrete swimming baths & if it were not found practicable to erect permanent structures, portable swimming baths capable of holding about 200 gallons of dyp should be provided & placed in charge of the Dipping Inspectors. For use of these baths a charge per head of 1d. to 1 1/2d. should be made & of 1 1/2d. to 2d. in cases where the County Council supply the dyp.

The Department urged that dyp should be supplied by the County Council as where farmers were permitted to bring their own dyp a mixture occurred which prevented good results.

The supply of adequate portable baths was essential. These could be obtained from Messrs Cooper & McDougall at a small rental of about 25/- per year.

The effective control of Sheep Dipping depends on the supervision of the Inspectors & where suitable & practicable men were employed the results had been extremely satisfactory.

It was more than ever difficult to regulate the live stock trade of the County with Great Britain in view of the position of the latter country as regards Foot & Mouth Disease & unless the Department were able to say that Local Authorities in Ireland had a complete organization in operation for dealing with disease the British Authorities would probably impose additional restrictions on the trade.

Mr. Ken mentioned that the Department considered that for the present season effective work could not be accomplished in the county unless six inspectors were appointed. In Kildare 38 inspectors had been appointed & in Carlow six.

The latter County complained that Sheep Scab was being introduced from Longford &

Newtonbarry Districts. It was absolutely necessary that the Department should be in a position to be able to convince the Authorities at the other side of the Channel that the disease was being dealt with in an organised & systematic way.

Nothing could be done by the Civic Guard as regards supervision on account of the other duties which they had to perform, they would as far as possible help & report any instances of infraction of the regulations which might come under their notice & they would prove useful in securing effective compliance with the provisions of the Order.

The Chairman considered that a large number of Farmers dipped for their own protection.

Mr. Hayes considered that in the County Wexford they would not require many Inspectors as other Counties more interested in sheep.

Mr. Kerr mentioned the sheep population was 200,000.

After considerable discussion the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to appoint four additional Sheep Dipping Inspectors in addition to the two already employed & that the work of the six Inspectors be allocated as follows:-

Ennisconny:- Two Inspectors, one to take charge of Newtonbarry & Boregal with a certain number of District E. Divisions contiguous thereto. That Mr. James Murphy, Coolbarrow, Yerns, existing Inspector, deal with the remainder of this district.

County:- Two Inspectors to be appointed one to look after the district of Coolcarney & the adjoining Electoral Divisions & the second Inspector to have charge of the remainder of the district.

New Ross:- One Inspector to be appointed for the whole district.

Wexford:- Work to be carried out by the existing Inspector, Mr. James Hayden, Borlican, Killurin.

"That the remuneration to be paid the four new Inspectors to be calculated at the rate of £1 per week from the date of their appointment to the end of Sheep Dipping Period."

That the County Council consider early in the new year a scheme which will provide for the dipping of all sheep in the County & the appointment of the necessary Inspectors to supervise this work."

The recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Blaney, & it was decided that the Chairman & Secretary apportion the districts for each Inspector taking into consideration the work to be performed.

Quarry & Machinery Work & Supervision

Mr. Corish gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that all quarries & machinery of the Council be placed in the charge of Mr. J. Gorman, Senior Assistant Surveyor.

Damaged Bridges

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

A letter was read from Wexford Rural District Council under date 2nd June, 1924, calling attention to the necessity of having the damaged bridges in the County repaired without delay.

The matter was referred to Mr. Gorman, Acting County Surveyor, for report to next meeting of the County Council.

The Acting County Surveyor referred to the letter which had been already read to the meeting from the Ministry of Local Government, refusing to allow any money of old road grants to be expended on anything except the original works to which these grants were allocated.

He also read a letter under date 18th July, 1924, (R/LGB/33) from the Ministry of Local Government, stating that it was hoped he would be in a position to make an announcement as regards repair of damaged bridges at an early date. The question of liability in respect of pre-war damage still remained to be settled.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted a list of bridges with the amounts necessary to have them put in repair. The total amount necessary for repairs which could not be delayed was £1,853, while the total to cover all the work of repair of damaged bridges was as follows:-

Currently Rural District, £1,526:5:0
Goly Rural District, £453:5:0, New Ross Rural District, £1,410, Wexford Rural District, £932:10:0
Total, £4,322

✓ He also mentioned that all the bridges in Goly Rural District had been repaired.

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

"That the damaged bridges in the County, as reported upon by Mr. Gleanor, Acting County Surveyor, to this meeting, be repaired at once & that the Rural District Councils be notified to this effect

Delivery of Engines

Under date 17th July, 1924, the following report was read from Mr. J. Gleanor, Acting County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that one of the five traction engines ordered from Messrs Fowler has been delivered at your Machinery Yard Ennisceorthy. There are two more of these invoiced, & delivery will be taken as soon as possible after arrival in Dublin.

"I was advised on the 3rd instant that two of your rollers are due for landing in Dublin on 8th instant, & have made arrangements for bringing them under own power by road on 9th instant to their destinations in the County. This was the procedure adopted in the case of tractor. I got information late on 26th ultimo that the latter had been unshipped on 23rd, and, as I considered it inadvisable to have it lying on quay, I arranged to accompany Machinery Overseer and driver to Dublin early 27th ultimo to take delivery & have it brought to yard. When in Dublin, I interviewed Shipping Company with a view to facilitating us on further arrivals & since then saw Messrs Fowler's representative & wrote Messrs Aveling & Porter's man in Dublin with result that their Agents will be present in future & give our men any help necessary.

"As machinery arrives, work will be allotted them, & usual notice given to owners of fixed plant.

"I propose to having all tractors & rollers brought from Dublin to their various destinations in the County under their own power as this will mean a considerable saving in transit charges & would ask for your approval in this matter.

Mr. Gleanor mentioned that the cost of conveying engines by rail from Dublin to Wexford was £30, whereas the cost of bringing them by road was about £10.

The meeting approved of the action of the Acting County Surveyor in the matter.

Application for Steamroller and Scarifier

Under date 18th July, 1924, Mr. P. Hamrahan, Borough Surveyor, Wexford, applied for the use of one of the County Council's rollers & scarifiers for work on Wexford Quays in connection with Grunk Road Grant.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this application to the Acting County Surveyor for his observations.

Under date 18th July, 1924, the latter had written that all available rollers were employed by the Co. Council for their own work, and as machinery arrived, it was put into commission at once. In the circumstances it would not be possible to comply with the request of Mr. Hamrahan.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Acting County Surveyor endeavour to make arrangements by which the steamroller, which he had at present hired from Mr. Edward Kavanagh, St. John's, Ennisceorthy, would be transferred to Wexford Urban District for work on the quays in connection with Government Grant for Grunk Roads.

Wages of Machinery Men

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"The following were recommended as wages for men in charge of machinery:-

Machinery Overseer, £5 per week rising by annual increment of 5/- to £6.

Engine Driver, £3 per week.

Engine Attendant, £2 per week rising to £2:5:0 by increments of 2/6 per week.

Drill Operator & Drill Blacksmith, £3 per week each.

Mechanic (Works) £3:12:0 per week.

Blacksmith (Machinery Yard), £3:10:0 per week.

✓ Storekeeper & Blacksmith's Helper, £2:10:0 per week each rising by annual increments of 5/- per week to £3.

Carpenter, £3: 12: 0 per week (Union rate of wages).

Yara Hill Quarry Overseer & Engine Driver, adjourned for the present.

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

The names of a number of men for employment as Engine Drivers, etc., were submitted by the Acting County Surveyor.

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

"That the Acting County Surveyor make recommendations to the next meeting of the County Council as to the names of men to be employed in connection with new road plant. That in the meantime, he be empowered to employ temporarily such men to work machinery as he may require."

Flooding at Bellefield, Ennisceorthy

A discussion on this matter arose at the meeting of the Co. Council on 18th June, 1924, when a resolution was adopted directing Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to furnish a report.

Under date 11th July, 1924, Mr. Ennis wrote that the piece of road in question was subject to flooding. It was previously drained by a flagged shore, 500 to 400 yards long. This was very old, badly constructed & now almost useless. The County Surveyor inspected the place with him, & they decided that the best thing to be done was to bring the water along the road by an open channel to the next hollow through which there was ample drainage. This would be a fairly extensive job & he would get the men employed at Ballyvorchard Quarry to do this work in about four weeks' time as this would be a very slack time in the quarry. It was probable that no flooding would occur in the meantime as the place was flooded only on the occasion of very heavy rains.

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

"That Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, be directed to have the necessary drainage work carried out at Bellefield, Ennisceorthy as soon as practicable."

Dangerous Corner at Gullett

Mr. P. O'Byrne stated he had called the attention of Mr. Ennis a considerable time back to the dangerous corner on the road between Yara Hill & Ballyvorchard, but nothing

had been done in the matter

An Order was made asking Mr. Ennis for a report.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne mentioned that a considerable time ago he called the attention of Mr. Ennis to a dangerous gullet between Monamolin & Buffer's Alley. He had not attended to it.

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

"That the Acting County Surveyor be directed to instruct Mr. Ennis to have this work carried out without delay"

Barne Pier

At the meeting of the County Council on the 5th May, 1924, a resolution was adopted appointing a Committee to consult persons interested in the repair of Barne Pier in order to ascertain if any steps could be taken to have the structure put into usable order.

The Committee met local residents on the 13th July, 1924, at the Pier.

Mr. Treanor, Acting County Surveyor, who attended on the occasion, reported that, without touching the extreme end of the pier a sum of £209 would be necessary to be expended in renewing the abutments on the south side & repairing storm. The Council should understand that Barne was not a scheduled pier, & before anything could be done, it would be necessary to have the sanction of the Minister of Local Government.

Mr. Bulleton mentioned that the local people were of opinion that, if the pier was put into proper order, a trade in coal, etc., could be developed there & a revival of the fishing industry expected.

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

"That Mr. Garish, J.D., be requested to interview the Minister of Fisheries to arrange to have an Inspector from Ministry inspect & report as to what could be done in connection with the repair of Barne Pier."

Quarries

Dunragh The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 6th June, 1924, Mr. J. Bowe, owner of this quarry, wrote that he had not been paid for material taken from this quarry for a certain period; also, that in 1920, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, had agreed with him to put a paling around the quarry & told him to purchase wire, stapling etc. for the purpose; this cost him £10. The paling had not been put up & the place was a regular death trap to his cattle. If the matter was not settled, he would be obliged to hand it over to a solicitor.

"Under date 3rd July, 1924, Mr. Yeaman, Acting County Surveyor, reported that he had interviewed Mr. Bowe in the presence of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. As a result, he had written to Mr. Bowe on 3rd July that the only amount due to him, in connection with material taken out of the quarry, was 13/10^d. As regards the fence, he would bring the matter before the Council & ask for their directions.

Continuing, Mr. Yeaman, said that Mr. Ennis had agreed to with Mr. Bowe to put up a fence for £16.

It was decided that Mr. Ennis be directed to endeavour to have the work carried out under the agreement he had made with Mr. Bowe; if not, to report to the Council.

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

Rathinney & Kilgarvan

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"John Donohoe, Dinmavin, Bussorane fireman, Rathinney, Quarry, wrote that, owing to obstruction in this quarry by lime kiln, old dwellinghouse & car road, he was unable to work the quarry in a satisfactory manner. He believed if Kilgarvan quarry was re-opened he would be able to work it with his gang.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the owner of the house referred to in Donohoe's letter asked £25 for its removal, & this was exorbitant.

An order was made, recommending that Rathinney Quarry be closed & that work be resumed in Kilgarvan Quarry.

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

Kiltrea

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had visited this quarry with Mr. Shannon County Councillor, & Mr. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor. He had started three men at work by 'piece' on 7th July. He wished to know who would be responsible for the stamping of the Insurance Cards in this case.

"Mr. Elgee said as material was being broken in a quarry, which was the property of the County Council, and as the number of men was so small, it would be well for the Council to stamp the cards.

"The Committee recommended the Council to act on the advice of Mr. Elgee in this matter."

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

Ryland.

The Acting County Surveyor read a letter from Messrs Stopford & Turner, agents for Mr. R. W. Hall Dare, owner of Ryland Quarry, stating that Mr. Hall Dare was not satisfied with the present conditions under which material was taken from the quarry. He would not allow the County Council to work the quarry unless some definite arrangement was come to with him as regards rent. Some time ago he had written that he was prepared to let the quarry at a rent of £20 per annum; this offer had been declined. If the Council could not see their way to accept Mr. Hall Dare's terms their connection with the quarry would have to cease.

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

✓ That Messrs Stopford & Turner, Agents of Mr. R. W. Hall Dare, owner of Ryland Quarry, be informed that the County Council cannot see their way to rent Ryland Quarry. Stones are now

measured in the quarry, & Mr. Hall Dare will receive notice of the time measurements are to take place. If he is not satisfied with this arrangement, the Council will proceed to secure rights of entry through Court Proceedings.

Ballinaboola = The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, reported that on the 5th July, 1924, Richard Cleave, Drill Operator, was absent from quarry until 8.20 a.m.

"The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had already warned this man as he found that on occasion Cleave left at 5.20 p.m.

It was decided that Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, inform Cleave that if any further complaint be found against him he will be dismissed.

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

An application from Patrick McGee, Rahem, Adamstown, gaugh in this quarry, for extra wages for sharpening hand drills & acting as foreman, was submitted by the Acting County Surveyor.

It was decided to refer the application to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee Ballymurry.

Under date 15th July, 1924, Messrs Joseph Hyland, James Doyle, Thomas Cullen & Patrick Whelan, who are supplying material from this quarry to the County Council, wrote that they understood they were to be cut in price. As they were obliged to haul material half a mile from the breaker, they would not agree to accept a lesser figure than 8/6 per cubic yard. There was no dumping ground in the quarry, & they were had to keep 600 yards of a lane in repair.

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

"With regard to the application of the workers who supply material from Ballymurry Quarry, the following is an extract from report of Special Committee which visited this quarry & interviewed the workmen concerned:-

"The Contractors, who opened this quarry, are prepared to continue supplying material at an adjusted rate according to the County Council's rate of wages & will surrender all claim if required at the end of two years."

"In view of this extract from the report, the

County Council are not prepared to vary their agreement.
Ballyconnick

A long report from Finance & Roads Committee as regards John Bender, foreman of this quarry, was adjourned to next meeting to enable Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, acting for Mr. Bender, to attend.

Yara Hill

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd May, 1924 was submitted:-

"Under date 13th May, 1924, a letter was read from John Walsh, Yara Hill, Gorey, stating that six of the men working in this quarry were under notice of dismissal as they had refused to pay their arrears of contribution to Gorey Transport Union Branch, & had been expelled from the Union on that account.

Writing on the same subject on the 21st May, 1924, Matthew Redmond, Yara Hill, stated that the men concerned considered they should have been allowed to remain at work until their case had been decided by the Council. They did not object to being members of the Union but, under no circumstances, would they remain in the Gorey Branch. The writer gave instances of alleged unfair treatment by this Branch, as regards the Yara Hill Quarry workers. He also stated the men in Yara Hill Quarry claimed arrears of wages but the Gorey Branch did nothing to obtain payment. There were ten men still working in the quarry, & some of them were more in arrears than the six men, whose services had been dispensed with.

Mr. Redmond appeared before the meeting & stated the case of the men who had been dismissed from the service of the Council.

The Chairman explained to him that, by a resolution of the Council, all men employed on the roads should be "Trade Unionists", but when men were expelled from their Union, they could not be regarded as such. The men could appeal

to the National Executive of the Union as regards any grievances they might have.

Mr. Freeman pointed out that the dispute was a very serious matter to the Council, as they would require from 8,000 to 9,000 cubic yards of material from this particular quarry in connection with Government Grant, and, unless the dispute was settled, the work would be held up.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council could not interfere in any dispute between individual members of the Transport Union & their Branch. He advised Mr. Redmond to endeavour to settle with the Union, and, if the men did not wish to remain in Gully Branch, they might form a Branch of their own.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"In connection with the question as to whether men, now employed at Gara Hill Quarry, could be regarded as Trade Unionists, they forwarded a card of membership of the Independent Co-operative Grades Union, incorporated with Grades Union Acts, 1871, & 1917, as proof that they should be considered as members of a recognised Grades Union.

The Acting County Surveyor stated he had submitted this card to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, who informed him that he (Mr. Elgee) saw no reason to object to the men being allowed to continue in their present employment.

After considerable discussion, the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee cannot recommend the County Council to recognise any Grades Union which is not affiliated to the Grades Congress. In the circumstances, mentioned to this meeting, they are not prepared to recognise the Independent Co-operative Grades Union as complying with this condition. That Mr. Freeman, Acting County Surveyor, inform the workers concerned of this decision with a view to having work at Gara Hill Quarry continued. In the meantime, that he determine the employment of these men by a week's notice."

The following is an extract from the minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 15th July, 1924:-

"In connection with the question of the workers in Gara Hill Quarry being members of a recognised Trade Union, Mr. Loush mentioned that he had seen

the foreman of Yara Hill Quarry & had suggested a certain course of action, which he believed would be the means of settling the dispute at present existing.

Mr. Carish proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Passed nem. con.

Under date 6th June, 1924, James Kilty.

Kilcavan, Lick, wrote that a considerable amount of damage was caused to one of his fields by the fine stone dust from stonebreaker at Yara Hill Quarry. The field was covered by layers upon layers of stone dust which rendered the grass poisonous for his cattle, so that the field was only useless but positively dangerous for his cattle.

Mr. Greaney, Acting County Surveyor, reported that he had met Kilty on 27th May. The latter first complained of goats trespassing on his field due, he held, to fence having been damaged by the Council's employees. Subsequently, he admitted no damage had occurred to fence by Council & then went on to complain about his field being injured by the dust from the breaker. His claim now was that Council should erect a fence at the place adjoining breaker, & the Acting County Surveyor could not recommend this, as even a fence, while it would serve to keep out animals, would not prevent dust from the breaker blowing in on his land.

Under date 12th July, 1924, Mr. Kilty wrote that he had erected a wire fence around his cottage convenient to Yara Hill Quarry.

The Acting County Surveyor stated this would close the matter.

Mountain

The following is an extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924:-

"The Acting County Surveyor reported that Mr. Hayes, County Councillor, complained that a man named Walsh, who was breaking stones at the Mountain of Gorth, would not be recognised by the British Road & Cartage Co. & paid by

him for the work he had carried out. Mr. Birthistle stated that he did not employ this man & that he had no record that he had been ever employed by the County Surveyor or by the Ganger.

Mr. Hayes said no specified workers were employed at this job. The Council had agreed to take material at 4/- per cubic yard, & there was no stipulation as to any particular men being employed to supply same. It was a question of buying the material and not a question of employment.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that Walsh had not been formerly employed in the quarry, & Mr. Birthistle had already reported that he had obtained sufficient material from the men working there. He did not require the services of Walsh.

After further discussion, it was decided that Walsh be paid for the material which he had produced. But that, in future, no quarry or road worker be employed unless through the officials of the Council or by their instructions.

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

Piece Work in Quarries

Under date 14th July, 1924 Mr. James Lawlor M.C., wrote, asking if the resolution of the Council re piece work in quarries in Ennisconny Rural District was being carried out; if not, what was the explanation.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that Mr. Ennis Assistant Surveyor, had informed him that it was not possible to carry out piece work in quarries until the men had gelignite at hand for frequent blasts. Mr. Bullen had two quarries - Monagh & Kiltrea worked by piece work but could not arrange in any of the other quarries in his district.

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

"That until arrangements can be made to allow of gelignite being at hand in each quarry, it will not be possible to have a system of piece work carried out"

Proposal that Quarries be worked by "Old" Time

Under date 26th May, 1924, a resolution was received from Ennisconny Rural District Council asking that quarry work should be carried out by "old" instead of "new" time.

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

"That the Ennisceorthy Rural District Council be informed that the Direct Labour regulations provide that all quarries should be worked by official time, it is not possible to have this changed during the continuance of the Direct Labour Scheme"

Proposed Employment of Extra Men

Mr. Yeaman, Acting County Surveyor, reported that at present they were employing 503 men, 485 being ordinary workers, and 18 machinery. As the Road Estimate had been reduced in accordance with the reduction of wages of the employees, it was not possible to employ any extra men unless the County Council were prepared to take the risk of exceeding their Estimates. There would be extra men employed in connection with the Government Grant; these were ex-Service men & were not included in the 503.

Courthouses

Gully The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of the 22nd May, 1924, was submitted to the meeting.

"With reference to the application of John McLeod, Court Messenger, for payment for cleaning hall at Gully in which District Sessions are held & which had been referred to Mr.

Sean O'Byrne for report, Mr. O'Byrne recommended that McLeod should be paid at the rate of £5 per annum for this work from the date of his application to the Council viz. 8th February, 1924.

The recommendation was adopted by the Committee.

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

It was decided that the application of the District Court Clerk, Gully, for payment of £2:19:0 for fuel be further adjourned.

Ennisceorthy

Under date 15th May, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (L. 17164/1924, Wexford County) that the Ministry would raise no objection

to the payment of £5 to the caretaker, Ennisworthy Technical Schools, for extra work in connection with court which was held there

Ballycullane The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 22nd May, 1924, was submitted to the meeting:

"Under date 19th May, 1924, Mr. Gahy, District Justice, wrote that Mr. Power, Ballycullane, would accept £1 per month for the use of premises as bouthouse. He would provide fire, light, cleaning etc. Mr. Power ^{was} intended to get a more suitable place if possible.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Council be recommended to pay Mr. Power, Ballycullane, a rent calculated at the rate of £8 per annum for use of premises at Ballycullane for bouthouse & a sum calculated at £4 per annum for caretaking, providing fire, cleaning etc. of these premises"

The foregoing recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Blaney.

"The Secretary mentioned that Mr. Gahy, District Justice, called at County Council office & stated that Mr. Power Ballycullane, was prepared to build a hall which would be suitable for a bouthouse & entertainments if he knew for certain that the County Council would rent the place for a bouthouse

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

"That the Acting County Surveyor be directed to examine Plans & Specification of Hall proposed to be erected by Mr. Power, Ballycullane, for bouthouse etc. & report to the Council whether in his opinion the building will be suitable for the purpose of a court. Should report of Mr. Gahanor be favourable the Council will favourably consider the renting of Hall for a court at the statutory figure allowed viz. £10 per annum."

New Ross The following is an extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 8th July, 1924:-

"It was decided that the County Council be recommended to continue the tenancy of Tiberian Hall, New Ross, for the purposes of a Court of Justice for a further six months as from 12th June, 1924, at 5/- per week to cover rent & cost of caretaking."

Wexford In connection with report from Mrs. Mc Nally, Courtkeeper, Wexford, that the Court of Criminal Council

at the rear of the premises had been interfered with, the Acting County Surveyor reported, under date 1st July, 1924, that a concrete wall gate had been erected across the right-of-way at the back of the building, by, it was stated Mr. P. O'Connor, Building Contractor, Wexford. The Acting County Surveyor had no idea how long this obstruction had been there.

An Order was made directing Mr. Elgee Solicitor, to take the necessary steps to have the gate erected on the Council's right-of-way at rear Wexford Courthouse removed.

"In connection with the claim for £61:5:0 from Mrs Mc Vally, Courthouse Keeper, Wexford, for rent of premises from 24th November, 1922 to 31st March, 1924 - 70 weeks at 17/6 per week, owing to the destruction of Wexford Courthouse, (in which she had free apartments), it was decided that the Ministry of Local Government be requested to state what action had been taken as regards similar cases. That the claim of Mrs Mc Vally be adjourned pending this information.

Under date 17th May, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 21204/1924, Wexford County) approving of the payment of salary of Mrs Mc Vally for the period from 31st March, 1922 to 31st March, 1924, on the assumption that the Council satisfied themselves that the claim made was equitable.

"Under date 27th May, 1924, ~~the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 21204/1924, Wexford County)~~ Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council wrote that in his opinion Mrs Mc Vally was entitled to be paid the salary which she claimed. She would have a cause of action against the Council for breach of contract unless amount was paid.

"Under date 12th June, 1924, the Clerk of Crown & Place Wexford wrote complaining of offensive odour, in his office, caused, apparently, by the old refuse which had remained in the rooms of caretaker after the building had been burned.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the

odour was caused by an escape of gas & he had had the matter attended to.

The Acting County Surveyor, reported that the Notice Board at Wexford Courthouse had been removed.

Under date 30th May, 1924, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that as the County Council were now responsible for the Courthouse it was the business of the Council to have the notice board replaced.

It was decided that the Acting County Surveyor should have a new notice board provided for Wexford Courthouse.

The foregoing recommendations were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Blarney.

"On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Blarney a resolution was adopted agreeing to pay £4:4:0 for coal supplied to office of Clerk of Crown & Peace & 1/9 for fittings supplied to stove."

Revisions of Valuation

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"That the various applications for revisions of Valuation viz. changes of names & applications as to vacant buildings & new premises be and are hereby approved"

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

Application for Gelignite

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

Mr. D. Hughes, Mason, Ymhagard applied for 70 lbs of explosives to procure stones for erection of dwellinghouse.

The following order was made:-

"That Mr. D. Hughes, Ymhagard, be informed that the Council are not in a position to supply gelignite. they can only procure same for obtaining road metalling."

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

Road between New Ross & Bunclody.

Under date 23rd May, 1924, Mr. O'Grattan, Esq., M.D., wrote that he would do what he could with regard to the scheduling of the road between New Ross & Bunclody as a trunk road.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act

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

"That new licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to:-

W. H. McGuire, Commercial Quay, Wexford. &

R. Rackard, Killaune, Enniscorthy and renewals of licences to

J. Roche, Camolin

Edward Brennan, Yaghman &

H. Hill, Ballycanew.

Porticos to Houses at Courtown Harbour

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 17th June, 1924, Mrs Douse, The Castle, Carnew, wrote, asking for permission to erect two porches in front of houses at Courtown Harbour. There had been a porch to one of them previously, but the late tenant had removed it. It did not seem to cause any obstruction to the footpath but added greatly to the appearance of the street.

A resolution was read from Gowy Rural District Council (which, it was stated, had been unanimously adopted), consenting to the erection of the porches in question, and asking the County Council to sanction same, as the District Council held this would improve the appearance of the street, & would not cause any obstruction.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That, as we believe the erection of porches to houses at Courtown Harbour would cause an encroachment on the footpath, we recommend the Council to refuse the permission sought by Mrs Douse."

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

Payment of Subsidiary Bodies

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following recommendation from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd May, 1924, was confirmed:-

"That, consistent with the financial position of the Council, as large a sum as is possible be transferred on foot of the Demands of the Public Bodies which are financed by the Council."

Application for Erection of Kerbside Pumps.

Under date 2nd July, 1924, Mr. Michael Ginn, 16, Main Street, Gully, applied for permission to erect a kerbside petrol pump outside his premises.

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

"That the application of Mr. Michael Ginn, 16, Main Street, Gully, to erect a kerbside petrol pump outside his premises be granted, subject to site obtaining the approval of the Acting County Surveyor, and to Mr. Ginn entering into the usual agreement regarding the erection & removal of said pump."

Solicitor's Out-of-Pocket Expenses

The following recommendation from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd May, 1924, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the out-of-pocket expenses of Mr. R. W. Elgee, (Solicitor to the County Council) for last financial year, and amounting to £118: 7: 0, be paid."

(Signed) Edmond O'Kofuda
Presiding Chairman

Dated this 11th day of Aug 1924.