

The first meeting of the new County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1925.

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs W. F. Thorne, James Hall, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Aidan Mervagh, John Connors, Richard Corish, John O'Byrne, James Gaul, Patrick O'Byrne, Thomas Cooney, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Mc Carthy, James Cline, William Boffan, Patrick Hayes, Michael Doyle, Christopher Culleton, Michael Cloney, John White, J. Walsh, Nicholas J. Murphy, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, C. M. Gibbon, M. M. O'Donoghue, Col. Quin and James Shannon.

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

All members subscribed their declaration of office.

### Election of Chairman

Mr Shannon proposed that in the absence of Mr E. P. Foley, the late Chairman of the Council, Mr R. Corish be elected temporary Chairman.

Mr Culleton seconded.

Col Gibbon proposed:- "That Mr Cloney act as temporary Chairman"

Mr Boffan seconded.

After considerable discussion both motions were withdrawn and the following motion was proposed by Mr Mc Carthy seconded by Mr John O'Byrne and passed nem. con. "That Mr Frizelle Secretary, preside at this meeting during the election of Chairman".

Mr Frizelle then took the Chair.

Mr Cloney proposed:- "That Mr Michael Doyle be elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for year 1925 and that he hold office until his successor be appointed."

Mr Jordan seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed that Mr Thomas Mc Carthy be elected Chairman of the Wexford County Council for the year 1925 and until his successor has been appointed and has taken office.



Mr Culleton seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

"For Doyle - Messrs Kavanagh, Murphy, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Gibbon, White, Cloney, Boffan, D'Arcy, Hall and Jordan - 12.

For Mr Carthy - Messrs Shannon, Hayes, Culleton, Clince, Colfer, P. O'Byrne, Connors, Cooney, Gaul, John O'Byrne, Corish and Mernagh - 12.

Messrs Doyle and Mr Carthy did not vote and Mr O'Donoghue was not present when the poll was taken.

It was then agreed to decide by lot whether Mr Doyle or Mr Mr Carthy would be elected.

The names were drawn by a representative of the Press, Mr Mr Carthy being the winner.

Mr Mr Carthy then took the chair and returned thanks for his election.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed.

### Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr Boffan proposed that Col Gibbon be elected Vice Chairman of the Wexford County Council for the year 1925 and that he continue to hold office until his successor has been appointed.

Mr Cloney seconded.

Mr Corish proposed that Mr John O'Byrne be elected vice-chairman of the Wexford County Council for the year 1925, and that he hold office until his successor has been appointed.

Mr P. O'Byrne seconded.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

For Gibbon - Messrs Kavanagh, Murphy, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Cloney, Boffan, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, O'Donoghue, and Doyle - 13.

For O'Byrne - Messrs Shannon, Hayes, Culleton, Clince, Colfer, P. O'Byrne, Connors, Cooney, Gaul, Corish, Mernagh and the Chairman - 12.

Col Gibbon and Mr John O'Byrne did not vote.

The Chairman declared Col Gibbon elected Vice-Chairman. Col Gibbon returned thanks for his election.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be ex-officio members of all Committees appointed



for the transaction of business directly administered by the County Council.

### Proposal Committee.

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

"That the Proposal Committee be a Committee of the whole house."

### Finance and Roads Committee

Col Gibbon moved Mr Corish seconded and it was adopted - "That a separate Committee be appointed for all matters in connection with finance and road business."

### Finance Committee.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded that Mr Gaul be appointed as a member of the Finance Committee.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Hall seconded the appointment of Mr Walsh as a member of the Committee.

Mr Murphy proposed the election of Mr Thorpe.

Mr Walsh seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed the election of Mr Sean O'Byrne  
Mr Connors seconded.

Mr Hayes proposed and Mr Cooney seconded the election of Mr Corish.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the appointment of Mr Doyle.

Col Quin proposed and Mr Jordan seconded the appointment of Mr Cloney.

Mr Boffan proposed and Mr White seconded the election of Mr Jordan.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr P. O'Byrne seconded the election of Mr Hayes.

After some further discussion, Messrs Corish, Doyle and Cloney withdrew and the following were then appointed the Finance Committee for the year 1925 and until their successors have been appointed:-



The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Messrs Gaul, Walsh, Hayes, Thorpe O'Byrne and Jordan - 8, to meet every alternate Thursday.

### Roads Committee.

Col Gibbon proposed the election of Mr Cloney as a member of the Committee.

Mr Murphy seconded.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed the election of Mr Corish.

Mr Cline seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Gaul seconded the election of Mr Mernagh.

Mr Cooney proposed and Mr P. O'Byrne seconded the election of Mr Colfer.

Mr Kavanagh proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the election of Mr Jordan.

Mr Connors proposed and Mr Patrick O'Byrne seconded the election of Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Mr O'Donoghue proposed and Col Quin seconded the election of Mr Hall.

Mr Hall proposed the election of Col Quin.

Mr Walsh seconded.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Cline seconded the election of Mr Shannon.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Doyle seconded the election of Mr Boffan.

After some further discussion, it was proposed by Mr Cloney and seconded by Mr White:- "That the Roads Committee for the year 1925, and until their successors be appointed, consist of the following members:-

Messrs Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, Corish, Colfer, Cloney, Hall, Boffan, Quin, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman - 10 - to meet on Mondays once in each month."

Passed.

### County Board of Health.

Under date 1st July 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (F. 31727/1925,) explaining the procedure to be adopted in connection with the appointment of County Board of Health.

The following nominations were made for each County



Electoral area:-

Enniscorthy - The Chairman, proposed by Mr Jordan, seconded by Mr Kavanagh.

Mr Cline proposed and Mr O'Connor seconded Mr Shannon.

Gorey - Mr O'Donoghue proposed and Col Quin seconded Mr Hall.

Mr Connors proposed and Mr Cline seconded Mr John O'Byrne.

New Ross - Mr Cooney, proposed by Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Colfer.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Murphy seconded Mr Cloney.

Wexford - Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Cline seconded Mr Gaul.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr White seconded Mr Doyle.

After some discussion, Mr Shannon withdrew in Enniscorthy and Mr John O'Byrne in Gorey with the result that the Chairman was declared elected for Enniscorthy area and Mr Hall for Gorey area.

A vote was then taken as between Mr Cloney and Mr Cooney for New Ross area which resulted as follows:-

For Cloney - Messrs Thorpe, Hall, D'Arcy, Boffan, Mr Doyle, Cloney, White, Walsh, Murphy, Jordan, Quin, Kavanagh, Gibbon, O'Donoghue - 14.

For Cooney - Messrs Mernagh, Connors, Corish, John O'Byrne, Culleton, Gaul, P. O'Byrne, Cooney, Shannon, Colfer, Cline, Hayes, and the Chairman - 13.

The Chairman declared Mr Cloney elected member of ~~the~~ the Board of Health for New Ross area.

In connection with representation of Wexford area, a poll was taken as between Messrs Doyle and Gaul with the following result:-

For Doyle - Messrs Thorpe, Hall, D'Arcy, Boffan, Cloney, White, Walsh, Murphy, Jordan, Quin, Kavanagh, Gibbon, O'Donoghue - 13.

For Gaul - Messrs Mernagh, Connors, Corish, John O'Byrne, Cooney, Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Shannon, Colfer, Cline, Hayes and the Chairman - 12.

Messrs Doyle and Gaul did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Doyle elected.



Four groups of five members each were then formed and each of which nominated a member as follows:-

Group No 1 consisting of Messrs Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, and Quin, who nominated Mr Jordan.

Group No 2 consisting of Messrs Cloney, Doyle, Murphy, White and Gibbon who nominated Mr Thorpe.

Group No 3 consisting of Messrs Shannon, Culleton, Hayes, Gaul and Corish who nominated Mr Gaul.

Group No 4 consisting of Messrs John O'Byrne, P. O'Byrne, Connors, Mernagh and Clince who nominated Mr John O'Byrne.

This left two members to be elected by non-grouping Councillors viz:- Messrs Boffan, Thorpe, Walsh, D'Arcy, Colfer, Cooney and the Chairman - 7.

Mr Boffan proposed the election of Mr D'Arcy. This was seconded by Mr Thorpe.

Mr Colfer proposed Mr Cooney, this being seconded by the Chairman.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For D'Arcy - Messrs Walsh, Thorpe, Boffan - 3.

For Cooney - Mr Colfer and the Chairman - 2

Messrs D'Arcy and Cooney did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr D'Arcy elected.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the election of Col Quin who was elected. nem. con.

The following ten members of the Council therefore were declared to be elected as the Board of Health:-

Messrs, the Chairman, Hall, Cloney, Doyle, Jordan, Thorpe, Gaul, John O'Byrne, D'Arcy and Col Quin - 10.

### Mental Hospital Committee.

This Committee is composed of 15 County Councillors and five non-members of the Council.

The following nominations were made:-

Mr McCarthy (Chairman) proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Col Gibbon.

Mr Shannon proposed by Mr Clince seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

Mr Corish proposed by Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes.

Mr Hall proposed by Mr Boffan seconded by Mr O'Donoghue.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed by Mr Connors seconded by Mr Clince.



Mr Cloney proposed by Mr Thorpe seconded by ~~Mr~~ Chairman.  
 Mr Doyle proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Donoghue.  
 Mr D'Arcy proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Col Quin.  
 Mr Walsh proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Thorpe.  
 Mr O'Donoghue proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Mr Cloney.  
 Mr Jordan proposed by Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Boffan.  
 Mr Clince proposed by Mr J. O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall.  
 Mr Kavanagh proposed by Mr O'Donoghue seconded by Mr White.  
 Mr Colfer proposed by Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Mernagh.  
 Mr P. Byrne proposed by Mr Connors seconded by Mr J. O'Byrne.  
 Mr Mernagh proposed by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Culleton.  
 Mr Thorpe proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Hall.  
 Mr Culleton proposed by Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Gaul.  
 Mr Gaul proposed by Mr Cooney seconded by Mr P. Byrne.

After some discussion, Messrs Corish, Cloney, P. Byrne, and Gaul withdrew their nominations and the following were declared elected as the County Council representatives on the Mental Hospital Committee:-

The Chairman, Messrs Shannon, Hall, J. O'Byrne, Doyle, D'Arcy, Walsh, O'Donoghue, Jordan, Clince, Kavanagh, Colfer, Mernagh, Thorpe, Culleton - 15.

Mr Doyle proposed and Col Gibbon seconded the election of Rev P. Cummins, Adm. Enniscorthy and Rev W. F. Benson Rector, Templeshambo as members of the Mental Hospital Committee. This proposal was adopted.

The following nominations were also made:-

Mr John Nolan Bunclody proposed by Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall.

Mr John J. O'Byrne Cushinstown Ballinabola proposed by Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Boffan.

Mr M. Mc Donald, The Bay Camolin proposed by Mr D'Arcy seconded by Mr O'Donoghue.

Rev J. Rossiter P.P. Ferns proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Col Quin.

Mr J. Pender Ferns proposed by Mr Shannon seconded by Mr D'Arcy.

Mr Austin Butler Urban Councillor New Ross proposed by Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Colfer.

The names of Messrs Mc Donald, Pender and Butler were subsequently withdrawn and the following were declared



elected i- Messrs John Nolan, John J. O'Byrne and Rev J. Rossiter.

The following are the five members of Committee who are not members of the County Council:-

Rev P. Cammins Adm Enniscorthy, Rev W. F. Benson Templeshambo Ferns, John Nolan Bunclogh, John J. O'Byrne Cushinstown and Rev J. Rossiter P. P. Ferns.

### County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be composed of 17 members."

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the following resolution:- "That the following be appointed members of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:- Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, Doyle, White, Quin, D'Arcy, and Cline, County Councillors.- 7.

Passed.

Mr Hayes was proposed by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Culleton.

Mr John O'Byrne was proposed by Mr Cline seconded by Mr Connors.

Mr George Culleton Fairy Hill Castlebridge was proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Donoghue.

Mr John Canfield Grange, Killane proposed by Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Cline.

Mr A Mc Cann Newbridge, Camolin proposed by Mr D'Arcy seconded by Mr Murphy.

Mr E. P. Foley Crossabeg proposed by Col Gibbon, seconded by Mr Hall.

Johnson Pasha Ballinapierce Enniscorthy proposed by Mr Boffan seconded by Mr Cloney.

Mr John J. O'Byrne proposed by Mr O'Donoghue seconded by Mr Cloney.

Mr James Ennis Roselare proposed by Mr Culleton seconded by Mr Cloney.

Mr Bryan O'Connor proposed by Mr Kavanagh and seconded by Mr Jordan.

As the full membership of the Committee only was nominated, all the above proposals were



- passed and the Committee will now consist of the following:- Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, Doyle, White, Quin, D'Arcy Clince, Hayes, John O'Byrne, G. Culleton, Mc Cann, Canfield Bryan O'Connor, J. Ennis, E.P. Foley, Johnson Pasha and John J. O'Byrne.

### Old Age Pension Committee.

Mr Cloney proposed, Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the entire Council act as Old Age Pension Committee and that existing sub-committees be continued in office until their successors have been appointed. That the appointment of sub-committees be considered at next meeting of the Council and that in the meantime the Council endeavour to secure active members for these sub-committees with a view to submitting names to next County Council meeting for appointment."

### Diseases of Animals Acts Committee.

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

"That the business under Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts be dealt with by the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction with the exception of Sheep Dipping, the latter being retained by the County Council in view of the proposals from the Department of Agriculture as to the adoption of a comprehensive scheme of public dipping of sheep"

### Tuberculosis Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr D'Arcy:- "That the old Committee of Tuberculosis Prevention Act be continued in office until the first of October when their functions will be transferred to the County Board of Health; the old Committee being:- R. Corish M.C.C. Miss Kathleen A. Browne, E.P. Foley, P. Hayes, James Hall, Mrs Kelly, 65 South Main Street Wexford, Albert F. Smith, John O'Byrne Gorey, and Patrick O'Byrne Camolin."



### Representatives on County Insurance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following were appointed as the representatives of the Wexford County Council on the County Insurance Committee;—

Miss M. Browne Rathfriland, Mrs Stafford, St Peter's College, Wexford, Messrs P. White Wexford, D. Kavanagh M.C.C. James Shannon M.C.C. Alderman James Larkin, C. Culleton and James Hall.

### County Library Committee.

The following were appointed County Library Committee on the motion of Mr D'Arcy seconded by Col Gibbon;—

Messrs J. Mc Carthy (Chairman County Council, E. P. Foley Crossabeg, Rev R. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island, Canon Willis Gorey, D. Whelan, The Deeps Killarney, Seumas Doyle Ballycarney, P. Hickey Technical Institute Enniscorthy, J. Dunphy Technical Institute New Ross, R. F. Phillips Duncormick National School, J. F. Heffernan Wexford, Miss O'Ryan Tomcool, Tullamore, Miss Merney Wexford, Col Gibbon and R. Corish.

### Representatives on Council of Agriculture.

Proposed by John O'Byrne seconded by Mr O'Donoghue;—  
"That in the event of the Council of Agriculture being revived representatives of the Wexford County Council be Messrs M. Doyle and Christopher Culleton.

### Representatives on General Council of County Councils.

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Clinch, Mr John O'Byrne was appointed one of the representatives of the Wexford County Council on the General Council of County Councils.

Proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Jordan;—  
"That Mr M. Doyle J.D. be appointed as a representative of the Wexford County Council on the General Council of County Councils." Passed.



### Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.

The following were elected on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, as the representatives of the Wexford County Council on the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee:- Messrs Hall M.C.C. James Clince M.C.C. James Shannon M.C.C. John Connors M.C.C. and Michael Nolan Ballycoursey.

### The Chairman of County Council Committees

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr D'Arcy:-

"That this Council desires to express its opinion in favour of preference being given, so far as possible, to the appointment of an elected member of the County Council or a clergyman being appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of all County Council Committees."

### Sheep Dipping Programme.

Mr W.W. Malone, Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Agriculture came before the meeting with reference to the adoption of a scheme of dipping sheep in public baths as recommended recently by the Finance and Roads Committee of the Council. Mr Malone pointed out that the cost of the scheme would be about £700. The cost of erection of 24 baths would be approximately £360. If the Council supplied the dip and charged 2d per head, they would have a return of £833 and as half the cost would be defrayed by the Department from the General Cattle Diseases Fund, it was manifest that the scheme would certainly not cost any loss to the rates. Up to the present, there were eight outbreaks of sheep scab in the County this year and there was a very large number in 1924.

Unless some such scheme as was outlined by the Finance and Roads Committee was adopted, by the Council, there was a danger of the County being scheduled and this would paralyse their sheep trade.

After some discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman,



seconded by Col Gibbon and adopted:- "That the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to consider the question of formulating a Scheme for the dipping of sheep at public baths and present a report in connection with same to the County Council. That arrangements be made to secure the attendance of Mr W. W. Malone of the Department of Agriculture at the meeting of the County Council at which this matter will be considered."

### University Scholarship Scheme.

Mr Corish moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That the new County Council be recommended to delete from the University Scholarship Scheme the clause debarring children of persons who were bearing arms in the service of the British Government unless they retired previous to 1919, as being ineligible to compete for Scholarships."

Mr Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

It was then decided that the question of the eligibility of Mr Patrick J. White, Carcns House, Wexford, whose application for Scholarship was rejected owing to his father being a pensioner from the Royal Irish Constabulary and who did not retire previous to 1919, be considered at next meeting of the County Council.

### Refusal of Further Overdraft by National Bank.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the following was read from the Manager, Wexford Branch National Bank:- "In reply to your application to extend the limit of accommodation on the subsidiary account to £64,000, I am directed to inform you that my Directors regret they cannot sanction such an excessive advance."

The Secretary submitted the following report:-

"In connection with the application of the County Council for a further extension of their overdraft, the Department of Local Government (in view of the refusal of the Directors of the National Bank to agree to the application) arranged an interview with me for Friday 3rd July 1925 with Mr O'Connell, General Manager of the



Bank at College Green, Dublin.

Mr O'Connell pointed out that the Directors considered the extension of overdraft applied for (£24,000) was entirely too large, and the period - to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1925 - too long.

If a fresh application was made through the manager at Wexford for a smaller sum and for a shorter period, it would be carefully considered by the Directors, but he could not say if it would be agreed to. The Directors had grown alarmed at the very large amount of money due them by public bodies, and although an improvement had been expected by this, the general position was worse.

He recommended that a fresh application on the lines suggested by him should be made though he would not undertake to say it would be acceptable.

It was found at the Department of Local Government that no grants could be made available at the moment.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne: - "That our Secretary be instructed to arrange with the manager of the National Bank to provide the amount that will be necessary to meet the payments of the Council until next meeting by transferring said amount from Loans A/c, that in the meantime Messrs Doyle and Corish be requested to communicate with the Department of Local Government and ask them to transfer all possible grants to the Council in order to tide over their present financial position; the Council consider that it should be feasible for the Department to pay the grants that are due up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1925; that the Rate Collectors be instructed to leave no stone unturned to speed up the Rate Collection".

In connection with this matter, the following letter (G.28323/1925) Wexford County, under date 20<sup>th</sup> June 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government: -

"With reference to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions an increase to £64,000 in amount of overdraft authorised on the account of the Wexford County Council up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September next. Interest may be paid as already arranged."



"A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurers."

### Assistant Surveyors' Application for Increase of Salary.

The application of Assistant Surveyors, Messrs Borthiclle, Kehoe and Cullen, for an increase in their salaries, which was referred to the new Council from the last meeting of the old Council was put before the meeting.

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

"That the application of the Assistant Surveyors for an increase in their salaries be adjourned for three months."

Mr Jordan asked for a return of the amount of mileage paid to these officers for the past year.

### Accounts of County Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr D'Arcy:- "That a balance sheet showing the financial position of the Council for the two years ended June 30th 1925, be furnished each member of the County Council with agenda for next meeting."

### Rate Collection.

Under date 3rd July 1925, the following letter (G28421/1925) Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Department.

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Department regrets being obliged at the outset of their period of office to draw the attention of the Council to their serious financial situation which is largely due to the dilatoriness of the Rate Collectors. The matter has now become of grave urgency owing to the refusal of the Bank to allow further temporary overdraft accommodation and calls for prompt and effective measures. It has been brought to the notice of the Minister that notwithstanding repeated warnings many Collectors have not yet closed their accounts and



that arrears for several years are outstanding. Protracted Correspondence has taken place showing the necessity of requiring Collectors to perfect personal Bonds in Form 55 of the Public Bodies' Order, the reason for which will, no doubt be appreciated.

The Minister is satisfied that the time has now definitely arrived when the Council should show no further leniency to any Collector who has not closed all his accounts or does not do so after final warning by the 31st July. The Minister suggests that a small Committee be appointed with plenary powers to dismiss on that date any Collector who has not closed all outstanding accounts by lodgment of all recoverable arrears, and by accounting for the balance on Form 58 of all items shown to be clearly irrecoverable or vouched in each case by decrees obtained by the Collector but not executed through no fault of his.

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

"That a copy of letter of the Local Government Department under date 3rd July (G.28421/1925. Wexford County) be furnished to each Rate Collector. That all Rate Collectors be summoned to the first meeting of the Finance Committee to be held in August and that they be directed to have information for that meeting in connection with items of irrecoverable rates and a statement of all decrees which they have obtained with particulars showing those which have been issued and executed and those which have not been so issued.

### Road Grants.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L.G.A./179) stating that directions had been given for the transfer of £200. to Enniscorthy Urban District Council in respect of Trunk Road Grant of £1,100, the particulars being as follows:-

Road 7.7 £120 and Road 7.8 £80.



## Tuberculosis Grant.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.24265/25, Wexford County), stating that a Paying Order for £468 first instalment of recoupment from the national Tuberculosis Grant in respect of current financial year would be issued to the Council.

## Motor Car. Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the following letter (R./Rd/32) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, relative to the proposal of Wexford County Council in relation to the motor car purchased by Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, under a loan from the Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that any sum due by Mr Jones to the Council on foot of the loan must be paid in full."

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

"That copy of letter of Local Government Department (R./Rd/32 June 24<sup>th</sup> 1925) relative to motor car be furnished Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, for his observations."

## Special Roads Committee - Out-of-Pocket Expenses.

Under date, 24<sup>th</sup> June 1925, (R./Rm/32), the Department of Local Government wrote that as regards the payment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Special Roads Inspection Committee, the Minister had no functions.

The Secretary stated that he had referred the matter to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, who wrote under date 26<sup>th</sup> June 1925 as follows:-

"I am of opinion, having regard to the fact that the Committee spent a good deal of time, and gave great attention to this inspection, and the making out of their report thereon, which has had a very good effect on the work being done on the roads and in the quarries,



that it is only right that they should be paid their actual out-of-pocket expenses while they were making their inspection and I consider the amount which they charge, i.e. 15/- per day each, is a fair and reasonable charge to make for such outlay and same should be paid by the Council."

### Disinterment and Reburial of a Body.

Mr N. Browne, Home Assistance Officer, forwarded bills for £3 the cost of disinterment and reburial of the body of Maurice Quirke.

The Secretary stated that according to the Schedule in the Coroners (Ireland) Act 1846, the amount allowed was only 5/-. He had put the matter before the Department of Local Government and had received the following letter under date 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1925, (G26851/1925 Wexford County Board of Health):

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd inst, regarding claim of Home Assistance Officer for expenses in connection with the disinterment ~~of~~ and reburial of Maurice Quirke, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he appreciates that the sum mentioned in Schedule (C) to the Coroners (Ireland) Act 1846 is at present inadequate. The Minister would not be disposed to object so far as he is concerned to the payment of any reasonable sum which the County Council may arrange with Mr Browne. Vouchers etc. are returned herewith."

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

"That a sum of £2 be paid Mr Nicholas Browne, Home Assistance Officer in connection with expenses incurred in the disinterment and reburial of the body of Maurice Quirke, by directions of the Coroner for North Wexford."

### Sanction of Appointment of Mr P. O'Neill. Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> July 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/R.S/32):- With reference to correspondence on the above mentioned subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state



that he has sanctioned the appointment of Mr Patrick O'Neill B.E. as Assistant Surveyor by the Wexford County Council at a salary of £170 rising by annual increments of £5 to £200 per annum together with an allowance for vouched travelling expenses at the rate of 6d per mile. The allowance for travelling expenses is subject to revision upon such terms and conditions as the Minister may from time to time, authorise.

### Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> July 1925, the Secretary, Office of Public Works wrote (11639/25) relative to above Act as follows:-

1. "We beg to enclose for the information of your Council a copy of the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, and to call their attention to the provisions which affect County Councils.
2. With a view to amending the condition into which the Drainage District has fallen and also with the object of providing employment during the present exceptional conditions, the Minister for Finance has authorised us to carry out works under the Act in the Kilmannock District which is within your County.
3. You will observe (Section 3 of the Act) that when we have carried out works of restoration in any Drainage District, that District, if not already transferred to the County Council or County Councils concerned, is to be transferred to them by Order of the Minister for Local Government, and the obligation of maintaining the District thereafter rests with the County Council - the funds for the purpose being provided by rates raised from the occupiers of land benefitted in the Drainage District (Section 9 of the Act.).
- ~~# If ever advised~~
4. The expense of the works of restoration carried out by us, is also to be raised by the County Council from the occupiers of benefitted lands in the same manner; (see Section 8 of the Act.), but there is a provision by which the Minister for Finance may make a free grant in aid of the cost of the work, and the Council of the County in which the Drainage District is situated may also make contributions. (Section 4 sub-secs 1(a) and (b).)



If the County Council in any case decide to make a contribution, under the provisions of the Act, they may borrow the amount from us and repay it by instalments as a county-at-large charge or a charge on a particular part of the county as they think best (Section 5); such a grant, therefore, operates to relieve the rate payers of the Drainage District itself at the expense of the other ratepayers in the County.

5. We are advised that the Kilmannock District is now in a very neglected condition and we propose to carry out a general restoration of the District at an estimated cost of £1100. of which the Minister for Finance will make a free grant of 25 per cent of the actual cost of the proposed works, independent of any contribution which your Council may make.

Apart from such contribution, repayment of the cost of the works, less the Government grant, in ten years will involve an annual charge of about  $4/3$  per acre of the Drainage District. We shall be glad to know whether your Council will make any contribution towards the cost in addition to the free grant sanctioned by the Minister for Finance.

6. The labourers to be employed on the works will be paid wages slightly higher than those paid to Agricultural labourers in the district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col Gibbon:— That a Sub-Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering the Drainage Maintenance Act as regards the entire County.

The following Committee were appointed on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney.— Messrs Corish, Doyle, O'Donoghue, Murphy, Culleton, John O'Byrne and Col Quin.

### Poor Law Commission.

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

That Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, relative to offering evidence to the Poor Law Commission and appointing representatives to submit same be referred to the County Board of Health.



## Transfer of Officers of R.D. Council to County Council.

In connection with Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 21st April, 1925 (G.15477/25) as to transfer of officers from the R.D. Councils to County Council, the Secretary stated that he had now a full return of officers which was supplied by the Clerks of R.D. Councils concerned.

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

"That the Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 21st April 1925 (G.15477/25) relative to the transfer of officers of R.D. Councils be referred to next meeting of Finance Committee; that Mr Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health, be asked to attend.

In connection with Rural District Accounts Order 1925 forwarded by the Department of Local Government with Circular letter (G.28705/1925. Miscellaneous) under date 20th June 1925, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the Circular letter from the Department of Local Government relative to Rural District Accounts Order 1925, with said Order be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

## Housing Act, 1925.

The Housing Act 1925 and the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1925, with circular letters from the Department of Local Government in connection therewith were referred to the Roads Committee.

## Wexford-Rosslare New Road - Grant £2000.

Under date 2nd July 1925, the following letter (L/RU/32) re above was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd ult, and previous correspondence on the above subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is noted that a Scheme in connection with the proposed work has not yet been submitted.



It is understood that the work has been commenced and a complaint has been received that seven civilians are being employed to the exclusion of ex-national Army men.

As one of the conditions attaching to the Grant was that demobilized men of the National Army should get preference for work, the Minister would be glad to have your observations as to why the conditions of the Grant are not being adhered to.

The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged to start nine ex-service men that day on the work. He had also supplied to the Department on the 2nd inst, the particulars which the Department required and had an acknowledgment of same.

Mr Corish and Mr Doyle pointed out that the grant in this case was primarily agreed to in order to relieve distress which prevailed in the Drinagh district owing to the closing down of the Cement Works. There was no condition attaching to the Grant relative to the employment of ex-service men.

On the motion of the Chairman, a resolution was adopted directing the County Surveyor to furnish report to the Department of Local Government in this matter.

### Slaney Navigation.

Under date, 4th July, 1925, the following letter was read from Mr P. J. Gordon, Secretary Wexford Harbour Commissioners:-

"The report of the Canal Commission re above was read at a meeting of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners on Tuesday last, and it was decided to ask the County Council to call a meeting of the various bodies interested in the scheme and have their views on the subject with a view to waiting on the Government.

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

"That the County Council arrange for a joint meeting of the representatives of County Council, Enniscorthy Urban Council, Wexford Corporation, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, to consider the portion of the report dealing with the navigation of the river Slaney."

That the following representatives be appointed on behalf of the County Council:- Col Gibbon, Messrs Corish, Gaul and Jordan."



### Loan £10,000 County Hospital.

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

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department, by letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Council do borrow from the National Bank Limited Wexford, the sum of £10,000 for the purpose of County Hospital improvements to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over a period of ten years with interest thereon at one half per cent per annum under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than four per cent per annum. Said loan to be secured by mortgage over the rates available for that purpose and that the Seal of the Council be attached to said mortgage."

### District Court Office, Gorey

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> June 1925, Mrs P. Byrne wrote asking for a rent of 10/- weekly for the above. She was at present being paid 7/6 per week.

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

"That the application of Mrs Byrne for 10/- rent for Gorey District Court office be adjourned as the office of District Court Clerk is vacant."

### Poisons and Pharmacy Act Licences.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Mr John Roche, Merchant, Camolin."

### Telegraph New Lines.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> June 1925, (C20), the Engineer in Chief Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applied for permission for erection of telegraphic line along the street in Courtown Harbour consequent on the removal of the



Post there to other premises.

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

"That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, (Engineering Section) be allowed to erect the necessary telegraphic poles along the highway in consequence of the removal of Courtown Post Office to other premises in the district; work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Under date, 2nd July 1925 an application was received from the Engineering Section of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for permission to erect an overland telegraphic line from the existing pole route to the Civic Guard Barracks at Killurin.

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

"That the application of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs relative to erection of telegraphic line from existing pole route to the Civic Guard Barracks at Killurin be acceded to; work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

### Application for Leave of Absence.

Mr J. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office wrote asking for a month's leave so that he could attend, during August, King College Duncarvan, as he had obtained a Scholarship at the recent Wexford Feis.

Referred to Finance Committee.

### Primary Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary reported:- Examinations in connection with award of seven Scholarships to the pupils of Primary Schools were held in the Christian Brothers Schools, Joseph Street Wexford on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. It was carried out by the Ministry of Education, Mr Toppin, Inspector of Schools acting as Superintendent.

Papers were set by the Ministry. The result will be communicated to the Council in due course.



Application for continuing Scholarships under this scheme were received from the following:- Bernadette Berney, Margaret Berney, Edward Breen, Margaret Cullen, John G. Dillon, Bridget Doyle, Stasia Dunne, Margaret Frayne, Bridget Funke, Laurence Harte, John J. Hunt, John J. Kenny, Thomas B. Larrisey, Kathleen C. O'Keeffe, and John Stafford. (15).

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

"That in view of the satisfactory reports which have been received in each instance from Heads of Schools as regards the holders of Primary Scholarships, we hereby renew same, subject to the sanction of the Department of Education."

Stasia Dunne applied for transfer of her Scholarship from Loreto Convent Wexford to Mercy Convent, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

Mr Clince moved and Mr Shannon seconded that the necessary permission to enable Miss Dunne to transfer Scholarship from Loreto Convent Wexford to Mercy Convent Cahir, Co. Tipperary be given.

Mr Boffan moved and Mr Doyle seconded as an amendment:- "That Miss Dunne be informed she must hold her Scholarship in a County Wexford School."

On a show of hands, 14 voted for the amendment and 8 against.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

### Erection of Petrol Pump.

Under date, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1925, an application was received from Mr J. Carroll, Tashmon asking for permission to erect a petrol pump outside his residence in Tashmon. He would agree to pay the necessary rent.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Boffan the following resolution was adopted:- "That the application of Mr J. Carroll Tashmon relative to the erection of a petrol pump adjoining his residence in Tashmon be agreed to provided he enters into the usual agreement prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council and is satisfied to pay the fee which will be fixed under the Local Government Act 1925 by the Minister for Local Government."



### Claim on Foot of Road Contract.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1925, Messrs Huffard & Brennan Solicitors Wexford, wrote claiming on behalf of Edward Mc Donald, Kilbora, Terns, Road Contractor £27-19-0 which was alleged to be due on foot of Nos 13 G and 14 G.

The County Surveyor stated that £7-10-0 was due to Mc Donald.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Clince and adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to offer Messrs Huffard & Brennan Solicitors Wexford £7-10-0 in full settlement of the claim of Mr Edward Mc Donald in respect of Roads 13 G and 14 G."

### Courtown Life Boat House.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> June 1925, the Secretary, Royal National Life Boat Institution wrote that the Life Boat Station at Courtown Harbour was being closed. It was held on lease until 1940 from the County Council and the Institution wished to know if the Council were prepared to ~~surrender~~ make an offer for the surrender of the lease, or whether they would prefer to leave the Institution to deal with the property to the best advantage during the term which the lease had to run.

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

### County Hall.

The Secretary reported that on the 18<sup>th</sup> June a military officer had called on him and stated that the military wished to have the use of Central Hall in the County Buildings for two days each week for some time.

After some discussion, it was decided that the military authorities be informed that the Council will be prepared to consider their application for the use of the County Hall when the amount due to the Council by the military has been paid.

Mr Doyle raised the question of some attempt



being made to take steps in regard to the utilization of the County Buildings. It was decided that the matter should be mentioned on the Agenda paper for next meeting of the Council.

### Ferns Weighbridge.

Under date 22nd June 1925, Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co Solicitors, Enniscorthy wrote that Messrs Bolger & Co. Ferns did not intend to proceed further in connection with the project of erecting a weighbridge at Ferns owing to the objection taken by Dean Gibson and his parishioners.

### Wexford Courthouse.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council wrote forwarding copy of letter from the Minister of Finance relative to the above and explaining that a sum of £5000 had been awarded by the Compensation Commission for the re-erection of the structure.

Under date 22nd June 1925, a letter was read from Mr J. J. Bolger Solicitor Enniscorthy relative to providing a room in the reconstructed Wexford Courthouse for the use of solicitors attending the Court.

It was decided to adjourn the consideration of the letter from the Minister of Finance and from Mr Bolger to next meeting of the County Council.

### Brownswood Quarry.

Mr Hall said that on the 4<sup>th</sup> May last when the Roads Inspection Committee was passing Brownswood Quarry in which about 20 men were supposed to be working, only 17 or 18 men were at work. Neither the ganger nor the Assistant Surveyor were in attendance. On roads 25 E and 26 E, 20 men were supposed to be working, but when the Committee passed there at about 2 o'clock the ganger and the Assistant Surveyor had not turned up. They found the Assistant Surveyor locked up in the Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy. He could not get out and the Committee could not get in.



They did not find the ganger at any time.

The County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor, Mr Cullen, had explained to the Committee that he was making up the pay sheets and had had the Ganger in with him in the machinery yard for the purpose. The ganger had gone to see a broken bridge at Ballymurn.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall a resolution was adopted asking the Assistant Surveyor and the ganger to submit a written explanation to the Council in connection with the matter.

### Road Maintenance.

Mr Cloney complained that material was not put into depots but allowed to remain on the roads. The result was that if there were heavy floods, following a long spell of dry weather, the material would be all washed away and wasted.

Col Quin stated that if the ditches at the sides of the roads were properly kept, roads would not be torn away. At Inch, any amount of repairs had been done, but at one side the ditch had been covered with stones with the result that when a storm came, the material was all washed away.

### Dehydrated Tar.

Mr Corish called attention to the correspondence in the local papers from which it appeared that the County Surveyor had declined to purchase dehydrated tar from the Wexford Gas Compy.

The County Surveyor stated that the Gas Company had not bitumen which was the binding material provided in the Specifications of the Local Government Department.

Mr Corish stated he understood that dehydrated tar had been approved by Department of Local Government.

No action was taken in the matter.

Revision of Valuation. - Applications for Revision of Valuation will be considered by Finance Committee at first available meeting

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