

MEETING, 26th June, 1922.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held on 26th June 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham, Chairman, and subsequently Mr. E.P. Foley (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also present:- Messrs. J. J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) James Hall, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Michael Doyle, G. Devereux, Seumas Doyle, C. Culleton James Byrne, James Shannon, John Cummins.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr. treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, Messrs. R.J. Ennis, and C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyors and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Chairmen & Representatives of R.D. Councils.

Correspondence from Clerks R.D. Councils informed the Co. Council that Mr. Seumas Doyle had been re-elected Chairman of Enniscorthy R.D. Council., Mr. P. O'Byrne, had been re-elected as Representative of Gorey R.D. Council (the Chairman of the R.D. Council- Mr. Etchingham being an elected member of the County Council) Mr. Michael Byrne was re-elected Representative of New Ross R.D. Council on County Council and Mr. G. Devereux representative of Wexford R.D. Council.

Election of Chairman.

Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That Mr. John R. Etchingham be re-appointed Chairman of Wexford County Council for year 1922-23 and until his successor in office be appointed".

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution which was adopted unanimously

The Chairman having returned thanks for his election subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. J. Cummins seconded:-

"That Mr. Edward Foley be re-appointed Vice-Chairman of the Wexford County Council for year 1922-23, and until his successor in office has been appointed".

has been appointed".

The resolution having been passed nem. con the Vice-Chairman returned thanks for his election and subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Appointment of Finance & Roads Committee.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. James Hall seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the following be re-appointed as members of the Finance & Roads Committee for year 1922-23- Messrs. R. Corish, G. Devereux, Michael Doyle, J.R. Etchingham, E.P. Foley, John Murphy, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) and J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) also that the name of Mr. John Cummins be added to the Finance & Roads Committee".

Proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hall--

"That the proposal Committee be constituted a Committee of the whole House".

Notice of Motion- Officials.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Lennon:-

"That the appointment of certain of the older officials of the Council be considered with a view to determination on superannuation".

This Motion had been on Agenda paper for three or four meetings and as Mr. Lennon was not present and had not asked anyone to take charge of it, the meeting decided to allow it to lapse.

Rate Collection.

Collectors not closing Accounts:- The question of Rate Collection was then taken up when it appeared that up to Saturday, 24th inst., the amounts outstanding were as follows:-

For March Rate '21.- £	}	£13,192. 5. 7
For September Rate '21.- £		
For March rate '22.- £		

The Secretary stated he had summoned to the present meeting Rate Collectors C. McCarthy, P.J. Fitzpatrick, and P. Byrne, as their collections were most backward.

Mr. McCarthy explained that as he was not very well when he was

released from Maryborough prison he could not collect until March last. he had been a few weeks sick since then, and in fact was under the care of the doctor at the present time. There were a number of men who had refused to pay him Rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Culleton-- Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) dissenting.

"That Mr. McCarthy be granted a month's extension in which to close his Rate Collection, that he furnish our Secretary with a list of names and addresses of persons who have declined to pay Rates".

Mr. O'Byrne informed the Council that no one had refused to pay but a number of people had not the means to meet their obligations. He was expecting that a good deal of money would be collected in his district after the 5th July fair. if he could not perform his duties satisfactorily he would resign.

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

"That Mr. P. O'Byrne be granted a month's extension for the close of his Rate Collection".

Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick stated that as he had his duties in the Army to carry out he could not collect every day of the week. He believed he would be able to close in a month.

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

"That Mr. P.J. Fitzpatrick be granted a month's extension for the close of his collection".

The following under date 23rd June 1922, was read from Mr. Fitzpatrick:-

"I beg to tender to you and through you to the County Council my resignation as Rate Collector for No. 15 District which position I find necessary to vacate immediately I have closed my collection".

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

"That the question of Mr. Fitzpatrick's resignation as Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District be considered when he has closed his collection".

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

"That with the exception of rate Collectors Fitzpatrick, McCarthy and O'Byrne, whose cases have been otherwise disposed of, all the Rate Collectors be instructed that they must close their collections within a fortnight from 26th June 1922".

Under date 29th May 1922, Mr. M.J. Finn, Deputy Checker for rate Collectors' Accounts for New Ross district, reported that he had not received Treasurer's Receipts from Collector Edward Roe, for amounts which should have been lodged for fortnight ended 20th May as shown on Forms 62, viz:- £49. 19. 4½ and £17. 2. 1½.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this report he had forwarded the following telegram to Mr. Roe:-

"Attend at County Hall by four O'C this afternoon".

As Mr. Roe did not attend, the Secretary stated he wrote Mr. Roe on the afternoon of 30th May (the date on which Mr. Finn's report had been received) asking for an explanation as to why he had not lodged the amounts referred to in Mr. Finn's letter, and directing him to attend at Co. Council Office at once.

The Secretary continuing, said:- "As no reply to telegram or letter had been received from Mr. Roe, the Secretary to the Council, and Mr. E. Foley, Vice-Chairman of the Council proceeded on the evening of 31st May 1922 to Mr. Roe's residence and interviewed him. They made the following report:-

"Mr. Roe admitted that the amounts mentioned in the letter of Mr. Finn were correct and gave as a reason for not lodging the fact that the Bank was closed when the work of checking his accounts was completed. The reason he did not lodge next day was because he was unwell, that in fact he was unable to continue the performance of his duties owing to stomach trouble. He agreed to the suggestion that his brother Thomas Roe who had acted as deputy collector for over a year (and with great satisfaction) should take over and finish the Collection. We recommend the adoption of this course, as we regret to state that in our opinion, Mr. Roe will not be able to carry on his duty with that alertness and carefulness which should be characteristic of a good Rate Collector".

"Mr. E. Roe promised to lodge the amounts referred to in letter of Mr. Finn (29th May) by the 1st June at latest. The amount was lodged at 11 O'C on 1st June as promised and a telegram to this effect was received from Mr. Finn.

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

"That we confirm recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee (Meeting 7th June 1922) to appoint Mr. Thomas Roe as deputy Rate Collector for Mr. Edward Roe, to finish Rate Collection to March 1922".

In connection with outstanding amount of £114. 17. 1½ in Collection District No. 21 during the period for which Mr. Thomas Sullivan acted as Rate Collector. Mr. Finn, Deputy Checker, Rate Collectors' Accounts for New Ross District, wrote that he had not heard anything from the Sullivans as to rate collection since the collecting books were handed over.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Mr. E.P. Foley and our Secretary interview Mr. Thomas Sullivan and endeavour to ascertain from him what steps he intends taking to clear up outstanding balance of rate collection".

Collector John J. Sinnott:- Under date 7th June 1922, the Minister of Local Government wrote (letter No. 15929-22 Co. Wexford) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. John J. Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan Gorey, as rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District, at a poundage fee of 7d in the £ on all monies collected by him and lodged to the credit of the Council.

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

"That Mr. E.P. Foley, Vice-Chairman and the Secretary to the County Council, ascertain from Mr. Joseph Cummins, Collector for No. 8 Collection District if he intends to continue in office as Rate Collector".

Collector John O'Sullivan:- A letter was read from Mr. John O'Reilly Bruce, Clonevan, Gorey, appointed on 29th May 1922 as Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, stating that he had written to several Insurance Societies, but none of them were prepared to issue on his

behalf a fidelity guarantee policy. he suggested that the Council should accept personal security and gave the names of James Keane, Parkannesley, Gorey and James Kavanagh, Garrynow, Killenagh, Gorey, as his securities in the sum of £900.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)--

"That, in view of the fact that Mr. John O'Reilly, recently appointed Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, finds it impossible to obtain a fidelity guarantee bond from Insurance Society, as this class of business for rate collectors appears to be suspended for the present, we hereby accept as securities for Mr. O'Reilly, Messrs. James Keane, Parkannesley and Mr. James Kavanagh, Garrynow, on the understanding that when a suitable Guarantee Society becomes available, Mr. O'Reilly will be prepared to obtain a bond from such Society".

Sureties of Collectors:- Under date 3rd June 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote, that the question of Rate Collection Securities was at present receiving the attention of the Ministry and instructions in the matter would shortly be issued to all local bodies concerned.

Ex Collector Banville:- Under date 7th June 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (letter No. 15931-1922, Wexford Co) that the Ministry had approved of the superannuation of £50 per annum to Mr. John Banville, ex-rate Collector.

Ex-Collector Mullett:- Under date 23rd June 1922, Mr. John Mullett wrote asking for payment of arrears of his superannuation allowance. One and a half year's allowance was due to him.

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

"That Mr. Mullett be informed that the Council are not yet in a satisfactory financial position and payment of superannuation to him was conditional on the finances of the Council being in a sound condition".

Interned Rate Collectors:- Under date 3rd June 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (15670-22, Wexford Co) that as regards applications from Rate Collectors who were interned, the Ministry

had sanctioned payment of two-thirds salary to married men and one-half salary to single men, and they desired to be furnished with a return showing in the case of each officer the date of capture and release, the average collection for the three years prior to imprisonment, and the rate of poundage according to the terms of appointment.

Appointment Assistant Surveyor.

For the position of Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District at a salary of £170, applications were received from Messrs. E.A. Devlin, Campsie, Omagh, John J. Murphy, Assumption Road, Cork, J. F. Berthistle 25 Tritonville Road, Sandymount, Dublin, Michale O'Carroll, Cadamstown Birr, Offaly., W.A. Byrne, Gormanstown, Co. Meath, Richard H. White, Killnan's Hotel, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow, Patrick O'Neill, Gorey.

Mr. Murphy withdrew his application by letter, and Messrs. Devlin. O'Carroll and Byrne were not in attendance.

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

"That Messrs. T.D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health and Mr. P. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor conduct an Irish Examination for Messrs. Birthistle. O'Neill and White, candidates for the position of Assistant Surveyor".

Messrs. Sinnott and treanor subsequently reported the following as the result of the Irish Examination:-

Mr. P. O'Neill, 98 marks., J. F. Birthistle, and R. H. White 90 marks each.

Mr. O'Neill in reply to the Chairman stated, as pointed out in his application, he would not complete his B.E. degree course of lectures until the end of the present month and he expected to sit for his B.E. degree in September.

The meeting decided that as Mr. O'Neill had not the requisite technical qualification for the position, his application could not be entertained.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr. J.F. Birthistle be appointed (subject to the sanction of Local Government Department) Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District at a salary of £170 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to

£200 per annum, increments to be conditional on good and satisfactory service".

Mr. M. Doyle proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the appointment of Mr. White.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For Birthistle:- Messrs. John O'Byrne (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) Culleton, Shannon, Cummins, S. Doyle, E. Foley, James Byrne, Hall, Devereux and the Chairman-. 11.

For White:- Mr. M. Doyle.- 1.

The Chairman declared Mr. Birthistle elected.

The successful candidate returned thanks and stated he was prepared to take up duty as soon as sanction to his appointment had been given by the Local Government Department.

The following is Mr. Birthistle's application:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Assistant Surveyor to your Council. I am 25 years of age and my qualifications are as follows:-

(1) Served apprenticeship for 3 years to Geo. L. O'Connor, F.R.I. A.I. Architect and Engineer, 27 Dawson Street, Dublin, 1916-1919.

(2) 1919-1922, engaged as Assistant to F.W. Higginbotham, I.C.E.I. Surveyor to Howth U.D.C., I have thus a sound knowledge of the general routine of a Surveyor's duties, both office and field work, in addition to a thorough knowledge of the preparation of plans and maps for buildings, water supply, roads etc.

(3) Was successful at L.G.B. examination for Assistant Surveyors held in May 1920 and obtained 6th place.

(4) I possess a good working knowledge of Irish having studied up to Middle Grade with the Christian Brothers, Westland Row, and afterwards at Gaelic League, Senior Classes.

I attach copy of testimonial from my employer Mr. Higginbotham. Hoping to be honoured with your confidence".

Application Arrears & Increases Salaries

Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 6th June 1922 the following application was read from Assistant Surveyors C. P. Curran, B.E. R.J. Ennis, B.E. James Kirby B.E. (Mr. Kirby had since resigned) and John Kehoe:-
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"We the under signed Assistant/Surveyors beg to make application

for the arrears of salary due to us for the period from the 15th April 1921 to Febry 1922.

During this period we were in fact the Officers of the Co. Council. Our services were always available and were occasionally required. It was due to no fault of ours that work was suspended. We were prohibited from seeking for other employment as we did not know how soon the County Council would require us to perform our duties. Furthermore, the reason given for non-payment of salaries was lack of funds due to the withdrawal of Grants. These Grants are, we understand, now forthcoming and there would not therefore appear to be any reason why the arrears should not be paid.

We would therefore ask the Council to let us have payment as soon as possible, as being deprived of our salaries for such a length of time is a very great hardship to us.

We also beg to ask the County Council to reconsider the question of our remuneration generally both as to salary and expenses. The Council is aware that a new system of road-making has recently been introduced which entails considerably more work and more supervision than under the old system. We have, each of us, on an average about three hundred and ninety (390) miles of roads to look after and under the present arrangement these require very close and constant supervision as well as the keeping of accurate and complicated accounts. The first and second class roads in the County to be worked by direct labour comprise some 432.5 miles- the material required for same amounts to 27,253 tons of road macadam and the expenditure is £35,452. In addition, the third-class roads which are untendered for are, by order of the County Council, to be also worked by Direct labour. These untendered roads amount to 540 miles- material required is 16,400 tons and the money to be expended is £11,700. Very few tenders have been received for haulage, so on the Assistant Surveyors falls the work of making complete arrangements for the haulage and distribution of about forty thousand tons of material. Most of the hauliers will be small farmers or labourers to whom payments must be made at frequent intervals. This entails a very large amount of extra constant measurement of material, calculation of quantities and the making out of pay sheets etc. In addition to the above

there still remain about nine hundred miles of contract roads to be worked.

We are whole time officers and have not therefore any opportunity of adding to our salaries by private professional work. Our present salaries are £185 per annum (£200 in the cases of Messrs. Kehoe & Jones) out of which we have to pay all our own expenses which would amount to about £40 per annum, leaving the net salary £145, which is less than that of a shop assistant or tradesman.

We do not make this application without giving this matter very close consideration. We do not wish to be in the least unreasonable but merely wish to be remunerated in accordance with the responsible and exacting nature of the duties now placed upon us and we may add we are quite satisfied that the entire matter be referred for settlement to an Arbitrator to be appointed by the Local Government Board of Dail Eireann^h.

Mr. Cummins proposed that the application of the Assistant Surveyors for arrears of salary and for increase of salary be adjourned for twelve months.

Mr. Doyle proposed that the application from Assistant Surveyors in reference to salary be not entertained.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted nem. con on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the application of the Assistant Surveyors for arrears and for increases of salary be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee for report to next meeting of the Council. That the Finance & Roads Committee arrange to hear Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, on behalf of the Assistant Surveyors".

Application for use of County Hall as
Circuit Court.

Under date 25th June 1922, the following was read from Mr. Richard Sinnott, Divisional Police Officer, Wexford:-

"As you are probably aware the opening of the Summer Assizes of the Circuit Court will commence in Wexford on Friday next, 30th inst., I would be glad if you would bring before your Council my application to have the use of the County Hall for that sitting.

There is no need to point out the utter impossibility of trying

to fit Jurors, witnesses, etc., into what now remains of the Court-house.

Thanking you in anticipation".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. E. Foley:-

"That any ~~portion~~ portion of County Hall which may be required for the purposes of holding Circuit Court commencing on 30th June 1922 be placed at the disposal of the Divisional Police Officer".

Motor Car Acts Administration.

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

"That all details in connection with Motor Car Acts Administration be referred to the Finance & roads Committee with plenary powers to deal with same".

Primary Scholarship Examinations.

The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Council:-

"That the question of appointing Examiners etc., in connection with award of primary Scholarships be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

The Secretary explained that as a quorum was not available the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee was not held.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That the National Teachers' County Executive be requested to nominate four Examiners, male or female (and who are not presenting pupils for examination) for the forthcoming Primary Scholarship Examinations, viz:- for

1. Writing, Grammar and Composition.
- 2.- Algebra, Geometry and Mensuration.
- 3.- Needlework and Hygiene.
- 4.- Irish and Reading.

That Examiners be allowed honorarium of £2.2/- for the setting of papers and 1/- each for examination and marking of worked Exercises., Irish (Oral) Examination to be paid for at 1/- per pupil

in attendance. That Examinations be held during the last week in August if possible on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th of said month, and that the Secretary and his staff provide the necessary superintendence. That names of Examiners nominated by Teachers' Organisation are to receive the approval of the County Council".

Finance & Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of above Committee in respect of Meeting of 7th June 1922, were submitted:-

"Present:- Mr. E. Foley, Vice-Chairman Co. Council (presiding)

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish and J. O'Byrne.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

Proposed County Police Force:- The following reports were submitted from Conference Committee appointed by the Co. Council:-

"A Meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider the drafting of a Scheme for the establishment of a County Police Force was held in the County hall, Wexford on 30th May 1922.

Present:- Mr. E. Foley, (Chairman) Messrs. T.D. Sinnott, John O'Byrne (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and R. Corish.

The Secretary of the Co. Council and Mr. R. Sinnott, Divisional Police Officer, were also in attendance.

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:- "That the Scheme for the establishment of a County Police Force be proceeded with and that an Executive Board of seven members be appointed from the personnel of the existing Conference Committee to put the Scheme into operation. That when the Scheme is in working order and on a satisfactory basis, a permanent Police Board be established to be formed of the nominees of the Public Bodies concerned but without representation from Republican Courts."

where
"The following appointed a provisional Police Board:-

Messrs. Thomas McCarthy, E. Foley, John O'Byrne, Thomas Redmond, John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Michael Doyle (Cottage) and R. Corish".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. T.D. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:- "That the following be appointed a sub-committee to draft details of Scheme, viz:- Messrs. E. Foley, N.J. Frizelle, Secretary Co. Council and R. Sinnott, Divisional Police Office

to meet on 31st May at 4 p.m. in County Hall.

An opinion was expressed that it would be advisable to recruit the new force from the Irish Republican Police^h.

Report of Sub-Committee:- "A Meeting of the Sub-Committee to draft details of Scheme for proposed County Police Force was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 31st May 1922.

The three members of the Sub-Committee, Messrs. Foley, Frizelle and Sinnott were present.

"It was decided that the Force should, for the present, consist of 53 men (approximately) to be located as follows:-

Urban Areas:- Enniscorthy 7, Gorey 5, New Ross, 7, Wexford 10.

Rural Areas:- Duncannon 4, Rosslare or Bridgetown 4, Taghmon 4, Clonroch 4, Oulart 4, Ferns or Newtownbarry 4.

Recruits are (so far as it may be possible) to be drawn from men who acted as Republican Police or members of I.R.A. and who joined prior to the Truce of July 1921.

Height 5 feet 8 inches (minimum) Age:- not less than 21 or over 35.

Remuneration- Men £2.10/- per week including Mess, Station Superintendents £3 per week to include Mess.

Recruits must be able to pass a simple examination in Irish, Arithmetic and English.

All applicants must produce a reference from last employer, and a certificate of character from the Clergyman of the district and from the O.C. of the Brigade area.

Preference will be given to men who have served in the Republican Police and to total abstainers.

All appointments are to be determinable on a month's notice and care will be taken to explain to the men that the Force will probably be only of a temporary character.

Selection will be made by Executive Police Board, viz:-

Messrs. Thomas McCarthy, E. Foley, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Thomas Redmond, John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Michael Doyle (Cottage) and R. Corish.

It was decided that the new force be placed in sole charge of Mr. R. Sinnott, Divisional Police Officer. The Secretary was instructed to apply to the D. & S.E. Railway Co., and to the Great S. & W. Railway Co., for a free travelling pass for Mr. Sinnott.

It was also decided that the Police Board be summoned for 21st June to interview recruits etc.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the Minutes of Conference Committee and Sub-Committee be approved except the Minute suggesting amount of remuneration which was varied so that men would receive £3 to include mess and Station Superintendents £3.10/- to include Mess.

Typewriters:- The Secretary reported that the Remington Typewriter in his office and the Remington Machine in the office of the County Surveyor, both of which had been in use for 20 years, were wornout and not worth the cost of further repair.

"It was decided that two Kappel (brief) machines be purchased at a cost of £40, old machines to be given in exchange".

Wexford & Edermine Bridges-- The following resolution was read from meeting of Co. Council of 29th May 1922:- "That the question of strengthening bascule of Wexford bridge and proposed appointing of Caretaker for Edermine Bridge be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee for a considered recommendation".

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Mr. Donovan, Shipowner, Wexford, and ask him if in the event of the Co. Council being obliged to appoint a permanent Caretaker to constantly open and close Edermine Bridge for his accommodation what proportion of the wages of the caretaker is he prepared to pay?"

It appeared no steps could be taken to strengthen the drawarch of Wexford Bridge except by closing of bascule.

University Scholarship Scheme-- Under date 30th May 1922, Mr. Martin J. Kenny, Campile, wrote that his son, James was selected for a University Scholarship for this year, but it was unfortunate that the boy passed his matriculation examination last September. In consequence the Intermediate Commissioners would not let him sit for Senior Grade Examination this year. Mr. Kenny desired to know if his son could still compete.

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

"The Finance & Roads Committee regret that they could not see their way to recommend such a change in the University Scholarship Scheme as would override the necessity for each Entrant for Scholarship sitting for Intermediate Examination in year of application for Scholarship".

Mr. T.J. Lambert, 40 Upper Rathmines, Dublin, wrote under date 29th May 1922 applying for an extension of his University Scholarship as it was impossible to qualify in Mechanical Engineering (which as you are aware is the course I am pursuing) within the three years. He had passed all his Exams (so far) with Honours and not having the means of paying for final year he asked the Co. Council to be good enough to grant him the necessary extension.

Mr. Lambert forwarded a letter from Professor Pierce Purcell that mechanical engineering was a four years' course, and Mr. Lambert's Scholarship unless renewed will lapse this year and before he had time to complete his studies for B.E. Degree. He was at present doing his third year course at the College of Science and as he has always been a most industrious and hardworking scholar and had passed his examination with credit and distinction, Professor Purcell stated he had great pleasure in recommending Mr. Lambert to the Council for the renewal of his Scholarship for another year in order to enable him to complete his course for the B.E. degree.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to a year's extension of University Scholarship of Mr. T.J. Lambert in order to allow him to secure the degree of B.E."

Collector Edward Roe:- The Secretary reported that he received a letter on 30th May 1922 from Mr. M.J. Finn, Official Checker for Rate Collectors' Accounts that Mr. Edward Roe, Rate Collector for No. 21 Collection District had not lodged for fortnight ended 20th May 1922 sums shown on Form 62 as having been collected, viz:- £49.19.4½ and £17. 2. 1½. On receipt of this letter the Secretary wired Mr. Roe to attend at County Council Office at once and explain his action. He also wrote for an explanation, and as Mr. Roe did not attend on 30th May 1922 he was directed by the Secretary to attend immediately on receipt of letter. Mr. Roe did not attend and accordingly as no reply

of any kind had been received from him the Secretary to the Council and Mr. Foley, Vice-Chairman proceeded on the evening of 31st May 1922 to Roe's residence and interviewed him. Roe admitted that the amounts mentioned in the letter of Mr. Finn were correct and gave as a reason for not lodging them the fact that by the time his books were examined the bank was closed. The reason he did not lodge next day was because he was unwell, and that in fact he felt unable to continue the performance of his duties owing to stomach trouble. he agreed to the suggestion that his brother, Thomas, who had acted as deputy collector for over a year (and with great satisfaction) should take over and finish the collection. Mr. Foley recommends the adoption of this course, as we regret to state owing to his condition of health, Mr. Edward Roe will not be able to carry out his duties with that alertness and care which should be characteristic of a good rate Collector.

Mr. E. Roe promised to lodge the amounts referred to in the letter of Mr. Finn by 1st June 1922.

The Secretary stated that this had been done and he had received a wire from Mr. Finn, Deputy Checker Collectors' Accounts to that effect.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. Thomas Roe as Deputy Rate Collector for his brother Mr. Edward Roe to finish Rate Collection to 30th March 1922".

Advertising Contract:- Letters were read from "The people", "Free Press" and "Echo" asking £30 per quarter each for a space of six inches weekly extra space to be pro rata.

The following recommendation was adopted:- "That the Council be recommended to refuse offer of local newspapers for the insertion of advertisements of County Council at £30 each per quarter on a 6 inch weekly basis, extra space to be charged pro rata, as we consider quotation too high. That our Secretary be instructed to insert any necessary advertisements in "Irish Daily Independent".

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road:- The Chairman pointed to the fact that this road was in a deplorable condition and though it had been under consideration of the Committee months ago nothing had been done.

"The County Surveyor stated that a sum of £3,000 would be required

to put the road in order.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to borrow a sum of £1,600 to put the Wexford-Enniscorthy road in order on condition that a sum of £1,400 is advanced by the Ministry of Transport. That the Co. Council be requested to point out to their Treasurer, the National Bank, that the latter secured the Account of the Council mainly owing to their offer to advance loans at 3 per cent and in view of this the Council consider they should not be asked for any higher interest than 4 per cent on all monies which are advanced for the purpose of road improvement".

It was decided that next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee be held on Wednesday 21st June 1922, and that the Annual Meeting be held on 26th June 1922".

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards establishment of County Police Force be approved. That a delegation on behalf of this Council, viz:- Messrs. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) E. Foley, (Vice-Chairman) J. Cummins and the Secretary wait on the Minister for Local Government on Saturday 1st July, interview to be arranged by Messrs. Seumas Doyle T.D., R. Corish, T.D. and Michael Doyle, T.D. members of County Council".

"In connection with the opening of bascule of Edermine Bridge, Mr. Patrick Donovan, Shipowner, wrote to the County Surveyor, that he would require bascule opened about six times monthly, and he would be glad to know what the County Surveyor considered a fair contribution towards the cost of providing a Caretaker".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Foley:- "That the Minute of Finance & Roads Committee be approved, and that the County Surveyor be directed to communicate with Mr. Donovan as to what he considers a fair amount to be contributed by Mr. Donovan. In the meantime the County Surveyor is to endeavour to procure some person in the locality of the bridge to perform the work of caretaker at a reasonable figure.

In connection with University Scheme, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee proposing an extension for one year of University Scholarship of Mr. Thomas J. Lambert be approved. That we further approve of recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee informing Mr. Martin J. Kenny, Campile, that it is not possible to allow his son to compete for University Scholarship, as the Intermediate Commissioners would not allow the boy to sit for Intermediate Examination this year".

As regards advertising contract the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee declining to accept the proposals of the local papers, and directing the Secretary to advertise in "Daily Independent" was unanimously approved.

It was decided that the question of borrowing a sum of £1,600 to put Wexford-Enniscorthy road in order be held over to next meeting of the Council.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee that two "Kappel (German) typewriters costing £20 each- one for the County Surveyor's office and one for County Council office- be purchased by County Council, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Motor Cycles for Assistant Surveyors.

"The following resolution of the meeting of County Council of 29th May 1922, was referred to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we approve of purchase of 4 H.P. Triumph Motor Cycles for four Assistant Surveyors, and that the question of running expenses and up-keep be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee".

"The Secretary stated that the recommendation had not been dealt with by the Finance & Roads Committee as no meeting could be held owing to no quorum having assembled".

Under date 7th June 1922 (15928-22) the Minister for Local Government wrote that Triumph Motor Cycles could be supplied through his Department., while under date 21st June 1922, the Minister wrote (Trade) forwarding prices and specifications of Triumph Motor Cycles.

A statement was submitted on behalf of Assistant Surveyors showing that it would require an outlay of approximately £56. 15/- to run 7,000 miles.

A long discussion took place as to whether the County Council would provide petrol etc., or whether the Assistant Surveyors would be

granted a mileage rate.

Finally the following resolution was proposed by Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That Assistant Surveyors John Kehoe, C.P. Curran, R.J. Ennis and J. F. Birthistle be allowed 2½ per mile for running of motor cycles. That the Trade Section of Local Government Department be requested to supply and charge to the account of Wexford County Council four 4h.p. Triumph Motor Cycles S.D. fitted with Triumph Patent 3 speed countershaft Gear Spring Drive, All chain transmission, cost £105. 15. 9d each. Mileage allowance to be paid subject to check on distance covered".

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) mentioned that Mr. W.H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor New Ross District, who was an elderly man, told him that if the Council would allow him (Mr. Jones) the price of a motor cycle he would purchase a small motor car.

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

"That Mr. W.H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, be informed that the County Council are prepared to supply him with Triumph Motor Cycle and allow him a mileage rate of 2½ per mile for the running of same if he is satisfied he will be able to make use of the machine".

Petrol for County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor applied for an allowance towards the cost of petrol for his motor car when engaged on Council business.

This application had been referred to Finance & Roads Committee, but no Meeting of Committee was held as quorum did not turn up

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. James Hall, and passed ~~unanimously~~ unanimously:-

"That a sum not exceeding £20 be allowed the County Surveyor for cost of petrol, amount of mileage covered to be submitted with account".

Working of Quarries.

Under date 26th June 1922 the following was read from Mr. D. Houston, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, Wexford:-

"Owing to numerous complaints having reached above offices during the last two weeks from your quarrymen, I shall be obliged if your Council will arrange to receive a deputation at their meeting to-day.

It is alleged that the Co. Council has not kept faith with the quarrymen, in that the Surveyor instructed the men in several quarries to revert to piece work again".

Mr. R. Corish, M.C.C. wrote as follows under date 25th June 1922:-

"As I have been called to Dublin to attend a Committee Meeting which has been called by the L.G.D. in connection with the matter of "Distress" in Ireland, it will be impossible for me to attend meeting to-morrow, and I am writing through you to the Council to protest against orders alleged to have been given to some quarrymen that they should revert to the Piece Work system again. This is altogether contrary to the recent deliberations of the Council, and I feel sure that knowing the conditions that obtain amongst the workers at the moment, they will confirm their previous decisions in this connection. Unless they do I cannot see any hope of content amongst the men.

I have no desire to create trouble but in view of the undertaking given to the Deputation of Workers who attended second last meeting of Council, the Labour Party are bound to insist on its being honoured".

Mr. Houston having received permission to address the meeting alleged that the men working in Barntown Quarry had been told to go on piece work. The same happened in Ballybrennan. In Ballygarvan the men had been told they were not putting out enough stuff, but the men allege they could not produce any more with the tools and facilities afforded them. After five weeks when the quarry was opened they had not been supplied with proper tools. There would be trouble if there was any departure from the system which the Council had agreed to adopt. The understanding which the Council had come to with the workers was not being carried out. Mr. Houston also complained that in Enniscorthy, Mr. E. Kavanagh had been given a contract for haulage by engine and had ousted several carters. In Blackwater the men who were in the habit of doing haulage were not getting it and those who were getting it complained they were not being paid a fair price. One of the reasons why output in some places was not satisfactory was because gelignite was not available, but the men could not be blamed for that.

Mr. Houston further complained that haulage was being farmed out at Agricultural labourers' wages for drivers of horses.

Mr. Treanor (Senior Assistant Surveyor) stated he was in charge of

the Quarries. The men in Balygarvan were supplied with the same class of tools as the men in other quarries. The work done in this quarry was much below the average there being only 18 c. yards quarried and banked, and ten cubic yards broken from 30th May to 13th June, while the wages paid the six men engaged was £20. 4. 2d. The cost should not exceed £6. The allegations made that there was any compulsion or threat to make the men go back to piece work were far from fact. He (Mr. Treanor) had applications from various branches of Transport Union workers asking to be allowed to revert to piece work. He read letter from men at Barntown quarry dated 4th June asking for reversion to piece work, while the men in Ballybrennan had signed a request to the same effect, and two other quarries also wished for piece work. These had come from the men voluntarily and without persuasion or force. Continuing Mr. Treanor said that in Tomgarrow Quarry where eight men were employed only 70 cubic yards had been quarried and 20 cubic yards broken in three weeks. The cost was £41. 5. 3, but should not have exceeded £15. On the 13th June 1922 he found two men idling in this quarry and when charge hand was spoken to he stated he could not get men to work properly. On the 14th inst., he, Mr. Treanor, made a further inspection of this quarry at 8.20 a.m. and although the men were actually in quarry, work was not started until after his arrival. Breaking material by hand was not giving satisfaction, as the cost approximately exclusive of quarrying was:- Monarrig Quarry 13/- per cubic yard, Dirr 17/-, Ballyconnick 13/-, Carrigbyrne 9/6 and Wicklow Gap 9/6.

In Balynabola charge hand was absent on two occasions though he arrived in course of inspection. All round fair results would not be obtained on time rate system. If County Council allowed the present condition of affairs to continue they need not blame him, if when material was required it was found wanting.

During the course of the ensuing discussion, Mr. Treanor complained that Mr. Houston had stated he (Mr. Houston) had been informed by the foreman in Ballybrennan Quarry that the Surveyor informed the men they would have to go back to piece work or quarry would close down.

Mr. Treanor denied this and ^{asked} ~~asked~~ that the foreman in question (Myles Hendrick) should be summoned to next meeting. As a matter of fact Ballybrennan Quarry was working satisfactorily on time rate though

not so well for County Council or men as when piece work obtained.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That a special meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee be held on Wednesday, 28th June 1922 at 1 O'C, p.m. to interview foremen of all quarries involved in discussion at this day's meeting and to consider the future working of the quarries".

Roads & Works.

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

"That the several proposal from the several Rural District Councils as appearing on Form presented to this Meeting be, and are hereby adopted subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman".

Under date 22nd June 1922 the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

Re Forms 20.

"When these come up before the County Council I would be glad if you would draw their attention to the following matters connected therewith. The third class roads not provided for by contract and which presumably will have to be undertaken by Direct labour I set out in tabular form below::

District	Miles	C. Y.	£
Wexford R. D.	143	3,714	2,981
Enniscorthy R. D.	147	3,000	3,306
New Ross R.D.	191	4,785	4,000
Gorey R. D.	60	1,627	1,423
Totals	541	13,126	11,710

There may be some slight variation in this owing to unsigned bonds etc., but the figures are approximately correct.

When estimating for these roads to be done under contract I took into account that the Contractors would in most cases be carrying out

the work in spare time and if now they have to be done by Direct labour the division of items, supply of material, haulage and surface work, will cost a great deal more. Is there any possibility that further money can be provided for these roads? If not, will you ask the Council to direct what is to be done in the matter. The tonnage cannot I believe be reduced without the roads suffering, as I had my estimate made out to the lowest limit so as not to inflate this year's rate, further, where field stones, approved material or seagravel have been specified, it will be difficult if not impossible to obtain this class of material, and it will be necessary to go to the Co. Council quarries for broken stones. This item alone will very much run up price, and furthermore the distance over which it is to be hauled will be increased, and we shall have to pay top mileage rate. Another point the Council should take notice of is that the wages paid under Direct Labour is considerably higher than the Agricultural labourer's wages which would run if the work was done under contract, and unemployment insurance would not be necessary.

There is no doubt that good quarry material will eventually improve the roads, but at the present time quantity rather than quality is of more importance, as pot holes and cuts have to be levelled and reduction of quantity would not allow of this.

There will be a good deal of difficulty also in arranging for the surface work on roads by Direct labour as the untendered roads are in many cases isolated and even where a specified number are grouped together the amount of work to be allocated to them would not provide continuous employment for surfacemen.

I am at present directing the Assistant Surveyors to group all untendered roads as far as possible arranging continuous Winter work for a certain number of labourers and in this work of course the first and second class roads already provided for under Direct labour will be joined up with the untendered third class roads".

After a long discussion the Secretary in reply to the Chairman stated that the amount to be spent on roads for the financial year 1922-23 was:- Enniscorthy £27,721, 7/-, Gorey £13,007, New Ross £12,000 and Wexford £17,062. Total £69,790. 7/-.

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

"The County Council in view of the present circumstances cannot see their way to recommend the Rural Districts to provide any money for road maintenance beyond that provided in annual estimate".

Minutes from the Rural District Councils in connection with various matter appearing on Form 20 were read.

Gorey Rural District Council wrote asking that Patrick Hughes, Castletown, Gorey, should be released from his Contract No. 66G entered into at District Council Meeting of 6th April 1922.

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

"That Patrick Hughes, Castletown, Gorey, be informed that as he has signed tender and bond for Road 66G the Co. Council cannot see their way to cancel same".

Applications Road Contractors.

Several applications from Road Contractors were referred to Finance & Roads Committee Meeting.

Proposed Quarries.

Under date 24th May 1922, Mr. M. Rossiter, Sec., Irish Transport & General Workers' Union (Oulart Branch) wrote that at a largely attended meeting which was held on the 23rd May. a resolution was adopted pointing out to the County Council that there were a couple of really good quarries adjacent to Oulart. The Meeting in view of the number of agricultural labourers in the district who were unemployed, demanded that steps to work these quarries should be at once taken by the Co. Council.

Mr. Treanor said he had inspected the quarries in question, two were unsuitable and in the case of the third the landowner had given instructions to his Solicitor to oppose the application of the Council to enter the quarry.

Loan from Dail Eireann.

Under date 13th June 1922 letter (No. 16727-22, Wexford Co) was read from the Minister for Local Government, asking if repayment of loan advanced by Dail Eireann was contemplated in the near future as it was desirable that the amount should be refunded before the end of the half-year ending 30th June 1922.

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

"That in connection with repayment of loan of £4,400 to Dail Eireann we desire to point out that the Council are creditors of the Ministry of Local Government for over £9,000 spent in connection with Unemployment which they were promised a Grant, but in respect of which up to the present not one penny has been received. In the circumstances we request the Minister to allow the £4,400 loan to go in part payment of the grant in question.

That the members of this Council who have been elected T.D's, viz:- Messrs. Seumas Doyle, Michael Doyle and R. Corish- be requested to take every step which they may consider necessary to secure from the L. G. Ministry payment of the Unemployment Grant. The Ministry must recognise that the Council were directed through the Surveyor to put the work in hand forthwith and the inducement given was that the grant would be forthcoming at once".

Proposed Loans.

The Secretary pointed out that at various meetings recently resolutions had been adopted to borrow certain sums for road improvement and purchase of machinery, viz:- £3,600 for Machinery, £6,000 for Quarry Work, £1,600 for Enniscorthy-Wexford road. He was anxious to know if the necessary steps would be taken to procure these loans. In connection with this matter he read correspondence from the Manager of the National Bank, that advances would be made as from 16th June 1922 at 4 per cent.

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

"That no further steps be taken as regards procuring loans for road improvement or purchase of machinery. When the Council have considered their position as regards road and quarry work, proposals can again be brought forward in connection with loans".

County Board of Health.

Under date 20th June 1922, the Clerk R.D. Council, Wexford, wrote that his Council wished for an additional representative on the County Board of Health, and suggested the appointment of Mr. Denis Whelan, The Deeps, Kyle.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to allow of

of the membership of County Board of Health being increased by one in order that Mr. Denis Whelan, D.C. The Deeps, Kyle, can be appointed as an additional representative for Wexford R.D. Council".

Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health, wrote under date 21st June 1922 applying for £3,000 to meet quarterly payments etc. In future he would be in a position to give a detailed estimate of liabilities.

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

"That a sum of £3,000 to meet quarterly salaries etc., be paid over to County Board of Health. That for the future the Secretary to this Board be requested to furnish details of proposed expenditure in connection with payments on foot of demands".

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 5.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Clerk Old Age pensions Sub-Committee No. 5 notified that Mr. James O'Leary, Grange, Rathnure, had resigned membership of the above Committee. The resignation had been accepted, and Sub-Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Robert Rackard, Killanne who was willing to act.

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

"That Mr. Robert Rackard, Killanne be appointed a member of No. 5 (Enniscorthy & Kiltalea) Old Age pensions Sub-Committee, vice Mr James O'Leary resigned".

Claims for Criminal Injuries.

The Secretary reminded the Council that under date 17th February 1922 a letter was received from Wexford R.D. Council asking what action the Council proposed taking in future with regard to claims for malicious injuries.

The Council had passed the following resolution in reference to this communication:- "That the inquiry for Wexford R.D. Council as to the future action of the County Council relative to malicious injury claims be referred for instructions to the Ministry of Local Government".

No answer had been received but it was observed that these claims were being heard by Republican Courts and decrees were being given. Three decrees had been granted recently amounting with costs to £27.19.9

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

"That our Solicitor be instructed to oppose all claims for compensation for malicious injuries and which are brought before Republican Courts".

Land Commission Annuities.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that there was a sum of £2029 in County Wexford due on foot of Land Commission Annuities at the 30th April 1922. Amounts due by defaulting Annuitants were stopped out of Government Grants which would be coming to the Co. Council.

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

"That we call on all farmers who have purchased their land to pay up annuities to the Land Commission. Any default in this respect means that the general ratepayers of the County are mulcted seeing that all losses in the shape of annuities are taken from Government Grants given in relief of local taxation".

Revisions of Valuation.

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

"That all applications for revision of valuations of buildings and other hereditaments be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee with plenary powers to deal with same".

Irish National Teachers' Organisation.

The following resolution was read from Gorey Branch, Irish National Teachers' Organisation:-

"That we deem it advisable that the Irish National Teachers' Organisation be represented on the Co. Council".

"No Order"

Rent Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

Messrs. John A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 10th June 1922 on behalf of Mr. Charles Byrne, Island Road, Enniscorthy, requesting an increase of the rent (6/- per week payable out of Yard at Island Road, to 12/- per week, as the rent paid by the Council was entirely inadequate.

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

"That Mr. Charles Byrne, Island Road, Enniscorthy be informed the County Council cannot entertain his proposal for increase of rent of Enniscorthy Machinery Yard from 6/- to 12/- per week".

Upkeep etc. of Courthouses.

At the Meeting of 10th April 1922 the following resolution was adopted by the County Council:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to advise this Council with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of Courthouses".

Under date 14th June 1922 the Minister for Local Government (9830-22 Wexford Co) wrote advising that the various cases of Courthouses should be referred to the Solicitor of the County Council with instructions to move for the possession of the premises. It was presumed that the Council proposed to hold themselves liable for rent in future, as payments of Grants which had been diverted are now being restored".

The Secretary stated he had furnished a copy of the letter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, and had received from him a reply under date 22nd June 1922, pointing out that in the year 1920, the Co. Council instructed him to serve notice on all the landlords of Courthouses, determining the tenancies of each Courthouse and petty sessions house in the County, and accordingly on the 4th September 1920 he had served Notice on all such landlords terminating the tenancies on the 25th March 1921, and since that date the Council had not paid any rent for these premises.

The position now is that the tenancies having terminated the County Council if they desired to take over the Courthouses again would have to enter into new agreements with the landlords of the premises. In some cases he (Mr. Elgee) understood that the former petty sessions houses are not available or they have been re-let.

Under date 23rd June 1922 Mr. D. Corish, Sub-Registrar, District Court, wrote that Wexford Courthouse was very dirty and that Mrs. McNally Caretaker was willing to undertake the work of cleaning if she is paid as she was formerly for so doing.

After discussion it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that no action be taken as regards the taking

over or cleaning of Courthouses at present".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Acts was granted to Henry Hill, Ballycanew and John Roche, Camolin.

Under date 13th June 1922 a letter was read from Enniscorthy Agricultural Co-operative Society, asking for the ruling of the County Council with regard to English made Sheep Dips. They had not a considerable stock of these as they were running Mallen's Irish made dips which most of their customers like, but they had occasional enquiries and they would be glad to know if these dips may now be imported and sold.

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

"That Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society were granted a licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Acts by the County Council on condition that Irish Sheep Dips were stocked and sold. English dips will not be recognised by the Council, and it is expected that Enniscorthy Co-operative Society will have disposed of the stock of these on hands by 1st September 1922".

Renewal Cinema Licence.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Shannon:—

"That renewal of Cinema Licence be granted P. Walshe, Campile, Co. Wexford".

Enniscorthy R.D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 1st June 1922 the Office of National Education wrote that Rev. Canon Macbeth, L.L.D., Rev. S. Cullen, C.C. Rev. M. Wallace, C.C. Rev. R. Talbot B.A. and Rev. R. Gaul C.C. had been appointed members of above Committee for a period of three years as from 1st June 1922.

County Council Garden etc.

On the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Shannon a resolution was adopted appointing Mr. E. Foley and Mr. C. Culleton, a Committee to report as to garden at County Hall, the duties of Caretaker and generally as to the premises.

Income Tax.

The Secretary stated he had received the usual annual return of Income Tax, in connection with payment, and asked for directions as to whether it should be filled up and returned.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed not to furnish any information as regards returns for Income Tax assessments".

Solicitors' Bills.

The Minister for Local Government wrote under date 22nd May 1922 that Local Authorities should, in future, forward Solicitors' bills of costs to the Minister for Home Affairs and to transact any business of a similar nature with his Department.

Carnegie Library for Wexford.

Under date 8th June 1922 Mr. Lennox Robinson wrote that the Advisory Committee had recommended the Trustees of Carnegie Library Trust to sanction the necessary grant of money for the Rural Library Scheme in County Wexford. This he hoped the Trustees would do at their meeting next month after which the Library would be established.

Mr. D. Radford, Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Office.

Under date 19th June 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (letter 16443-22, Wexford Co.,) that the Ministry had sanctioned the proposed increase to £2 per week in the salary of Mr. Denis Radford, for his services as Clerical Assistant in the County Surveyor's office.

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this 6th day of July 1922