

MEETING, 12th March, 1923.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in Co. Buildings Wexford, on 12th March 1923.

Present:- Messrs. James Byrne, Christopher Culleton, John Cummins, R. Corish, James Hall, John O'Byrne, Patrick O'Byrne, John Pender and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Pender, the chair was taken by Mr. Cummins.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Votes of Condolence.

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

"That we offer our heartfelt condolence to our colleague, Mr. Albert Smith, in the loss sustained by him in the death of his father, and to our colleague, Mr. Gregory Devereux, on the demise of his aunt. That our Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to Councillors Smith and Devereux".

The late Messrs. W. J. Doyle (V.S.)  
and J. Malone (V.S.).

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

"That replies to votes of condolence received from Mrs. W. J. Doyle, (Enniscorthy) and Mrs. Malone (Gorey) be inserted on the minutes of this day's meeting".

Mrs. Doyle wrote as follows:-

"I am indeed very grateful to you and your Council for your kind messages of sympathy. Yes it is a hard blow to take poor Willie from me. God knows I have had many hard knocks but then I had him to help me to bear them, and only myself and children know how good and kind he was. I always looked forward to having him when all the rest would be gone from me, but I suppose God wills it otherwise. Sometimes it is hard to look at things in the proper



light and to think that things are for the best. God forgive me I am sometimes to resent the Holy Will of God, as I do believe some people get a little more than their share of trouble. I know you will pray for poor Willie, the only consolation I have is, that I had him all to myself all these months to nurse and mind as best I could, and to see that he got such a happy and peaceful death. R.I.P. He just went off like a child going to sleep without even a sigh, but he had always such a kind heart he had everyone's prayers and good wishes.

Will you please convey to the Co. Council at your next meeting my heartfelt thanks for their kind expressions of sympathy at your last meeting".

The following was read from Mrs. Malone:-

"Thank you so much for your kind letter of condolence. Will you please convey to the members of your Council the sincere thanks of myself and family for their kind expression of sympathy in our very great sorrow".

#### Appointment of Veterinary Surgeon.

Mr. T. Aidan Mernagh, V.S. was the only applicant for the position of Veterinary Surgeon for Gorey Rural District.

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

"That Mr. T. Aidan Mernagh, V.S. Gorey, be appointed Veterinary Inspector for Gorey Rural District, at a salary of £90 per annum, subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and determinable by a month's notice in writing on either side, and to the terms and conditions of service under date 23rd February 1923, furnished to Applicants for the position".

Mr. Mernagh returned thanks for his election.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I desire to make application for the vacant position of Veterinary Inspector for Gorey district as advertised. If elected, I will endeavour to discharge the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of the Council.

I would be thankful if you explained to the members of the



"First Arts" in the subject".

Veterinary Surgeon for Enniscorthy.

The Secretary mentioned that no application had been received for the vacancy in Enniscorthy District for Veterinary Inspector. The Council at last meeting had appointed Mr. Philip J. Hayes V.S. Enniscorthy, as temporary Inspector for this District until a permanent appointment was made, but it was understood at last meeting that permanent appointment would be made on 12th March 1923.

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

"That Mr. Philip J. Hayes, V.S. Enniscorthy, be continued in office as Veterinary Inspector for Enniscorthy District until a permanent appointment be made, at a salary calculated at £90 per annum.

That the position of Veterinary Inspector for Enniscorthy District be re-advertised, appointment to be made on 9th April, salary £90 per annum, conditions of appointment to be as per memo. drafted by Secretary to Co. Council under date 23rd February 1923".

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection from which it appeared that, for Rate 1922-23, £20,712 had been collected to 9th March. On old Rates there was still outstanding £6,216.14.7d

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

"that our Secretary obtain from all Rate Collectors a statement as to the cases brought by them in compliance with the resolution of the Co. Council adopted at meeting of 12th February 1923, as follows:-

"that Rate Collectors be directed to proceed against Ratepayers who had refused to pay Rates in respect of any financial period to 31st March 1922".

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

"That, in all possible cases, a payment on a/c of Poundage be paid to all Rate Collectors".



The Secretary reported that in a number of instances, Ratepayers were applying for a rebate of Rates in respect of houses which were down or unoccupied. The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation:-

"that no claim for rebate of Rates for houses down or vacant be dealt with until the close of the Rate Collection, when the various applications in respect of cases in which Rates have been paid in full will be considered by a Special Committee of the Council in conjunction with the Rate Collectors. Recommendation for rebate will be made by the Committee to the Co. Council in all cases in which a certificate from the Rate Collector can be obtained to the effect that the application is in order".

This recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon.

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

"That, previous to issue of warrants for collection of Rate for financial year 1923-24, the Council consider the appointments of all Rate Collectors at present in their service."

Rev. D. Bolger, P.P. Rathnure, in forwarding cheque for Rates, asked if Pat Byrne was still Rate Collector for the District. If not, had anyone been duly authorised to collect Rates., also, what amount of poundage had been paid to Pat Bynne. On his own behalf and on behalf of the Ratepayers of the District, he protested against Pat Byrne or his representatives receiving poundage.

The Secretary stated that when Pat O'Byrne the Collector, was arrested, the Council approved of his sister, Brigid O'Byrne as his deputy. At present, with the exception of what was outstanding on the old Rates, the collection was being made through the Bank.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to adjourn the consideration of letter from Rev. D. Bolger, P.P. until meeting at which issue of new Collecting Warrants will be dealt with,

The Secretary mentioned that he had not received from Miss O'Byrne a final report as to distribution of demand notes. Mr. Shannon stated he would ask her to have this report sent on at once.



Rate Collectors held up.

The following report was read from Mr. P. Walsh, Rate Collector:

"On the night of Tuesday 27th February /23, as soon as I had retired for the night, I was aroused by a loud knocking. On opening the door, I was confronted by three armed men, who demanded my Rate Books. I told them that my books were in Wexford. They then asked me if I was collecting Rates. I told them I was not. They then asked me if I was serving out Demand Notes. I said I had been but I was nearly finished that work. They next demanded whatever Demand Notes I had left and I handed some to them that I had in my pocket, and told them they were the only ones I had left. They next told me that they had orders to stop the collection of rates and taxes. And if I was caught collecting or assisting to collect rates in the future that I would be severely dealt with".

The Secretary stated that Mr. Philip J. Furlong, who was acting as deputy collector for Mr. McCarthy, informed him that he had been visited at night by armed men who demanded his Demand Notes. Mr. Furlong informed them that the latter had been served.

No. Order.

Bank Overdraft.

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

"that, in view of the present financial position of the Co. Council, the Ministry of Local Government be requested to extend sanction for overdraft of £27,000 by Council from 31st March 1923 to 30th June 1923, as the Council consider it would be impossible in present circumstances to pay off overdraft by 31st March 1923".

Preparation of Rate Estimate.

In connection with preparation of annual estimate of Rate, the Secretary stated he had been directed by the Finance & Roads Committee to communicate with the Local Government Department as to the amount of outstanding grants due to the Council.

The following letter (G 5050/1923 Wexford Co) under date 5th February 1923, is the reply of the Ministry of Local Government:-



"In reply to your letter of 31st ultimo, regarding the preparation of the estimate of the County Council for the forthcoming <sup>Financial</sup> year, the Ministry of Local Government desire to state that, while they are not yet in a position to furnish the exact amounts due to the Council on foot of Grants payable out of the Local Taxation Account, they assume that the amounts will be similar to those allocated in previous years.

The Grants are still retained in the Guarantee Fund, and the Ministry do not know when they can be released for distribution, but if you desire definite information as to the amounts outstanding you should communicate with the Ministry of Finance".

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

"that our Secretary request the Ministry of Finance to furnish particulars of all outstanding grants due to Wexford Co. Council and of the amounts of grants which may be anticipated for financial year 1923-24. That consideration of estimate of rate be held over until the information has been furnished".

A circular letter was read from Gaelic League, asking the Council to strike a twopenny Rate under Agriculture & Technical Instruction Acts, the proceeds of one penny to be applied to the teaching of Irish.

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

"That we agree to strike a rate of 2d in the £ under the Agriculture & technical Instruction Acts, half proceeds to be applied to the teaching of the Irish language".

Under date 26th February 1923 Circular (R/30) was read from the Ministry of Local Government requiring the Co. Council to levy a Rate of 6d in the £ for each of the five ensuing financial years to be paid into and form part of the Road Fund.

#### Subsidy from Rates for Wexford harbour.

Under date 23rd February 1923 the following letter (G7727/1923 Wexford Co) from the Ministry of Local Government was read:-

"With reference to the proposal adopted by the Wexford County



Council on the 15th ultimo. to strike a rate of 1d in the £ on the Rural area as a Guarantee Fund for the projected improvement of Wexford Harbour, the Ministry of Local Government have given special consideration to the contemplated arrangements as recorded in the previous correspondence and explained by depositions on the subject.

In view of the fact that there is at present no statutory authority to legalise such rate, that the proposal was opposed at the Co. Council meeting, and that a protest from another authority concerned has been made, the Ministry are satisfied that the introduction of legislation relating to the local interests affected should not in these circumstances be undertaken as a Government measure.

If the Co. Council adhere to their decision to strike the rate, they should safeguard themselves against the possibility of the rate being quashed in the Courts, and the financial embarrassment which would then ensue, by promoting a <sup>private</sup> Bill for the purpose which would be fully considered by the Oireachtas".

The following resolution was read from New Ross Harbour Board:-

"That we protest against the Wexford Co. Council striking a rate for the benefit of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners as they have, in our opinion, no legal right to do so".

The Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, wrote under date 20th February 1923, that Mr. E.P. Foley had been co-opted a member of the Board as the representative of the Co. Council.

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

"that we request our T.D.'s, Messrs. M. Doyle, Seamus Doyle, R. Corish and D. O'Callaghan, to promote a Bill in Dail Eireann, empowering Co. Councils to make contributions from Rates to the repairs of non-scheduled Harbours, provided that expense in connection with said Bill does not fall upon the Co. Council".

#### Jurors at Courts. Expenses of Summoning.

The Secretary stated that an account from the Under Sheriff for £10. 11. 3d. for printing Jurors' Summonses and for postage and registration of same, had been submitted to the Ministry of



Local Government for advice. Under date 23rd February 1923, the Ministry wrote (No. G 7529/1923 Wexford Co) that the registration fees and postage in connection with Jurors' Summonses were payable by the Co. Council under section 22 of the Jurors' Act 1871. This would cover £4. 16. 3d of the total amount.

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

"That a sum of £4. 16. 3d expenses for Registration fees and postage of Jurors' Summonses, be paid to Mr. J.P. Connor, Under Sheriff".

Under date 26th February 1923 the following letter (L/G. 7525/1923 Wexford Co) was read from the Ministry of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that, as no Jurors Lists were prepared by the Clerk of the Crown & peace, it is considered that the claim on the Co. Council for remuneration should be limited to such small amount as would cover expenses actually incurred, together with an equal amount in respect of the fees and emoluments of the Clerk of the Crown & peace".

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Ministry of Local Government Board, asking for the submission of some figure with respect to the matter, but had not received a reply to date.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to next meeting.

#### Ballyconnick Quarry.

Arising out of Minute of Finance & Roads Committee relative to Ballyconnick Quarry, work at which had been suspended because quarrymen would not allow a carter to work as he was not a member of a Trades Union, Mr. Houston, Secretary to Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, dealt with the matter of Ballyconnick Quarry in detail, and contended that the work at the quarry had been stopped by the Surveyor and his staff.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Ballyconnick quarrymen had refused to allow a haulier, a man who had only a few acres of land, to draw from the quarry because he was not a member of a Trades Union. The agreement arrived at between the Co. Council and the Transport Union was absolutely definite on the point that hauliers



need not be members of a Trade Union. It was a matter for themselves entirely. So long as the resolution embodying that agreement remained operative he would not be bound only to men who are members of a Trade Union, and he would consider himself free to employ carters who were not members of a Trade Union. The point that men who were working on roads should belong to a labour organisation was quite clear and it had been acted on by him.

Mr. Hayes, Transport Union Organiser, said that it was understood that it was not binding on carters to belong to a trade union, but after the resolution of the Co. Council was passed, a large number of carters came into the Union. The South Wexford Branch of the Transport Union considered the matter and decided that any carter who was not a member of the Transport Union or the Farmers' Union would have a barrier put against him. A man who was seeking employment with a Co. Council and who would not join his appropriate Union was a menace to organised labour.

Mr. James Byrne said when the matter was under consideration before, there was not a single word mentioned about a carter joining any Union. The carters should, in view of the resolution of the Council, be free to work for the Council whether they were members or non-members of any Union.

Mr. Houston said they should not extend more sympathy to a small farmer than a labourer. The latter had to be members of their Union in order to qualify for work and the same rule should apply to the small farmer who acted as carter. He asked the Council to pass a resolution that no man would be employed on the roads as a carter, unless he was a member of a trades union and in good standing.

The Chairman said he could not take such a resolution. The Council had already decided that men employed as carters need not be members of a trades union, and any change in this resolution should be brought about by notice of motion.

After some further discussion Mr. Culleton gave the following notice of motion:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of the



County Council to be held on 9th April 1923, that the resolution of the Co. Council relative to the employment of men on roads who must be members of a Trade Union Organisation, and of carters who need not be members of any Trade Union Organisation, be rescinded and that for the future all men employed as road workers or carters must be members of a Trades Union and in good standing".

The Co. Surveyor dealing with Ballyconnick Quarry, stated that it was mentioned at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee that three large farmers had been employed as hauliers from the quarry. He had been directed to obtain a report from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 1st March 1923 the following was read from Mr. Kehoe Assistant Surveyor:-

"It is quite incorrect for Mr. Corish to state that large farmers were drawing from Ballyconnick Quarry.

I employed four men to do the haulage there. Their names are James Whitty, Harriestown, who holds about three acres of land, Lawrence Bender, Scar, whose father is our foreman in Ballyconnick Quarry and who holds about four acres., John White, Scar, whose holding is not more than six or seven acres, and Martin Sinnott, Heavenstown, a man that has no land at all. He works for farmers around and is a member of the Transport Union. This man was recommended to me by Pat Hayes, Secretary of the Union, for work.

If Mr. Corish recommends more suitable men than the above mentioned, I will be glad to employ them when opportunity offers".

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

"That, pending the consideration of notice of motion by Mr. Culleton as to Trades Unionists only being employed on roads and as carters, Ballyconnick Quarry be re-opened".

Labour on Roads  
Trade Unionists in "Good Standing".

Mr. Houston raised the point that men who had been a year or so in arrears with their contributions to the Union, were being employed. The surveyors made the point that it was very often the man who was heaviest in arrear who was the longest out of



of employment. Well, the Union officials were prepared to give a man eight weeks in which to clear off his arrears. He (Mr. Houston) had also to complain of the action of Mr. Cloney, Dungulph, a Co. Councillor, who had put on a man named Edward Orange to work on the roads and he was not a trades unionist at all.

The Co. Surveyor stated that there was a man named Orange on the list of employes furnished by Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor. It might be that Mr. Cloney recommended Mr. Jones to employ this man, but he was certainly not employed for road work by Mr. Cloney.

After considerable discussion, Mr. James Byrne said it was unfair to discuss the matter in the absence of Mr. Cloney.

It was decided that no action be taken in the matter for the present but that it be reconsidered when Mr. Cloney is in attendance. In the meantime the Co. Surveyor was directed to obtain a report from Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, as to the circumstances under which he employed Edward Orange, if the latter is not a member of a trades union.

#### Taghmon Sewerage Scheme.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee held on 26th February 1923, were read--

#### FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE/

#### Special Meeting 26th February 1923.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee were submitted:-

Present:- Mr. E. Foley, Vice-Chairman Co. Council (presiding) also-- Messrs. R. Corish and John O'Byrne.

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

Co. Wexford Infirmary. The meeting was specially summoned to receive the following deputation from the Committee of Co. Wexford Infirmary as to the position of the Institution-- Rev. G. Murphy, C.C., Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Mrs. Stafford and Patrick White, with the Registrar, Mr. M.J. Kavanagh.

The latter stated that on receipt of the resolution of the Co. Council that the subsidy of the latter to the Co. Infirmary



would be limited to £500 for the present financial year and that no subsidy would be included in Co. Council's estimate for next financial year, the Committee decided that, in the absence of the subsidy, it would not be possible to carry on the institution and they appointed the deputation to see about the payment of their outstanding liabilities and the superannuation or the allocation of gratuities to any of their staff entitled to same. The Co. Wicklow Infirmary had been closed, and Mr. Kavanagh had a letter from the Registrar that the Surgeon and Matron had been superannuated under section 15 (8) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and circulars 52 and 55 of the Local Government Department. The position of Wexford Co. Infirmary was that, after they had paid their bills on 13th February, there was £292 due to the Bank. By March 23rd <sup>more</sup> £200 would have to be met. There was £130 due for the treatment of paying patients, principally soldiers. The Institution holds Bank of Ireland stock £322 odd which with what Consols held would bring in about £730 so that the Infirmary if wound up would be able to pay its debts.

Lady Maurice Fitzgerald pointed out that the monies in question were contributed by private persons and had nothing to do with contributions from Rates.

Mr. Kavanagh said the Surgeon's salary was £94 from Co. Council and the Committee from the Interest on their funds paid him £26 per annum. Dr. Furlong held a house, outoffices, garage, stables and garden free of rent, rates and taxes. The Committee considered this to be value for £100 per annum. There were seven patients in the building at present as they had decided in view of the resolution of the Co. Council to take in no further cases. There had been twelve patients at last meeting day.

Mr. White referred at length to the various Acts of Parliament governing the position of the Co. Council to the Co. Infirmary. The Committee held their officials were as much entitled to superannuation and gratuity as the officials of any Institution which had been discontinued under the Amalgamation Scheme. The Committee recognised the position of the Council refusing to subsidise two hospitals in Wexford.



Mr. Kavanagh then gave a list of the officials as follows with the recommendations by the Infirmary Committee as to treatment--

Thomas Hayes, Porter, with house, coal and light free, rent and taxes paid by Committee. Salary £40 per annum. Perquisites valued at 15/- per week. Total £79. Recommended for superannuation of two-thirds salary and emoluments. Appointed in December 1873. 49 years' service.

Mrs. Mary Hayes. Female Searcher at £5 per year. 49 years' service. Appointed December 1873. recommended for gratuity £20.

Miss Mary Hayes, Laundress. Appointed October 1907. 15½ years service. Salary £42 per year. Recommended for superannuation of two-thirds salary.

Mr. M.J. Kavanagh, Registrar, appointed September 1909. 13 years' service. Salary £40 per annum. Recommended for superannuation of two-thirds salary.

Dr. Furlong (Surgeon) appointed October 1910. 12½ years' service. Salary £220. recommended for superannuation, two-thirds salary and emoluments.

Matron and two Nurses., appointed October 1918. Salary £1 per week each, rations valued at 15/- each. £91 per annum each. Gratuities recommended in these cases but no sum fixed.

Two servants £14 per year each with rations and uniform. Appointed since 1919. Gratuity recommended but no sum fixed.

It was stated that about £300 per annum would cover the recommendations of the Committee.

Mr. Kavanagh then gave in detail a list of the furniture, bedding etc., and said that the operating theatre was very well equipped.

The deputation having retired, the members of the Finance Committee discussed the position, going into detail into Counsel's opinion which was submitted to meeting of Co. Council on 31st July 1922.

The following recommendations were adopted:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested, in the event of the Co. Wexford Infirmary being closed, to advise the Council as to the amount of superannuation or gratuity to which (in



each case) the officers of the Institution are entitled".

"That the Finance Committee of Co. Board of Health be requested to meet the Finance Committee of the Co. Council with a view to discussing the question of closing of Co. Infirmary, meeting to be held at 11 a.m. on 5th March".

Rate Collection. The Secretary submitted the state of the rate collection from which it appeared that £12,177. 14. 6d had been lodged on foot of Rates for March 1923 up to 23rd inst.

A number of applications were read from ratepayers who claimed a rebate of Rates on the ground that houses were down or vacant.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That no claim for rebate of Rates for houses down or vacant be dealt with until the close of the Rate Collection, when the various applications for rebate in respect of cases in which Rates have been paid in full will be considered by a Special Committee of the Council in conjunction with the Rate Collection. Recommendation for rebate will be made by the Committee to the Co. Council in all cases in which a certificate from the Rate Collector can be obtained to the effect that the application is in order".

The Secretary laid before the meeting report as to the service of demand notes. No reports had been received from four collectors but this might have arisen through losses in post.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with the Rate Collectors from whom no report had been received and ascertain definitely when the work had been completed in each case.

Ex-Assistants Surveyors Kirby & Curran. Under date 19th February 1923 the Local Government Department wrote (2038/23) forwarding a communication from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, with reference to the claim for arrears of salary lodged by Messrs. C.P. Curran and J. Kirby, former Assistant Surveyors of the Council. The Ministry suggested that these men be paid half salary for the period of suspension in view of the fact that they were permanent officials.

The letter of Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, which was under date 13th January 1923, pointed out that arrears of salary were due from 16th April 1921 to February 1922. The five Assistant Surveyors



(Messrs. Curran, Kirby, Kehoe, Jones and Ennis) were "wholetime" officers and had a perfectly good claim against the Council for their salaries during the period of suspension. They did not wish however to take extreme measures if it could possibly be avoided and they wished to know if something could not be done to arrive at an equitable settlement of their claims. It was decided to refer the matter to the full Council, the Finance Committee desiring to point out, that in their opinion, men who were permanently employed in quarries and on road work were as much entitled to consideration as the Assistant Surveyors. The Finance Committee are surprised that a decision such as that contained in the letter from the Ministry should appear as if consequent upon the receipt of Solicitors letter threatening proceedings. If the Assistant Surveyors are entitled to half salary they are quite as much entitled to full salary. The concession mentioned in the letter of the Ministry will provide a precedent for every other man who considers he has a claim against the Council (owing to suspension of road work in 1921) to apply for compensation.

Accommodation for District Justices, Courthouses & Courthouse Officials.

Circular letter of L.G. 8/14 under date 14th December 1922, as to the provision of proper accommodation and rooms, and heating, cleaning and lighting of same for the administration of Justice, was again read. In this the Council was recommended to take an early opportunity to instruct the Co. Surveyor to report as to the adequacy of the existing arrangements in the several places which had been selected for the holding of courts.

Under date 13th February 1923 the Local Government Department wrote (L. G. 8/15) that there were certain claims in connection with Courthouses in Wexford County, including the salary of the caretaker of the Wexford Courthouse, which remain undischarged. On the 30th November the following decision had been arrived at by the Council:-

"It was decided to adjourn these claims until Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, is in a position to deal with courthouses which form the subject of a recommendation of that day's meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to the Co. Council".



The Minister asked for particulars of arrangements which had since been made to meet claims of this nature. The Council were also asked to reconsider the question of payment of their proportion of the salary of the Under Sheriff of the County, bill for coal £5.5.0., repair of stove 8/6d., and an application from Mrs. McNally Caretaker, Wexford, for payment of her salary.

Application was read from Mr. T. Long, Neptune Lodge, Sandycove Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Court Crier, asking for payment of two years' salary and pointing out that payment had been made by Wicklow, Carlow and Kildare.

Letter of 7th November 1922 (L.G. 8/6) from the Ministry of Local Government as to undischarged claims for rents etc., and as to the tenancies of buildings was read.

In connection with the latter the following resolution had been adopted by the Council at meeting of 20th November 1922:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to place before the Local Government Department the circumstances of the surrender of the tenancy of Co. Courthouses and petty sessions houses and ask for their assistance to have these buildings or the sites upon which they stood handed back to the Co. Council on behalf of the people".

Mr. Elgee said he had not received any reply from the Local Government Department to this resolution.

In connection with this matter the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 4th December 1922:-

"That we desire to point out to the Ministry of Local Government and the Minister for Home Affairs that Wexford Courthouse was destroyed in the Anglo-Irish War and as portion of the campaign against the British., the other Courthouses have been burned in the present conflict. The Co. Council are unable to provide money for the repair of these buildings and would call attention to the fact that by direction from headquarters they surrendered the tenancies of these premises, to prevent English Courts from functioning. In our opinion replacement should be made by the State, and the Co. Council should not be called upon to replace buildings which have been ruined through no fault of theirs. Steps should be taken to see that the Courthouses in the Co. Towns,



and which are the property of the people, be handed back to the Co. Council as the representatives of the Ratepayers. The Council were always under the impression that surrender of the tenancies of the buildings was only temporary.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"The Finance & Roads Committee recommend the Co. Council, when dealing with various communications from Ministry of Local Government as to repair of Courthouses and payment of salaries of Court officers, to point out to the Ministry that no reply has been received up to the present to the resolutions of the Co. Council of 20th November 1922 and 4th December 1922, on this matter. The Council are invited to confirm the expression of their opinion that it is inequitable to expect the Ratepayers of the County to make good damage carried out to serve National purposes".

"With reference to officials, the Committee consider that the Council might assume liability for salaries as from 1st October last when courts began to function but they are of opinion no contribution should be expected from the Council previous to this date. Arrears of salaries in these cases should be disposed of in the same way as the R.I.C. pensioners were dealt with".

Method of admission to Co. Home. Under date 15th February the Ministry of Local Government (36/3/1922) wrote forwarding extract from Minutes of Proceedings of Co. Board of Health, for 18th October as to method of admission to Co. Home. The Ministry pointed out that the proposal would amount to an amendment of amalgamation and asked to be informed if the Co. Council approved. They considered a clergyman should be as readily accessible as a relieving officer for the purpose of issuing a ticket and it seemed desirable that a clergyman's counter signature to such ticket should still be forthcoming. It seemed to the Ministry that the proposal was based on a desire to give travelling expenses to persons seeking admission to the Home.

The extract from Minutes of Co. Board of Health showed that notice of motion, that the counter signature of a clergyman to the ticket of admission to the Co. Home at Enniscorthy be not in future required, had been adopted.



After discussion the following recommendation was adopted:-

"The arrangement made by Co. Board of Health as to not requiring the counter signature of clergymen to tickets of admission to Co. Home is, in our opinion, reasonable and should be agreed to".

Arrangement Polling Districts.

Under date 13th February 1923

Circular letter was read from the Ministry of Local Government as to arrangements of polling districts for elections.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"The Committee consider that, so far as the polling districts in Rural areas are concerned, the present arrangements are satisfactory. They however approve of a re-arrangement of polling districts for Urban areas by which sub-polling districts would consist of contiguous streets grouped in the most convenient way".

Ballyconnick Quarry.

Mr. Corish referred to the fact that there was a dispute in this quarry, and in consequence, work had ceased there. Three of the biggest farmers in the district had been employed to cart material, and he believed this was against the spirit of the resolution adopted by the Co. Council, in connection with cartage. Although no strict rule had been adopted, it was certainly understood that small farmers or labourers were to be employed as carters.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor look into the matter and obtain a report from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor for the district, as to the circumstances under which farmers with large holdings were selected to haul material from Ballyconnick Quarry.

Extra Men on Roads.

The following resolution was read from the Courtnacuddy Branch, Farmers' Union:-

"That we, the members of the Courtnacuddy Farmers' Association call on the Co. Council to have material in the depots on the following roads spread at once. Owing to the main roads being blocked, there is extra traffic on these roads, and that is the reason why we have called your attention to them. As stones are in the depots, it will not cost very much to have them spread and ruts levelled in. The following are the roads:- 1st., between turn at Dranagh and the main road at Cloheadon., 2nd, between turn



at Dransagh Bridge and turn at Knockmore lime kiln., 3rd, between  
R. C.  
St. Carthage's Church and turn at Knockmore".

The Co. Surveyor stated that if he could employ 30 men for about a month, he would be able to have practically all the material in the depots spread on the roads.

A recommendation was adopted, giving permission to the Co. Surveyor to employ 30 extra men on road work for one month in order to secure the spreading of material.

The following recommendation was also adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to submit an ad interim report to the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th March 1923, as to the roads upon which these men would be employed".

Taking Material from Roads.

Under date 17th February 1923

Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that on 16th February he found about two loads of material from Palace Quarry taken off road No. 68R and spread in a yard, and about two loads of material from Ballybrennan Quarry taken off Road No. 7R, and spread to make a track for a horse gear for cutting turnips. The owner of the place is Martin Byrne, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.

Under date 9th February 1923, Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that a man called James Handrick, Patrick Street, Enniscorthy, had taken three or four yards of Cherry Orchard stones from the junction of roads Nos. 14E and 295E, and spread them in the form of a pathway from the street to his house. Mr. Ennis had seen the man on the evening of the 8th February and he had admitted having taken the stones.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That criminal proceedings be instituted against all persons who are found taking road material, the property of the County Council".

Medical Charities Acts.

Under date 18th February 1923, a

letter was read from the Co. Wexford Board of Health, asking if the Co. Council would have any objection to the Board of Health transacting the business under Medical Charities Acts, which business was formerly done by the Boards of Guardians. The Local Government Department had written that they would approve of the Board's



proposal, provided the Co. Council would not object to the arrangement.

It was decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th March 1923.

Direct Labour Scheme. The following resolution from the New Ross Rural District Council was read:-

"That the Direct Labour system be adopted as schedule in the Scheme approved of by the Local Government Department for one year from 1/4/1923".

The Co. Surveyor in reply to the Chairman, pointed out that unless the Districts concerned were satisfied to have Scheme carried out for three years, it could not possibly be successful.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That our Secretary point out to the New Ross Rural District Council that, as subsidy from the Ministry of Local Government is subject to the adoption by the Co. Council of a Direct Labour Scheme which has the approval of said Ministry, and as the Ministry will not approve of any scheme for a less period than three years, the New Ross Rural District Council be requested to re-consider their resolution, more particularly in view of the fact that the Co. Surveyor considers a period of three years, at the least, is necessary to give any Direct Labour Scheme a fair trial".

The meeting considered the decisions of the Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy, Gorey and Wexford, with reference to road maintenance for the coming year. The Co. Surveyor pointed out that from his ordinary estimate, exclusive of special repairs for bridges which had been damaged during the present troubles and deficit on roads and quarries, the Enniscorthy Rural District Council had made a reduction of over £6,000 and, in his opinion, the balance would not be sufficient for an approved Scheme of Direct Labour in Enniscorthy Rural District.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be requested to re-consider the estimate of the Co. Surveyor for the maintenance of roads and works in this district, as, in order to provide for



a proper system of Direct Labour and secure the subsidy from the Transport Section of the Ministry of Local Government, it will be necessary to re-instate at least £5,000 of the amount taken from the ordinary estimate of the Co. Surveyor".

Removal County Offices. A recommendation was made that the Co. Surveyor be empowered to incur any expense necessitated by the removal of the County Offices from the Co. Hall to Fortview.

Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy. The Co. Surveyor reported that the existing machinery yard in Enniscorthy was too small and that they were able to use only part of it, in fact, there was no proper means of carrying out any work there. He suggested the Council should purchase or rent premises at the Co-operative Stores, Enniscorthy.

It was decided that Messrs. Hall, Foley, Shannon and John O'Byrne (Gorey) inspect and report as to proposed machinery yard at the Co-operative Stores, Enniscorthy, to meet at 11 a.m. on 8th March 1923, at the premises.

Removal of Rock at Ferrycarrig. The Co. Surveyor reported that the projecting rock at Ferrycarrig was toppling down. It would cost £15 approximately, to remove it.

It was decided that as the work was urgent, it should be carried out immediately by the Co. Surveyor, cost not to exceed £15.

Ferrycarrig Quarry. The Co. Surveyor reported that the material at the top of this quarry was slipping into the road, and was a source of danger. He had inspected it with Mr. M.J. O'Connor Solicitor for the owner of the land, Mr. Codd. He found that they would have to take over portion of the land, about 50 square perches. The usual rate being 5/- per perch, the cost would be £12. 10. 0. In addition, fencing and removal of the material would cost about £50.

A recommendation was adopted that the work should be carried out as soon as possible in view of the danger to the public, and the necessary land taken over, cost not to exceed £12. 10. 0.

Income Tax, Courtown Harbour. An application was read for payment of £6. 7. 2d, income tax and arrears, in connection with Courtown Harbour.



A recommendation was adopted, recommending the Co. Council to point out to the Income Tax Collector, that Courtown Harbour was carried on at a loss, and that in the circumstances, the Co. Council should not be called upon to pay income tax.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

A letter was read from a National Teacher, asking if the children of National School Teachers would be eligible to compete for Primary Scholarships.

The Secretary stated that the matter had been referred to the Ministry of Education who had advised:- "That no objection would be raised by the Ministry to children of National Teachers being competitors for Scholarships to Secondary Schools".

After considerable discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th March 1923.

University Scholarship Scheme.

It was decided to ask the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th March 1923, to rule on the eligibility of each applicant for University Scholarship for 1923-24".

Local Government Officials.

A letter was read from the Local Government Officials (Ireland) Trade Union, calling attention to a resolution adopted by them that all clerical appointments for public bodies should be filled by competitive examination.. and that no person should be appointed to any professional position without adequate qualifications. The letter also referred to the establishment of a National Civil Service.

Referred to the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th March 1923.

N.E. Walsh, Ex-Jail Official.

An application was read from Mr. N.E. Walsh, ex-Jail Official, for payment of arrears and re-instatement of his pension.

Referred to the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th March 1923.

Claim for Material.

Under date 20th February 1923, Messrs. Colfer & Sons, Solicitors, New Ross, wrote that they had been instructed by Mr. James Walsh, Ballyleigh, to institute proceedings against the Co. Council unless his claim for £25. 10. 0. in connection with collecting and breaking 34 yards of stones at 15/- per yard, was paid within seven days.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had written to Mr. Walsh that

£10 was the full value of the material supplied by Mr. Walsh.



Motor Car- Quarry Work.

Under date 21st February 1923 a letter was read from Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, stating that owing to change in his duties under new scheme, the motor car purchased last May for conveying explosives and machinery parts, was now unsuited for the work to be done by him. He had the car valued by Carton, Buncloody, who would take car at price named, viz:- £115, as part payment in the purchase of new car more suited to his (Mr.) Treanor's) requirements. Cost of new car would be about £265. Mr. Treanor considered car. already purchased by the Council worth more than £115 to the Council for the work for which it had been procured, as it meant considerable saving in haulage, costs of quarry and roadmen's tools and time in bringing around explosives, machinery parts and fitter to do urgent repairs. He should recommend the Council to hold on to the car.

A recommendation was adopted that the Co. Council retain car for the purpose of repairs to machinery on roads and in quarries.

Wicklow Gap Quarry.

A letter was read from the Wicklow Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, asking that the material in Wicklow Gap Quarry be broken by hand owing to there being so many idle men in the locality.

The Co. Surveyor stated that no further breaking was required in this quarry, but he would employ some of the quarrymen on the roads.

Wexford Harbour.

Under date 23rd February 1923, the following letter No. G. 7729/1923 Wexford County, was read.

"With reference to the proposal adopted by the Wexford Co. Council on the 15th ult., to strike a rate of 1d in the £ on the Rural area as a Guarantee fund for the projected improvement of Wexford Harbour, the Ministry of Local Government have given special consideration to the contemplated arrangements as recorded in previous correspondence and explained by deputations on the subject.

In view of the fact that there is at present no statutory authority to legalise such rate, that the proposal was opposed at the Co. Council meeting, and that a protest from another authority concerned has been made, the Ministry are satisfied that the introduction of legislation relating to the local interests affected



should not in these circumstances be undertaken as a Government measure.

If the Co. Council adhere to their decision to strike the rate they should safeguard themselves against the possibility of the Rate being quashed in the Courts and the financial embarrassment which would then ensue, by promoting a private Bill for the purpose which would be fully considered by the Oireachtas".

It was decided that a copy of the foregoing communication be sent to the Wexford Harbour Board.

#### Assistant Surveyors Kirby & Curran.

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

"That we refuse to make payment of salary to Assistant Surveyors whose services were dispensed with when Road work was suspended, and endorse in that regard the opinion expressed in Minute of Finance & Roads Committee that, if payment was agreed to in this instance, it would establish a precedent for everyone who considered he had a claim against the Co. Council owing to suspension of road work in 1921, to apply for compensation".

#### Direct Labour Scheme.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. P. O'Byrne:—

"That the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 26th February 1923, pointing out that as regards New Ross District, the Direct Labour Scheme should be agreed to for at least three years, and as regards Enniscorthy District, that it would be necessary to reinstate at least £5,000, by which the Co. Surveyor's estimate had been reduced, be adopted".

The Co. Surveyor submitted Direct Labour Schedule of roads.

In Enniscorthy District there were 523.54 miles of first, second and third class roads, estimated cost £26,904., 118.34 miles of fourth class roads, cost £2,217. Total cost £29,121.

Gorey District:- 316.73 miles of first, second and third class roads, cost £14,780., 58.54 miles fourth class roads, cost £1,605. Total cost, £16,385.



New Ross District:- 329.18 miles, first, second and third class roads, cost £14,864. 155.27 miles of fourth class roads, cost, £3,345. Total cost £18,209.

Wexford District:- 364.8 miles of first, second and third class roads, cost £17,176., 105.21 miles of fourth class roads, cost £2,300. Total cost, £19,536.

The fourth class roads in all cases did not carry any through traffic. Their repairs would be carried out by contract or by a lump sum agreement, as direct labour could not be employed on them. The Direct Labour Scheme would employ from 350 to 400 men, and the Co. Surveyor stated that as road work would be mainly carried out in the winter and quarry work in the summer, he would so far as possible, employ the same staff.

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

"that the Direct Labour Scheme and Schedule to same, as submitted to this meeting by Co. Surveyor, be and is hereby approved. That we consider the road from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour should be constituted a trunk road. We understand that the cross channel steamship service from Rosslare Harbour to Fishguard will be resumed shortly, and when this comes about, the road from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour will carry more traffic than any other scheduled trunk road in the County Wexford".

#### Claims for Material.

In connection with the claim of James Walsh, Ballyleigh, for £25.10. 0. for road material supplied by him, and which was before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 26th February 1923 the matter had been settled and a payment for £20 was arranged for.

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

"That we approve of payment of £20 to James Walsh, Road Contractor, Ballyleigh, for material supplied by him".

Under date 26th February 1923, the following was read from Mr. William Waters, Jun., Raheenahone, Bree, Road Contractor:-

"I hereby apply for payment of £12. 10. 0. for work done on my contract No. 10W, in the year 1920-1921, viz:- repairing damage



caused by engine traffic, putting down 10 waggon loads of big stones delivered on road by Mr. Byrne from Ferrycarrig Quarry, 10 days( work for 3 men and horse at £1.5.0 per day, agreed price with the Co. Surveyor.

I also ask payment for Haulage and spreading of 12 cubic yards of Raheenahone material, filling pot holes on 10W in December 1921, I requested payment for above work some 8 months ago and so far have not received same.

Trusting your Council will pay me as soon as possible".

The Co. Surveyor stated that some money was due to Waters, but he could not exactly say how much.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor look into the claim of William Waters (Jun) Raheenahone, Bree, for work on roads, and report to next meeting what he considers should be allowed in this case".

#### Extra Men on Roads.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee as to employment of extra men on roads for the purpose of spreading material, be approved, provided that men are employed during suitable weather for this work. We consider that during the present weather attention should be concentrated on repairing dangerous holes and filling ruts on roads, and that no material should at present be spread on roads which are in a passable condition".

#### Taking Material from Roads.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne, in the following amended form:-

"That criminal proceedings be instituted against all persons who are found taking road material, or any other property of the Co. Council".



Motor Car- Quarry Work.

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

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

"That we approve of the purchase of Morris-Cowley Motor Car by Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, under the loan scheme of Local Government Department".

Machinery Yard- Enniscorthy.

The following report was submitted by the Committee:-

"In accordance with the directions of the Co. Council the Committee appointed to inspect the proposed machinery yard in Enniscorthy, met at 11 a.m. on the 8th March 1923. There were present Messrs. James Hall, James Shannon and John O'Byrne., Mr. Foley was prevented attending.

There were also in attendance the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Treanor. Representatives of the Co-operative Society were present, and the Committee viewed the premises with them and discussed terms. It was decided by Committee to recommend to the Co. Council the leasing of the premises for a period of 21 years, at the annual rent of £50 and that option of purchase be given as the Co. Council might decide for the leasehold period. The purchase price was not fixed but could be decided later subject to the annual value.

The Committee are of opinion that in view of the necessity of having sufficient County machinery for the efficient working of quarries, a proper yard and store were essential in Enniscorthy and the premises inspected would be most suitable.

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

"That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee appointing a Committee to inspect and report as to proposed machinery yard in Enniscorthy, be approved. That report of Committee be adjourned and that the Committee be requested to visit and report as to the suitability of premises offered by Mr. M.J. Whelan, Island Road, Enniscorthy, for machinery yard and store".

The Co. Surveyor stated that if Mr. Whelan's premises were



selected, a lot of money would have to be spent on them to make them suitable.

Removal Co. Offices.

The following letter was read from Lieut. Comdt. Liam Gaffney, H. Q. 41st Inf. Battalion, Military Barracks, Wexford:-

"Please take notice that I, on behalf of the National Army, will take possession of County Hall on Monday, 5th day of March.

You will have all Goods, Chattels, papers etc., the property of the County Council, removed before that date".

The Secretary stated that in consequence of this communication the offices of Co. Council were transferred from Co. Hall to Fortview.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee empowering the Co. Surveyor to incur any necessary expense caused by the removal of Co. Council offices, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne.

The Secretary mentioned that on the 2nd March 1923, the Military burned a very large collection of the old Records of the Council, under the impression that they were rubbish, as the papers etc., had been stored in an outbuilding. The actual removal of offices was not carried out until 5th March 1923, as possession of Fortview was not obtained until then.

Wicklow Gap Quarry.

The Minute of Finance & Roads Committee, under date 26th February 1923, relative to above quarry, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Cooloughter Quarry.

Mr. Culleton mentioned that a sum of £10 had been voted a considerable time back, to cover part of opening Cooloughter Quarry but up to the present, nothing had been done.

The Co. Surveyor stated that arrangements had to be made with the owner of the land and, besides, Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, had been ill for a long time.

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



"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to have quarry at Coolougher opened at once".

Kilmuckridge Quarry.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to make enquiries as to the possibilities of opening a quarry in Kilmuckridge District".

The "Pig's Elbow" at Kilmore.

The following letter was read from Mr. John Kehoe, Ballyask Kilmore, under date 11th March 1923:-

"At a meeting of the fishermen and residents of Kilmore, held on 5th March, and presided over by Rev. E. Crean, C.C., Mr John Roche raised the question of the dangerous turnings on road at Libgate, at a place locally known as "The Pig's Elbow". It was unanimously decided to ask the Co. Council to have these turnings straightened, owing to the many narrow escapes which occur weekly at these dangerous points".

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to formulate, with the Wexford Rural District Council, a proposal to improve road at Libgate, so as to obviate the present dangerous turnings at this place".

Enniscorthy- Wexford Road.

The Co. Surveyor reported that owing to abnormal heavy wagon traffic, this road was in a deplorable condition, and could not be made suitable for traffic by ordinary maintenance. He asked permission to put a Roller on the road with some men as attendants for about five weeks. The cost would be about £150.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. P. O'Byrne:-

"That a Sudden Damage order, not exceeding £150, be issued, for repair of road, Wexford to Enniscorthy, which is at present practically impassable."



Ferry carrig Rock.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee of 26th February 1923 to expend £15 on removal of rock at Ferry carrig, which was dangerous to the public, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would have to get authority from the owner, and when he received this, this work would be carried out.

Ferry carrig Quarry.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee to expend £62. 10. 0. to prevent portion of Ferry carrig Quarry slipping into the roadway, and for fencing of land etc., was confirmed on the ~~xxx~~ motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Proposal to Purchase Garage etc.

Under date 20th February 1923, the following was read from Mr. Philip Duff:-

"I understand that with the Fortview premises, the County Council have acquired the lessor's interest in my garage and bungalow, which I hold under lease for 999 years at a cost of £6 and I would be very obliged if you would kindly let me know if the Council would allow me to redeem this Head Rent and if so at what price".

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

"That the proposal of Mr. Philip Duff as to proposed purchase of his premises on the new premises of Co. Council, be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for his advice".

Polling Districts for Elections.

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee from meeting of 26th February 1923, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

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

"That the Wexford Corporation and Enniscorthy and New Ross Urban Districts be requested to submit recommendations as to having



blocks of contiguous streets grouped with particular regard to polling places in Urban Districts".

Accommodation for District Justices-  
Courthouses and Court Officials.

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

"That the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee as to accommodation for District Justices etc., as appearing on Minutes of Finance Committee of 26th February 1923, be and are hereby adopted".

Mr. N.E. Walsh, Ex-Jail Official.

An application under date 6th January 1923, was read from Mr. N.E. Walsh, Ex-Jail Official, asking for re-instatement of payment of his superannuation allowance and payment of two and a half year's arrears of same, and was further adjourned.

Method of Admission to County Home.

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee from meeting of 26th February 1923, approving of method of admission of patients to the Co. Home, as adopted by the Co. Board of Health, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Byrne.

Travelling Expenses- Co. Surveyor.

An application from Co. Surveyor for allowance of travelling expenses, and which had been several times before the Council, was considered in view of the following resolution adopted at a recent meeting:-

"That the application be adjourned to the meeting of the Co. Council at which the full scheme of Direct Labour, with Road Schedules dealing with same, will be considered".

In reply to queries the Co. Surveyor stated that his average yearly mileage was between 4,000 and 5,000 miles. His salary was £716 per annum.

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

"that the application by Co. Surveyor for travelling expenses be referred to next meeting of the Co. Council. That our Secretary



produce at said meeting copies of all resolutions dealing with any variations in the salary of the Co. Surveyor since his appointment, by the Wexford Co. Council<sup>n</sup>.

Extensions of Road limits.

Under date 26th February 1923, a letter was read from the Clerk Wexford Rural District Council, that his Council had decided to ask the Co. Council to apply to the Local Government Department to extend the limit of expenditure on roads etc., for Wexford District for the coming year from £17,000 to £19,674, amount estimated to be required for the coming year.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to extend Road limit in Wexford Rural District to £19,674 for year 1923-24<sup>n</sup>.

That the attention of Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross be called to the fact that they should make application to the Co. Council to have steps taken to secure approval to extension of Road limits to cover amounts of their estimates for Roads and Works for year 1923-24<sup>n</sup>.

Arklow Harbour.

Under date 1st March 1923 the following letter was read from the Trade Branch of the Ministry of Commerce:-

"I am directed to inform you that a meeting of the Arklow Harbour Committee will be held on the 14th instant, in the Court House, Arklow, commencing 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of taking evidence regarding Arklow Harbour.

The Committee would be glad if your Council would appoint one or more representatives to attend before them, on the date in question, with a view to giving evidence on the subject<sup>n</sup>.

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

"That Mr. J. O'Byrne and our Secretary be appointed to give evidence before Committee of Enquiry in relation to Arklow Harbour<sup>n</sup>

Wexford Bridge.

The adjourned application of Mr. John Browne, Contractor for

repairing Wexford Bridge, was considered.



The matter had been gone into by a Committee consisting of Mr. Foley and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne.

At this Committee meeting, Mr. Browne stated that when the work was held up, it could have been finished for £50. His contract was for £1,400 and he had been paid £1,000. He expected to be paid at least £350. Although the work had been completed by the Military, he had supplied them with all material etc. The Co. Surveyor explained to the Committee that he estimated that Mr. Browne could have finished the job in three weeks at a cost of £80. The Committee recommended a payment of £200.

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

"That a sum of £200 be paid (on account) to Mr. John Browne, Contractor, for Wexford Bridge".

#### University Scholarships.

Applications in connection with award of University Scholarships were received from the following:-

Enniscorthy:- Allan Franklin, Parkton, Enniscorthy (Clongowes College).

Gorey Christian Brothers:- Daniel Redmond, Avenue House, Gorey, Patrick Kenny, Ballycale, Gorey, Denis Doyle, William Street, Gorey

New Ross Christian Brothers:- Christopher Whelan, Creywell Road, New Ross., Gerard Donovan, Newtown, New Ross.

St. Peter's College, Wexford:- Nicholas Hendrick, Poulpeasty, Clonroche., Michael Howlett, Shelbaggin, Arthurstown., Michael Fortune, Doonooney, Adamstown., Patrick Donnelly, Kilderry, Ballymitty., Michael Dunne, Courthacuddy, Enniscorthy., Thomas Rossiter, Ballingale, Taghmon., Joseph Turner, Grange, Rosslare., Myles Murphy, Ruanmore, Kimuckridge., Dominick Cronin, Alexandria, Wexford.

Christian Schools, Wexford:- Patrick Hayes, South Main Street, Wexford., John Morrissey, Auburn Terrace, do., Thomas Keegan, 6, Francis Street, do., William G. Fisher, Westgate, do., John Ennis, Faythe, do., Patrick Murphy, Slaney Street, do.

Loreto Convent, Wexford:- Miss K. Keogh, Mulrankin, Bridgetown.

Newtownbarry Convent:- Miss Kathleen Power, St. Kearns, Saltmills.



Kathleen O'Leary, Ballyhew, Castlebridge.

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

"That applicants who intend devoting themselves to an ecclesiastical career be considered ineligible for University Scholarship. That we consider the parents of Daniel Redmond, Avenue House, Gorey and Dominick C. Cronin, Alexandria, Wexford, are in a position to provide a University education for their children. That in connection with application of Kathleen Keogh, Mulrankin, Bridgetown, we consider that her application should not be considered, as her two sisters and her brother have already received University Scholarships from the Council.

That the list of candidates be further considered at next meeting".

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary stated that he had received an enquiry from Nicholas Dempsey, National Teacher, Monaseed, Gorey, asking if the children of National Teachers would be regarded as eligible to compete for Primary Scholarships. The matter had been submitted to the Minister of Education and in reply (E.D. 2934/23) under date 23rd February 1923, the Minister stated he would not object to children of National teachers being regarded as eligible to compete for Scholarships for pupils of Primary Schools.

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

"That as regards application for award of primary Scholarships, no ruling be made to exclude the members of any particular class, but that when dealing with applications the gravest consideration be given to the circumstances of parents and guardians of pupils, and that no application be agreed to in any instance in which the Council are satisfied that parents or guardians have sufficient means to provide Secondary Education".

Under date 17th February 1923, the Minister of Education wrote (Ed. 2906/23) sanctioning the amended scheme for Scholarships for Primary to Secondary Schools for 1923 as submitted by the Co. Council.



### Meetings of Councils.

The following dates of meetings of Councils were agreed to on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

#### Halfyearly Meetings.

Enniscorthy R. D. C.	Thursday, 19th April	11 a.m.
Gorey R. D. C.	Saturday, 7th "	11.30 a.m.
New Ross R. D. C.	Wednesday, 11th "	11.30 "
Wexford R. D. C.	Saturday, 14th "	11.0 "
Proposal Committee	Monday, 9th "	11.0 "
County Council	" " "	11.30 "
County Council		
(Halfyearly Mtg)	" 7th May	11.30 "

#### Medical Charities Acts.

Under date 12th February 1923 a letter was read from Co. Wexford Board of Health, asking if the Co. Council had any objection to the Board of Health transacting the business under the Medical Charities Acts and which was formerly carried out by Boards of Guardians. The Local Government Department had written that they would approve of the proposal of the Co. Board of Health to take over the administration of these Acts provided the Co. Council does not object.

The Finance & Roads Committee had referred the matter to the Co. Council.

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

"The Co. Council have no objection to having the administration of Medical Charities Acts placed under the control of the Co. Wexford Board of Health".

#### Expenses Registration Acts.

Under date 1st March 1923 the following was read from Mr. J.N. Scallan, Registration Officer:-

"I desire to apply to the County Council for an advance of £800 to enable me to pay portion of the fees due to rate collectors &c. for work already done in preparation of the present Register."



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

"that an advance of £300 for the purpose of meeting expenses of Preparation of Register of Electors be made to Mr. J.N. Scallan, registration Officer".

Payments Subsidiary Bodies.

Applications for payment on foot of Demands were read from Mental Hospital, Co. Board of Health and Rural District Councils.

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

"That our Secretary pay as large an instalment to Public Bodies financed by the Co. Council as is consistent with our present financial position".

Income Tax- Courtown Harbour.

With reference to the demand for payment of £6. 7. 2d Income Tax in connection with Courtown Harbour, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee at meeting of 26th February 1923, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne.

Co. Wexford Infirmary.

A long discussion took place in regard to the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 26th February 1923, dealing with the Co. Wexford Infirmary and the recommendation of that meeting, asking the Local Government Department to advise the Council as to the amount of superannuation or gratuity to which, in each case, the officers of the Institution are entitled, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Under date 2nd March 1923 a letter was read from the Registrar of the Infirmary that Mr. Hayes, Porter, received in addition to the amount mentioned at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee £5 per annum as bonus, and that the surgeon received £20 per annum for fuel and light.

The following minutes of the Conference between the Finance Committee of the Co. Council and the Finance Committee of the Co. Board of Health, were read:-

"A meeting of the Finance Committees of the Co. Council and the



Co. Board of Health, was held on 5th March 1923.

Present:- Messrs. E. P. Foley, Vice-Chairman, Co. Council presided, John J. O'Byrne M.C.C. Chairman Co. Board of Health, D. Whelan, D.C. member of Co. Board of Health., T.D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health., and T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary Co. Council.

The following resolution adopted at meeting of Finance Committee on 26th February 1923, was read:-

"that the Local Government Department be requested in the event of the Co. Wexford Infirmary being closed, to advise the Co. Council as to the amount of superannuation or gratuity to which (in each case) the officers of the Institution are entitled.

That the Finance Committee of the Co. Board of Health be requested to meet the Finance Committee of the Co. Council with a view to discussing the question of closing of Co. Infirmary, meeting to be held at 11 a.m. on 5th March 1923".

Under date 5th March 1923 the following letter was read from Dr. S.A. Furlong, Surgeon, Co. Infirmary:-

"The Co. Infirmary now being closed, I shall feel obliged if you will let me rent the premises, and if so, at what cost?"

The Chairman explained what took place at Conference between Finance Committee and Co. Infirmary Committee as set out on minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 26th February 1923.

The advisability of transferring the Co. Hospital to the Co. Infirmary was discussed, the points in favour of transfer being:- the stigma of "Union" would be removed., the Hospital would be nearer to town., there would be a residence for the surgeon., electric light could be installed.

It was pointed out, however, that as the Co. Infirmary could accommodate only 60 patients at most, the Co. Infirmary would not be large enough for utilisation as a Co. Hospital, and it was not possible to extend the premises to afford adequate accommodation. There were no grounds attached to the Co. Infirmary.

The Committee believed that, as the present Co. Hospital could accommodate a larger number of patients and could be extended without difficulty, it afforded a much better site for



Co. Hospital in view of the fact that it stood on its own grounds and could be extended so easily.

The Committee considered that any prejudice which existed against the building, owing to its having been a workhouse, was dying out, and in the course of time, would disappear altogether.

Dr. Furlong's letter asking the Co. Council to rent him the Co. Infirmary, was referred to the Co. Council.

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

"That the communication from Dr. Furlong in reference to the renting of the Co. Infirmary premises for the purposes of a private hospital, be referred to the following Committee:- Messrs. R. Corish, E. P. Foley, John Sinnott, G. Devereux, M. Doyle, with the Secretary and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, and that said Committee be requested to report to meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 9th April 1923".

#### Courtown Harbour.

On the motion of Mr. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following Committee was appointed for Courtown Harbour, to hold office for three years from March 1923 to March 1926.:-

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Lord Courtown, Rev. R. Talbot, Rev. J. O'Grady, C.C. K.

McNeill, Courtown., J. McGarry, do., D. Murphy, Seamount., M. M. Wafer, do., J. O'Byrne, M.C.C. Gorey., P. Byrne, M.C.C. Camolin., Sean Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey., Michael Fitzpatrick, Courtown Harbour and John Dunne do.

#### Local Officials (Ireland) Trade Union.

A letter was read from the Local Government Officials (Ireland) Trade Union, calling attention to a resolution adopted by them that all clerical appointments for public bodies should be filled by competitive examination, and that no person be appointed to any professional position under a Public Board without adequate qualifications. The letter also referred to the necessity for the establishment of a National Civil Service.

This matter was before the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 26th February 1923, but the latter considered it should be



dealt with by the Council.

It was decided to postpone consideration to next meeting.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr. Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns, applied for renewal of his licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That renewal of his licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Mr. Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns".

Application for Payment of Criminal  
Injury Decree.

Under date 20th February 1923, Mr. W.F. Hearn, L.L.D., New Ross, applied on behalf of Mr. Michael Furlong, New Ross, for payment of £27. 14. 0, amount of Criminal Injury Decree, awarded Mr. Furlong in 1919 for compensation and cost of expenses in connection with the poisoning of his pigs. Though the amount had been raised in the rate, the Co. Council had not yet made any payment to Mr. Furlong.

The Secretary explained that the amount had been raised in the Rate as mentioned in letter of Mr. Hearn, Solicitor.

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

"That the Local Government Department be asked to advise the Council as to what steps should be taken in connection with application of Michael Furlong, New Ross, for payment of Criminal Injury Decree, amounting to £27. 14. 0".

Neutral I.R.A. Members' Association  
and Peace.

Circular letter from the neutral I.R.A. Members' Association under date 16th February 1923, dealing with Peace proposals, was read. The Circular pointed out that the Association had issued an appeal for a truce for a month on the following conditions:-

"(a) That on the Republican side, all military activities and acts of aggression against public and private persons and property shall be suspended.

(b) That on the Free State side all military activities



arrests, trials and executions shall be suspended for one month, so as to give us an opportunity of putting forward proposals at present under consideration, and which will, we hope, form a basis of negotiation on which peace can be established".

In making these proposals, the Association spoke directly in the name of 20,000 members.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That, while we desire above all things to see peace established in this country, we feel that in view of the fact that the proposals of the Neutral I.R.A. Members' Association have been turned down by the Government and the republican Party, no useful purpose can be served by adopting these proposals at the present time".

#### District Courts.

A resolution was received from Tirconnail Co. Council congratulating the Government on establishing District Courts, and approving of the manner in which these Courts were being administered, but no action was taken thereon.

#### Criminal Injuries Bill.

The following resolution was read from Limerick Co. Council:-

"That we ask the Government to eliminate the clause from Criminal Injuries Bill that prohibits citizens who have been killed or injured either maliciously or with Criminal Intent, from State Compensation., we consider that a Clause can be so enacted that will protect the State from any abuses that may arise from such Compensation".

Mr. Corish mentioned that the Bill had passed the Dail, and in view of this the Co. Council decided to take no action.

#### Ferns Branch Irish Transport & General Workers' Union and Non-Union Labour.

Under date 11th february 1923 the following letter was read from Mr. G. Keyes, Secretary of above:-

"My Committee instructed me to ask you to read this letter at your Co. Council meeting to-day, in reference to non-union labour on roads. The Ballycarney section of above Union sent in



complaints about Mr. Ennis, engaging a man in no union and have him on the roads while union men are idle.

There is another man named Andy Redmond and his son engaged drawing stones from a quarry on Leary's land to the road from Searawalsh to Ballylough, members of no union, and there are men with horses who say they are best entitled to the work when they are members of a union".

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

"That the Co. Surveyor obtain the observations of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, on complaints of Ferns Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, as to employment of non-union workers on roads".

Fortnightly Payments- Road and  
Quarry Workers.

The Secretary pointed out that the Direct Labour Scheme adopted by the County Council, provided for fortnightly instead of weekly payments., and these fortnightly payments would begin as from the month of April, viz:- the initiation of the Scheme.

In reply to queries he stated that fortnightly payments were common to all schemes of Direct Labour on roads, which had been adopted by Co. Councils.

It was agreed that the method of making payments each fortnight to road and quarry workers, should begin as from 1st April 1923, when weekly payments are to cease.

Weekly Tenants on Fortview.

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

"That Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, arrange for the collection of rents from weekly tenants on Fortview".

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(Signed)

E. O'Hoghin

Presiding Chairman

Dated this

9<sup>th</sup> day of April

1923