

Wexford County Council

Meeting - 2nd March, 1925

Adjourned meeting

The adjourned meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Portlaoise, Wexford on the 2nd March 1925.

Present: - Mr. E. P. Golly (Chairman) presiding; also present: - Messrs J. Shannon, James Byrne, D. Flanagan, Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, C. Bulleton, M. M. O'Donoghue & J. Cummins

The Secretary, the County Surveyor & Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, were also in attendance

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Note of Condolence

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

"That a vote of condolence be adopted to Mr. R. Corish, J. D. a member of the County Council on the demise of his aunt & that copy of same be forwarded to him."

Report of Special Roads Committee

In connection with the consideration of report of Special Roads Committee, adjourned from last meeting, the Chairman asked the members would they consider it advisable to go into Committee. The Roads Inspection Committee left their report entirely in the hands of the Council to deal with as they wished.

Mr. Bulleton said he did not see any necessity to go into Committee. The matter had been well ventilated up to the present, & if the Council went into Committee now it might be said they had something to hide.

Messrs Hayes & Shannon agreed with Mr. Bulleton.

After further discussion it was decided that the recommendations be considered in open meeting.

In connection with the report of Special Roads Committee dealing with New Ross Bridge, the County Surveyor stated that there was an agreement with Mr. Heane (Kelly & Co.,) of New Ross to supply timber ✓

at so much per cubic foot. The sheeting ran crossways so that if a number of men were working on the structure it would mean that every bit of sheeting would have to be lifted & a longitudinal pathway would have to be provided which would make the repairs considerably more of a nuisance to the general public than the manner in which they had been carried out. As a matter of fact, this class of repair to New Ross Bridge would occur only in ten or fifteen years.

Mr. Shannon here mentioned that the meeting was a very small one & proposed that the report of the Roads Inspection Committee be further adjourned to a special meeting of the Council to be held on 23rd March.

Mr. James Byrne seconded the motion which was passed.

Notice of motion by Mr. Shannon as to proposed payment of 2/- per week to gangers for the upkeep of their bicycles was also adjourned in order that it could be considered in conjunction with the report of the Roads Committee.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Sean B' Byrne:-

"That Mr. John Stafford of Longford, Marshalstown be appointed a member of No. 5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Rev. S. J. Bullen, B. C.

"That Rev. J. Butler, P. P. Buncloody, be appointed a member of No. 6 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Rev. A. Forrestal P. P. translated to Yemas."

New Member - County Board of Health

Under date 21st November, 1924, Mr. A. H. Connolly, Clerk, Ennisworthy Rural District Council, wrote that his Council asked the County Council to appoint Mr. John Nolan D. B. Ryland Road, Buncloody, to the vacant seat on the County Board of Health caused by the resignation of Mr. Selby, who had represented the District Council on that Board.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Sean

b'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the name of Mr. John Nolan, D.B. Ryland Road, Buncloody, be added to the County Board of Health vice Mr. Kelly, Ballyearney, resigned."

Sheep Dipping - Programme for 1925

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3rd February, 1925, was submitted:-

"at the December (1924) meeting of the County Council the following resolution was received from the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That we request the County Council to have established six centres for Sheep Dipping in each Rural District of the County & in which systematic dipping under the officers of the County Council should be carried out at so much per head, the County Council to supply dips."

The County Council adopted the following resolution on the foregoing:-

"That the necessary steps be taken to have established six centres for Sheep Dipping in each of the four Rural Districts of the County, dipping to be carried out at so much per head work to be in charge of a responsible official of the County Council & that the latter provide the dips."

"The Veterinary Inspectors present, in reply to the Chairman, stated that in their opinion the system of inspection of sheep dipping which had prevailed to the present had been most ineffective. The proposal now made by the County Council would establish a much better organisation but it should be understood that the number of dipping stations should gradually be increased over the present suggested number of 24."

"In the course of evening discussion it appeared that the English Board of Agriculture had appointed recently a number of new Inspectors whose duty was to deal exclusively with the work of stamping out sheep scab, & that it was certain much closer supervision would be given in future, as regards the freedom from disease of animals imported into England. It was probable that the English Board would put some embargo on the landing of sheep from any County from which sheep suffering from Sheep Scab were exported. For the sake of the reputation of the County it was necessary that a well devised attempt to eradicate the disease in the Free State should be put into force."

It appeared that in Waterford + South Tipperary the practice of dipping sheep in public baths had been in vogue for some years + each season new stations were being established. The practice followed was that public notice was given of the date + hour of the dipping on which the local Veterinary Surgeon + the lay Inspector attended. The latter mixed the dip + prepared everything. The veterinary surgeon examined any sheep for scab, tested the dip + saw it was properly mixed, + during the course of the dipping observed that each sheep was allowed to remain for the proper time in the tank. For this they were paid £2: 2: 0 per day + ordinary travelling expenses. It was considered that dipping tanks each holding 240 gallons would meet the requirements of the proposed 24 stations + at each of these about 1,000 sheep per day could be dealt with. The cost of erecting a concrete bath with catch + drain plus was £15 or £16, + the usual charge for dipping was 2d per head.

"It was believed that by purchasing dip from the Trade Section of the Department of Local Government, the Council would make a small profit on the supply of the dip. The Department of Agriculture would pay half the cost of the entire administration of the Scheme.

The following recommendations were agreed to:-

I - That the Council be recommended to establish 24 concrete dipping tanks as per tentative list of places given below:-

2 - That the Department of Lands + Agriculture communicate with the Civil Guard + request them to furnish, by townlands + District Electoral Divisions, a full list of sheep owners, in the County, to the Secretary of the County Council at an early date.

3 - Arrange for the re-appointment of the six - Sheep - Dipping Inspectors who acted in the past dipping period + the attendance of the Veterinary Surgeons at time of dipping.

4 - Issue Order under Article I of the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, making it compulsory for all sheep to be dipped at the

Appointed Stations

5- That the County Council supply dips for each station and dips to be of Irish manufacture.

6- That the charge for dipping be two pence per Sheep.

7- That the County Council be requested to deal with the allowances & expenses to be allocated to their Veterinary Inspectors in charge of the Scheme.

8- That should this Scheme prove satisfactory, it is recommended a further number of concrete dipping tanks, should, as the need arises, be erected.

9- That an advertisement be published in the local papers, inviting owners of suitable concrete dipping baths to inform the County Council under what conditions they would be prepared to have same used as the public dipping stations under this Scheme.

Suggested Dipping places

Wexford District - Yagoat, Duncormick, Kilmore, Bannow, Yaghman & Brossbeg.

New Ross District:- Haggard, (Rangrange), Adamstown, Ballygarvan, Anghelane, Ballywilliam & Killeen (Whitechurch).

Gorey District:- Gorey, Inch, Wicklow Gays, Askamore, Camolin & Killeenagh.

Ennisceorthy District:- C. Bohannon, The Horrair, Marshalstown, Kiltally, C. Lapsel & Glenbrien.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee.

After considerable discussion Mr. Shannon moved:-

"That in view of the small attendance at this day's meeting of the County Council, the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee relative to Sheep Dipping Programme for 1925 be adjourned to a full meeting."

Mr. Bullen seconded the motion which was adopted.

It was also decided that a copy of the recommendations be issued to the Farmers' Association & that they be requested to furnish their observations to the Council in the matter without delay.

Motor Taxation Accounts

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Under date 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, letter (No. R/114/32, audit), was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) stating that the Motor Taxation accounts of the Council for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1925, had been audited by an auditor of the Department & had been found in order.

The meeting regarded the communication as satisfactory.



### Payment Rate of 6<sup>d</sup> in £1 under Damage to Property Act

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote D. B. 202, forwarding forms upon which to make application for recoupment of amounts expended on damaged bridges up to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1925.

The Department of Finance had notified the Department of Local Government that up to 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo the Council had not lodged the full contribution due by them to the credit of the Exchequer under Section 14 of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923. Priority for payment would be given to those authorities who had met their obligations but the Minister of Local Government would consider the recoupment in full to 31<sup>st</sup> January for repairs of damaged bridges if he knew that payment of the outstanding contribution at a definite & early date would be forthcoming.

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

"That the Council consider the payment of amount due in connection with Rates under Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923."

### Caretaker Gory Workhouse Premises

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P. 402/1925 Wexford County) that the Minister adhered to the view expressed in his letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> December, (P. 52719/1924) as regards the remuneration to be allowed to the caretaker of Gory Workhouse.

The Chairman stated that in his previous letter the Minister stated that he considered that the remuneration proposed to be allowed the caretaker of Gory Workhouse premises viz., £1: 10: 0<sup>d</sup> per week, was excessive.

A recommendation was submitted from the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee asking the County Council to fix the weekly remuneration in this case at £1: 5: 0.

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

"That the remuneration to Thomas Lawlor, caretaker, Gory, be fixed at £1: 5: 0."



per week. as from the date of appointment

### Grants for Roads

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (No. 884/179) that directions had been given for the payment of £100 in respect of Grant of £1,100 to Ennisceorthy Urban Council on Road N. 7.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (884/32) that arrangements had been made for the payment of £1,090 out of Grant of £30,700 to the Council on Road N. 7.

### Relief Grants

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (RM/79), forwarding copy letter sent to Ennisceorthy Urban District as regards payment of £398 on foot of a grant of £750 for Relief.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (RM/109), forwarding copy of letter sent to New Ross Urban District in connection with payment of £300 in respect of Grant of £750 for Relief.

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

"That we call upon the Department of Local Government to provide relief grants for the Rural Districts of this County. Some form of relief works is urgently needed in rural areas. Most useful employment could be provided in dealing with drainage system of Cabore (the defective condition of which is flooding hundreds of acres) & works of a kindred nature."

### Dail Eireann Loan

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, letter (No. G. 9236/- 1925, Wexford County) was read from the Minister for Local Government requesting the Council, in view of the overdraft being now increased to £40,000 to issue at next meeting a Paying Order for the amount due on foot of Dail Eireann Loan as the Minister for Finance was anxious to clear up all matters in connection with the old Dail funds.

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

"That as regards re-payment of advance of £4,000 from Dail Eireann, our Secretary point out that, as the current rate for was only put into collection at the end of November last, and as the Council have had to finance in full the various public Bodies, besides paying wages of road workers, etc., they are not in a position to discharge their liability as regards Dail Eireann loan at the moment. They would be extremely obliged if the



Minister would allow them to hold over this payment until the close of the present Rate Collection viz. 31<sup>st</sup> May."

### Deductions from Grants

The Secretary reported that a sum of £331.5.10 had been deducted from the grants of the Council owing to the failure of the Gorty Rural District Council to pay instalment of advance under the Labourers' Act, 1906.

In connection with this question of payment of grants the Chairman mentioned that the Department were retaining a sum of £18,000 to cover instalments of Land Purchase Annuities which had not been repaid by tenant purchasers. In the opinion of the Chairman the General Council of County Councils should approach the Department of Local Government & the Office of Public Works with a view to having the repayments of instalments under these acts extended with a reduction in the amount of the annuities. In consequence of the present economic position of the County, tenants were nearly unable to pay & the deductions made in this County were only similar to what was occurring all over the Free State. The land was security all the time so that if any policy could be adopted by which an extension of years would reduce the present annual instalments, the pressure on the agricultural community would be relieved.

On this suggestion the Secretary was directed to communicate with General Council of County Councils in the matter.

### Scholarships Schemes

Secondary:- Under date 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, letter (No. Ed. 1772.), was read from the Minister for Education forwarding specimen forms which he suggested should be completed in connection with the renewal of Scholarships in Secondary Schools. The Minister also suggested that the Council (or its Education Committee) should make its recommendations as to renewals of Scholarships as early in July as possible for his sanction submitting with its recommendations the reports received from the Headmaster or Manager as to the Scholar's conduct & progress.

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

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To have approved of the issue of the forms as suggested



by the Minister for Education in connection with the renewal of Scholarships under Secondary Scholarships Scheme. We would point out that this procedure has been followed by this Council since the initiation of this particular Scheme."

### University:-

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, letter No. E.D. 32/3, was read from the Department of Education stating that the approval of that Department was not required for University Scholarships Schemes. The approving authority in this case, was understood to be University College, Dublin.

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

"That as this Council have had a number of inquiries for copies of their Secondary & University Scholarships Schemes they would be obliged to the Department of Education & the Authorities of University College, Dublin, for approval of schemes which have been submitted in connection with Secondary & University education"

### Limits of Road Expenditure

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

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to agree to the extension of Road limits of expenditure for the Rural Districts in the County for the financial year 1925-26 as follows:-

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| Enniscorthy | = £ 25,000  |
| Galby       | = £ 16,104  |
| New Ross    | = £ 17,961  |
| Wexford     | = £ 19,269. |

### Courtown Harbour

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1925, letter No. L. 2970/25, was read from the Local Government & Public Health, stating that the Minister for Finance was prepared to sanction a contribution of two thirds of the cost of the proposed repairs to Courtown Harbour but not exceeding a total grant of £2,000 on condition that the County Council undertook that the work would be brought to completion at the expense of the Council. The Grant was applicable only to the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March next & no time should be lost in getting the work started so that it might be completed on or before that date.

"Under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1925, letter No. L. 2970/1925, was read from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health approving of the Wexford County Council



raising a loan of £1,000 to defray the portion of the expenditure necessary in carrying out the repairs to Courtown Harbour.

"The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Council apply to the National Bank for loan of £1,000 to complete work at Courtown Harbour. In view of the condition of the County Council's finances, we request the Minister for Finance to make an advance on foot of the proposed grant of £2,000. We would point out to him that the Council have already started the work."

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was also submitted:-

"In connection with the letter from the Department of Local Government under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1925, No. L. 2970/25, already considered by the Committee a further letter under date 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, No. L. 5629/1925, was received from the Department stating that advances out of the Government Grant in regard to the repairs to Courtown Harbour would be promptly made on receipt of statement certified by the County Surveyor of the amounts expended on the work. The Department would be glad to receive the undertaking referred to in their letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

The Secretary pointed out that it would appear from the last paragraph in the letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> January from the Department as if the work should be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> March, next.

"The County Surveyor stated that this was tidal work & of course, it was only at certain stages of the tide that portion of it could be carried out.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor submit particulars as to how the work was being dealt with more particularly as to why it is not possible to finish same by the 31<sup>st</sup> March, with a view to securing the sanction of the Minister of Local Government to any expenditure incurred beyond the current financial year in relation to the £2,000 Grant."

The following recommendation was also agreed to:-

"We recommend the Council to furnish the Department of Local Government with the necessary undertaking to be responsible for the completion of the work at Courtown Harbour."



On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed.

**Sickness of Mr. J. Moore, Clerk in County  
Surveyor's Office**  
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The County Surveyor submitted medical certificate under date 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, from Dr. W. A. Bowen, Ennis, stating that Mr. J. Moore, Clerk in his office was suffering from bronchitis & would be unfit for work for at least three weeks.

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

"That as recommended by Dr. Bowen, Ennis, Mr. J. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, be granted three weeks' leave of absence from this date owing to illness."

**Brownwood Quarry**  
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The following extract from the Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with the disemployment of a boy named Barty who was engaged in drawing water to this quarry, & which was considered at a recent meeting, the County Surveyor stated that Barty's father - not Barty - who had been engaged in haulage had earned, from 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1924 to 29<sup>th</sup> January, last £56: 10: 3<sup>d</sup>

"It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish these particulars to Mr. James Hall M.C., & that Mr. J. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor, be asked for an explanation as to his statement, made at the County Council meeting that Barty was earning £4 per week by haulage."

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was also submitted:-

"Under date 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, a letter was read from the County Surveyor forwarding letter from Mr. J. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor, in reference to earnings of a man named Barty for haulage at Brownwood Quarry. Mr. Bullen stated he had arranged haulage prices so that £3 per week could be earned. Some weeks Barty earned more than this, and, accordingly, he mentioned at the County Council meeting that Barty's earnings were something between £3 & £4 per week. He did not give any specific sum as he did not know what Barty's actual earnings amounted to."

"No. Order."



## Payment Compensation to Workmen

Mr. Shannon proposed:-

"That when a workman has been injured in the County Council's service, part payment of compensation be made to him pending settlement with Insurance Company."

This was seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne & adopted:-

## Machinery Overseer's Expenses

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, from Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, applying for his expenses in getting new machinery from Dublin. He had to travel to Dublin on seven occasions - on four in County Council car & on three by rail when he paid his own fare & car hire. On one occasion he had to remain two nights in Dublin. In addition, he had to pay for getting the engines shifted on the quay, getting water for them & incidental expenses in connection with unloading & fitting up. He considered £3 for each journey a reasonable amount."

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

"That the Council be recommended to allow the Machinery Overseer £17: 10: 0, to cover, his out-of-pocket expenses for seven special visits to Dublin at £2: 10: 0 per visit."

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

## Defaulting Road Contractors

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to proceed against the undementioned road contractors should he consider it necessary to do so in order to have the roads properly maintained."



- 1418 - Patrick Connors, The Ballagh.  
 2028 - William McGill, Ballingowan.  
 2708 - Hugh Smith, Clorroche.  
 2638 & 2698 - John Bullen, Killeeney, Clorroche.  
 2538 & 2548 - Michael Foley, Killanthe.  
 2568 - Patrick Lennon, Forrestalstown, Clorroche.

### Flooding of Road

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, a letter was read from the County Surveyor asking for authority from the Council for proceedings to be taken against Mr. John Murray Macmine, who was causing flooding to the road by refusing to clean drain into his land.

The County Surveyor stated that the place which had been flooded was just above Macmine Bridge. This man, Murray, had been asked repeatedly to clean the pass-way which had been the cause of the flooding but apparently would not do so.

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

"That proceedings be instituted against John Murray, Macmine, for failure to clean drain into his land & which was causing extensive flooding on the public road"

### Blasting at Dumanore Quarry

The Chairman submitted the following which he had received from Mrs A. E. Lett, Balhynardara, Ennisceathy, under date 21<sup>st</sup> February:-

"Yesterday, February 20<sup>th</sup> between 3.30 & 4.30 p.m., we were startled by two terrific explosions which shook the ground, stones fell round the house, one (luckily small), on the roof, one within a couple of feet of man working - another down the avenue which fell with such force it was embedded 13 inches. They were blasting in the Dumanore Quarry, & surely the County Council spends money enough on the roads Scheme to be able to send a competent & experienced man to do the blasting - one who will know the amount of explosive which it is desirable to use, instead of sending utter ignoramuses. Had the big stone, by chance - fallen on the house, - N.B. - it went beyond. - the County Council would have had a nice penny to pay in compensation, or had any of the stones fallen on an individual they would undoubtedly have been killed. Is there no way in which the unfortunate citizens of the Free State can be protected from ignorance & extravagance? Last time they blasted in Dumanore they gave us no warning & a man with a nervous horse had a narrow escape. Also stones fell in our field & no one posted on the road to warn people not to enter the radius in which stones fall. We made no complaint."



as we thought there must be some intelligent men in control of the gelignite, who would mark results & not repeat mistakes. apparently we were mistaken.

Mr. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that on the date in question he had fired three land holes three feet deep. There was no warning given but he had men at each end of the road to prevent traffic while the blast was going on.

Mr. Shannon suggested that the County Surveyor should inspect the place & the Chairman stated that, for the future, the Surveyors should give notice to people living adjacent to any quarry of any blast which was about to take place.

#### Road 89 R. v v v v v v v v

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925 was submitted:-

Memorial, signed by several ratepayers was read, drawing the attention of the Council to the disgraceful state of the road between Mr. Roche's gate, Woodville, New Ross & the Mandolin Bridge via Bawnmore Pond. The road had been in a very bad state all the winter, with springs in part of it, & there had been practically nothing done to it for the past two or three years.

Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that owing to the abnormal wet year & that all the material from Ballinabola Quarry for No. 34 was conveyed over this road, it could not be in any other condition than bad; the springs complained of had been repaired. When the haulage over this road ceased, he suggested some special provision should be made to restore the surface.

The County Surveyor stated he had directed Mr. Jones to obtain a Sudden Damage Order to make good the damage caused by the haulage.

#### Funds of County Board of Health v v v v v v v v v v v v v v

The following resolution was read from the County Board of Health:

"That we ask the County Council to make arrangements for the immediate payment to the Wexford County Board of Health of the balance of the 1925 Demand. Further that we ask the County Council to



guarantee the Board an overdraft during the current financial year equal to the amount of the "cut" i.e. £5,411, made in the Board's original Demand, & that arrangements be made whereby an instalment equal to a quarter of the Board's Demand for the year ending March, 1926 will be lodged to the credit of the Board of Health on the 1<sup>st</sup> April next.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bullen, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary request the Minister for Local Government to inform the Council if they have any power to guarantee an overdraft in the case of a Subsidiary Body."

### Gorley Workhouse Premises

The Secretary submitted description of the premises received from Mr. Ganning, Clerk, Gorley Rural District Council, & correspondence from Mr. J. D. Emmott, Secretary County Board of Health.

"It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Board of Health to state definitely what portion of the premises they require for their own use.

### Estimate of Rate

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Estimate of Rate for General & Separate charges for financial year 1925-26, was presented to the meeting.

"The members spent some time in examining the figures after which the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That the consideration of the Estimate of Rate for General & Separate charges be adjourned to special meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1925, at 11 o'clock a.m., & that the members be especially requested to attend. The members of the Committee present at this day's meeting point out that they consider an attendance of three insufficient to deal with such a very important matter as the financial proposals of the Council for the ensuing year. They also consider that any members, of the Council, who are not members of the Finance & Roads Committee should be at liberty to attend above mentioned Special Meeting.

"The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Secretary of the County Board of Health, & to enquire does he



expect any reduction in Home Assistance expenditure owing to the appointment of Mr. Shortall, Superintendent Home Assistance."

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

It was decided that the Secretary of the County Board of Health be requested to attend meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to deal with the figures of his estimate.

It was also agreed that the Secretary of the County Council should write to the Directors of the National Bank & ask them if it were not possible to defer payment of amount due on foot of loan of £43,586, or otherwise, would they be satisfied if the payment of only one year's principal & interest was included in the forthcoming rate.

### Ballymurray Quarry 21.2.25

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1925, James Doyle, wrote on behalf of the new working Ballymurray Quarry, asking what arrangements would be made regarding the price of material supplied from this quarry. They received 4/- per yard while they had to pay 10/- per hour for the hire of the Council's stonebreaker. It cost them 3/- for breaking & 4<sup>d</sup> quarry charge which left them 3/8<sup>d</sup> per yard. They had to get their own tools & keep 400 yards of a lane in repair. There was no dumping ground in this quarry & they had to draw the material half a mile from breaker, four horses were required for this while one horse only could do the work in any other quarry. They would be satisfied with 9/- per yard draw the material half a mile from breaker & let the Council charge full price for breaker.

The Chairman mentioned that last July the County Council had made an agreement with the men who were working Ballymurray Quarry, which was to remain in force for two years.

Joseph Hyland, one of the men concerned, came before the meeting & explained that when they were obliged to take a reduced rate per cubic yard they understood that the breaker of the Council would be given at a reduced figure. This had not been done & they were paying



the usual price of 10/- per hour

"after some discussion it was decided that the men working at Ballymurray Quarry should be given the use of the breaker at 9/- per hour."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed

### Elevator Belts for Stonebreakers

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"A recommendation was adopted empowering the County Surveyor to purchase two elevator belts for stonebreakers at a cost approximately of £30 each as peres"

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

### Machinery Requirements

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor submitted list of requirements for machinery to 31<sup>st</sup> March next, for coal, shovels, oil, etc. amounting to £532: 3: 2<sup>d</sup>

after considerable discussion the requisition was agreed to at £500.

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

### Gangers' Wages

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"A recommendation was adopted asking the Secretary to call the immediate attention of the Department of Local Government to the fact that the sanction of the Department to the proposed increase in gangers' wages which was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1924, had not yet been received.

The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1925 from Mr. J. Y. Birthistle, assistant Surveyor, stating that Gange James Barnes, had signified his intention of resigning his position as the wages paid him viz. 37/6<sup>d</sup> per week were totally inadequate considering the duties he had to perform & the travelling with which he had been confronted."



"It was pointed out that the Council had agreed to increase the wages of the Gangers but sanction to same had not yet been received from the Department of Local Government. As Mr. Barnes was living on the borders of his district he was obliged to cover more travelling than gangers who live closer to their work."

"The Secretary stated that by directions of the Finance & Roads Committee at meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February, he had telephoned the Department of Local Government & had been informed that the Engineer in charge of the matter was at present in Roscommon & when he returned the matter would be attended to by him."

### New Ross Bridge

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor reported that the New Ross Gas Co., had been notified to repair the defective gas fittings, crossing New Ross Bridge but they had not taken steps to do so."

"It was decided that this matter be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council."

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

### Poundage

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with application for poundage from Mr. P. J. Durlong, Deputy Rate Collector, the Committee adopted a recommendation asking the Department of Local Government to allow the Council to pay poundage to Messrs P. J. Durlong, Sean Gannon, John Deegan, on the amounts collected & lodged as Deputy Collectors, as they have now ceased to hold office."

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

### Ballyduff Road

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, letter No. 630/Y, was read from the Galway Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, relative to the proposed



diversion of the Camolin - Ballyduff road through the Department's Forest property at Camolin, & stating that the Department were precluded from selling the site required for the purpose in question. They were prepared, however, to lease to the Council for a period not exceeding 99 years the parcel of land at an annual rent of £1.

The Finance & Roads Committee considered that £1 per annum was a most excessive charge to make for this small accommodation & they recommended the County Council to offer 2/6<sup>d</sup> per annum.

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

### Damage to Laying Stones

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1925, the County Surveyor reported that persons were causing malicious injury to the laying of the river wall on this road. He was notifying Mr. Elgee about the matter in case he considered any steps should be taken.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor call the attention of the Civic Guard to the matter complained by him & he <sup>also</sup> was directed to point out that the practice complained of was common all over the County & was causing considerable expense to the Council."

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

### Yara Hill Quarry

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"The following resolution was read from the Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That this Council call on the County Council to reinstate the men who were dismissed from Yara Hill Quarry & that they be compensated for loss of wages, or, as an alternative, that an inquiry be held into the whole matter by four representative ratepayers, two to be appointed by the men, & two by the County Council."

"Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1925, John Walsh, Yara Hill, Gorey, wrote, offering to procure the stones in this quarry & put them through the breaker for 3/- per ton. They would quarry after the blast & bore & plug holes in the big stones.

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, Mr. J. Gleanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had instructed George Patrick Byrne.



to offer road work to men recently suspended by him from Gara Hill Quarry. The Gangler reported that the men refused to do any work other than in the quarry. He directed the gangler to take three of the quarry hands who were on road work for the season & to reinstall a man named Brian whom he (Mr. Greaney) regarded as a fair conscientious worker & two men - James Noctor & James Barrington - as these two men had informed him they had not already refused to work on roads. Seven of the suspended men were still idle. Ten men were now engaged in the quarry & he considered this number quite sufficient to meet requirements. On 24<sup>th</sup> January the gangler reported that the men suspended had informed him that they would do either road or quarry work conditional on all of them being taken on. As they had already refused this offer, and, in the meantime, as he was informed, had legal advice on the matter, which probably accounted for their changed attitude, he instructed the Gangler that he would take no action on their offer beyond reporting all the circumstances to the County Council.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

The Finance & Roads Committee cannot see their way to recommend the adoption of the resolution from Gorey Rural District Council as to re-opening the question of the dismissed quarry men at Gara Hill. They feel that Mr. Greaney, Deputy Surveyor, for the District, carried out their instructions faithfully, & that the complaints which he made in connection with the work at Gara Hill, were fully justified. They regret, that when work was offered to the men suspended, they did not see their way to accept same.

"As regards the proposal to carry out work at Gara Hill by piece work, it was decided that the County Surveyor discuss <sup>the matter</sup> with Mr. Greaney, Assistant Surveyor for the district, & present report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Lavanagh.

The County Surveyor stated that at the last meeting of the Gorey Rural District Council a Committee had been appointed to go with Mr. Greaney into the question of the re-employment of the men whose services had been dispensed with.

The Chairman stated that the County Council would not make any objection to this provided the Committee did not



so outside the terms of the resolution of the County Council

### Carrigrohane Quarry

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"a letter signed by Thomas O'Rourke, Patrick Murphy, James Murphy, Walter Bradley, James McGrath & John Donohoe was read in which these men offered to work Carrigrohane Quarry by piece work.

Referred to the County Surveyor for report."

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

### Nurse B. O'Brien - late Gorey Hospital

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 20<sup>th</sup> February 1925, a letter was read from the Secretary, The Irish Nurses' & Midwives' Union, relative to the claim of Nurse B. O'Brien, late Nurse, Gorey Hospital for compensation for loss of office caused by the amalgamation of Union Scheme in 1922. She had been recommended for transference to service under the Public Health Board but a Religious Sister was appointed instead. Consequently the Gorey Guardians awarded her compensation which she had never received. The Local Government Department maintaining that she could not be awarded a gratuity under Section 8 of the 1919 Act, as she was not appointed till 31<sup>st</sup> July 1920. The Secretary of the Midwives' Union contended that Nurse O'Brien could be awarded superannuation under the Act of 1885 as she was a whole time officer & consequently asked the Council (a) to grant Nurse O'Brien at least the £150 granted by the Public Health Board in December 1922 which the Ministry had previously said they would be prepared to sanction or if this is legally impossible, (b) superannuation of £6: 5: 0 per annum.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"In connection with the application for compensation from Nurse O'Brien, the Finance & Roads Committee recommend the Council to offer, as settlement of this case, £150, which, they understand was the amount voted to her in the first instance, this offer to be subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department"

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

### Coal - Office of Clerk of Peace

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was submitted



Under date 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, Mr. J. N. Scallan, Clerk of the Peace, Wexford, applied for a further supply of anthracite coal for use in his office, the quantity already delivered being exhausted.

"Referred to the County Surveyor to provide what amount of coal he considers necessary for the office of the Clerk of the Peace."

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

### Electoral Act 1925

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The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1925, Mr. J. N. Scallan, Registration Officer, Wexford, applied for an advance of £400 under above Act, to enable him to pay portion of the expenses incurred by Rate Collectors etc., in the preparation of the Electors Lists for the year 1925."

"It was decided that the amount be paid.  
On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

### The Polling Districts & Polling Places Rules 1925

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Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1925, letter (No. 4. 5527/1925, Miscellaneous) was read from the Department of Local Government forwarding copy of the Polling Districts & Polling Places Order 1925.

### Rate Collection

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#### State of the Collection:-

The state of the Rate Collection was laid before the meeting from which it appeared that the following percentages showed the amount of rate which had been collected up to 28<sup>th</sup> February:-

J. Quirke 68%; Joe Cummins 64%; P. J. Sinnott 60%;  
E. J. Murphy 57%; John Curtis 56%; M. Deegan 51%; W. Cummins 51%; J. J. Sinnott 48%; J. J. Kelly 47%; B. Cleary 47%; J. Sutton 46%; John Sinnott 44%; J. J. O'Reilly 43%; E. McCarthy 42%; P. Walsh 38%; M. Kelly 36%;  
P. Fitzpatrick 35%; Thomas Rowe 33%; P. O'Byrne 29%;  
James Murphy 24%; P. Donohoe 14%.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, was submitted:-



"after considerable discussion they decided that Collectors R. O'Byrne, Donohue, & M. M. Kelly be summoned to attend next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to explain the backward state of their collections. In the event of the Committee not deeming their explanations satisfactory, the County Council will be asked to dispense with the services of these Collectors"

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

#### Personal Bonds

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, the following letter (No. G. 8947/1925, Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that he is thoroughly dissatisfied with the manner in which the Wexford Rate Collectors in general have been carrying out their duties & is definitely opposed to their being allowed to continue in office unless bound by Bonds in the form laid down by the Public Bodies Order requiring them to lodge the rolls within specified periods. That the Council should have an arrear of some £50,000 rates outstanding within one month of the close of the year betokens lack of energy on the part of the Collectors & clearly indicates that they do not make effective use of their powers of distraint. Collectors have in addition the ample assistance now provided by the District Court; while, as regards, items of rates which may not be recoverable, if the Collectors put forward their claims in due time & properly prepared on Form 58 there should be no difficulty in ruling thereon without delay. It should be noted that vacant buildings are not necessarily exempt from rates. Many of these come within the scope of Section 16 of the Rent Act of 1923, under which the owners are liable for the rates

"While at the end of a year the Minister, if satisfied as to the energy displayed by a Collector would be willing to consider any reasonable relaxation of the terms of the Bond considered just by the Council in such a case he is not willing to forgo the perfection of the Bonds in question & desire the Council to notify all Collectors that they must perfect such Bonds by the 30<sup>th</sup> March next at latest if they wish to continue in office."

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

"This Council is of opinion that the terms of letter from the Department of Local Government, under date 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1925, No. G. 8947/1925, Wexford County) relative to personal bonds of Rate Collectors should be complied with & we direct our Secretary to furnish the Rate Collectors with a copy of this communication"



## Rate Collectors' Decrees

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The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25th February, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with decrees against ratepayers the Secretary reported that he had received no replies from a number of the Rate Collectors relative to this matter.

"The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Collectors & point out to them that they must make a return as to these decrees at once."

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

Refund of Rates

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 25th February, 1925, was submitted:-

"An application was received from Mr. M. M. O'Donoghue for refund of £1:16:2^d rates paid on vacant buildings on No. 68, Cahone E.D. for year ended March, 1924.

A certificate was read from the Rate Collector that the buildings were vacant at the time.

"It was decided that the amount be refunded to Mr. O'Donoghue."

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

Execution of Warrants for Poor Rate

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 25th February, 1925, was submitted:-

Letters were read from Messrs P. Walsh & James Quinke, Rate Collectors, relative to amounts which had been recovered by the Civic Guards on foot of poor rate warrants & in respect of which no information had been forwarded to the Collectors or the Council.

"The Secretary stated he had referred the letters in question to the Superintendent of the Civic Guard who had written that the amounts in question had been paid to the District Court Clerk.

It was decided that the attention of the District Court Clerk, Wexford, be called to the correspondence with Rate Collectors Quinke & Walsh & Superintendent of the Civic Guard as to the amounts received under warrants for poor rate.

Copies of this correspondence to be furnished District Court Clerk for his information.

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

Mr. Tobin, ex-Rate Collector

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3rd February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 28th January, 1925, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote he had been informed that Matthew Tobin, ex-Rate Collector, had been paid his gratuity by the Government last week. Nothing was to be gained, therefore, by going on with the proceedings against him, as the gratuity being paid they would have nothing to levy the judgment against. He asked for the instructions of the Council in the matter before any further expense was incurred.

A recommendation was adopted protesting against the action of the Ministry of Finance in paying over compensation awarded to Mr. Tobin, ex-Rate Collector. The Finance & Roads Committee regret that they received absolutely no assistance from the Ministry in endeavouring to obtain money of the ratepayers which had been retained by Mr. Tobin.

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

Ex-Rate Collectors Poundage

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25th February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 5th February, 1925, Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote applying for payment of £4: 9: 3, £7: 1: 7^d, & £55: 11: 11^d to Mr. John A. Ryan, Ballygomaw, Gregory Rossiter, Brookfield & Patrick Rossiter, Ballykillrane, respectively, being for poundage fees on amounts collected by them for the half year ended 31st March 1921.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That in connection with the application of Messrs John A. Ryan, Gregory Rossiter & Patrick Rossiter, for payment of poundage we recommend the Council to inform these applicants that, in the opinion of the Council, all their claims were fully discharged by the sums provided in the Local Officers Compensation (War Period) Act, 1924."

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

Changes in Railway Time Table

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

request the Great Southern Railway Company when making changes in times of arrival & departure of trains to advertise same in local papers. This was always done as regards changes on the Dublin & South Eastern Railway & owing to its neglect as regards changes which came into force on the 2nd March the public have been greatly inconvenienced.

Courthouses v v v v v

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25th February, 1925, was submitted:-

Ennisceorthy:-

"Under date 7th December, 1924, Mr. M. Boggan, caretaker, Technical School, Ennisceorthy, applied for payment of £5 for cleaning & attendance at District Court, held in the Technical School, Ennisceorthy, for period from 1st January to 31st December, 1924.

"It was decided that the Council be recommended to pay remuneration calculated at the rate of £5 per annum to Mr. Boggan as caretaker during the period that the Ennisceorthy Technical School would be used for Court purposes.

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

Gorey:-

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 25th February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Mr. E. Mc Donagh, Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote applying for payment to the Town Commissioners, Gorey, for the use of the Town Hall, Gorey, from January 1923 to the present for the holding of District Court.

A recommendation was adopted asking the Council to pay rent for Gorey Town Hall as courthouse from January 1923 at the rate of £8 per annum.

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

Wexford:-

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 3rd February, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with some repairs to Wexford Courthouse it was decided that no order be made but that the

the Secretary explain to him that the Council feel that any repairs which were carried out at the Courthouse might have to be cleared away when the new structure was to be built. It was useless throwing away money on a place like this. The Council had been receiving applications continually for the repair of this building and, in the circumstances, they cannot see their way to incur any further expense thereon.

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

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 25th February, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 3rd January, 1925, Mr. J. N. Scallan, Clerk of the Peace, Wexford, forwarded bill for £53:19:0 from M. O'Connor & Co., Building Contractors, Wexford, for repairs to Wexford Courthouse in consequence of the fire in his office on 23rd November, 1922, after the fire, he communicated with the Government & was directed to have the necessary work only done at once.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That as the County Council were never consulted in connection with the repair of Wexford Courthouse premises after the fire in November 1922, and, as the work of repair was carried out by directions of the Government we consider the clerk of the Peace should make application to the Government for payment of the bill submitted by M. O'Connor & Co., Contractors."

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

New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee

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Under date 27th January, 1925, Mr. G. G. Rochford, Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council, wrote, that the letter from Father Sheehey, Clongeen, relative to the administration of the Compulsory Education Act in the district, was considered by his Council at their meeting on 10th January. He forwarded report of the proceedings on that subject from which it appeared that a number of meetings of the Committee fell through for want of a quorum & that the matter would be again considered by his Council at next meeting.

No. order.

Demand for Income Tax

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The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 25th February, 1925, was submitted:-

"The demand for income tax was considered and a demand

for 10/- for income tax for property in Gorey Urban.
(G. Valentine).

A recommendation was adopted that the Council point out to the Inspector of Taxes that they have no concern with John Valentine, Gorey.

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

Analyst's Report ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st December, 1924, was submitted, showing that analyses as under had been carried out:-

<u>Articles submitted for analysis</u>		<u>Number</u>
Drugs	=	37
Water	=	2
Milk	=	6
Butter	=	14
Margarine	=	3
Cheese	=	1
Whiskey	=	1
Total :		<u>64</u>

Two samples of milk were found to be adulterated, & two samples of water were condemned.

Old Age Pension Act 1924 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The following resolution from No. 1. Old Age Pension Sub-Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bulleton seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we request the Ministry of Pensions to supply a copy of the Act of 1924 to each member of the Sub-Committees, the single copy supplied to the Clerk being insufficient for those giving voluntary service in the administration of the Old Age Pension Act. That we ask this in the interests of efficiency of the administration & of the claimants & public generally.

Dates of Meetings ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean B. Byrne the following dates for half-yearly meetings of Proposal Committee & County & Rural District Councils were agreed to:-

Enniscorthy R.D.C.	Wednesday	15 th April	11 a.m.
Gorey R.D.C.	Saturday	18 th April	11.30 a.m.
New Ross R.D.C.	Wednesday	8 th April	11.30 a.m.
Wexford R.D.C.	Saturday	11 th April	11 a.m.
Proposal Committee	Monday	6 th April	11 a.m.
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Overdraft ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Under date 13th February, 1925, letter (No. G. 6391/25) Wexford County) was read from the Minister for Local Government, sanctioning an extension of the amount of the Council's overdraft from £25,000 to £40,000, interest not to exceed 2% under Irish Bank Rate with a minimum of 4%.

Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Mr. Culliton announced his intention of serving notice of motion that the County Council promote a scheme under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924.

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(Signed) Eamon O'Dogherty

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 23rd day of March 1925

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Wexford County Council
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Minutes - Meeting 23rd

March 1925

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An adjourned meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Northcote, Wexford on the 23rd March, 1925.

Present: - Mr. E. P. Foley, Chairman (presiding), also Messrs James Byrne, W. Clardy, C. Bulleton, John Cummins, R. Corish, P. Hayes, James Hall, David Kavanagh, Sean O'Byrne, P. O'Byrne & James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, the Assistant Surveyors & Mr. G. R. Brennan, Solicitor (Huggard & Brennan), who appeared for County Surveyor & Assistant Surveyor Birthistle, were also in attendance.

The Late Rev. G. W. O'Byrne P. P. Kilmone
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall: -

"That we offer our sincere & heartfelt condolence to Mr. G. W. O'Byrne, our most respected & esteemed colleague in the death of his brother, Rev. G. W. O'Byrne, P. P. Kilmone. The late G. W. O'Byrne was known to most members of this Council who recognised in him a great Churchman, a sincere & devoted friend, a true Irishman, a man of scholarly attainments, kindly & genial, whose career was strongly marked by the utmost devotion to God & Country. Through his demise the Church has lost a faithful & loyal Minister of Ireland & a beloved son. Mr. O'Byrne was a typical Soggarth Aroon & in his labours for Faith & Fatherland endeared himself to thousands who now deplore his loss."

Report Special Roads Committee
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The consideration of the Report of Special Roads Committee, adjourned from last meeting, was first taken up (This Report appears on Minutes of meeting of County Council held on the 9th February, 1925.):

Mr. Shannon considered that it would be better to adjourn the consideration of the Report until a second Special Inspection had been made by the Committee. In his opinion no Committee meeting for the first time could give

a decided opinion. This would require a second inspection. He instanced the fact that an Inspector of Schools never gave a considered opinion on a first inspection. He proposed that no final action be taken upon any matter in the Report until the Committee made a further inspection except the recommendation dealing with limitation of heavy motor traffic.

This proposal was ~~not~~ not seconded & after some discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Cloney:-

"That the Report of Special Roads Committee, under date 10th January, 1925, be received & considered by this Council"

Passed nem. con.

a long discussion relative to injury done to roads by heavy motor traffic took place after which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"In view of the fact that it is absolutely impossible for local Ratepayers to maintain the roads of the County in a condition to allow them to take the present heavy motor traffic we request the Local Government Department to permit this Council to adopt a By-Law to limit (in its discretion) the weight of rubber-tired vehicles to a maximum of six tons (laden) for the next three years at least."

The paragraph of the Report dealing with the suggestion that the State should take over the Trunk Roads & guarantee a subsidy of 50% for second class & 25% for third class roads was then taken up & adopted on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Hayes with the following addition:- "Provided the classification of the various roads, trunk, main & local, meets with the approval of the Councils concerned."

The paragraph dealing with the drafting of a Scheme for loans or issue of County Stock to cover improvement works was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Byrne seconded by the Chairman

In respect of the recommendation of the Committee on page 7 of the Report it was decided that the County Surveyor should make a report to the Council as to what arrangements could be made regarding supervision in each quarry in the absence of the ganger & also as to the number of quarries which will be effected.

No. 2 Recommendation was agreed to

No. 3. was also agreed to

In connection with No. 4 a letter was read from the men employed in Carrigbyrne Quarry, including the present ganger, offering to supply road material by "piece work" at 6/- per cubic yard.

Mr. Cloney proposed & Mr. James Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to make arrangements  to supply

material at "piece rate" of 6/- per cubic yard.

As an amendment Mr. Corish proposed & Mr. P. O'Byrne seconded:-

"That Carriglyone Quarry be worked on the basis of a weekly wage."

A poll was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Corish, Bulleton, Shannon, P. O'Byrne & Hayes - 6

Against:- Messrs James Byrne, Blaney, Kavanagh, Hall Cummins, & the Chairman - 6

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment which was declared lost.

Mr. Blaney's resolution was then put as the substantive motion Mr. Corish challenged.

A poll was taken which resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs James Byrne, Blaney, Kavanagh, Hall, Cummins & the Chairman - 6

Against:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Corish, Bulleton, Shannon, P. O'Byrne & Hayes - 6

The Chairman voted in favour of the resolution which was declared carried.

Regarding No. 5 Recommendation the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government be requested to bring pressure to bear upon the Railway Tribunal in order to secure a siding on the Railway line adjoining Sparrowsland from which road material could be transported from Ballybrennan Quarry."

No. 6 Recommendation agreed to

No. 7

No. 8

No. 9.

In connection with the observation in the Report relative to the report of New Ross Bridge the Chairman mentioned that the Committee were of opinion that the County Surveyor could take a contract for the repair after he had purchased the timber or he could take a contract at so much ^{per} beam.

The County Surveyor said it was not possible to meet the suggestion of the Committee to have a number of men employed on the bridge.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne pointed out that no effort had been made to check the time of the carpenter or his help in this work.

The County Surveyor said the best plan would be to have a

contract at so much per foot for putting in planks.

Mr. Shannon proposed:- "That no action be taken in the matter until it becomes necessary to have further repairs carried out at New Ross."

This was not seconded.

after further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That in connection with repair to bridges & works of a kindred nature the County Surveyor be directed to submit full details of the necessary repairs to the County Council before any expenditure be incurred by him."

In connection with portion of report stating that as the gangers relieved the Deputies of very much responsibility in controlling the work the Committee could not recommend any increase of salary to the Deputies.

Mr. Blonky proposed that recommendation of Committee be agreed to.

Mr. James Byrne seconded.

Mr. Borish proposed:- "That application from Assistant Surveyors for increases in salaries be adjourned & that information be procured as to the number of Deputy Surveyors & gangers employed in other Counties also the average road mileage per Deputy."

Mr. P. Hayes seconded.

after considerable discussion Mr. Blonky withdrew his motion & Mr. Borish's resolution was passed nem. con.

The application from Assistant Surveyors' association for payment of 2½ per cent on grant work expenditure was, on the motion of Mr. Borish, seconded by Mr. Hayes, adjourned for consideration with the Salaries question.

The recommendation of the Committee that a permanent Inspection Committee be appointed to inspect the County Roads etc. twice per year & act generally as a Roads Advisory Committee, was approved on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Blonky.

In connection with the Committee's observations as to Deputy Brithistle's District Mr. Shannon proposed:-

"That as the County Council have now decided to have a permanent Inspection Committee to visit roads at least twice a year no action be taken as regards Deputy Brithistle until Committee have had an opportunity of re-inspecting his District."

Mr. P. Kavanagh seconded.

Mr. Hayes proposed:- "That no action be taken in the matter."

This proposal was not seconded.

Mr. Blonky proposed:-

"That the Council feel the Committee were justified in submitting the report they have made as to District of Deputy Brithistle & agree this report represented the condition of the District at the time of inspection, but are not led to believe considerable improvements have been since made in this District."

no action be taken until Committee again visit District

This was not seconded.

Mr. Bulleton proposed:-

"That no change be made as regards Deputy Birthistle"

This was not seconded.

after considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted nem. con. on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Blaney:-

"That we accept Inspection Committee's Report relative to District of Deputy Birthistle as being justified at the time made, but before any further action be taken, the Committee be asked to re-inspect area as soon as possible & report to Co. Council meeting in May."

The Chairman mentioned that if he acted on Committee again they should have power to bring with them some independent person who would prepare report for submission to Co. Council

This was agreed to

In reference to paragraph in report dealing with resignation of Mr. Jones Mr. Blaney proposed:- & Mr. J. Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we approve of the recommendation asking for resignation of Mr. W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, owing to old age & we ask the Local Government Department to allow us to accept said resignation"

Mr. Jones stated he was willing to fall in with suggestion but wanted to be provided for.

Mr. Blaney gave notice of motion that Mr. Jones be granted the maximum superannuation to which he is entitled.

In connection with last paragraph in report which stated the Committee were agreed that the County Surveyor's policy of directing operations from his office is primarily responsible for the glaring defects so much in evidence & strongly urging the Council to take definite & immediate action regarding same. Mr. Corish proposed & Mr. Bulleton seconded the following resolution:-

"That arrangements be made to permit of County Surveyor spending four days per week on outdoor work & that he report generally on condition of Roads each quarter"

As an amendment Mr. Blaney proposed & Mr. James Byrne seconded:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to spend three days on outdoor work & three on office work, per week"

A Poll was taken as between three & four days for outdoor work

For three days' outdoor work: - Messrs Hayls, Shannon, Blaney, J. Byrne - 4.

For four days' outdoor work: - Messrs Hall, P. O'Byrne, D. Kavanagh, B. Bulleton, R. Borish, S. O'Byrne, J. Cummins, C. Harman - 8

The C. Harman declared the motion in favour of four days a week for outdoor work carried.

The County Surveyor intimated that he intended making application for travelling expenses.

Gangers & upkeep of Bicycles

Mr. Shannon moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice & which appeared on agenda:-

"That article 7 of the Direct Labour Scheme be varied to allow of the Co. Council paying a sum of 2/- per week to gangers for the upkeep of their bicycles as in view of weather conditions & the state of the roads it is inequitable to oblige them to maintain bicycles out of their ordinary wages."

Mr. P. Hayls seconded.

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-

For: - Messrs Cummins, Hayls, P. O'Byrne, J. Shannon, B. Bulleton, R. Borish, Sean O'Byrne - 7.

Against: - Messrs Hall, D. Kavanagh, M. Blaney, James Byrne, C. Harman - 5.

The C. Harman declared the motion passed.

Sureties Collector Deegan

Mr. Michael Deegan, Rate Collector, wrote asking the Council to agree to two sureties in connection with his Guarantee Bond instead of those whose names he had already submitted. He now forwarded the names of Mr. James Deegan, Bridgwell, Craanford & Mr. Patrick Deegan, Mill Lands, Coolboy, Ymahealy, Co. Wicklow.

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

"That James Deegan, Bridgwell & Patrick Deegan, Coolboy, Ymahealy, be accepted as personal sureties for Mr. Michael Deegan, Rate Collector."

Accident Ballyweather Bridge

The following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"Ryan	✓	The Co. Council
"Gurlogh	✓	" " "
"Postlethwaite	✓	" " "

Messrs  have been

pressing as to the payment of the amount of the damages to be paid to the above parties

"The amounts as agreed on for settlement of the claims without going into Court are as follows:-

"Ryan's case, to cover personal injuries, damage to motor car & costs = £200.
"Gurlong's case, Personal Injuries - 15.
"Postlethwaite's case do - 15.

As before mentioned if these cases had gone to a trial the costs would have amounted to a very considerable sum, and, bearing this in view, I am of opinion that the above settlement is most advantageous to the Council."

On the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Sean B'Byrne it was decided that the amounts recommended by Mr. Elgee, in his letter under date 21st March, 1925, be paid

Water Rate Wexford Courthouse ~~~~~

In connection with account received from Wexford Corporation for £22 for Water rate on Wexford Courthouse & in connection with which the Council had been served with a Civil Bill, it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins that amount be paid subject to approval of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council"

Improvement County Hospital &c. ~~~~~

The following letter from Ministry of Local Government & Public Health under date 6th March, 1925; (No. L. 9454: 1925) was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to acquaint you, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that he has approved of the proposal of the Council to raise a loan of £14,763 applied for, for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the County Hospital, Wexford, and, for the purchase of a residence for the Surgeon. the loan to be obtained from the National Bank Ltd. & repayable in twenty years with interest at the rate of 4 per cent under Irish Banks Discount Rate (varying) with a minimum of 4 per cent

"a signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed"

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

"That Mr. Daly be informed the Council are prepared to purchase Roserank at the price agreed to viz. £1,400 this amount to be paid over when sanction to loan has been received from the National Bank, & subject to title etc. receiving approval of Mr. Elgee. Solicitor to the Council"

Secondary Scholarships Scheme

The following letter from Office of National Education Dublin, under date 11th March, 1925, was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed to inform you that subject to the amendments indicated below the Scheme proposed by your Council is approved:-

1. The paragraph regarding renewal of scholarships should be brought into harmony with paragraph 4 of the official scheme which provides that such renewal is to be "subject to the receipt of reports as to the conduct & progress of the holder which are accepted as satisfactory by the Council & the Minister"

2. The last paragraph (in manuscript) dealing with the question of dispute or difference arising in connection with the Scholarships would need the addition "subject to the approval of the Minister of Education"

"I have to add that time ^{set} up to which you propose to receive applications, seems somewhat late"

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne it was agreed that the amendments suggested by the Office of National Education be approved for inclusion in the Scheme & that the date up to which applications be received be 19th May.

University Scholarships Scheme

under date 13th March, 1925, a letter was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, that the Senate had approved of the Council's Scheme as submitted for the present year.

Building Facilities Act

Mr. C. Bulliton moved the following of which special notice had been issued to the Councillors on the 4th March, 1925, & which also appeared on agenda paper for present meeting:-

"That a Scheme be adopted by the Wexford Co. Council under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, & Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1924, by which the Wexford County Council as local authority shall provide loans to applicants under above Act who have received

we have been promised grants by the Minister of Local Government towards the cost of erection of their houses.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

adopted.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that the matter be referred to Finance Committee to act as a committee under Building Facilities Act to draft a Scheme, (for Loans only) for submission to the County Council.

It was mentioned that the Scheme might provide for Loans of £1,000 for each of the four Rural Districts of the County but the consideration of amount was left to the Committee.

In connection with this matter the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we request the Government to approach the joint Stock Banks to obtain better facilities for Public Bodies under Housing Schemes. The maximum Loan period at present is fifteen years and this makes it impossible to erect a house which could be let ^{at} an economic rent."

"The Office of Public Works are prepared to issue loans for 30 years for land improvement & we consider the same period should apply to Houses built by Local Authorities."

"We also consider the Government should provide larger Housing Grants for areas outside cities & in which wages are not so high as in large centres of population."

Dail Eileann Loan

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The following letter was read from Department of Local Government under date 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1925 (No. 9. 11241/1925, Wexford County):

"With reference to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the above, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that this sum is already a long time overdue & the Minister for Finance had intimated that he is most anxious that all outstanding matters affecting the old Dail Funds should be cleared up without delay."

"I am to request, therefore, that the amount with interest to date should be forthwith remitted to the Ministry of Finance."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Borish, 1925 March 15: 7



representing loan & accrued interest to 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1925, be paid to Local Government Department

### Proposals for Works & Payments

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummings: - "That the several proposals for works as submitted from Proposal Committee on Form 20 & the several proposals for payments of salaries & other fixed items, as agreed to by the Proposal Committee & Finance & Roads Committee, be and are, hereby approved."

(Signed) Canon O'Kigley

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1925.