

MEETING, 20th NOVEMBER, 1922.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford on 20th November 1922.

Present:- Mr. E. P. Foley Vice-Chairman (Presiding)

Also present:- Messrs. R. Corish, John J. O'Byrne, G. Devereux, John O'Byrne, M. Doyle, P. O'Byrne, J. Pender, James Shannon, M. M. O'Donoghue, Christopher Culleton, James Byrne, M. Cloney.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Miss McSwiney, T.D.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Devereux:-

"That a telegram be sent to President Cosgrave, asking him, on the grounds of humanity, to release Miss Mary McSwiney T.D."

The proposal was not seconded and accordingly fell through.

The late Mr. William Smith.

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

"That a vote of condolence be passed to our colleague, Mr. Albert F. Smith, on the death of his brother, Mr. William Smith, Enniscorthy. We offer Mr. Smith, Co. Councillor, our sincere sympathy in his bereavement, and direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to him by our Secretary".

Seizure of Rate Collectors' Books.

Mr. Thomas Sutton, Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, came before the meeting and stated that about 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, 18th inst., he was held up in the village of Oylegate by five armed men, the leader of whom (Robert Lambert) he knew. They said nothing to him only that they were taking his collecting books (nine) until such time as the Country settled down. They did not give him any receipt when the books were taken. It was not possible for him to get into a house in the village to save the books as the five men who held him up were armed with rifles and revolvers. They did not take or ask him for any money. He was on a motor cycle when he was



halted. He had never been held up before. He was in the habit of coming to Wexford every Saturday to collect rates. Yesterday Mr. James Quirke, Collector for No. 1 Collection District, who was seriously ill in bed, sent for him to report that he had been held up on Saturday when close to his home by a number of armed men, and all his collecting books taken. The matter of the seizure of the books had been reported to the Military.

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

"That the Rate Collectors of the County Council be summoned to attend at Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on Friday 24th inst., at 10.30 a.m. with all their collecting books. That Messrs. Corish, Doyle and Foley be appointed a sub-committee to meet the collectors and that this sub-committee be invested with full powers to make what arrangements they consider necessary to deal with the situation as regards Rate Collection".

Cattle Boat for Wexford.

Messrs. Houston (Chairman) Reihill and Donovan, Members of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, attended as a deputation from the latter, relative to having a cattle steamer placed on the Liverpool-Wexford service.

Mr. Houston pointed out that some members of the Council were present on the 13th as a delegation with representatives of Wexford Harbour Board and Wexford Corporation at the interview with Mr. Sinnott of the Cork Steamship Co. in connection with this project. The Company were prepared to put on a boat but they required to be provided with a proper depth of water on the Bar so that their vessels could get in and out of the Harbour easily., also that the channel should be properly lit and suitable berthage accommodation given. The service would be very advantageous to everybody. It had been stated at the interview with Mr. Sinnott that because at present cattle had to be sent round by Waterford and Dublin, there was a loss of from £2 to £2.10/- per head, in transit charges, as well as the deterioration of the cattle from being knocked about by railway journey. At Saturday's meeting one man said he could hardly recognise his own cattle after the journey when he was bringing them to market on the other side of



the Channel. All this would be avoided, £2. 10. 0 per head per beast would be saved and the dealers would be able to give a better price to the farmers if the new service was established. he held that everyone in the County would benefit as trade would develop inwards and freight for goods coming into Wexford being reduced, merchants would be able to cut down their prices. The Wexford Harbour Commissioners were not at the present time in a position to provide the accommodation which the Steamship Co. required. All through the War they had been very badly hit., they had great difficulty in keeping the port open. If it had not been that they sold some dredgers and that some of their members signed bills at the Bank they would have been down and out. Trade was now reviving and they were just about able to pay their way, their income being about £3,800 and their expenditure £3,500. The purchase of a dredger would come to about £15,000 and her working all the year round about £4,000. The new service would bring in additional revenue to the port of about £1,000 and it was estimated there would be a further increase in revenue by additional tonnage. They had been promised by the Mayor that he would endeavour to induce the Corporation to back the efforts to secure the necessary funds and that the town of Wexford would help to the extent of one penny in the £ from the Rates. The object of the deputation to the Co. Council was to ask them to follow the example of the Corporation. Take the average ratepayer., his valuation would be about £20 so that his contribution to the support of the service would be 1s. 3d. in the year, the price of a glass of whiskey.

Mr. Donovan said that he had nothing to add to the remarks of Mr. Houston, who had stated the case very fully.

Mr. Reihill said that their previous experience in the running of a cattle boat between Wexford and Liverpool proved that the boat grounded so often at Gulbar that cattle missed the markets, the dealers patronised another route and the service was a financial failure. They were prepared to build a new boat specially for Wexford at a cost of from £25,000 to £30,000, and erect a suitable wharf and an inspection yard alongside the Steamship premises, The Department of Agriculture would not allow them to use the old inspection yard as it was such a distance from the wharf. They were hoping the Department would allow



them to use the old yard pending the erection of the new one. The new wharf and yard would cost the Steamship Company an extra £5,000. Mr. Doyle, T. D. had been asked to obtain the approval of the Minister for Agriculture for the temporary use of the existing inspection yard. The present was not the most favourable time for making large investments but the Company were prepared, granting that the conditions mentioned by Mr. Houston were complied with, and the service was promised a fair measure of support, to spend the sums he had referred to. The service besides dealing with cattle would bring trade to the town and the erection of yard and wharf would provide a good deal of employment.

Mr. Devereux pointed out that if the revenue of the port was found sufficient to carry on the business of the port no contribution would be asked from the County Council.

In reply to Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, Mr. Houston said they had no cattle boat running from Wexford since 1912. Up to that time they had a boat running to Bristol and one to Liverpool. Both were withdrawn because the farmers did not support them.

Mr. Reihill said the reason the boat was not supported was on account of the condition of the harbour. The cattle were constantly held up and dealers then went to other boats.

Mr. Houston in reply to Mr. John J. O'Byrne said that cattle from New Ross side would have a cheaper, faster and better route from Wexford across Channel than from Waterford.

Mr. James Byrne mentioned that Waterford dealers bought most of the cattle in South Wexford, and they would be certain to use the Waterford route in preference to any other.

Mr. Houston said that Waterford cattle boats were getting more trade than they were able to cope with.

Mr. Shannon thought the establishment of a competitive route from Wexford might help in reducing Waterford freights.

The Chairman said that every member of the Council would be delighted to see a cattle boat put on the Liverpool service. He understood the principal proposal to the Co. Council was the striking of a rate or the adoption of a guarantee against loss by the County Council. He was not going to say at present that the Co. Council would be willing to strike a Rate. The Councillors from New Ross and other districts not directly



concerned would have to consider their position in relation to Waterford and other services. The Solicitor to the Co. Council informed him that as the Local Government Act stood at present they had no power to strike a rate or give a guarantee. It might be possible to induce the new Government to amend the Act so that public bodies would be in a position to help local projects such as this steam-boat service.

Mr. Devereux said that in the past the difficulties arose from the state of the outer Bar.

Mr. Houston asked if there was any reasonable difficulty in getting the Local Government Department to sanction the proposal of a Rate in aid. He understood there was not.

The Chairman said that perhaps Mr. Doyle T. D. and Mr. Corish T. D. would be able to bring about a change in the existing law.

Mr. Corish said he had received a letter from the Government in connection with dredging the outer Harbour. They offered their dredger at reduced rates, though he was afraid the craft would not be capable of dredging Gulbar. In one portion of the letter they asked the Harbour Board to ascertain what support the public bodies mentioned in their application were prepared to give.

Mr. James Byrne feared if the representatives from New Ross agreed to a Rate of a penny in the £ for this project they would be placing themselves in an awkward position, as they might in a few days have a demand from New Ross Harbour Board for the dredging of New Ross Harbour. But there could be no objection to the members from Wexford district putting what tax they liked on themselves in support of this service.

Mr. M. Doyle considered they should make representations to the Agricultural Commission for a grant-in-aid. The Ross men would by this scheme benefit equally with those of Wexford district. Transit charges for the former by the Wexford route would be from 10/- to 15/- per head less even by railing from New Ross to Wexford. The occasional shipper and small dealer had no chance of regularly shipping from Waterford, as only the interests of the men in a big way were considered. If Wexford failed to establish this service they had a very suitable wharf, lairages etc., at Rosslare. He had understood from the Harbour Board that very little dredging would be required for the boat, that there was 10 or 10½ feet of water available while the Steamship Co.



required 11 feet. they would not know for certain until soundings were taken during the coming week. He believed if the Steamship Co. would provide a boat the local people concerned would be able to obtain a dredger from the Department of Agriculture and would be able to induce the latter to consent to the temporary use of the present inspection yard.

Mr. Houston speaking about Rosslare route, said it did not stand to reason that the Great Southern & Western Railway Co. were going to encourage an outside Company to come to Rosslare in opposition to themselves. Was it not their interest to carry the cattle over their line to Waterford and get the higher freight? If there was anything in it the Railway Company would put on a boat themselves.

Mr. Doyle said the Railway Co. would earn as much freight by carrying cattle to Wexford as to Waterford. The Railway Co. stated if the people concerned ran a boat from Rosslare they would give them every facility., that statement was in writing.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That in the opinion of this Council a deputation from the Co. Council, the Wexford Harbour Board and Wexford Corporation, should be appointed to wait upon the Ministers of Agriculture, Local Government and of Industry & Commerce, with a view to obtaining a grant-in-aid for the dredging of Wexford Harbour, the securing of a suitable dredger from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, their approval to the use of present Cattle Inspection Yard as a temporary measure and to deal with such other points as they may consider essential to the notice of these Ministers, in order to help the establishment of a steamship service for transit of live stock between Wexford and Liverpool".

On the motion of Mr. John J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. James O'Byrne a resolution was adopted appointing Mr. Michael Cloney as the representative of the Co. Council on the deputation.

#### Proposed Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

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

"That all roads in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford be declared as suitable to be maintained by Direct



Labour under the charge of the Co. Surveyor".

Letter from Local Government Department under date 15th November 1922 (Ref. 34/37) and Extract from Report of Mr. Raftery, B. E. Engineering Inspector, were laid before the meeting.

Mr. Corish asked leave to substitute the following for his own motion:-

"That we approve of the principle for the upkeep of roads as suggested by the Local Government Department".

Leave to substitute above for his tabled motion having been given, Mr. Cloney moved:-

"That the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee made at this day's meeting be approved.

That a special Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Corish, M. Doyle, John J. O'Byrne, E. P. Foley, John O'Byrne (Gorey) and J. Cummins be appointed to consider formulation of Scheme of Road maintenance best applicable to the Co. Wexford. That the Secretary and Co. Surveyor prepare for this Committee copies of all documents bearing on the matter and that the Committee report to the Finance & Roads Committee as soon as possible".

Mr. John J. O'Byrne seconded.

After considerable discussion Mr. Shannon moved:-

"That we approve of the Government supplying a certain proportion of the cost of upkeep of roads in the County Wexford".

Mr. Culleton seconded.

On a show of hands the Chairman declared Mr. Cloney's motion carried by seven to six.

Mr. Corish challenged a poll which resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Cloney's motion (To refer the matter to a Special Committee Messrs. M. Doyle, O'Donoghue, John J. O'Byrne, G. Devereux, James Byrne M. Cloney and the Chairman. - 7.

Against:- Messrs. Corish, Pender, Shannon, John O'Byrne (Gorey) Patrick O'Byrne and Culleton. - 6.

The Chairman declared the motion, which was taken as the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion, it was passed nem. con



Chargeability of Expenditure under  
Amalgamation of Union Scheme.

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

"That the resolution of the Council, fixing the chargeability for Outdoor Relief on each Urban and Rural District, is inequitable as regards Urban Districts., that same be rescinded and that the County Council fix the chargeability for this item of expenditure on each Union area, viz:- Rural and appropriate Urban District combined in each case"

By consent, the application of Mr. Corish to adjourn the consideration of above Notice of Motion for a month was agreed to.

Salaries of Officials.

Mr. Devereux moved:-

"That the Secretary be instructed to prepare a list of salaries of all officials of the Council to be laid before next meeting with a view to considering the advisability of reducing same".

Mr. John O'Byrne seconded.

The resolution was adopted.

Proposed Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

In connection with the proposed appointment of Assistant Surveyor vice Mr. C. P. Curran resigned, two candidates, Mr. Thomas Cullen, Co. Surveyor's office and Mr. W. R. Molloy, The Lighthouse, Summerhill, Tramore, were in attendance.

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

"That the appointment of Assistant Co. Surveyor be adjourned until the report of Special Committee appointed to deal with the subject of a system of road maintenance has been received and considered. That the Council will bear in mind that Messrs. Cullen and Molloy were the only two candidates in attendance".

Application for Travelling Expenses by  
Co. Surveyor.

Under date 14th November 1922 the Co. Surveyor applied to be included in the Co. Council's proposals dealing with travelling expenses.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. D'Donoghue:-



"That the application of the Co. Surveyor for travelling expenses be adjourned for the present and that same be considered by Special Meeting appointed to deal with Scheme of Road Maintenance".

Finance & Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 14th November 1922 were laid before the meeting:-

Present:- Mr.E. Foley, Vice-Chairman Co. Council, presiding  
also:-

Messrs. M. Doyle and Gregory Devereux.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

The question of Rate Collector in No. 5 Collection District was considered.

The Secretary stated that Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, who had been appointed as deputy to Mr. McCarthy, found he was not in a position to perform the work, and it was necessary that another appointment should be made.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Philip Furlong, Loughtown, Broadway, be appointed as deputy to Mr. McCarthy, to collect arrears of Rate in Collection District No. 5, subject to the approval of Mr. McCarthy and his sureties".

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

"That the Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 14th November 1922 be and are hereby approved".

Interned Rate Collectors.

Mr. C. McCarthy, Rate Collector, under date 10th November 1922 wrote:-

"When the imprisoned Rate Collectors' names were forwarded for compensation my name seemingly was omitted from the list. I was arrested in January 1921 and was not released until the general release in December. I would be grateful if you would let the case have your attention".

The Secretary pointed out that this was the first occasion that an application for compensation had been received from Mr. McCarthy.

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



"That the application of Mr. C. McCarthy, Rate Collector, for compensation during imprisonment and internment be adjourned for three months."

#### Rate Collection.

The Secretary reported that £652. 15. 7d had been collected on foot of Rate for March 1922-23 and only a few pounds of the arrears of previous Rates.

The Rate Collectors for Enniscorthy District forwarded the names of personal sureties for their bonds.

In view of the present prospects for Rate Collection it was decided that no action be taken in the matter for the present.

#### Wexford Bridge.

Under date 11th November 1922 a letter was read from the Secretary to the Department of Defence that the matter of repair of Wexford Bridge was not being overlooked by any means, and it was hoped to get a definite move made in this direction at a very early date.

Under date 14th November 1922 Mr. Doran, Secretary Co. Wexford Farmers' Association, wrote stating that great inconvenience was being caused to many people by the discontinuance of the ferry boat service, and some of them considered the risks of using a footbridge were too great. He hoped the boat would be allowed to remain on until the repairs to the Bridge had been carried out.

The Secretary stated that the Finance & Roads Committee had considered the matter and arrived at the conclusion that except for some inconvenience to Wexford traders the footbridge was quite as suitable for ordinary traffic as was the ferry boat and such being the case the Finance & Roads Committee did not consider they were justified in keeping on the boat (which was costing £21 per week) and her services were discontinued on 11th November.

#### Surveyors' Travelling Expenses.

Under date 13th November 1922 the Local Government Department wrote sanctioning the proposal of the Council to advance loans for the purchase of motor vehicles and to pay travelling expenses according to the terms of Circular R101 of 29th July. Each Surveyor should name the vehicle selected by him and send instructions as to delivery.



The Surveyors would pay amount of motor tax for each vehicle as they were the owners, but the Co. Council would refund amount of same. The Ministry approved of Mr. Treanor becoming owner of the Chevrolet car owned by the Co. Council on condition that the Council and Ministry were satisfied as to valuation on transfer and further that Mr. Treanor would be put in charge of a definite district.

The Secretary stated he had communicated with the Assistant Surveyors as to the vehicles which they would select and would send their replies to the Ministry. He had instructed Mr. Elgee to prepare a written agreement between the Surveyors and the Co. Council as to repayment of loan in each case.

The action of the Secretary was approved.

#### Road Section of Ministry of Transport.

Under date 11th November 1922 the Local Government Department forwarded copy of Order transferring to the Ministry of Local Government the duties formerly discharged by the Roads Section of the Ministry of Transport.

#### Returns re Income Tax.

Under date 13th November 1922 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (L.G.75/26/1922 Wexford Co.) that as Income Tax was now being collected on behalf of the Irish Government, the Co. Council should reconsider their attitude as to furnishing particulars in connection with Income Tax and give every facility to the Inspector of Taxes.

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

"That as soon as our Secretary is able to reconstruct the accounts of the Co. Council and which were destroyed in the recent riot on County Hall, the necessary returns in connection with Income Tax be furnished the Inspector of Taxes".

#### Application Extension of premises- Newtownbarry.

The Co. Surveyor reported that as regards the application of Mr. J. Whelan, Irish Street, Newtownbarry, for permission to extend his shop front on to the street, this would encroach on the thoroughfare.

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



"The County Council have been advised by their Solicitor that they have no power to accede to the request of Mr. Whelan as this would mean an encroachment on the public thoroughfare".

Ball Alley at Campile.

Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor reported that the building of a ball alley at Campile on a Commons at the junction of the Duncannon and Ramsgrange roads would in no way interfere with public traffic.

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

"That the Co. Council have no objection to the erection of ball alley at Campile as per application of Rev. M. Rossiter C. C."

Canal Commission.

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

"That Messrs. John O'Byrne (Gorey) J. Shannon and our Secretary be appointed representatives of the Co. Council on the Committee appointed to deal with heads of evidence for Canal Commission".

Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne::

"That the question of repair of present Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy or the renting of other premises for same, be referred to Special Committee approved to draft scheme of road maintenance".

University Scholarships- 1923.

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

"That the names of applicants for University Scholarships be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee for report as to whether in the opinion of the Committee the parents or guardians of applicants are in need of assistance to help them to provide University education".

Train Service Dublin & South Eastern  
Railway.

Under date 6th November 1922 (letter F/1231) the Secretary, Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., wrote that in deference to the wishes of the Council the 4.30 train from Dublin to Wexford had been altered to leave Dublin at 6.5 p.m. as from 13th November. The Company asked for



improvements in the train service which the Co. Council suggested, in order that they might be fully considered. If the Council's proposals were found feasible there might be no necessity for a deputation.

The Secretary stated that this matter had at last meeting of the Co. Council been entrusted to Mr. M. Doyle T. D. and Mr. Corish T. D.

Mr. Doyle wrote under date 8th November that the summer service was quite enough restricted when there were three up and three down each week-day viz:- 7 a.m. 9.30 a.m. and 4.20 p.m. (up trains) and 6.30 a.m. 11 a.m. and 6.5 p.m. (down trains). He believed the train which runs to New Ross should at least be run to Enniscorthy or Gorey if they could not have the summer service restored and the train leaving for Dublin at 7.40 a.m. might be changed to 8 a.m. If a second down morning train was not made available the down mail might leave Dublin one hour later.

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

"That we approve of the suggestion of Mr. M. Doyle, T. D. relative to alterations in Dublin & South Eastern Railway service and that same be put before the Directors of the Railway Co., for consideration.

#### War pensions Committee (British)

Under date 6th November 1922 a letter was read from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Secretary, Co. Wexford Local War pensions Committee (British pointing out that the term of office of his Committee had expired and asking for the appointment of a new Committee in accordance with the Supplementary Scheme.

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

"That this Co. Council approves of the re-appointment of War Pensions Committee in so far as same fits in with the Supplementary Scheme".

#### Registration etc. Mechanically Propelled Vehicles.

Under date 17th November 1922 Mr. C.H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, Courthouse, Wexford, wrote attaching reports in connection with offences against Road Act 1920 etc., received from Civic Guard,



Wexford and D.M.P., also cases which had come under his own observation. As several of the cases were of a flagrant nature he submitted that prosecutions should be instituted against these defaulters.

He also called attention to the fact that other Local Authorities were in some instances, issuing licences to owners of vehicles kept and used in the Co. Wexford which was directly contrary to the Provisional Rules and Orders (Registration & Licensing) Regulations 1921 under date 9th March 1921. If this practice be allowed to continue it would be practically impossible to check amount of tax paid on such vehicles. In one case which came under his notice a lorry liable for a tax of £16 and which was in use in Wexford from the first of the year, received a licence for £8 (halfyearly amount) from another Authority. Mr. Richards further reported that licences had been issued in the first of 1922 by the R.I.C., but no record of same had been handed over to the Council. In the case of Mr. Henry Hill, Ballycanew, a sum of £21 had been paid to R.I.C. in Gorey and the amount had not been accounted for.

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

"That the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Section) be asked to agree to the prosecution of Frank Moran (Moran Bros.) Wexford., Beauchamp B. Harvey, Bargy Castle, Wexford., John English, printer, Custom House Quay, Wexford., Matthew Gahan, Tobergal, Ferns., James Gahan, Tobergal, Ferns., R. Lancaster, Newtownbarry., Michael O'Hanlon Wellingtonbridge., and Laurence Kirwan, Carrigeen, Wexford, for alleged offences under Roads Act 1920 and Motor Car Acts. That the Local Taxation Officer furnish particulars of the cases to the Ministry, and that the latter be informed of all cases in which other Authorities are issuing licences to vehicles ordinarily kept in this County. We consider the Ministry should issue to all Local Authorities directions that Motor Licences can only be legally issued by Authorities in whose area vehicles are usually kept".

#### Kilcavan Slate Quarries.

Under date 6th November 1922 the Secretary, Co. Wicklow Board of Health wrote that at a recent Conference held in Rathdrum to deal with the question of widespread unemployment, attention was drawn to the



necessity of supporting the Slate Quarries at Kilcavan, Carnew. The slate produced there compared favourably with the imported article and prices charged were reasonable, and would also bear favourable comparison with those paid for foreign slates. The public bodies in Wicklow, Wexford and Carlow were asked to see that Kilcavan slates would be used in all building works carried out by them. In taking this course they would have the advantage of securing a good, durable article at a moderate price and at the same time they would be doing something to preserve a local industry, which gave a good deal of employment and which is capable of great improvement.

Approved.

Tenancies of Courthouses etc.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was approved on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey)

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to place before the Local Government Department the circumstances of the surrender of the tenancy of the 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".

Under date 7th November 1922 Circular letter L.G. 8/6 from the Local Government Department was read. Representations have been made to the Ministry, the Circular letter pointed out, as to undischarged claims against Co. Councils for rents etc., of Courthouses. The tenancy of these buildings should not be allowed to expire as they would be required for the administration of the law and various other public purposes and, in consequence, the Department considered Co. Councils should discharge all lawful claims in relation to Courthouses. They forwarded two claims which had been made, one from Mr. F. McKenna for £5, halfyear's rent of Petty Sessions room at New Ross and the second for £6, three quarters of a year's rent for Newtownbarry Courthouse, due to Mr. J. E. Dormer.

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



Solicitors' Bills of Costs

Under date 28th October 1922 Circular (No. 41/28) from Ministry of Local Government was read. In this it was pointed out that payment of costs due to Solicitors by Local Bodies should be vouched by a certificate of taxation from the Taxing Officer of the High Court, but where for any special reason it was desired to dispense with this certificate, the Bill should be forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government and their sanction obtained. Attention was directed to Article 23 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, which directed that Solicitors' Bills should be furnished at least once a year in respect of all complete business and be accompanied by a Form of Requisition for Taxation.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of Circular letter in question to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, for his information. Mr. Elgee had in the past complied with the directions in Article 23 of Public Bodies Order.

Rent of Co. Hall.

Mr. R. W. Elgee wrote under date 16th November 1922 for payment of £103. 15. 9d, halfyear's rent of Co. Hall, due to Mrs. Johns up to 29th September 1922.

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

"That £103. 15. 9d, Halfyear's rent of Co. Hall, Wexford, up to 29th September 1922 be paid the landlady, Mrs. Johns".

Defaulting Road Contractors.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be authorised to proceed against the following Road Contractors, should he consider prosecution advisable:-

Enniscorthy R. D.

62E, 184E.	Thomas O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew.
156E.	William Fortune, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy.
162E, 173E.	John Keating, Derry, The Ballagh.
262E.	Denis Cullen, Tominearly, Glenroche.
283E.	Michael Roche, Newtown, Caim.
347E.	John Foley, Kilanure, Buncloody.



- 355E. Patrick Leary, Cullentra, Kiltalealy.
- 53E, 54E,  
337E, 179E,  
181E, 182E. John O'Toole, Gurrawn, Blackwater.
- 170E, 172E
- 211E Michael Cullen, Derry, The Ballagh.
- 171E, 207E. Pat. Connors, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy.
- 188E. Pat. Whelan, Ballingore, Blackwater.
- 191E, 193E. Pat. Corrigan, Blackwater.
- 192E, 194E. Thomas Mangan, Ballyconigar, Blackwater.
- 304E. Henry Sullivan, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.
- 322E. James Furlong, Tomfarney, Bree.
- 331E. James Fitzpatrick, Ballybrennan, Bree.
- 185E. Denis Dempsey, Ballintubbrid, Blackwater.
- 204E, 225E. James Doyle, Ballymurray, The Ballagh.
- 205E, 206E. Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy.
- 208E, 214E. Patrick Curran, Ballybeg, Screen.
- 212E. John Doyle, Middletown, Kilcotty.
- 224E. William Murphy, Borelia, Kilcotty.
- 313E. William Doyle, Carrigmacogue, Bree.

Gorey.

- 45G. Patrick Keegan, Ashwood, Arklow.
- 53G. James Fleming, Annagh, Inch.
- 56G. Michael Staunton, Clonroe, Tinahely.
- 58G. Edward Byrne, Oulart, Ballyfad, Inch.
- 60G. Edward Staunton, Clonroe, Wicklow Gap.
- 114G, 126G. Michael Kelly, Clonee, Camolin.
- 117G. Edward Doran, Monbay, Craanford.
- 118G. Patrick Higgins, Ballydarragh, Craanford.
- 130G. Patrick Nolan, Drummond, Carnew.
- 119G. Michael Byrne, Clonamona, Craanford.
- 122G. Thomas Brien, Coolshel, Lr. Gorey.
- 134G. Peter Leary, Ballymore, Camolin.
- 176G. Ed. Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena.
- 188G, 189G. John Foley, Ballygarron, Kilmuckridge.

New Ross.

- 2R. Nicholas Murphy, McMurrough, New Ross.



- 38R. Michael Foley, Haggard, Fethard.  
 40R. Michael Grant, Booley, Duncannon.  
 53R, 89R. Pat. Freeman, Ballyanne, New Ross.  
 79R, 87R. John Whitty, Palace, New Ross.  
 88R. Thomas Ryan, Ballyanne, New Ross.  
 107R. Nicholas Pender, Raheen, Adamstown.  
 132R. James Kelly, Rathquile, Adamstown.  
 176R. Michael Butler, Newcastle, Foulksmills.  
 189R. Bart. Day, Boley, Ballycullane.  
 191R, 250R/ Pat. Carey, Shelbaggin, Arthurstown.  
 201R. Thomas Walsh, do. Ramsgrange.  
 205R. Thomas Murphy, Garrycullen, Ballycullane.  
 228R, 242R,  
 253R. John Redmond, Slade, Arthurstown.  
 240R. Martin Finn, Knockea, Campile.  
 241R. James Dalton, Saltmills, do.  
 243R, 244R,  
 245R, 246R. Thomas Sutton, Coole, Campile.  
 247R, 259R. Thomas Power, Grange, do.  
 248R. do. do.  
 251R, 252R. Patrick Gill, Saltmills, Campile.  
 256R. Patrick Cummins, Ballyhack, Arthurstown.  
 261R. John Tobin, Monachee, do.  
 265R. John Kent, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange.  
 273R. Joseph Fitzgerald, Battlestown, Fethard.  
 274R. Nicholas Parle, Lewistown, Fethard.  
 275R. John Murphy, Ballygow, Duncannon.  
 284R, 285R. John Egan, Ramstown, Fethard.

Wexford.

- 103W. Maurice Creane, Arnestown, Ballymitty.  
 138W, 141W. John Murphy, Kilcavan, do.  
 151W. Michael Merriman, Coolishall, Bannow.  
 166W. Thomas Sinnott, Heavenstown, Cleariestown.  
 179W. John Duggan, Knock-of-th-Rocks, do.  
 185W. John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley.  
 205W. Richard Merriman, Busherstown, Ballymitty.  
 208W. John Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormack.



239W. Rd. Cogley, Airdowns, Lady's island.  
 243W, 244W. Martin Carr, Ballywitch, Killrane.  
 123W . Thomas Breen, Ballygorman, Barntown.  
 72W. James Murphy, Garrylough, Screen.

Mountgarrett Bridge.

Under date 16th November 1922 Mr. Drew, Secretary, Kilkenny Co. Council wrote that it had been reported that Mountgarrett Bridge had again been tampered with, and was at present in a very dangerous condition. The closing of the Bridge was a serious matter for the residents of Ida Rural District and incidentally, for the traders of New Ross, and in consequence Mr. Drew asked that the matter should be again put before Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, with a view to the preparation of an estimate of cost of repairs sufficient to keep the Bridge open to ordinary traffic. The Local District Council was anxious that repairs be effected and on receipt of Estimate of cost he would apply to the Kilkenny Co. Council for the necessary authority to discharge one half of the expenditure.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee (meeting of 20th November 1922) was confirmed on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That our Co. Surveyor communicate with the Acting Co. Surveyor of Kilkenny for the purpose of meeting at Mountgarrett Bridge, inspecting the structure and preparing an estimate of the cost. That the Finance Committee be empowered to carry out the necessary repairs if same be considered advisable".

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(Signed)

*E. O'Byrne*

Presiding Chairman

Dated this

4th day of Dec.

1922