

WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING.

HELD 9th NOVEMBER, 1923.

N. J. Frizelle,
Secretary,
Fortview, Wexford.

By directions of the Chairman and other members of the Council a special meeting was held on 9th November, 1923 for the purpose of considering what steps the Council might consider advisable to secure the release of the Political prisoners.

Mr. E. P. Foley (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs James Hall, John Sinnott, M. Redmond G. Culleton R. Corish & P. Hayes.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sinnott seconded by Mr Hall:-

"We believe that in the best interests of the Country the Political prisoners should be at once released."

"The Government would, in our opinion, be acting wisely in taking this step."

"We fail to see how settled conditions can be secured so long as the prisoners are held, and, if only to have endeavours made towards that end, we would urge the Government to release these men".

"There can be no development economically or socially so long as present conditions obtain"

"In putting these views before the Government we are voicing the feelings of the vast majority of the people whom we represent".

"We also feel that the time is opportune when the Government should take action to secure the release of the prisoners in the custody of the Belfast Parliament".

That copies of above resolution be furnished to Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs; General R. Mulcahy, Minister for Defence, and Messrs R. Corish, T. D., M. Doyle, T. D and O. Esmonde, T. D.

Under date 9th November, 1923 the following letter addressed to the Chairman was read from Messrs R. Moran, Chairman, and Miss O'Ryan, Hon. Sec., Prisoners' Defence Committee Wexford:-

"As we understand you have summoned a meeting for this day to consider the question of "Release of the Prisoners". We would be very grateful if you would give the following your careful attention:-

"On Wednesday evening there was a Public Meeting held in Wexford under the auspices of above Committee, to demand the release of the prisoners. After the meeting the general Public formed themselves into procession and went to the County Jail where they recited the Rosary for the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of all those detained in jails. After the Rosary the people quietly left followed by the Wagonette in which were seated the men and women who gave out the prayers. Passing the Jail gate the wagonette was attacked by three Free State Officers, two in uniform and one in "civies", and the men seated on the end of Car were struck several times by the clenched fists of the officers. They (the officers) tried to pull one man from the car and would have succeeded but for the intervention of the women occupants of the car, who held the man against the assault of the officers.

"Now we solemnly protest against this ruffianly conduct and think it calls for the strongest condemnation of the general Public, when the ordinary citizens of this County are not free to go their way and offer up their prayers for their suffering fellow-country men.

"We have no Press to give this matter publicity in. We therefore call on you, the Premier body of the County to offer

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a protest against this attack of Wednesday evening, and show yourselves now, as in the past the custodians of the people's liberties."

It was decided to take no action on this communication.

E. O'Connell

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I certify the foregoing to be a correct record of
the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council
in respect of special meeting held on 9th November, 1923

(Signed) _____

Secretary.

10th November, 1923.

WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING.

19TH NOVEMBER, 1923.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
RUNAIDHE.

A meeting of Wexford Co. Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 19th November, 1923.

Present:- Mr. E. P. Foley, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs John J. O'Byrne, Michael Doyle T. D., M. M. O'Donoghue, P. O'Byrne, R. Corish, John O'Byrne, P. Hayes, M. Cloney, James Lawlor, C. Culleton, James Hall, D. Kavanagh and John Cummins.

The Secretary the Co. Surveyor and Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solr., to the County Council were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Quarry Men Dismissed without notice.

Mr. Cloney moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the following resolution adopted on 10th September, 1923 be rescinded - and that the Council pay men in quarries amount in lieu of notice of termination of services. That the County Surveyor be held responsible to this Council for repayment of money paid to men in quarries whose services were discontinued without proper notice.".

Mr. Cloney said it was due to zeal in the service of the Council that the Surveyor acted hastily.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

The Chairman said that altho' the men were paid fortnightly their Solicitor considered they were entitled to a week's notice only. In that case the amount involved would be £22:16:0d.

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Council do not proceed further as regards notice of motion by Mr. Cloney to provide for the Council paying a week's wages in lieu of notice to men in quarries whose services were discontinued without usual notice of termination until the matter

has been ruled on by the Local Government Department as regards the legality of such expenditure being incurred by the Council.

Mr. Cloney withdrew his motion in favour of the amendment which was then taken by way of resolution and on a show of hands it was carried by eleven to one - Mr. Cummins being the dissident.

Awards to ex-Rate Collectors.

The Secretary laid before the meeting particulars of award of Mr. Justice Wylie in the case of ex-Rate Collectors.

The following are the particulars of award:-

- (a) No award under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919

J. J. Berry.

Joseph Day

James J. Fowler.

- (b) Those appointed before 3rd June, 1919, but have less than ten years service.

Gratuity Award.

£: s: d.

John A. Ryan	293:9: 6
Gregory Rossiter	647:9: 4
Patrick Codd	713:8: 1
Matthew Tobin	266:5: 10
Patrick J. Nolan	456:17: 3
Edward Cummins	545:12: 11

- (c) Those appointed before 3rd June, 1919, who have more than ten years service.

Pension Award.

£: s: d.

Patrick Rossiter	87: 4: 8
Pierce Redmond	63:11: 11
Michael J. Sheehan	35: 4: 7
J. L. Doyle	65:18: 5
James Cogley	49:17: 11
J. C. Smith	148: 0: 0.

The Secretary stated that the figures appeared to be correct except in the case of Mr. Patrick Rossiter whose pension he calculated should be £84: 4: 8d and not £87: 4: 8d as awarded.

Mr. Corish mentioned that there had been introduced into the Dail a "Local Authorities Indemnity Bill". He had asked the question as to whether the case of ex-Rate Collectors would be covered by the provisions of the measure and was informed he could raise the question on the second reading of the Bill. He had arranged with Mr. Doyle T. D., to have this done.

It was decided that no action be taken as regards award of Mr. Justice Wylie in the case of ex-Rate Collectors pending the second reading of Local Authorities' Indemnity Bill as it may be possible to have the case of Councils which were obliged to dispense with services of certain of their officers to help the policy against British rule in Ireland dealt with in the measure and the Ratepayers relieved of any subsidy which may be granted these Officials.

That Messrs R. Corish and M. Doyle T.D's be requested to take all possible steps to have a clause inserted in the Bill to that end.

The following Extract from the Minutes of the Finance & Roads Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"On Wednesday 10th October, 1923 Mr. E. P. Foley, Chairman and Mrs Crofts, Inspector, Ministry of Local Government, interviewed all the Rate Collectors to endeavour to speed up the Collection of all outstanding arrears to March 1923, and in order that Rates for the current period could be put into course of collection"

"Collector Deegan was instructed to proceed diligently with the collection of the Arrears of Rate for March 1921".

"The Collectors were notified by the Chairman that the Council would require Bonds from a Guarantee Society against fraud and embezzlement, as they understood the difficulties which

The following clause was adopted on the motion of the Chairman by Mr. Hall

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existed at present in getting a Bond such as was provided by the Public Bodies Order. Later, when normal times were reached the Council should have a Guarantee Society Bond against Fraud and embezzlement and a personal bond to ensure that the duties of the Collector were properly carried out."

"Mr. E. J. Murphy, Collector, said that it was useless to enter into a Bond with a Guarantee Society as the latter required Collateral personal Security and the position was that the Society, although charging a premium of £1 per cent, actually ran no risk"

"The Chairman said the Council would endeavour to secure from the Guarantee Society the concession that no personal collateral security bonds would be required. They would also do what they could to secure a considerable reduction in the amount charged. This might be obtained if all the Collectors entered into the Bonds with the same Company."

"As regards recovery of Rates the Collectors generally, were directed to proceed at once for all outstanding amounts. They were further notified that the Rate for March 1923 should be closed on 22nd October, 1923. Any Collector, who, by that date had not his collection closed or did not hold decrees for the amount outstanding, or had not taken proceedings against all defaulters would be dismissed. If the collectors could show that they had done all in their power to utilise the machinery of the law the Council would consider that the Collector were taking reasonable steps to recover the Rates".

"Messrs Furlong and P. Walsh pointed out that they held a number of decrees against Ratepayers for over six weeks but no attempt had been made to execute them."

"The Chairman stated that the matter would be taken up with the Government but so long as Collectors held decrees the

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the Council would hold that they had taken all necessary steps for the recovery of the Rate."

"As regards the payment of poundage on old Bank lodgments the Chairman stated he had examined these and had satisfied himself that several of the amounts could not be ear-marked for any particular Collection District. He considered the best course to take was to divide these lodgments into Rural Districts as far as possible and exclude them from amount of Rate on which poundage was payable".

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

"That the report of interview with Rate Collectors on 10th October, 1923 be received and reported to the Council for adoption; that the Council be requested to apply to the Ministry of Local Government for sanction to payment on old bank lodgments and on amount collected and lodged either through Bank or directly by collectors to 30th September, 1923."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall.

Under date 29th October, 1923 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G.44316/1923 Wexford County) that they observed that none of the Rate Collectors had closed their warrants for the year ended 31st March, 1923. They pointed out the Collectors should close their warrants forthwith as the time had come when laxity on the part of Rate Collectors could be no longer be tolerated.

Bonds for Collectors.

Under date 16th October, 1923 Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street Dublin, wrote that the approximate rate of a bond guaranteeing the County Council against fraud or embezzlement would be 10/- per cent. They would

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arrange one Collective bond to include all the Collectors or have a separate bond for each case. It was not the general practice to ask for Collateral security and they would very probably be able to arrange without asking for Counter security. The Collateral security is sometimes asked as a proof that the Collector was trusted say up to £200 by the local people among whom he lived.

In connection with this matter the Ministry of Local Government wrote under date 25th October, 1923 (G.42137-1923 Wexford County) that if the Rate Collectors were already covered by Guarantee bonds in respect of fraud and embezzlement the personal security bond would only be availed of in case of default in lodgment of the the Collectors' warrants as required by the Public Bodies Order 1904.

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

"That for the present the Co. Council will be satisfied at having, on behalf of each Collector a fidelity guarantee bond, covering fraud and embezzlement in the sum of £900. That our Secretary arrange on the terms of letter of 16th October, 1923, from McDonagh & Boland for a collective bond or a separate bond for each of the Rate Collectors as he considers most suitable."

The Secretary stated that on consideration he had come to the conclusion that it would be better for the present to have a separate bond for each Rate Collector.

Covering notes had been received from Messrs McDonagh & Boland in respect of all the Collectors guaranteeing against fraud and embezzlement except Miss O'Byrne, Mr. John Sinnott, Enniscorthy District and Mr. J. J. Kelly, Gorey District.

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

"That Collectors' Books in respect of rate for financial year

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1923-24 be issued to all Collectors on whose behalf Covering Note for fidelity guarantee bonds are at hand. That our Secretary communicate with Collectors who have not yet furnished fidelity guarantee bonds and request them to secure covering notes without delay. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from Mr. Jasper Whitty, Rate Checker, Enniscorthy District a full list by District Electoral Divisions of the amount due by ~~the~~ ex-Rate Collector Codd.

Under date 15th October, 1923 Mr. John J. Kelly, Rate Collector (No 14 District) wrote asking for instructions in the following cases:-

No 94 Ballyoughter, Sergeant McNamara, Civic Guard had visited the place about ten times to execute decrees but could not find anything to seize. Eventually he had handed the warrant back to the District Justice who told him (Collector) to mark the Rate Irrecoverable. No 5 Ballyoughter and No 17 Huntingtown were in a similar position. Each of these cases cost him from 10/- to 15/- at which he was at a loss unless Decrees could be executed.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That in our opinion proceedings should be instituted against all defaulting Ratepayers without exception. But in cases in which Decrees have been obtained and nothing can be realised we would ask the Co. Council to apply to the Ministry of Local Government for sanction to refund of the costs incurred by Rate Collectors in such cases.

The above recommendation was confirmed on the Motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne.

Under date 3rd November, 1923 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G.45463/1923 Wexford County) that no objection would be raised to the temporary employment of Collector Quirke to close the Collection in the No 2 Collection District.

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Ex-Rate Collector Banville.

Under date 9th October 1923 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G.39255/1923 Wexford County) that they could not sanction the proposed payment of superannuation to Mr. John Banville ex-Rate Collector for period from 5th January 1921 to 31st March, 1921 as it was Statute barred under Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

No order.

Application Poundage ex-Rate Collector.

Under date 31st October 1923 Mr. J. R. Ryan, ex-Rate Collector applied for poundage on a sum of £254:13: 3d which he stated he had lodged ^{to} for the credit of the Council over two years ago.

Referred to the Finance and Roads Committee .

Collection of Rates by Bank.

Under date 12th October, 1923 Mr. M. P. Harding, Manager, National Bank, Wexford wrote asking the Council to contribute a sum of 2d in the £ on Rates collected by the bank for year 1923 to the staff of the National Bank. He pointed out that this amount had been contributed by the Kerry Co. Council and sanctioned by the Local Government Department. He further stated that the Bank officials during the period mentioned had to do night work and a considerable amount of extra duty.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the Manager of the National Bank, Wexford be informed that the Finance and Roads Committee; of the Wexford Co. Council regret that they are not in a position to agree to the request in his letter of the 12th October, 1923 as they have already paid poundage at the rate of 7d in the £1 to the Rate Collectors on bank lodgments and which is the limit sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government. In Kerry the Committee understand that no

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poundage had been paid to the Rate Collectors and if Wexford was in the same position the Committee would gladly recommend that the application of the bank in this matter should be acceded to".

The above recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr. Hall with the following addendum:-

"We consider that in view of the fact that the Council cannot exceed the maximum figure of 7d in the £1 for collection of Rates the Directors of the National Bank might see their way to make a special grant to their staffs for the extra work performed by them. The County Council would have no hesitation in agreeing to fair remuneration to the Officials of the Bank if their position would allow them".

Writ against Co. Council by Thompson's Motor Car
Company.

The Secretary reported that he had received from Messrs T. & D. Fitzgerald, Solrs., Dublin a Writ on behalf of Messrs Thompsons Motor Car Company for £46: 6: 11d and £3: 10: 0d costs

Mr. Elgee, said that in 1921 the Co. Surveyor for the Co. Council ordered from messrs Thompson's Motor Car Company ten side-tipping trailers. But when the trailers were about to be delivered the Council found they had not money to pay for them and countermanded the order, except as regards four. Thompson's subsequently wrote that they had six trailers ready for delivery and wanted to send them on insisting they should be paid for. After some discussion with Thompson's it was arranged that these six trailers should ^{not} be delivered. In respect of this Thompson's made a claim of about £700, but this had now been reduced to £46: 6: 11 which as far as he (Mr. Elgee) could make out was cost of carriage of the trailers which had been actually delivered to the Council. In the

circumstances he considered it would be better to pay the amount than run the risk of an action the result of which would in his opinion be that the Council would have to pay this £46 odd and a large amount of costs to Thompsons.

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

"That the Council agree to payment of amount in writ served by Messrs T. & D. Fitzgerald, Dublin in the case of Thompson's Motor Car Company against the Council when the finances of Council will allow payment to be made. "

Financial position of Council.

The following is an extract from the Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee held on 30th October, 1923.:-

"The Secretary reported that the amount of the Council's overdraft with their Treasurer that day was £45,050:15: 8d.

In connection with this matter, Mr. Doyle T. D. Furnished letter from the Minister of Local Government under date 23rd October, 1923 (S) in which it was pointed out that Local Taxation Grants had always been a collateral security for arrears of annuities under the Land Purchase Acts and grants were distributed regularly to local bodies up to 1919 because practically all Land Purchase Annuities were paid punctually. At the present time the arrears of Annuities were considerable. He (Minister) would give the matter his personal attention as he was anxious to assist Local Bodies as much as possible.

Mr. Doyle said that he had seen the Minister for Local Government on 16th instant and asked about the grants. The Minister told him to make another application and that as Land Purchase Annuities had been extremely well paid for some time past there was a possibility of Councils getting a large amount of grants shortly. He suggested that the Secretary should communicate with the Minister for Local Government and put the present financial

position of the Council before the Minister and ask for payment of as large an instalment on foot of grants as it was possible for the Ministry to make.

The suggestion of Mr. Doyle was adopted on the motion of Mr. John J. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cloney.

Proposed Purchase of Rosepark as Surgeon's
Residence.

In connection with the proposal to purchase Rosepark, Wexford as a residence for the surgeon of Co. Hospital the following letter under date 29th October, 1923 was read from Dr'O'Brien:-

"In reply to your enquiry relative to the purchase of "Rosepark". I regret to state that I cannot see my way to forfeit my allowances. I consider it a very unreasonable request

- (1) Because the Residence is cheap.
- (2) It has no special advantages but will be more expensive to keep.
- (3) The price now is much less than when the house was first offered. £1800 or £2000 - £1,500.
- (4) It will need touching up and painting gas fittings etc., which I promised to supply myself.

I shall keep my promise to the Public Health Board to undertake to bear expense of any immediate requirements in the taking over of the House from Mr. Daly. "

The Finance and Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That as Dr. O'Brien has refused to forgo his allowances we recommend the Council not to proceed further with the proposed purchase of Rosepark as this was one of the conditions attached to the action of the Council in their proposal to acquire this residence and was also a condition laid down by the Ministry of Local Government."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lawlor seconded by Mr. Hall.

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Enniscorthy R. D. Council and Direct Labour Scheme.

Under date 16th October, 1923 the Ministry of Local Government forwarded a copy of a letter addressed to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council in regard to the expenditure on roads in the Rural District included in the Direct Labour Scheme.

In the letter referred to (16th October, 1923) (S.39088/23) the Ministry pointed out that a proposed sum for expenditure on roads exceeding by £5,000 the sum to be raised for this purpose by rates had been passed by the Rural District Council and Co. Council and that in order to meet the deficiency it was sought to obtain the balance by way of loan. The Ministry stated that the District Council could not borrow for this purpose and the Co. Council have no power to raise money by way of loan to meet ordinary maintenance expenditure on roads which should normally be met out of revenue. If it could be shown that it were not possible to curtail expenditure on roads to the actual sum to be raised by rates for the purpose and if the Co. Council could make arrangements with their Treasurer for an overdraft up to £5,000 the Minister would be prepared to consider the matter further

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was submitted:-

"That in connection with letter (S.39088/23) the Ministry of Local Government be informed that in the opinion of the Finance and Roads Committee of the Wexford Co. Council the most feasible method of carrying out a proper and effective system of Direct Labour in the Enniscorthy Rural District would be for the Ministry to empower the District Council to secure from their Treasurer the necessary overdraft."

The above recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne.

Reports of Co. Surveyor.

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The following report of the County Surveyor under date 18th October, 1923 was read:-

1. " I have notified James Barnes, Ganger and Michael McEvoy , Camross to be in attendance at your meeting re Barnes' report of McEvoy's inefficiency as a workman.
2. I have furnished Mr. Hall M.C.C. with particulars of cost of sending material to Kilrane (35W). The rate is 9/8 per c.y, which includes an extra 6d for loading on account of the waggons not being at the bank. The lorry haulage would work out at 9/4.
3. I submit correspondence regarding right of way to Carrigbyrne Quarry. This is the Quarry where Mr. Kehoe's hauliers were stopped working.
4. I have been in communication with the Military regarding mined bridges and submit reply to my letter.
5. I submit report from Mr. Cullen re fraudulent depots on a contract road and ask for directions regarding proceedings.
6. As quarry work is temporarily shut down in Tara-Hill I have moved the Portable Engine to Ballybrennan Quarry where I propose continuing work. I have arranged a special stand for the breaker and a tramway for hauling up the stones; this will save two horses while breaking is going on and reduce the cost of material accordingly. I have written the Railway Company asking for facilities for loading at Sparrowsland and discharging near Ballyanne and if this be arranged Ballybrennan material will be much the cheapest and best to use for the Road Grant Rolling. We will be able to load our own steam waggon direct from the breaker and discharge directly into the waggons at a minimum cost.
7. I have received a letter from Messrs O'Flaherty, Solicitors asking to have a special agreement regarding Ryland Quarry.

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They suggest an annual rent of £25 for a term of five years with other conditions, instead of the former payment of 5d per c.y. The £25 would represent 1,2000 c.y. which would be more than our requirements per annum. There may be a legal question regarding this quarry and I suggest that Mr Elgee be consulted.

8. The Ministry of Local Government replied to my letter re expenditure of Road Grant. I submit correspondence.

9. At last Meeting of the County Council I referred in my report to quarries not worked directly by the County Council but the matter was ^{not} taken up. I think it would be well if the Committee now considered it (schedule attached).

10. On the 15th instant I again inspected the Enniscorthy Sessions Office. The room which I had not seen on my former visit is used only for a store for records and statutes and contains no furniture required by the clerk. In the office there is the following furniture:- pigeon hole press (6' 0" x 3' 5" desk table (4' 1" x 2' 1") small table (3' 0" x 2' 0") four chairs also glass fronted "Notice case" outside street door and I estimate its value at £4: 15: 0.

Quarries.

(Non-County Council).

Ballymurry
(2,000 c.y.)

:- Part leased but privately worked by Contractors. Claims for disturbance £600. Other part not leased - claim £600

2,000 c.y. required yearly - Contractors will supply this at 9/6 per c.y.

Clolourish.
(1,000 c.y.)

:- Leased but privately worked by Contractors. Claim for disturbance £300.
1,000 c.y. required annually. Contractors will supply at 9/6.

Leap.
(350 c.y.)

:- Not leased.
350 c.y. required annually. Contractors will supply at 7/-

Oulart Hill
100 c.y.

will surrender if he and man gets employment and be paid reasonable amount to cover stripping etc.

:- Not leased- material supplied at 8/6 c.y. Very difficult Quarry and not suitable for Direct Labour

Raheenahoon.
(600 c.y.)

:- Commons - material supplied at 7/- c.y. Only small sum required in compensation to cover levelling work by E. Byrne.

Edenvale
(500 c.y.)

:- Leased- worked by Contractors and material supplied at 9/6 c.y. Compensation will be expected.

Drumderry.
(300 c.y.)

:- Not leased. Material supplied at 7/6 c.y. Pit is threequarter mile from road over bad lane. Would be worked by Direct Labour with great difficulty - a horse would be constantly required. Existing Contractor (13) gets his material here.

Clone
(150 c.y.)
(200 c.y.)

:- Two small unleased quarries. Material supplied at 7/6 c.y. Required on account of Doran's Hill Quarry failing. Not suitable for Direct Labour.

Ballymore
(200 c.y.)

:- Material collected over hill, could not be done by Direct Labour. This material saves two miles haulage over Ballyregan stuff and is supplied at 9/6 c.y.

Schedule of quarries as follows:-

Ballymurry, Clolourish, Leap, Oulart Hill, Raheenahoon, Edenvale, Drumderry, Clone, Ballymore and particulars of which appear on the minutes of the Finance and Roads Committee of 30th October, 1923 was also considered.

The following extracts from the Minutes of the Finance and Roads Committee which considered the above report were submitted.

In connection with No 1 in Report the Secretary reported:-

"Mr. McEvoy (Camross) attended at Co. Council Office on 18th October, 1923. His case was considered by Mr. John O'Byrne, the only member of the Council who was present.

Mr. McEvoy alleged that the letter of complaint from Mr James Barnes (Ganger) under date 5th October, 1923 was not the letter which had been read to the meeting though the Secretary

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stated the letter had never left his possession. He also at first denied that he had been absent from work. Then he admitted he was away for two days but "did not think it any harm", when a man absented himself; in fact his idea was that a man need only work when he had the inclination.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr. McEvoy, Ganger, Barntown, under date 6th October, 1923 that Mr. McEvoy, Camross was under his supervision for seven weeks hand-breaking material and was found very unsatisfactory regarding time and output.

Mr. McEvoy (Camross) denied that Mr McEvoy (Ganger) had ever spoken to him in any way as to his work. Subsequently he admitted that there had been complaints and apologised for the trouble which he had caused.

In connection with No 3 the Co. Surveyor read correspondence which showed that Mrs Murphy, Carrigbyrne, from whom way leave to enable this quarry to be worked had been obtained refused to allow hauliers to get to the quarry. Her sons had been employed in the quarry for some time but their employment had been discontinued. She had been paid way-leave to September, 1922. Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor had reported that hauliers had been interfered with.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That Mrs Murphy, Carrigbyrne be paid for way-leave to 30th September, 1923 and that if she persists in interfering with hauliers from Carrigbyrne Quarry the matter be referred to Mr. Elgee to proceed against her on behalf of the Council."

As regards No 4 on Report, the Co. Surveyor stated that he had received a letter on 10th October, 1923 from the Military in Wexford that they were not in a position to furnish him with particulars to bridges which were mined.

The Co. Surveyor in respect of paragraph No 5 of his report read letter from Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, that on

10th October, 1923 when measuring material he found a depot fraudulently made up. It was banked with sods and sands and only a few inches of material on top (Road 193 E)

The following Order was made:-

"That the report of Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, as to alleged fraud in depot relative to Road 193E, (Patrick Mangan, Crosshue, Blackwater Contractor) be referred to Mr Elgee Solr., for prosecution if he considers same justified by facts ."

In connection with No 6, the Co. Surveyor stated the Council had made application for siding at Sparrowsland before, but the application was turned down. He had asked the D.& S.E. Railway Company to send down a representative to go into the matter with him on the spot.

It was decided that the matter be referred to next meeting of the Council; in the meantime the Co. Surveyor is to prepare a report of his conference with Representative of Railway Company.

Relative to No.7 in report of Co. Surveyor it was decided to recommend the Council to allow the payment of 5d per cubic yard to stand or to offer an annual sum of £15 per annum to Mr. Hall Dare

In connection with No. 8 the Co. Surveyor read letter from the Ministry of Local Government objecting to repair work spread over an extended area. The Ministry hold that not more than three lengths of road should be dealt with. The length proposed to be repaired would be about five miles.

Under date 24th October, 1923 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (SR-1) that with reference to the Grant allocated for the improvement of Trunk Roads the Co. Surveyor should employ when available ex-Service Men of the National Army and in view of this he should apply to the officer in Charge of Labour Exchange for a list of names of demobilised National Soldiers resident in the area who are suitable and willing to undertake Road work. The

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Co. Surveyor is then to select from this list and to report his selection to the Officer in Charge of the Labour Exchange.

Dealing with No9 and schedule to same the Committee decided that no further action be taken as regards the following quarries:- The Leap, Oulart Hill, Drumderry, Clone and Ballymore. As regards Ballymurray, Glolourish, Raheenahoone and Edenvale the Committee believed it would be possible to have these quarries worked and directed the Co. Surveyor to submit definite figures to next meeting

In connection with No 10 the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to purchase from Mrs Moore, Enniscorthy, office furniture etc for District Sessions Office at valuation fixed by Co. Surveyor viz £4: 15: 0."

Under date 5th November, 1923 Mrs Johanna Murphy, Courthoyle, Raheen wrote with reference to Carrigbyrne Quarry that she would not understand why the Council were claiming a right of way without a written agreement. Her sons who had always worked in this quarry had been deprived of employment by the Transport Union and until they were re-employed she would not consent to an agreement.

The Co. Surveyor read letter from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor reporting that hauliers from Carrigbyrne Quarry for road from Camross to New Ross which needed material very badly just now had been stopped. Continuing the County Surveyor reported that on 5th October, 1922 James Murphy, son of Mrs Murphy, applied for payment of £2: 10; 0 annual charge for way leave to this quarry, and this was paid on 16th November, 1922. A Pay Order had also been issued to bring the payment to 30th September, 1923 but this had not yet been cashed. He had no written agreement in this case but it was Mrs Murphy's sons who had been employed in making and fencing off this right of way.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne pointed out that four of the Murphy boys had been working for about ten years for the Council and three of them had been thrown out of employment under the new conditions.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we request the Co. Surveyor to endeavour to arrange for some haulage for Mrs Murphy, Courthoyle and that he also procure a written agreement from her as regards way-leave to Carrigbyrne Quarry.

The various recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee on the report of the Co. Surveyor were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue. As regards the report of Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor as to fraudulent depot in respect of which Mr. Elgee, Solicitor reported that he had gone into the matter with the Co. Surveyor and Mr Cullen who had pointed out to a District Councillor how the depot had been made up. Unless he could get some more independent evidence/ than that of a District Councillor and the Surveyors he would not advise a prosecution

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

"That Mr Elgee proceed in the case of alleged fraudulent depot reported by Mr Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, provided he considers there be the slightest possibility of securing a conviction.

As regards Sparrowsland siding the Co. Surveyor reported that the Railway Company were agreeing to have material from Ballybrennan quarry forwarded from this siding but had stipulated that delivery should be taken at Palace or New Ross. The proposed freight would be 5/11 per ton to Palace and 6/11 per ton to

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New Ross. It would not be possible to carry out the work in respect of which grant had been received properly on these terms as regards delivery or cost. In consequence he would have to arrange to take the material from Ballynabola Quarry.

In connection with the proposal of Finance & Roads Committee as to payment for material taken from Ryland Quarry the Co. Surveyor read letter from Messrs O'Flaherty & Sons, Solrs., Enniscorthy that they had forwarded the proposal to their Client for his consideration.

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

"That the Chairman and Mr. Hall be appointed a sub-Committee to deal with quarries at Ballymurray, Clolourish, Raheenahoone and Edenvale. That this Sub-committee be requested to submit a detailed report to next meeting of Finance and Roads Committee."

The following report of Co. Surveyor under date 17th November, 1923 was submitted to the meeting:-

1. "The refixing of warping buoys at New Ross Bridge is now in progress. This work was held up waiting the new mooring chains with the result that owing to broken weather and short days it will probably take a longer time to complete with consequent increase in cost. As the Waterford Harbour Commissioners refuse to advance wages for the men employed I have to provide for payment out of my personal account in the interval between our Finance Meetings.
2. On the 2nd instant I made an inspection of Mountgarret Bridge. The Bridge is in a very bad condition and immediate steps must be taken for its rebuilding. Owing to the last partial burning the centre span cannot now be opened and is very insecure. I have had the meeting rails of the two leaves chained together to strengthen the unbalanced leaf on the Kilkenny side. I have also found it necessary to fence off one side on the Kilkenny approach as the

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outside beam and crosshead are defective. To put the existing structure in repair will require an expenditure of from £1,200 to £1,500 and this will only be of a temporary nature. Complaint is also made of the closing of the bridge to river traffic for large vessels.

3. I have written to the several Contractors who claim compensation for disturbance in Quarries worked by them. I am of opinion that they should be notified that the County Council will cease taking material from them after 1st January next. This will allow of them getting out any material that may be shaken by blasting or other quarry work done by the Contractors. Of course quarry work must be done to the satisfaction of the Assistant Surveyor and the Contractor not allowed to "run over" the quarry. Expenditure in making a "face" in the quarry is covered by the price allowed the Contractor for materials already supplied. On one half of Ballymurray Quarry there is no lease from the owner but this should be easily obtained by agreement or an order could be obtained under the Court. At Raheenahoon the Contractor made a roadway and a small compensation might be paid say £10; the quarry is a Commons.

4. "I submit a report received from Mr. Kehoe with reference to removal of sand protecting the road No.37R at Duncannon. Immediate steps are necessary to prevent this and I suggest Mr. Elgee be directed to take action."

5. "I have had further communication from the D.&S.E.Railway Company regarding conveyance of materials to the Road Grant work at New Ross. The conditions and price asked are not satisfactory and I consider it will be better haul the material directly from Ballinaboola Quarry.

6. "Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers under date 23rd October ultimo raised the question of cover for damage to

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property resulting from blasting. I wrote pointing out that this was specially covered under the Policy we hold and finally they write that an additional premium will be required for renewal of policy if this risk is to be covered. I consider it essential that the risk be covered."

In connection with the above report the following resolution was adopted: on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to arrange with Kilkenny County Council as to obtaining tenders for erection of New Bridge at Mountgarrett and for any preliminaries necessary thereto

Relative to No 4 in report, the County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor under date 6th November, 1923 in which he stated that sand was being drawn from a bank which protects Road No 37R Section J from the sea leading to the village of Duncannon.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that sand was being drawn from the bank protecting part of this Road and if this practice was allowed to continue the whole road would become blocked.

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

"That the letter of Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date November 6th relative to the taking of sand from the sea causing injury to Road 37R Section J be referred to Mr. Elgee".

As regards the last paragraph in report of Co. Surveyor dealing with insurance to cover damage to property resulting from blasting the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to ascertain from Messrs McDonagh & Boland what increase in the premium of Insurance to cover damage to property resulting from blasting they proposed charging."

Cutting of a Hedge

Mr. O'Donoghue^a complained of the cutting of the hedge on his land by men employed by the Road ganger of the section. He has been called on to cut this hedge and was summoned when the work had not been carried out. He did not attend at Gorey District Sessions as a neighbour of his who was in exactly the same position went to the court but did not get any satisfaction as an order had been made against him. The hedge was on the inner side of the fence and could not cause injury to the road in any way. In the last week in April, 1923 the Road Ganger called on him and asked him if he, Mr. O'Donoghue intended cutting the hedge. He told the ganger he was very busy at the moment but would attend to the matter next day. The Ganger said this would not do; went down to the village and employed four fellows who "mauled" and "houghed" the hedge in a scandalous manner leaving it practically no use as a shelter for his cattle. As a consequence his cattle had trespassed on a neighbour's corn. He had received a very impertinent letter from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council demanding payment of £7: 19: 8d. He always considered that there was no necessity to cut a hedge which was on the inner side of the fence and that when a fence was cut the work would consist of slashing and trimming ^{and} another fence would not be entirely destroyed as happened in this instance.

The Co. Surveyor stated that even if a hedge was on the inner side of the fence there was power to have it cut if it could be proved that it was interfering with the road.

Mr. Elgee said he had received instructions from Mr. Barry and Mr. Treanor to proceed against a number of people in the Gorey District in connection with the cutting of hedges and amongst the number was Mr. O'Donoghue. He was very sorry if

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Mr. O'Donoghue considered that the letter sent to him was impertinent; it was the usual letter always written in similar circumstances and he (Mr. Elgee) could not see how it could be regarded as impertinent.

Mr. O'Donoghue said he would like an expression of opinion from the Council as to this case. Otherwise he would have to resign and would proceed against the Council. The men employed were four or five days at the work. He considered that a Committee of the Council should see the place and report. It capped the climax that he should be called upon to pay nearly £8 for the destruction of his hedge.

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

"That the following be appointed a sub-Committee to examine and report as to the cutting of hedge on the land of Mr. O'Donoghue, Co. Councillor and also to deal with any other complaints from Gorey District as to the manner in which work of this description has been carried out, viz:- Messrs J. O'Byrne, James Hall, D. Kavanagh and the Chairman with Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant, Surveyor to meet on Monday, 26th November, 1923 at 1.30 p.m."

Nurse O'Brien, late Gorey Union.

Correspondence was submitted from Ministry Local Government, Miss K. W. Price, Secretary, Irish Nurses and Midwives' Union, and Mr. J. J. Fanning, late Clerk, Gorey Guardians in connection with claim of Nurse O'Brien for salary from January 1st, 1923 to March 7th 1923 and one months salary in lieu of notice. Total claim £32: 5: 6d.

Under date 27th October, 1923 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P.42024/1923 Wexford County) that the duty of the Wexford Co. Council to Nurse O'Brien was to discharge any liabilities

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of the late Board of Guardians Gorey towards her but as the Guardians were not legally in existence during the period in respect of which her claim was made it would appear that the Co. Council were not interested.

In view of this communication no action was taken.

Office of clerk of Crown & Peace.

Under date 23rd October, 1923 Mr. J.N. Scallan, Clerk of the Crown & Peace wrote relative to the condition of his offices at the Courthouse. He asked the Council to have the necessary repairs carried out when the District Justice's Clerk's Office was being repaired.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended the Co. Council to expend a sum not exceeding £5 to prevent draught complained of by Clerk of Crown & Peace.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that lavatory accommodation was being provided.

As regards lavatory accommodation at the Office of the Clerk of the Crown & Peace the Co. Surveyor stated that the present W.C. could be put into order for about £2.

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee relative to expenditure for Office of Clerk of Crown & Peace be confirmed and that a further sum of £2 be provided in order to secure a satisfactory lavatory accommodation at said office"

Under date 12th November, 1923 the Ministry of Local Government forwarded (G.41612/1923 Wexford County) Order under seal extending the time within which the Co. Council may pay certain sums now overdue in respect of supply of Gas and Coal at the office of Clerk of Crown and Peace.

Courthouses

In connection with the proposed establishment of Courthouses in various small places the Finance and Roads Committee considered same absolutely unnecessary and only a waste of public money.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That in view of the fact that in our opinion the administration of Justice in Co. Wexford can be effectively carried out by the establishment of District Courts in the towns of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford with Courts in Bunclody and in Duncannon or Arthurstown and are convinced that this opinion would be supported by nine-tenths of the Ratepayers we consider that the Co. Council should make representations to the Minister for Home Affairs as to the waste of Public money which will be caused by the establishment of a number of petty courts thus reverting to a system which was designed to give a status and a standing to the old J.P.'s in the administration of English law rather than for public convenience."

In connection with the above the following letter under date 16th November, 1923 was read from Mr. J. V. Fahy, District Justice:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Home Affairs to state, in reply to the resolution of the County Council on the subject of the number of District Courts necessary in the County that he is prepared to meet the Council's wishes in the matter provided I am satisfied that the proposed arrangements are adequate.

I agree that the abolition of some of the outlying Courts is desirable from many points of view and that the administration of Justice can be adequately carried on as at present. I propose to hold in future weekly sittings in Wexford, New Ross, Enniscorthy and Gorey and monthly sittings in Bunclody and , either, ~~at~~ Ballycullane or Duncannon, probably the former as being more

central. I send you a list of the Electoral Divisions to be comprised within each of these Court areas should the Council or any member wish to offer any suggestion as to the transfer or more convenient arrangement of any Electoral Division from one Court area to another, or any other suggestion about the Court Scheme generally, I will be glad to give it careful consideration.

The only doubt I have about the proposed scheme is, as to whether the distance for litigants might not be too long in some cases. If the Council consider that there ought to be a Court for Oulart District or Bridgetown District I can arrange to fix a monthly sitting for these Districts, but as I propose weekly sittings in all the principal centres in the County the Council may consider that arrangement sufficient.

Please let me have the Council's views at your early convenience as I am anxious to get the Scheme approved of at once and in time for publication before the end of the year".

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as to holding districts only in the four towns be confirmed. That to meet public convenience we are of opinion monthly courts should be provided in Bunclody for the North and in Ballycullane for the South". We feel convinced that a scheme of this description will fully provide for all public wants."

Proposed Bridgetown Courthouse.

Under date 25th October, 1923, the following letter was read from Mr Luke Smyth, Hon. Secretary, Bridgetown Hall Committee:-

"At a meeting of the Bridgetown Hall Committee, held on the 21st instant, I was directed to write you re the renting of the above Hall for a Courthouse from Mr M Hassett. Perhaps, the Council are not aware that this Hall has been held for the past forty years or more by the people of Bridgetown and the surrounding district from Mr Browne at the nominal rent of 1d per week.

The above Committee, from time to time, have spent, roughly speaking, about £70 of public money in repairs and an extension.

The Military held it for the most part of this year and also caused a lot of damage to furniture and glass. We have offered Mr Hassett to pay all due but he will not accept it. Therefore, we think that the Council will not interfere when they know the circumstances of the case, as the Committee think it would be most unjust to throw 30 or 40 members out on the road after being lawful tenants for such a number of years."

The Finance and Roads Committee decided to take no further action in this matter, pending reply from the Minister of Home Affairs to their resolution, pointing out the inadvisability of having a number of unnecessary small Courts established in the County.

Gorey Sessions Office.

Under date 14th October, 1923, the following was read from Mr Fahy, District Justice:-

Mr P J Byrne, Gorey, Clerk of the District Court, is anxious to secure a room for an office in Mrs P Byrne's house at the Avenue Gorey at 7/6 per week. It would be most central and suitable in every way. Please bring this matter before your Council to have the necessary arrangements made and oblige.

He has been paying 10/- weekly for a room to Mrs Veney, North Parade, and it is not very convenient. He has paid in all £15:10:0 to 1st ult. Will you also please arrange to have him refunded this

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amount due from the beginning of the year?

A recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee, offering 7/6 per week to Mrs P Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey, for room for District Sessions Office, payment to begin as from date of commencement of tenancy.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall.

Bunelody Courthouse.

In connection with proposed Courthouse at Bunelody, Dr Dormer wrote, under date, 15th October, 1923, that he considered £12 per year for Courthouse, and £8 per year for office, a fair rent. The County Council should provide their own Courtkeeper and pay County Rate. He stated that he would expect permission to use Courthouse when it was not required for any purpose.

The following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-

"That the Council offer £10 per annum to Dr Dormer for Courthouse at Bunelody. If Dr Dormer is to use the Courthouse when it is not required by the Council, we consider he should provide the Caretaker, as the Court would be held only one day in each month".

Proposed Courthouse at Taghmon.

The following, under date 18th October, 1923, was read from Mr Fahy, District Justice:-

"I saw the Very Rev Canon Fortune, P P, yesterday, and he is willing to give me the use of the Parish Hall for a monthly Court there. He suggests the yearly rent of £10, which I think reasonable. Furniture will be required, say, 2 tables and 6 chairs. Kindly ask the County Council to make the necessary arrangements and oblige."

The Finance and Roads Committee decided to take no action as regards Courthouse in Taghmon, pending reply of Minister of Home Affairs to representations relative to number of Courthouses.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr J O'Byrne.

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Caretaker, Technical School, Enniscorthy, as Courtkeeper.

Under date 14th October, 1923, the following was read from
Mr J V Fahy, District Justice:-

In reply to yours of 11th, the £5 suggested to be paid to the
Caretaker of the Technical School, Enniscorthy, in lieu of payment
to Courtkeeper is

(a) because he has had the trouble of arranging one of the rooms
on all occasions on which Courts have been held there - removing and
replacing desks and cleaning up after them.

(b) from 1st November, 1922, to 31st December, 1923.

(c) It may be possible to secure other premises soon and payment
may not again be asked for.

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

"That the Caretaker of Enniscorthy Technical School be paid
a sum of £5 in lieu of payment to Courtkeeper, Enniscorthy, in the
circumstances mentioned in the letter of Mr J V Fahy, District
Justice, and to cover period from 1st November, 1922, to 31st
December, 1923".

Enniscorthy District Sessions Office.

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

"That Mrs Moore, Slany Place, Enniscorthy, be requested to
state if she is prepared to accept £26 per annum as rent for District
Sessions Office as from 17th July, 1923. That she be offered
£4:15:0 (the valuation made by the County Surveyor) for furniture
in this office, and as set out in letter of Mr Doran, Clerk to
District Justice, under date 25th September, 1923".

Establishment of Pounds.

In connection with the establishment of Pounds, the following was read from Mr Fahy, District Justice:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Home Affairs (who has received from the Enniscorthy Urban District Council a resolution unanimously passed by that Council on the subject) to address to your Council the necessary requisition for the establishment of a Pound at Enniscorthy in pursuance of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1851, as applied to County Councils by Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1898.

In view of proceedings pending against large numbers of defaulting ratepayers and the likelihood of numerous seizures, it might be well to consider the establishment of Pounds in Wexford, Gorey and Duncannon Districts, and, perhaps, also in Bunclody. I am aware that the Rate Collectors in Gorey District have not had any difficulty, notwithstanding the execution in that District of several warrants."

I propose to discuss the matter with Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, but, meantime, kindly place this requisition before the Council and oblige."

The following recommendation was made by the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That Mr Elgee make inquiries as to the old Pound used in Wexford. That our Secretary write to Messrs Cloney and Hughes, members of the Council, with reference to the establishment of pounds in Arthurstown and Bunclody, and to Mr Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, as regards Pound in that town".

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr John J O'Byrne, seconded by Mr O'Donoghue.

The Secretary stated that, as directed, he had communicated with Messrs Hughes and Cloney, who had given him information that Pounds were still extant in Arthurstown, Saltmills and Bunclody. There was no Pound in Enniscorthy, but arrangements had been made by the Finance and Roads Committee that portion of the Council's Machinery Yard should be utilised for the purpose.

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Under date 16th November, 1923, the following was read from Mr J V Fahy, District Justice:-

Enniscorthy Urban District Council are satisfied with the yard as offered. Kindly arrange to obtain the services of the Caretaker as Poundkeeper and the use of the Yard as such whenever required.

Buncelody. I am making inquiries about this. It is better act as you suggest. Use the present Pound whenever it is required.

Arthurstown & Saltmills. I think in these places also the present Pounds should be used when required.

New Ross. There is a Pound there also.

The County Surveyor stated that he found it would not be possible that the Machinery Yard could be utilised, but the Co-Operative Society had an adjoining yard, which they would be prepared to let to the Council.

It was decided, however, to utilise the Council's Machinery Yard as a temporary Pound.

Claim by Overseers.

Under date 15th October, 1923, Messrs McEvoy, O'Gorman and Morrissey, Overseers, wrote, asking the Council to reconsider their decision, awarding them 5/- per week from November, 1922, to ^{May,} ~~March~~ 1923, for extra work done during that period.

A recommendation was submitted by the Finance and Roads Committee that the matter should not be re-opened, as they were of opinion their ruling dealt fairly with the claims of the Overseers concerned.

This was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hall.

£450 Received from British Government.

The following are particulars of the allowances made by the British Government in connection with commandeering of County Hall for "Black & Tans":-

	£	s	d
Amount of Rent while in occupation of County Hall	177	4	10
Repairs to Premises	103	16	8
Expenses of County Council while removing	16	5	6

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	£	s	d
Expenses of same returning	17	6	0
Overtime of County Council staff	20	0	0
Rent of other premises	10 0	0	0
Costs of and in connection with the claim	6	6	0
Total	450	0	0

A recommendation was received from the Finance and Roads Committee that the £20, allowed for overtime, County Council staff, should be distributed in proportion to the amount which they claimed in each case.

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J O'Byrne.

Dail Eireann Loan.

Under date, 5th October, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote, (G 39252/23, Wexford County), that they had been informed by the Comptroller and Auditor General that permission had been given for an increase in the bank overdraft, sufficient for the repayment of £4,400 (Dail Eireann Loan) with Interest. In view of this, the Ministry asked for immediate payment.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, as regards application for repayment of loan, advanced to this Council from Dail Eireann Funds, the County Council are not yet in a position to repay same, but, when the grants, due by the Government, are paid, the Council will discharge liability as regards this loan. The County Council would point out that, even with increased overdraft, they are unable to meet their liabilities".

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hall.

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Motor Car Acts Administration.

Under date 16th October, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote, (R/MT/209/32), that they would be prepared to consider the question of re-imbursing the expenses, properly incurred by the County Council, in connection with the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and the issue of drivers' licences, on receipt of the information asked for in the Circular, MT/42, issued on the 9th instant.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, if by the 19th November, 1923, some arrangement is not made by Ministry of Local Government to pay salary of Mr Richards, Local Taxation Officer, the County Council be recommended to withdraw Mr Richards' services from collection of Motor Duty, etc."

Under date 14th November, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote, (R/MT/209/32), that directions had been given for the payment to the County Treasurer of a sum of £645:11:5, being the full amount of the claim in respect of expenditure incurred by the Council during the period from 1st April, 1922, to 30th September, 1923, in connection with the levying of the duties on mechanically propelled road vehicles, the registration of such vehicles, and the issuing of licences to drivers of such vehicles. In making payment in full, the Ministry had taken into account the difficulties, etc., during the period, but it must be clearly understood that the amount, which may be allowed in respect of the next twelve months, cannot be at such a high rate unless very exceptional circumstances arise.

Under date, 17th October, 1923, (No R/MT/32), the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) wrote, relative to applications of Peter Redmond, Ferns, and Martin Laffan, Keréight, Kyle, for mitigation of penalties imposed in connection with offences under Finance Act, 1920, and Road Act, 1920, that the Minister for Local Government had been advised that the County Council had full power to mitigate or remit such penalties under Section 1 (3) of the Roads Act, 1920.

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Alleged Breaches, Motor Car Act & Finance Act.

The following recommendation of Finance and Roads Committee was submitted:-

"That Mr C H Richards, Local Taxation Officer, proceed against the following for alleged breaches of Motor Car Acts, etc.:-

Patrick O'Leary, Selskar Street, Wexford.

Joseph Fortune, Imperial Hotel, Wexford.

Cecil R Walker, Tykillen, Wexford.

Southern Ireland Arc Welding Co. (Patrick Fay, Manager, 26 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin).

In the last instance, we recommend that case might be settled on a payment of £22, amount of unpaid duty, and a mitigated penalty of £15".

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr John J O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman.

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

"That Mr Richards, Local Taxation Officer, proceed against the following for alleged breaches of Motor Car Acts, etc.:-

John Hynes, Old Pound, Wexford.

George Collier, Buncelody.

Edward Byrne, Clonmore, Bree.

John Kelly, Catherine Street, Waterford.

James Murphy, 11 Monk Street, Wexford.

James Fleming, North Street, New Ross.

Patrick Fortune, Ferns."

Caretaker of County Offices.

The following resolution, adopted on the 8th October, 1923, was referred to the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That the duties of the caretaker of the County Offices, and the manner in which they are being carried out, be considered at the next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee".

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

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"That, in the event of the County Surveyor considering that the Caretaker of the County Offices is neglecting his duties, the County Surveyor be empowered to suspend him from office and report same to next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee".

The above recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John J O'Byrne.

Claim- Gorey Garden City Plot.

Under date 11th October 1923, Mr J J Fanning, Clerk, Gorey Rural District Council, forwarded letter from Mr W Walsh, Secretary, Gorey Garden City Labour Organisation, on behalf of Mr Edward Kavanagh, and which had been sent to the Rural District Council in the first instance. Mr Walsh complained that a large heap of old ^{road} scrapings, weeds, and docks, had been dumped on the plot, owned by Kavanagh, and which had deteriorated the hay crop to the value of £1.

Under date, 15th October, 1923, Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that, about the end of May, Ganger Swords asked and obtained permission from caretaker, Garden City, to dump street scrapings in low lying plots, and was proceeding to do so, when carter was stopped. The ganger then instructed the carter to dump elsewhere. Other plot-holders had asked for sweepings to be put in their plots and this was being done. He (Mr Treanor) inspected the place at the time complaint was made and informed Mr Walsh he could not recommend any payment for damage done, as, in his opinion, damage (if any) was very slight.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That, in view of Mr Treanor's report, the County Council are recommended to take no further action as regards claim of W Walsh on behalf of E Kavanagh for alleged damage to plot at Garden City, Gorey".

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kavanagh, seconded by Mr Doyle.

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Legal Proceedings re Deeps Bridge.

Under date, 15th October, 1923, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reported that, in the case of John Parker, Coolamain, v. County Council, for damage to pony putting its feet into a hole in the damaged part of the Deeps Bridge, the case had been dismissed by the County Court Judge, who held that, as the repairs, which had been done to the bridge, had not been carried out by the County Council, they were not responsible for accidents which might occur there.

Kilmore Harbour.

The Secretary mentioned it was the intention of the Council that Mrs Kehoe, who succeeded her husband as Harbour Master of Kilmore, should hold her office on the same terms and conditions as her late husband. The latter had always received 5 per cent on all dues collected.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That Mrs Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore Harbour, be paid 5 per cent commission on amount of dues collected by her, as same was paid her husband (deceased) when he acted as Harbour Master".

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Culleton.

Damage to Property Act.

Under date 17th October, 1923, (DB/32), the Ministry of Local Government wrote that the amount payable by the Council to the Exchequer in pursuance of Section 14 (1) of the Damage to Property Act, in respect of the financial year, ending 31st March next, is £9,880:13:3. They pointed out that the Act required that the amount payable in respect of any financial year should be lodged within that year. For the current financial year, the necessary lodgments should be made on 31st January and 15th March next, and, in subsequent years, beginning on 1st April, 1924, the dates for lodgment will be 30th September and 15th March.

Extensions - Road Limits.

Under date, 17th October, 1923, (R/E/32/1), the Ministry of Local Government wrote, extending the limits of expenditure on roads in the four Rural Districts of the County as follows:-

Enniscorthy, (present limit), £7,477:10:0; (new limit), £26,242.

Gorey, (present limit), £5,332:10:0; (new limit), £20,179.

New Ross, (present limit), £5,741:5:0; (new limit), £17,366.

Wexford, (present limit), £6,542:10:0; (new limit), £19,674.

Procedure as to Employment of Demobilised National Soldiers.

Under date, 24th October, 1923, (S.R./1), the Ministry of Local Government wrote, outlining the procedure to be adopted with regard to the employment of above.

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

"That circular letter (S.R./1), under date 24th October, 1923, be referred to the County Surveyor for his guidance.

Sealed Orders - Water Supply.

Sealed orders were received from the Ministry of Local Government, relative to the following:-

Clonroche Water Supply - Area of Charge, Clonroche Dispensary District.

Annagh Cross Water Supply - Area of Charge, Coolgreany Dispensary District.

Grange Bridge Water Supply - Area of Charge, Broadway Dispensary District.

Oulart Water Supply - Area of Charge, Oulart Dispensary District.

Gratuity - W G Smith, late Workhouse Master, New Ross.

Under date 2nd November, 1923, (P. 41313/1923, Wexford County), the Ministry of Local Government wrote that the Order of the Minister, dated 13th August, 1923, fixing the gratuity payable to Wm. G. Smith, under the provisions of Section 8 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, was made by him as a result of an

error. This Order had been, therefore, cancelled, and a new Order, fixing Mr Smith's gratuity, would be issued in due course.

Wexford County Scheme.

Under date, 17th October, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government forwarded copy of Wexford County Scheme No 2 Order.

Superannuations, Etc. - Ex-Union Officers.

Under date, 9th November, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote, forwarding Order made by the Minister, determining the *annual* amounts to be allowed to the following ex-Officers of Unions:-

John J Fanning, late Clerk, Gorey Union, £28. 14. 8.

Dr S V O'Connor, late Medical Officer, Wexford Union, £70.

Joseph Moran, late Master, Wexford Union, £114. 12. 4.

Mary Murphy, late Midwife, Wexford Union, £6. 13. 4.

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

"That the attention of the Ministry of Local Government be directed to the resolution of this Council, asking the Ministry to make provision for compensation for 'unofficial service' in the cases of Messrs Fanning, O'Sullivan and Kehoe. We have received intimation from the Ministry that it is proposed to have this done in the cases of Messrs O'Sullivan and Kehoe, and we fail to understand why Mr Fanning is to receive less generous treatment".

Superannuation of Officers of County Infirmary.

Under date 5th November, 1923, (P. 16189/1923, Wexford County), the Ministry of Local Government wrote that there is no provision in the existing law for the compensation of County Infirmary Officers on the termination of their employment, but it was intended to introduce legislation at the earliest opportunity dealing with these cases.

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Mr T Moore - Clerk in County Surveyor's Office.

Under date 30th October, 1923, (R/S/32), the Ministry of Local Government wrote, approving of the temporary appointment of Mr Timothy Moore as Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office for one year on probation at £3 per week.

Local Elections. -----

Under date 6th November, 1923, (F.15021-1923, Miscellaneous), the Ministry of Local Government wrote, forwarding copy of Order, further postponing the elections of County and Rural District Councillors and Guardians in Urban Districts.

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

"That we request the Ministry of Local Government to fix the date for publication of Register of Electors as 29th March, 1924, in order to allow of a complete and accurate Register being prepared".

Under date 17th November, 1923, the Clerk, Crown & Peace, wrote, stating he required an advance of £300 to enable him to meet current expenses in connection with the preparation of Second Register under the Electoral Act, 1923.

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

"That the application of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace for advance of £300, in connection with preparation of Register of Electors, be referred to the Finance and Roads Committee, and that the Clerk of Crown and Peace be asked to specify the nature of the expenditure proposed to be met from this advance."

Auditor's Reports. -----

Reports of Auditor of Ministry of Local Government on his audit of the accounts of Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital for half year, ended 31st March, 1923, and New Ross Rural District Council, for half years ended 30th September, 1922, and 31st March, 1923, were read for the meeting.

Weights & Measures Standards.

Under date, 12th November, 1923, (2468A), the Ministry of Industry and Commerce wrote that tenders for the Weights and Measures Standards had been received from

Messrs de GraVe, Short & Co.	£111. 9. 6.
Messrs W & F Avery	£119. 12. 9.
Messrs Bertling Ltd	£161. 4. 6.

The Ministry proposed to accept, on behalf of the County Council, the tender of Messrs De GraVe, Short & Co.

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

"That we approve of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Power Section) accepting the tender of Messrs De GraVe, Short & Co., at £111. 9. 6. for the supply of standards, etc., required under Weights and Measures Acts".

Food and Drugs Acts.

A requisition was received from the Civic Guard for supplies of equipment for Guard McMahon, Inspector under Food and Drugs for Wexford Town.

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

"That the Civic Guard be informed that the Wexford Corporation should be requested to deal with requisition for equipment under Food and Drugs Acts for Wexford Town; that they be asked to furnish list of equipment which is needed under these Acts by the Inspectors, who are acting in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford".

University Scholarships.

Under date 2nd, November, 1923, Mr Christopher Whelan, Croywell, New Ross, wrote that he was compelled, owing to financial difficulties, to leave the National University. He pointed out that the total cost would be £40 per year, which left him only £30 for his keep. His father was only a labourer and was unable to supply any additional money.

The Secretary pointed out that this boy had secured first place at the Scholarship Examination.

Under date 5th November, 1923, Rev A O'Brien, C C, New Ross, wrote that Christopher Whelan's father was only a poor workingman, and, unless the Scholarship of £70 per annum was increased, the boy would be unable to avail of it. He had taken up electrical engineering, and cost of instruments and books was very heavy. He was also desirous of knowing if the Council would agree to extend the Scholarship to four years in order to cover the course.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, the University Scholarship, awarded Christopher Whelan be increased, for current year, from £70 to £80. This concession is not to be regarded as a precedent, and the concession is made in the present case, as the Council consider it exceptional. That we agree to extend this Scholarship to four years to enable the holder to complete his course".

Terms and Conditions of Employment of Road and Quarry Workers.

The following was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

Gangers. Shall be paid from 7/- to 8/4 per day according to efficiency, etc. This covers maintenance, etc., of cycle.

Carters. Shall be paid from 10/- to 14/- per day according to circumstances, and this includes time of horse and cart.

Labourers. Shall be paid 6/4 per day.

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Tradesmen. Shall be paid the usual wages current in the locality according to trade.

Working Hours. Working hours shall be from 8 a.m., to 6 p.m., with an interval of 12 noon to 1 p.m., off each day for dinner. Workmen not turning up at the appointed time shall lose half a day. Church Holidays and wet weather allowed provided otherwise full time is worked. Work on Saturdays shall be from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., and shall count a full day.

Carters shall be paid only for time worked.

Regular Staff. These shall be employed continuously as far as possible but shall be subject to a week's notice (from any Saturday), if, from any cause, it be necessary to shut down or curtail the work.

Carters & Casual Labourers and Tradesmen Shall be employed from day to day, or during the continuance of any ~~particular~~ particular job on which they may be engaged.

Dismissal. Any man may be dismissed without notice for gross inefficiency, slacking or disobedience. The County ^{Surveyor} may close down any job at once on his being satisfied that the work is not proceeding economically or in a proper manner. Assistant Surveyors or Gangers may dismiss labourers (whether on the regular staff or not) or Carters for any of above causes, and shall at once report the matter to their superior Officer. Gangers may be dismissed similarly for any of the above causes by the Assistant Surveyor or the County Surveyor. In all cases of summary dismissal, the person so dismissed shall have no claim for wages in lieu of notice and shall be paid only up to the actual time of dismissal.

Any workman taking employment under the County Council shall be bound by the above terms and conditions.

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

"That the proposed terms and conditions of the employment of road and quarry workers, submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor, be referred to the Finance and Roads Committee."

New Ross Rural District Council Suspends Business.

Under date 16th November, 1923, the Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council, wrote:-

"List of Proposals for New Works, submitted by the County Surveyor, was not considered. I, therefore, have no Form 20 to forward. The Council, by Resolution, have suspended all work under its jurisdiction until all Political Prisoners are released by the Government".

Mileage Allowance - Assistant Surveyor.

The following is an extract from the minutes of Finance and Roads Committee:-

"The Chairman recommended a revision of mileage rate paid Assistant Surveyors for use of motor cars. He considered the present rate of 8d per mile excessive and it should be revised. There had been two decreases in the cost of petrol since the rate of 8d per mile had been fixed."

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

"That the mileage allowance paid to Assistant Surveyors be reduced from 8d to 6d per mile as from this date".

Complaint of Condition of Roads - New Ross District.

Under date 27th October, 1923, the following letter was read from Mr N J Murphy, Secretary, Co. Wexford Farmers' Union:-

Will you kindly bring under the notice of your Council the shocking state of the road at Ballymacar, New Ross. This is on the

road leading from Whelan's Bridge (on the New Ross to Wexford main road), Maylers Park and Rochestown. The farmers cannot cart corn into New Ross as the surface is all worn into deep channels. I rode over it some short time ago on a saddle horse and could scarcely keep the animal on his feet.

I also wish to complain of the road from Priesthaggard to Great Island, New Ross District. Last Spring, at a tenants' meeting at my house, we, all the local farmers, decided to repair the road ourselves. I instructed Mr Jones, who informed there was no possibility of anything being done by your Council at that time. We decided to go on with the work ourselves. I wrote to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, asking him to instruct Mr Jones to measure out 15 or 20 ~~skans~~ tons of stones, whatever was needed, and we would draw and spread them.

Mr Barry did not deem me worthy even of a reply. About a fortnight after that, a man was sent along with a few loads of metalling and a tinkering job done, and, I presume, paid for and dearly paid for, whilst my neighbours and myself would have done it for nothing.

Trusting you may be able to do something in connection with these two roads.

The Finance and Roads Committee had this letter before them and referred it to the County Surveyor for written reply.

The County Surveyor presented the following:-

104R & 223R.

On the second instant I inspected this road and found it in parts bad. It was not impassable and, at the time, corn was being drawn over it. This is a fourth-class road, which was not taken by contract at the July meeting of the Rural District Council. I directed Mr Jones to have immediate attention given and to have the bad holes and cuts filled and levelled. Arrangements were made on the 8th instant with James Doran of Rochestown to carry out the work. In February last, Mr Jones met Mr Murphy and told him he considered it inadvisable to allow men, not directly employed by the Council, to carry out work on the road, and himself engaged a man to draw material from Grange Quarry. This was measured (12 c.y.) and spread

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by direct labour road men from the adjoining road who levelled up the surface. Mr Jones reports that the road is now in good condition having been well cleaned and a large quantity of material well spread.

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

"That copy of Co. Surveyor's report relative to roads 104R and 223R be furnished Mr. N. J. Murphy, Co. Secretary, Co. Wexford Farmers Union, for his information."

Application for New Road.

Mr. James Bent, the Burrow, Rosslare wrote under date 18th September, 1923 asking that a road should be provided from his residence; at present he could not at certain times get to fair or market. Several similar applications had been received from him.

The Co. Surveyor stated that it would cost from £800 to £1,000 to comply with Mr. Bent's application.

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

"That Mr Bent be informed that while the Council appreciate his difficulties they are not in a position to agree to his request for a new road as in the opinion of the Co. Council this would cost £800 to £1,000."

Road Scrapings.

Under date 18th November, 1923 Mr. Stephen Cleary, Clonard, Wexford wrote that he had had a dispute with Mr. C. Richards in connection with road scrapings. He always thought that every farmer had a right to this (as manure) on the roads adjoining his own lands. To his surprise he found on Saturday morning some manure adjoining his land was being drawn by workmen of Mr. Richards. The latter claimed the manure as his. He put

the matter before the Council as he thought he should get first preference.

The Co. Surveyor stated that last year it was impossible to find anybody to take the stuff off the roads and he had made arrangements with Mr. Richards to do so, this arrangement to continue during the present year. Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor had informed him that he would give all the road scrapings that Mr. Cleary wanted to the latter.

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

"That for the future the Co. Surveyor be directed to ascertain from occupiers of land if they would be prepared to remove road scrapings ^{adjoining} ~~around~~ same; should they refuse that he be empowered to make whatever arrangements he considers necessary".

Kerbside Petrol Pump for Ferns.

Messrs J. Bolger & Co., Ferns applied for permission to erect a petrol pump on concrete path outside their premises.

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

"That Messrs John Bolger & Co. Ltd., Ferns be granted permission to erect a Kerbside Pump outside their premises at Ferns," be agreed to, Messrs Bolger & Co., to pay 2/- per year for same and be responsible for erection and for any accidents that may occur. That Mr. Elgee draw up the necessary agreement safeguarding the Council and that the permission now given be determinable by a months notice in writing."

Proposed abolition of R. D. Councils.

Mr. Culleton stated he had been appointed as a delegate to wait upon the Minister of Local Government to represent to him the inadvisability of abolishing Rural District Councils. He would

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like to get an expression of opinion from the Co. Council on the matter.

The members present considered that the Co. Council had enough administrative work to carry out at present without having added that now performed by R. D. Councils. They believed it would be unwise and undemocratic to abolish R. D. Councils

Co. Board of Health and Co. Property.

Under date 8th November, 1923 the following was read from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary, Co. Board of Health:-

"Herewith three reports relating to property within the County formerly controlled by the Board of Guardians which have passed under the direct control of your Co. Council as a result of the Local Government Temporary Provisions Bill 1923

Any further information in connection therewith which may be required by your Solicitor will be gladly furnished by me."

Matter of Oulart Dispensary Residence.

This residence was given by the owner as a residence for the District Medical Officer in 1848 on condition of a nominal yearly payment of 1/-. This payment has long since ceased and for many years the Enniscorthy Board of Guardians have repaired the Residence at the M.D.'s request. It was also mentioned in the conditions of the last employment that a free residence was provided

The Board's Solicitor advises that an agreement should be drafted as between the Public Authority and the Doctor, specifying a nominal rent during the present tenure in order to safeguard the Board's title. I append Solicitors last communication."

Surrender of Lease of Bent Take at Co. Hospital

The Board of Health is desirous of surrendering the Bent Take at the Co. Hospital. This consists of two small fields which formed the greater part of the old Workhouse Farm. These fields are let at a profit rent to the end of the present month and the

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 matter of the surrender of Lease has been in the hands of the Board's Solicitor. I am now informed that the surrender must be made by the Co. Council under the Local Government Temporary Provisions Act 1923."

Sale of Cosgrave's House at Co. Home.

The Co. Board of Health by unanimous resolution decided to dispose of a Property at Enniscorthy at present tenanted by Mr. Cosgrave, and fixed the purchase price at £400. Maps and plans of the property were forwarded to the Minister and the final legal Forms which were being ^{prepared} purchased by the Board's Solicitor were held up by a letter from the Minister requesting that the Sale be not completed until he had gone into the matter. This is now a matter for the Co. Council. No reply has yet been received from the Minister in this connection.

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

"That the communication from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health as to tenancy Oulart Dispensary Residence be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to this Council, for the purpose of drawing up an agreement between Council and Dr. Connolly, as to tenancy Mr. Elgee to advise what he considers should be the nominal rent to be paid by the Doctor."

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

"That the Secretary of the Co. Board of Health be requested to wait on Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to this Council for the purpose of explaining exactly how the Bent-Take at the Co. Hospital is held and that following this interview Mr. Elgee advise the Council as to what steps he considers they should take in the matter."

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

"That as regards proposed sale of property at Enniscorthy

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County Home at present tenanted by Mrs Cosgrave the Minister of Local Government be requested to inform the Council how the matter stands at present and if he is prepared to consent to the sale at the figure agreed on by the Co. Board of Health viz £400

New Ross Urban Council and Demand

Under date 20th October, 1923 Mr. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross wrote that in reference to deputation from New Ross Urban Council waiting on Co. Council it would not be possible for the deputation to travel to Wexford and requested the Council to arrange for some members residing near New Ross to meet them at the Urban Council Offices.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"The Finance & Roads Committee cannot advise the Council to comply with the request of New Ross Urban Council to meet some members of the Co. Council in connection with Demand. This Committee again recommend the Council to take action against New Ross Urban Council which is apparently making no effort to collect the Rates. The Committee cannot agree that there is any room for a conference in connection with the payment of the Demand by the Urban Council New Ross. "

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue.

Midwives Act & Central Midwives' Board.

Under date 15th November, 1923 the following letter (P.H.46571-1923 Wexford Co) was read from the Ministry of Local Government:-

"In compliance with your request of the 2nd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to transmit the enclosed copies of Circular Letters of the 2nd December, 1918, and 30th June, 1923, with regard to the control of midwives.

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I am to add that if the Wexford County Council have not already given notice of the principal provisions of the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, it would be advisable that they should now do so, especially Section 18 which requires that all practising midwives shall notify the Local Supervising Authority. From the notifications so received, the Local Supervising Authority should prepare a list of the midwives in practice in their area, so that they may be in a position to deal with persons who may be practising without having been enrolled under the Act. A copy of this list should be sent to the Central Midwives Board every January (Section 16 (6)).

The Local Supervising Authority should have a copy of the Roll of Midwives for reference; they should also keep a stock of books and forms which midwives are required to use and which are on sale at Messrs Falconer 's"

Under date 25th September, 1923 the Secretary Central Midwives Board wrote that any balance against the Board, as approved by the Minister for Local Government may be apportioned among the Local Supervising Authorities, viz County and Co. Borough Councils in proportion to their rateable valuation and it was mandatory on these authorities to pay the amounts so apportioned.

The Secretary stated that the amount apportioned as the share of the Wexford Co. Council was £15: 2: 3d.

Under date 30th October, 1923 the following letter (P.H. 39258/23 Wexford County) was read from Ministry of Local Government:-

"Adverting to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10th ultimo, relative to the question of the control of midwives in pursuance of the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that it will not be necessary to make a whole-time

appointment of a medical officer for this purpose, and it is suggested that no considerable additional expense would be involved if, as a temporary arrangement, the Council decided to entrust the duties of medical officer under the Act to the Tuberculosis Officer at a suitable remuneration to be agreed on"

The Secretary stated that Dr. O'Connor would undertake the duties under the Act if allowed a reasonable rate of remuneration.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to prepare a memorandum giving in detail provisions of Midwives Act and regulations under same for presentation to next meeting of the Council"

Co. Insurance Committee.

Under date 26th October, 1923 the National Health Insurance Commission wrote approving of the appointment of Alderman James Larkin, High Street, Wexford, as a member of the Co. Wexford Insurance Committee vice Mr. James Gleeson, The Avenue, Gorey resigned.

Co. Wexford Insurance Society.

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

"That Messrs E. P. Foley, John Cummins and P. Hayes, Co. Councillors, be appointed Trustees to above Society vice Dr. Ryan and Messrs P. Rossiter and John J. Kehoe."

County Hall and arrangement with
Military

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

"That Mr. Doyle T.D., be requested to ascertain from the Military Authorities what financial proposals they intend making

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to the Co. Council in connection with the taking over of
County Hall for a Military Barracks

Military and Gas in Co. Hall.

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

"That Mr. Doyle T. D., be requested to take steps to
induce the Military Authorities to pay Bill for Gas used by
them while in joint occupation of Co. Hall with Co. Council"

Polling Stations for Elections.

Under date 5th November, 1923 a memorial was read from
Electors of Horetown E. D. asking that polling station proposed
at Traceystown West, National School should be transferred to
Cullenstown Little N.S. which was more convenient for three-
fourths of the Electors of the Division.

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

"That polling station proposed at Traceystown West, National
School be transferred to Cullenstown Little, National School
in compliance with the wishes of the majority of the Electors
in Electoral Division of Horetown."

Officers at Local Elections.

Under date 12th November, 1923 Mr. James Connors, Secretary
Transport Union Branch, Gorey wrote that he had been directed
by his Committee ^{to write} with reference to the appointment of Presiding
Officers and Poll Clerks for the coming local elections. They
wished this request to be put before the Council with a view to
getting fair representation as there is a large number of Trade
Unionists. *concerned*

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this letter he had
written the following to Mr. Connors:-

"I have yours re Elections. It is probable that I will be

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acting as Returning Officer. But, if so, I will not bind myself to appoint any persons from any particular section or class. I will endeavour to secure the services of the most capable men for the positions."

Old Age Pensions.

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

"That we protest against the action of the Government in reducing the amount paid to Old Age Pensioners. In view of the high cost of living we are of opinion that the reduction which has been adopted by the Government will inflict considerable hardship on a very deserving class of the Community."

Old Age Pension Claims.

Under date 12th October, 1923 a letter was read from Mr. P. Duffy, Customs & Excise, Waterford giving particulars of claims in respect of which Sub-committee No 1 (Bannow Rosslare and Bridgetown) alleged that the Pension Officer had shown great delay in dealing with. The Pension Officer for the District, Mr. Duffy wrote had been absent on leave and on sick leave during the month of September. He had recently resumed duty and the matter would be further investigated

Applications under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to the following on condition that they stock and sell Irish made dip only.

- ✓ J.W.Kenny, Campile.
- ✓ Peter Cooney, Market Square, Orlart.
- ✓ S.Murphy, Manager Shelburne Co-op.Agricultural Society.
- ✓ Margaret Conran, Rathnure.
- ✓ John Doyle 12 & 13 Quay Street, New Ross

P. J. Wickham, Manager J. Donohoe & Co. Ltd.,
Enniscorthy.
Brigid Cousins, Ballyask, Kilmore.

New Ross Guardians Bill of Costs.

In connection with Bill of costs from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solrs., to late New Ross Guardians and which had been forwarded to Co. Council by County Board of Health, the Secretary stated that the Bill opened with date 12th July 1915 and the amount of taxed costs was £305: 12: 4d.

Under date 14th November, 1923 Mr. Colfer Solr wrote that the question of the non-application of Statutes of Limitations in regard to taxed and certified Bills of Costs was now settled law and Co. Council need have no doubt about discharging the amount

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

"That the Bill of Costs submitted by Messrs Colfer & Son for £305: 12: 4d incurred on behalf of New Ross Board of Guardians be submitted to the Ministry of Local Government for a direction as regards payment in view of the fact that the Bill went so far back as 12th July, 1915"

Appointment Deputy Coroner.

Under date 1st November, 1923 Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner South Wexford wrote that, he proposed ^{Wickham} Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor ^{Solr} as Deputy Coroner, ~~Solicitor~~ vice his brother Mr. James O'Connor, Solicitor, who was going to reside in Co. Wicklow.

Proposed Ministry of Health.

The Minutes of General Council of Co. Councils relative to proposed establishment of Ministry of Health were referred to Finance & Roads Committee

Sheep Scab Prosecution.

Under date 4th October, 1923 the Department of Agriculture

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and Technical Instruction (Veterinary Branch) enquired if any action had been taken in the case of Mr. Nicholas Furlong, Woodtown, Rosslare for failure to report an outbreak of sheep scab at his premises.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That in the event of Civic Guard prosecuting Mr. Nicholas Furlong, Woodtown, Rosslare for alleged failure to report outbreak of sheep scab on his premises our Solicitor will appear and assist in the prosecution."

The above recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall

Resolutions.

Resolutions were received from R. D. Council, Macroom, Limerick Co. Council and Limerick Corporation relative to the release of Political Prisoners but no action was taken thereon.

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