

MEETING. 4th OCTOBER, 1921.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on 4th October 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding

Also present:- Messrs. R. Corish, E. Foley, Chas. McCarthy, J. Cummins; and Seamus Doyle.

The Acting Secretary was in attendance.

Loan from An Dail.

The Acting Secretary reported that he had received deposit receipt for £4416. 0. 9 from the Local Government Department. It had been lodged in the National Bank, in the names of the three trustees mentioned on the receipt.

The Acting Secretary further stated that the National Bank would contribute, as arranged with the Local Government Department, £4,400 on loan to the Council.

It was decided that the sum of £4416. 0. 9 be left in a special account as a reserve for the present.

Payments to Public Bodies.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the following sums be paid to the subsidiary bodies:-

Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee	£3,000
Enniscorthy Union	1,000
Gorey Union	1,000
New Ross Union	2,000
Wexford Union	2,000
Gorey R.D. Council	300

£ 9,300

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 4th OCTOBER 1921.Amalgamation Conference.

A Meeting of the Conference re Union Amalgamation was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on the 4th October 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham, presiding, also:-

Messrs. Seumas Doyle M.C.C. C. McCarthy M.C.C., E.P. Foley, M.C.C. R. Corish M.C.C., J. Cummins M.C.C., D. Whelan, Miss O'Ryan and D. O'Sullivan, Clerk (three Representatives from Wexford Union) James Doyle, Thomas Stokes and John J. Fanning, Clerk (three Representatives of Gorey Union) Thomas McCarthy, M. Maher and Aidan A. Connolly, Clerk (three Representatives of Enniscorthy Union).

No Representatives of New Ross Union attended.

Mrs. Keating, Miss Lister and Dr. Kelly, Inspectors of the Local Government Department and Mr. T.A. Frizelle, the Acting Secretary of the County Council were in attendance.

The Clerk of the New Ross Union wrote that his Board were not sending any delegates to the Conference. The Meeting of the Guardians he had called to consider the matter was small and unrepresentative, and the Guardians decided to adjourn the matter.

The following letter under date 12th October 1921, from the Local Government was read:-

"The Local Government Department have under consideration the Wexford Scheme of Amalgamation of Unions.

The Scheme formed does not appear to justify the heavy establishment charges which naturally result from keeping on the four Unions. District Hospitals will undoubtedly form the subject of special legislation under normal conditions, and the institutions which have been in use heretofore would not lend themselves to a forward policy in this respect. The Department, therefore, can only consider the question in the light of a centralised Scheme of County Hospital and County Home, leaving over for the present a Scheme for Cottage and District Hospitals".

A letter was read from Archdeacon Latham, up to recently Protestant Rector of Wexford, in which he expressed the hope that the Union Hospitals would be abolished and an up-to-date County

Hospital established.

Circular No. 52, under date 27th September 1921, was read from the Local Government Department.

The following letter, under date 30th September 1921, was read from the Clerk, Gorey Board of Guardians:-

"In reply to your letter, a specially convened meeting of the Board of Guardians was held to-day at which the Dail Inspector was present, to consider the question of Amalgamation. It was decided that the question of Amalgamation of the Gorey Hospital, with the other Hospitals in the County, be postponed for twelve months.

At the same time, it was agreed to send two delegates to County Council Conference, on Tuesday next, viz:- Messrs. James Doyle and Thomas Stokes. I will be in attendance myself also".

Mrs. Keating, Inspector, pointed out that the Gorey Board of Guardians, by sending delegates to the Conference, had bound themselves (as pointed out in circular 52) to agree to the ruling of the majority of the Conference in the matter.

Mr. J. Cummins proposed the establishment of a County Hospital.

Mr. C. McCarthy seconded.

As an addendum, Miss Ryan proposed and Mr. T. McCarthy seconded the following:-

"That the four Union Hospitals be abolished. That a County Hospital be established at Wexford for the General medical needs of the County. That we respectfully request the Local Government Department to sanction the establishment of a small Cottage Hospital at Gorey, the present fever hospital there to be utilised for the purpose.

We recommend the County Council to arrange with the Management of the Houghton Hospital, New Ross for the treatment of urgent cases from New Ross and District". Passed unanimously.

Public Health Committee.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction the constitution of the proposed Public Health Committee as follows:-

County Councillors	8	
Chairman R.D. Councils	4	
Representatives of Town Councils of Enniscorthy and New Ross	(1 each)	2
Corporation of Wexford (The Mayor and one other)		2
Commissioners of Gorey		1
Persons nominated by the County Council		4
Representatives of Insurance Committee		3
Representatives of present Board of Guardians		4
Representatives of County Medical Association		2

It was decided that a meeting of the Public Health Committee be called as soon as the constitution of same had been approved by the Local Government Department to arrange the details and working of the Scheme.

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 12th OCTOBER, 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on 12th October 1921.

Present:- Mr. Sean Etchingham (Chairman) presiding, other members:- Messrs. P. Buckley, M. Byrne, James Byrne, M. Cloney, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, R. Corish, M. Doyle, Seamus Doyle, Edward Foley, James Hall, M. Hughes, D. Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, John Murphy, C. McCarthy, Patrick O'Byrne, J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) J. Pender, James Shannon.

The Acting Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Acknowledgment.

On the motion of the Chairman the following was ordered to be inserted on the minutes:-

"Mrs. Ryan and Family, Tomcoole, Taghmon, gratefully acknowledge your Council's kind expressions of sympathy with them in their recent sad bereavement and wish particularly to thank them for the beautiful wreath".

Rate Collectorship - No. 21 District.

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

"That the appointment on September 20th of Collector for Division No. 21, comprising the E.D's of Ballyhack, Rathroe, Templetown, Fethard and Killesk, be declared invalid on the ground that canvassing had been carried on in favour of successful candidate

The notice was, as required by the Standing Orders, signed by seven members of the Council.

Mr. Cloney seconded.

A discussion took place as to what exactly constituted canvassing and whether it included canvassing amongst members of the Council.

As an amendment Mr. Corish proposed, and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) seconded:-

"That in view of the uncertainty prevailing in the minds of the members of the Council as to the interpretation of the resolution of

the Council as regards canvassing, Mr. Bernard Cleary be allowed to retain without prejudice his position as Rate Collector for No. 21 Collection District to which he was appointed at the last meeting of the Council. That it be clearly understood that, as regards future appointments, disqualification under this head will include canvassing amongst members of the Council, but, at the same time, that it be lawful for members to make a statement as regards the merits of any candidate when the question of the appointment is being considered.

A show of hands was taken when eleven voted for the amendment and six against.

The Chairman declared the amendment passed, and it was then put as the substantive motion and carried unanimously.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 5th October 1921 the following letter was read from Sean S. Travers, Jervis Street, Hospital, Dublin:-

" I beg to apply for an extension of the Council's Scholarship granted me by your Council in 1917. I am beginning my fifth (final) year of medicine and have passed all my examinations to date. I will not be eligible to sit for my final examination until this time next year when I will have completed my five years' course.

Last year your Council was kind enough to grant me an extension for my fourth year. I would feel grateful if they could also see their way to allow me the extension for the incoming year in view of the high prices that prevail and especially since the University fees have been twice raised during the past two years.

I would be much obliged if you could have this application brought before your Council meeting on the 12th instant."

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, consideration of the application was adjourned to next meeting, the means of Mr. Travers to be inquired into by local Councillors, and a statement regarding same to be submitted by them to said meeting.

Under date 28th September 1921, the following letter was read from Miss Julia Doyle, Traciestown, Clearestown:-

"At the next meeting of the County Council will you kindly put forward an application for the extension of my Scholarship for another

year, to enable me to take out my Diploma in Higher Education, and to do a course of research work in Chemistry. In order to obtain a post in Ireland and to be recognised as a fully qualified teacher it is necessary to have my Diploma in teaching. The B.Sc. degree examination is now over and I passed with 1st class honours. I hope the County Council will consider my application at their next meeting."

Mr. Seamus Doyle proposed and Mr. Foley seconded:-

"That the application of Miss Julia Doyle, Traciestown, Cleariestown, for an extension of her Scholarship for another year be agreed to".

As an amendment, Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Kehoe seconded:-

"That the application be refused".

A show of hands was taken when eleven voted for the amendment and eight against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and it was then put as the substantive motion and passed unanimously.

Under date 27th September 1921, the following letter was read from Miss Ellen T. Kehoe, Loreto Hall, Dublin:-

"I wish to apply for an extension of my County Council Scholarship for the coming academic year in order to take out my Higher Diploma in Education which is a post-Graduate course of one year and which students must obtain before being fully qualified as Secondary Teachers in Ireland.

I am at present sitting for the B.A. Honours examination and, if necessary, I shall have the results forwarded to you as soon as they are known.

"Hoping the Council will see their way to grant my application".

Mr. Seamus Doyle proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded:-

"That the application of Miss Ellen T. Kehoe for extension of Scholarship for the coming academic year be agreed to".

As an amendment Mr. M. Doyle proposed and Mr. Kehoe seconded:-

"That the application be refused".

A show of hands was taken when twelve voted for the amendment and seven against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and it was then

put as the substantive motion and passed unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that, in future applications for extension of Scholarships be considered by the members of the Council on the Scholarship Committee.

Under date 9th October 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. N. McGrath, Georges Street, Gorey:-

"I respectfully ask you to consider the awarding of the University Scholarship to my son, Thomas V. McGrath for this reason. The case is exceptional, his age will prohibit him for competing next year, and I assure you it would be a great hardship imposed by withholding it, the one chance of his lifetime.

He has passed all the subjects required and I may say it was a difficult thing to concentrate his mind on his studies with what raids we were subject to by Crown Forces during the past year, often four times in twenty four hours,

I am enclosing a letter from his teacher. Hoping you will give this application your due consideration".

No order as the matter was decided at a previous meeting of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed a Scholarship Committee to draft next year's University Scholarship Scheme:-

Messrs. Seamus Doyle, E. Foley, M. Doyle, R. Corish, C. Culleton and the Chairman (Mr. Sean R. Etchingham) with two representatives from the Gaelic League, two representatives from the National School Teachers' Association and two representatives from the Christian Brothers.

Appointment of Rate Collector.

For the position of Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District, applications were received from the following:-

Patrick Fitzpatrick, Kiltale, Enniscorthy.

Michael McGrath, Market Square, Gorey.

Michael Molloy, Johnstown, Arklow.

Robert Kinsella, Kiltomas, Ferns.

Martin McGrath, Spike Island.

Luke Smith, Raheenaskia, Oulart.

Daniel McDonald, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.

All the candidates were in attendance except Martin McGrath, who is at present interned in Spike Island.

An examination in Irish was held with the following result--

Michael McGrath	97 per cent
Michael Molloy	92 per cent
Daniel McDonald	55 per cent
Patrick Fitzpatrick	53 per cent
Luke Smith	27 per cent
Robert Kinsella	14 per cent

An examination in English and Arithmetic was held with the following result:-

Michael McGrath	94 per cent
Michael Molloy	86 per cent
Patrick Fitzpatrick	65 per cent
Luke Smith	34 per cent
D. McDonald	30 per cent
Robert Kinsella	9 per cent

Mr. Buckley proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded:-

"That no candidate be disqualified through his failure to obtain a sufficient percentage of marks in Irish, as all of those on the list had obtained some marks in this subject".

As an amendment, Mr. Foley proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded:-

"That candidates not obtaining 33 and 1/3rd per cent of marks in Irish be excluded from the list of qualified candidates".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

for the amendment:-

Messrs. J. Byrne, S. Kehoe, Seamus Doyle, McCarthy, Foley, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) D. Kavanagh and the Chairman.- 8.

Against:-

Messrs. Hall, Culleton, Shannon, Buckley, Pender, P. O'Byrne, M. Doyle, J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) Cummins, Cloney, Murphy, Corish and Hughes.- 13.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the original motion was then put and passed nem con.

As regards the examination in English and Arithmetic Mr. Cloney proposed and Mr. S. Doyle seconded:-

"That candidates not obtaining 33 and 1/3rd per cent of marks in the English and Arithmetic Examination be excluded from the list of qualified candidates".

As an amendment, Mr. Pender proposed, and Mr. Buckley seconded--

"That all the candidates be included in the list of those eligible for the appointment.

After discussion, Mr. Pender with the permission of the meeting, withdrew his motion, and Mr. Cloney's motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

The Chairman stated that, in his opinion, Martin McGrath was fully qualified in Irish, English and Arithmetic, and it was agreed that his name should be included in the list of qualified candidates.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. M. Doyle seconded the appointment of Mr. Luke Smith.

Mr. Seamus Doyle proposed and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) seconded the appointment of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick.

None of the other candidates was proposed, but the Chairman stated that any member who wished, could vote for any of the qualified candidates, viz:-

Michael McGrath,
Michael molloy,
Patrick Fitzpatrick,
Luke Smith,
Martin McGrath.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Fitzpatrick: Messrs. M. Byrne, Culleton, Shannon, Buckley, Pender, P. O'Byrne, Cummins, Seamus Doyle, Kehoe, J.J. O'Byrne, (Ballyduff) Hughes, Murphy, Corish and the Chairman.- 14.

For Smith:- Messrs. Hall, J. Byrne, M. Doyle, Cloney, McCarthy, Foley, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) and Kavanagh.- 8.

None of the other candidates received any vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Fitzpatrick elected and Mr. Fitzpatrick suitably returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"In reply to the Advertisement in this week's Echo, I beg to tender to you and through you to the Wexford County Council my application for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District.

As requested I will attend the meeting on October 12th when applications will be considered".

At the conclusion of the business of the meeting two men came before the Council and stated they wished to object to the appointment of Mr. Fitzpatrick on the ground that canvassing had taken place in connection with his appointment.

The Chairman stated that the matter could only be raised at the next meeting of the Council and, if they had proof of their statement, it would be considered by the Council at the next meeting.

Internees.

On the motion of Mr. M. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Seamus Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That An Dail be requested to have negotiations with the British Government suspended and their plenipotentiaries withdrawn, until the internees have been released".

Scheme of Union Amalgamation.

On the motion of Mr. Seamus Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley, the scheme of Union Amalgamation, as agreed to at the Conference, held on 4th October, 1921 was approved.

Public Health Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, the following were appointed representatives of the County Council on the Public Health Committee:-

Messrs. M. Cloney, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) James Shannon, D. Kavanagh, John Pender, J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) E. Foley, and C. Culleton, being two from each County Electoral Area.

Inspectors of Food & Drugs.

On the motion of the Chairman, Messrs. Foley, Kavanagh, Corish and McCarthy were appointed a Committee to draft terms of appointment of Inspectors of Food & Drugs.

Electors & Jurors' Lists.

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

"That the Secretary, at present interned in Spike Island, be paid as compensation the amount he would have received if the preparation of the Electors & Jurors' Lists had not been suspended".

Holding of Inquests.

Under date 6th October 1921, the following was read from the Local Government Department:-

"The Ministry for Local Government have been informed by the Minister for Home Affairs that he has had under consideration the question of holding inquiries into the cause of death where the circumstances connected therewith appear to require investigation, and that he has now given instructions to the Local Republican Police to consult with the Coroner in all such cases, and, if he considers an inquest necessary, to take the customary steps to summon a jury and arrange a time and place for holding the inquest. The Ministry request that the Councils concerned will instruct the Coroners employed by them to co-operate in these arrangements".

On the motion of Mr. Byrne seconded by Mr. Foley the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a copy of order, under date 6th October 1921, from the Local Government Department, regarding the holding of inquests be forwarded to the two Coroners for the County and that they be instructed to comply with the directions of the Local Government Department".

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to advise the Council as to what steps they should take in the case of Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, who has retained his J.P. ship although directed to resign same by the County Council".

Administrative Committee.

Under date 7th October 1921 the following letter was read from the Department of Home Affairs:-

"As you know it is our intention to set up in each County and

County Borough a Local "Administrative Committee" as a local Cabinet to represent the National Cabinet.

It is intended that the Committee should be commissioned by the National Cabinet and composed, to start with, of:-

- (1) Representative of the Minister for Home Affairs who shall be Chairman, with a whole-time officer as paid Secretary to the Committee.
- (2) Representative of the Minister for Local Government
And if possible
- (3) representative of the Minister for Economies
- (4) representative of the Minister for Education.

The members of the Dail for each Administrative Area are eligible for selection in above and will, in any case, be entitled ex-officio to be present and to vote on the Committee. The first appointments will be for a probationary period of six months. The names on list attached are being considered by the Cabinet.

We are desirous of securing opinions as to the general suitability of the persons named for the respective posts from:-

- (a) The Local panel of T.D's.
- (b) Divisional and Brigade Commandants.
- (c) The Local County Council.

I am accordingly submitting them to you for your criticism and suggestions.

The matter is urgent and we cannot wait a reply longer than October 17th.

Names Suggested for Administrative Committees.

<u>Province</u>	<u>County or County Borough</u>	<u>Resident Members of Dail Eireann</u>	<u>Members of County & Borough Councils & Others</u>
Leinster	Wexford	Dr. Ryan S. Doyle R. Corish	Ed. Foley

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Home Affairs be notified that the Wexford County Council approve of the following for appointment on Local

National Cabinet:-

Dr. Ryan, Messrs. S. Doyle, R. Corish and E. Foley.

County Hall.

Under date 10th October 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I have had an interview with the Brigades Lands Officer as to this and he wants to know will the Council accept payment of the rent of the premises now, and leave the question of the payment of the compensation for disturbance over, until such time as the Military are about to vacate the premises".

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

"That the claim be registered with An Dail for the amount of compensation demanded by the County Council in respect of disturbance from the County Hall".

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the question of the payment by the Council of £411. 5. 10² to the General Cattle Diseases Fund be referred to An Dail.

All Ireland Industrial Conference.

The Chairman (Mr. Sean R. Etchingham) and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) were appointed delegates from the County Council to the All Ireland Industrial Conference to be held in Dublin on 19th and 20th October 1921.

Boundary Fence - Ballymurray Quarry.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council to deal with this matter were summoned for the 30th September at Ballymurray. Mr. Kavanagh M.C.C. was in attendance but Mr. Simon Kehoe, M.C.C. was not able to be present. The County Surveyor and Road Contractors, Messrs. Joseph Hyland, Michael Cullen and James Doyle were also in attendance. Mr. Sinnott, in regard to whose boundary fence the Committee were to enquire, was present, as well as Miss Kavanagh, the owner of the portion of the quarry under the direct control of the County Council. The Committee was of opinion that the cause of

Capt. Maher's complaint was entirely outside the responsibility of the County Council, and should be dealt with directly between Capt. Maher and the Contractor, James Keating who worked that side of the quarry.

In regard to Miss Kavanagh's complaint of the gaps in the fence between the two portions of the quarry, it was decided that these gaps should be at once built up, and arrangements were made that Mr. Michael Cullen, the Contractor, working the quarry do the work for the sum of £1. Miss Kavanagh further demanded that the working face of the quarry between her portion and Capt. Maher should be fenced, but this would be a practical impossibility while work would be carried on, but as an alternative Miss Kavanagh offered to sell to the County Council the whole of her quarry, giving also a dumping ground and a roadway in. She asked £100 for this, but the Committee was of opinion that a much smaller sum would be the fair value, and the Committee recommends that an offer be made to Miss Kavanagh of £50.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the report of the Committee was adopted.

Machinery at Ferrybank.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Wexford Corporation has refused to sanction the arrangement come to for the purchase of 500 c. yards of material, and now agrees only to take 120 c. Yards. Owing to this change it will now be necessary for the County Council to remove the bulk of the material from the breaker, and I am continuing the use of the lorry and waggons pending your sanction.

I find that the water available at Ferrybank for the engine is brackish and was likely to cause serious injury to the boiler. Accordingly I have arranged to draw water from some distance and have to hire horses for this".

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Corish and the County Surveyor.

Complaint by Road Contractor.

The following letter was read from Mr. John O'Toole, Gurrawn,

Blackwater:-

"I regret to now have to bring under your notice the attitude of the County Surveyor, Mr. Barry, towards me. As your Council owe me a considerable sum of money, amounting to £155. 12. 6 as I have asked Mr. Barry to pay me on several occasions and on the last one the reply I got was that I had plenty of money and did not want it. I now demand an explanation from your Council why Mr. Barry is allowed to carry on in this manner and who is supplying him with instructions in my case. Mr. Barry seems to think that he can do what he likes in troubled times. I also demand an explanation from Mr. Barry as to a cowardly and false charge which he made against me in presence of at least three County Councillors. I would like to know who gave him instructions to make such a slanderous statement about me. I have been a Contractor from 1912 and have been paid in full always until Mr. Curran came into office. As Mr. Curran made a special agreement with me and then went back of it. Mr. Barry might have planted fraud at his door instead of mine. So I will say no more now. Trusting your Council will hold a searching inquiry into my case and, if needs be, let it be a sworn inquiry and your Council will find I have been swindled out of a considerable sum of money".

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Subsequent to Mr. O'Toole's letter to Mr. Frizelle I wrote him on the 5th September asking for details of the charge which he makes against me, but have not received any reply. I most emphatically deny I, on any occasion, made any false charge against Mr. O'Toole, and should be glad to have the matter considered by the Council.

On the 20th April last, Mr. O'Toole's claim in regard to his several roads was fully considered by a Committee of the County Council in my office, and was then dealt with. The Councillors present were Mr. Simon Kehoe, Mr. Furlong, Mr. Foley, Mr. J. Cummins, and the Mayor, and Mr. O'Toole himself was also present. After a very lengthened consideration on all his roads and reports on same, the Committee dealt with each in detail, and in my letter of the 5th September to Mr. O'Toole I pointed this out to him".

Mr. J.R. Brennan, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of Mr. O'Toole

and, on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided that Mr. Brennan be heard.

Mr. Brennan addressed the meeting and stated that a sum of £106 was now due to Mr. O'Toole in respect of road Contracts etc.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Foley the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no order be made as the Committee of the Council had dealt with the matter a considerable time ago and the report of the Committee had not been altered at the subsequent meeting of the Council. That Mr. O'Toole be recommended by the Council to have the case dealt with by the Republican Courts, if he considers he still has a grievance".

Claim for Loss of Goods.

The following letter was read from Mrs. Margaret Breen, Templetown, Fethard:-

"I hereby give notice that I intend to proceed against the County Council for the recovery of the sum of £15. 3.0 for loss of 4 gallons of whiskey and one jar which got broken on the slipway at Duncannon Quay on August the 26th 1921. The slipway being in dangerous condition at the time being coated with slime which has been removed by the Council's servant employed there".

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"A claim from Mrs. Margaret Breen, Templetown, Fethard, has been put in for the sum of £15. 3. 0 for loss of whiskey through the dangerous condition of the slipway at Duncannon. The Claim has been forwarded to the Insurance Company and they are dealing with the matter."

The action of the County Surveyor in sending forward the claim to the Insurance Company was approved.

Sluice Gates - Courtown Harbour-

The following letter under date 6th October 1921, addressed to the County Surveyor was read from the Harbour-master, Courtown Harbour:-

"In reply to yours of the 5th inst., I beg to state that I can get two men to do the temporary repairs, they to be supplied with timber, bolts etc., at 10/- per day per man. I am utilising the

Council's planks as there is no time to get other stuff. As to the permanent repairs I think it would be better to defer the matter until you come down as I doubt if a local carpenter could do it.

I recovered the old paddle after a lot of work at a cost of £1, it is 11 x 5 feet made of pitch pine board, with iron all over and weighs about one ton, it is perfectly sound. The Spindle is bent at bottom and left to socket and snapped off at top, and in my opinion would require the services of a Diver when replacing it".

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Harbour Master reported that on the 4th October one of the Sluice Gate Paddles was carried away, and subsequently he reports that the Paddle has been recovered. The County Surveyor directed the Harbour Master to have temporary repairs carried out, so as to enable the fishermen to use the Harbour, pending more extensive and complete repairs. It will not be necessary for some time to undertake this heavy repair work. The Harbour Master's letters are being submitted to the County Council".

The action of the County Surveyor in having the temporary repairs carried out to the Sluice Gates at Courtown Harbour was approved.

Trailer Waggon.

Under date 5th October 1921, Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote forwarding the following copy of a letter sent to the County Surveyor by Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd:-

"We have heard from the Eagle Engineering Company that they despatched two Trailers to you via Great Western Railway to Rosslare. We should be glad if you would arrange to get in touch with the Railway Company and have these removed. We should also esteem it a favour if you would get your Council to pass us a cheque for same so that we can get you along another two".

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Two further waggons have arrived in Wexford and are at present at the South Station. Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitors, Wexford and Messrs. Thompson, Dublin, have asked to have these waggons taken over, and request immediate payment for same".

It was decided that the question of payment be referred to next

meeting.

Dates of Half-Yearly Meetings of District Councils.

The following was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"The Clerks of the Rural District Councils asked to have the dates for the meetings altered to concur with the usual meetings of the District Councils. There will be practically no road work under consideration this half-year. I am not submitting any proposals for renewal of contracts, as the whole matter of the future work must be considered and decided on by the Council later on. The lack of proposals now will only affect work during the quarter ending June 1922, and will not be of consequence.

I ask for your instructions as to dealing with Form 22 in so far as the several Contractors whose year would normally end at the 30th June quarter. A number of these Contractors who put out full tonnage in the Autumn of last year and had it all spread by the 31st March had completed the year's work and would normally be entitled to a quarter's pay at the December meeting of the County Council.

As there was no surface work carried on during the quarter ending June last there should be some small deduction to cover this, but otherwise the payment has been earned".

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that arrangements be made to have the Half-yearly Meetings of the District Councils coincide with the ordinary meetings of these bodies.

Superannuation of Local Officers.

Under date 28th September 1921, Circular No, 53, re Superannuation of Local Officers was read from the Local Government Department.

Adjourned to next meeting.

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 26th OCTOBER, 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on Wednesday 26th October 1921.

Present:- Messrs. Christopher Culleton, Richard Corish, Seumas Doyle, David Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, Thomas Murphy, John Murphy, Charles McCarthy, James Shannon.

On the motion of Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. McCarthy the chair was taken by Mr. Corish.

Work of Road Drainage.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee Meeting held on Saturday 15th October were read:-

"A Meeting of the Roads Committee of the County Council was held on Saturday 15th October 1921 in the Town Hall, Wexford.
Present:- Messrs. R. Corish, E.P. Foley, C. Culleton, W. Boggan, J.S. McDonald, D. Whelan, P. Hayes.

Messrs. W.F. Barry, County Surveyor and T.A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Boggan the chair was taken by Mr. Corish.

Report of County Surveyor.

The following report from the County Surveyor was read:-

"I submit a list of roads, on which it would be advisable to have drainage work carried out, as otherwise serious damage will take place and consequent increased cost will be incurred. I have consulted with the Assistant Surveyors at present in the County, and have also seen a number of the roads myself. In other cases I am acting on reports from local people and also on my knowledge of the roads and their liability to injury. The list submitted divided up the several roads into groups and I suggest that one or two men put in charge of each group, and essential drainage work only be carried out. The workmen can be moved from place to place as may be deemed advisable. I believe it would be better if this work was carried out directly under the Assistant Surveyor, as he is fully conversant with the various places requiring immediate and particular attention, and he will direct the workmen where to

proceed. Under this method it will not be necessary to employ Foremen or Gangers except in a few exceptional cases. I estimate that it will take about 110 men scattered all over the County and employed for a period of say ten weeks to carry out this work. I suggest that a forty-hour week be arranged for, and this will work out a total cost of £2,200. The Council will consider it better, if the work be undertaken, that double the number of men be employed, for half the period so as to have the work done quickly. In regard to the complaint of the road at Coolcarney Cross I beg to report that I have inspected this, and find that damage has been done but apparently some repairs have been carried locally. This, and a number of roads in Ballindaggin locality, are on list submitted you for the drainage work now. As you had directed that no work should be carried out I had not consequently singled out this road for special treatment."

The Acting Secretary submitted a statement showing the Council's financial position.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley the foregoing report submitted by the County Surveyor was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Boggan seconded by Mr. Whelan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to allocate a sum of £2400 for work of road drainage. Amount to be allocated as nearly as possible in the following proportion:- £1,400 for Roads in County Surveyor's charge and £1,000 for Contract Roads, the work on roads in the County Surveyor's charge to be carried out by Direct Labour, Road Contractors to have the option of carrying out the required work on their contracts at prices to be agreed upon between them and the County Surveyor. That the Chairman of the County Council be requested to have a Special Meeting of the County Council summoned to consider this recommendation and that a further meeting of their Committee be held as soon as the County Council have considered this matter".

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing in the foregoing Minutes of Roads Committee was approved.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the recommendation of the Roads Committee as set out above was approved. It was further unanimously decided to leave the working of the Scheme and the arranging of details etc. in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Poundage Fees- Mr. Pierce Redmond.

Mr. Pierce Redmond, Ballincash, Ferns wrote under date 30th September 1921 as follows:-

"At the close of my last collection I over lodged six shillings and ten pence after 30th September 1921 I lodged £

	£18. 10.0	
and on 14th Sept.	310. 2.0	
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	328. 12.0	at 7d. £9. 11. 8

I never got the opportunity of getting my books checked. The amount lodged is what Mr. McCarthy returned to me".

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

"That Poundage Fees amounting to £9. 11. 8 be paid to Ex-Collector Pierce Redmond, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department".

Payment of Collectors' Poundage.

Messrs. J. Cummins and D. O'Brien applied for payment of poundage fees in respect of amounts lodged to date.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the question of payment of poundage to Rate Collectors be considered at next meeting.

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

On the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was decided to ask the Local Government Department for instructions as to transfer of £411. 5. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to the General Cattle Diseases Fund in the Bank of Ireland.

Payment of accounts.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Doyle the County Surveyor was authorised to certify for payment of accounts to Local Traders up to a limit of £500.

Dr. Hearne, Solicitor handed in an Account for 230. 19. 2

due to his brother Mr. J.B. Hearne for timber supplied for repair of New Ross bridge.

The County Surveyor stated the amount was due for nearly twelve months.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided that payment of £50 on account be made.

Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Seumas Doyle it was decided that Rate Collectors be notified that Collections in respect of periods ended 30th September 1921 are to be closed by 30th November 1921.

Re Publishing List of Defaulting Ratepayers.

The following letter was read from "The People" Ltd.

"With reference to list of Defaulting Ratepayers from your Council we regret we cannot publish same. We had already received a similar list from Wicklow County Council and acting on the advice of three different Solicitors we decided we could not take the risk publishing. We were advised it would not only be contrary to law but most unfair to the parties concerned and that we would probably be had up for actions for injuring these people's credit etc. Under the circumstances I shall be glad if you will kindly explain to the County Council who no doubt will consider our position as we would be only too anxious to facilitate them in the matter".

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided that the quarter's payment due to the three Local Papers in respect of advertising Contract be held over for the present in view of the failure of the three newspapers to publish list of Defaulting Rate Payers.

Accounts- Thomas Sullivan, Ex-Collector
No. 21 District.

The Acting Secretary stated that Mr. M/J/ Finn, Deputy Checker, New Ross, attended at the County Council Offices and stated that he found there was a sum of £158. 19. 8¹/₂ unaccounted for on checking Sullivan's books. Mr. Finn thought this man's books might not have been correctly marked or that cash might not have been

received in respect of some of the receipts missing from the books, as he understood the Collecting Books had been in the hands of five or six other young men who were assisting at the Collection. The Inspector of the Local Government Department had been notified. The Books had since been handed to Mr. Finn in order that the marking could be checked by him and a re-check made with the Collector.

It was decided that no action be taken pending re-check of books by Mr. Finn after they have been again examined by Mr. Sullivan the Ex-Collector.

Mr. J.F. Batterton applied for cancellation of amount of Rates assessed on him in respect of small Island near his holding at Macmine and which he stated was waste land.

On the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle seconded by Mr. John Murphy it was decided that payment of amount be insisted upon.

The Acting Secretary stated he had communicated with the National Bank the Council's Treasurer re correct marking of "old" and "new" Rate in the Council's Bank pass Book. A large number of entries in the Pass Book had been wrongly marked.

The following letter had been received from the Bank under date 18th October 1921:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant I beg to say I am making every effort in my power to meet the wishes of the Council as to the particulars they require entered in their Pass Books, but I find most of the people lodging rates from time to time are very reluctant to give the necessary information".

It was decided that the desirability of insisting on Rate payers paying their Rates to the Council's Collectors, and of instructing the Treasurer (The National Bank Ltd.) not to receive Rates except from a Rate Collector, be considered at next meeting of the Council on the 8th November. Notice of Motion in the matter to be given by Mr. McCarthy.

Expenses of Inquests.

Mr. Phil Lennon, Court Registrar, New Ross forwarded bill for £1. 9. 0 car hire in connection with the holding of Inquest on body of Thomas Connolly.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman it was decided to ask An Dail for instructions as to payment.

Account for Removal Workhouse Inmate.

An account for motor hire amounting to £1. 18. 0, cost of removing inmate of Wexford Union to Enniscorthy Union was received from Republican Police.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman that the amount be forwarded to the Enniscorthy Board of Guardians.

Payment to Public Bodies.

The following payments were ordered:-

Enniscorthy Union	£2,000
New Ross Union	2,000
Wexford Union	2,000
Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee	3,000
Wexford R.D.C.	250
Co. Wexford Infirmary	250

Road Board Loan.

The Road Board applied for £102, 5th instalment of Principal in repayment of loan for purchase of Road Machinery.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided that amount be not paid.

Release of Prisoners.

The following letter from An Dail was read:-

"The Minister for Local Government has forwarded me an extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 12th instant, giving particulars of a resolution adopted by them on the subject of the release of interned prisoners.

The matter will receive due attention".

Coronership South Wexford.

The Acting Secretary read the previous order of the Council regarding the case of Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, in reference to his J.P. ship.

No order was made, question to be considered when reply is

received from An Dail in the matter.

Ex-Collector J. C. Smith.

The following letter from the Clerk, Gorey Union, was read:-

"The Gorey District Council has passed the following resolution in reference to Mr. J.C. Smith, ex-Rate Collector with a request that you bring it before the next finance meeting of the County Council:-

"That we the members of the Gorey District Council regard the action of the County Council in refusing to grant any superannuation to Mr. J.C. Smith, Rate Collector as rather drastic, and we would ask them to reconsider their decision. Mr. Smith has always been a most energetic Rate Collector and he is now solely dependent on whatever the County Council may grant him. That we instruct our representative on the County Council to move that Mr. Smith be now granted a superannuation".

The Acting Secretary stated that no notice of motion in the matter had been received from the Representative of the Gorey Rural District Council on the County Council.

Insurance of County Hall.

A Bill was received from Insurance Company for £7,10. 0 renewal Premium Fire Insurance County Hall, at present used as an R.I.C. Barracks.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided not to pay the amount.

Application for Rebate on Rate assessed.

Mr. Rath, Newtown applied to be allowed pay his current Rates on Valuation that will be in force on his premises next year (£165. 5. 0). His place had been partially dismantled now for a considerable time and he was still paying on a very high valuation (£202).

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Doyle, it was decided that payment of the full amount of the rates assessed on the Occupier be insisted upon.

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Union Amalgamation.
Public Health Committee.

The first meeting of the Public Health Committee was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday, 8th November 1921.

Present:- Messrs. R. Corish, Mayor, M. Cloney, J.J. Byrne, (Cudhinstown) D. Kavanagh, Michael Doyle, Seumas Doyle, C. Culleton, T. McCarthy, James Lawler, P. Lynch, Miss O'Ryan, Dr. Greene, Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, F. Carty, Dr. Hickey, Dr. Kelly, Killanne, A. A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Union, D. O'Sullivan, Clerk Wexford Union, and T.A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary Co. Council were also in attendance.

Mrs. Keating, Miss Lister and Dr. Kelly, Inspector of the Local Government Department were also present.

On the motion of Dr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Carty the Chair was taken by the Mayor.

The following correspondence was read:-

Letter from Department of Local Government under date 25th October 1921:-

"I have to inform you that the Amalgamation Scheme drafted at a recent Meeting of the County Wexford Amalgamation Committee, providing for an County Hospital at Wexford and a small Cottage Hospital at Gorey, is now approved of by the Department. It is to be understood, however, that the Cottage Hospital at Gorey, will be strictly confined to a limited number of beds for urgent cases, the number to be fixed by the Public Health Committee in consultation with the Medical Inspector from the Department. I have therefore to inform you that the constitution of the Public Health Committee as agreed to on the 30th August 1921, is hereby approved.

With regard to arrangement with the Houghton Hospital Authority in New Ross, as soon as the Public Health Committee have made definite arrangements with this Body, such arrangements are to be submitted to the Department for formal approval".

Wire from M. Byrne, Ballinabearna, (Chairman New Ross Rural District Council):-

"Impossible to attend meetings to-day protest against proposed

victimisation of New Ross by closing hospital for which we are taxed for a generation to bring up to date".

Letter from Clerk Wexford Union, under date 7th November 1921:-

"I am directed to forward you the following copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Board of Guardians at their meeting on last Saturday:-

"That we recommend the Public Health Committee to appoint the present Boards of Guardians as Sub-Committees for the purpose of Home Assistance, and for any other work under the Amalgamation Scheme they propose to delegate to Sub-Committee".

Letter from Clerk Gorey Union, under date 31st October 1921:-

"I submitted your letter re formation of Co. Health Committee and the appointment of representatives from Guardians and Council to the meeting on Saturday.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Lacey, the was unanimously decided "that no representatives from either this Board or Council be appointed to act on the Co. Health Committee until organised labour gets representation thereon".

Letter under date 27th October 1921, from Dr. W.W. Murphy, Coolgreany, Secretary County Medical Association:-

"At a meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford held yesterday in Enniscorthy, Drs. S.A. Hickey, of New Ross and M. W. Kelly of Killanne, were unanimously appointed to represent the County Wexford Doctors on the Public Health Committee, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:-

"That this meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford, bearing in mind the extreme importance to the public and the profession of the contemplated change in Poor Law Administration in County Wexford involving the abolition of the existing Hospitals which we strongly disapprove of- would urge on Dail Eireann and the Boards of Guardians the desirability of postponing the medical side of the Amalgamation question until a Commission representative of all the interests concerned has considered, and reported on, the whole matter".

Letter from the Irish Nurses & Midwives Union, under date

20th October 1921:-

"I am directed to forward you the following copy of a resolution unanimously passed at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of this Union, held on 29th and 30th ult:-

"That this conference of the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union desires to bring home to the Governing Body of the Country that in all matters affecting the Public Health it is imperative that nursing experts should be consulted, and the considered opinion of the Professional Organisations of Nursing be taken. We respectfully urge upon Dail Eireann the appointment of members of the Union on all Boards and Committees dealing with Public Health, and with matters affecting women and children".

This resolution has already been forwarded to Dail Eireann, but I am instructed that the subject matter is one which might be considered by your Council. In connection with this the following resolution was also passed at our Meeting:-

"That the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union submits that all nursing posts in these new County Hospitals and Homes should be filled only by fully trained Nurses and Midwives, and that the salaries offered should be sufficient to compensate for the skill and training required, the minimum salary for a trained nurse being £75 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, and uniform allowance.

We consider also that nurses will not be physically able to give of their best to the sick patients unless they enjoy adequate off duty time, and suggest that the hours of duty should not be more than forty-eight per week".

We hope very much that the County Council members of the various Management Committees of the Hospitals and Homes to be set up under Amalgamation Scheme will consider the above opinion of an organised body of Irish nurses, who desire to earn their living at their profession in their own Country. I would respectfully request your Council to recommend the local Management Committee when going into the question of salaries for the nursing appointments, to take the above into consideration. May I add

that our Committee is also of the opinion that £120 per annum is

the minimum that should be paid to Superintending Nurses or Matrons, and that in all cases it is taken for granted that laundry would be included in emoluments".

The following Scheme was adopted by the County Conference and the County Council, was submitted to the Meeting:-

County of Wexford.

Scheme for (1) Abolition of the Workhouses, and (2)
Establishment of a Public Health Service.

The Conference called to discuss the question of Amalgamation of Unions in Co. Wexford arrived finally at the following decisions

1. That the four general Workhouses in the County be abolished,
2. That the following institutions be established:-

- (a) A County Home at Enniscorthy for the aged and infirm homeless poor (who cannot be boarded out with "Home Assistance") for chronic cases, expectant mothers (unmarried) and idiots and epileptics (until such time as other arrangements may be made for the reception of unmarried mothers, idiots and epileptics) and for such children as cannot be boarded out.
- (b) A County Hospital at Wexford for the treatment of medical and surgical cases.
- (c) A County Fever Hospital at Wexford for the treatment of all infectious diseases and for observation purposes.
- (d) A District Hospital at Gorey for the treatment of medical and surgical cases of an urgent character arising in Gorey District.
- (e) That the County Council be recommended to make arrangements with the Management of the Haughton Hospital, New Ross, for the treatment of urgent cases from New Ross and district.

The present Workhouse Buildings at Enniscorthy and Wexford and the Fever Hospital at Gorey and Wexford, to be utilised for the purposes of the Scheme.

3. That an authority be created to be called the Co. Board of Public Health, consisting of 30 members, to exercise the following

powers, viz:-

- (a) Powers of management and control of the Co. Home and Hospitals, including the Mental Hospital at Enniscorthy.
- (b) Powers and functions of present Boards of Guardians.
- (c) Any other powers and functions delegated to them by the Co. Council.
- (d) The composition of the first Board to be as follows:-
 - 8 County Councillors.
 - 4 Chairmen of Rural District Councils.
 - 4 Representatives of Boards of Guardians.
 - 2 representatives of the Wexford Corporation (one to be the Mayor of Wexford for the time being)
 - 2 Representatives of the towns of Enniscorthy and New Ross.
 - 1 Representative of the Town Commissioners of Gorey.
 - 4 Persons nominated by the Co. Council.
 - 3 Representatives of the County Insurance Committee.
 - 2 Representatives of the County Medical Association.

This Scheme was adopted by the County Council on the 4th October 1921, and sanctioned by the Local Government Department (Dail Eireann) on the 25th October 1921.

The following draft of Supplemental Scheme was submitted
For Consideration.

Draft of Supplemental Scheme for (1) Abolition of Poor Law System, and (2) Establishment of a Public Health Service in the County.

1. For ordinary administration of the Public Health Board, three members shall form a quorum.

2. The Board of Health may carry out any of its functions through appointed sub-committees, and may appoint sub-committee to discharge any specific function. Such sub-committee is to be subject to the Board of Public Health, in the same manner as the Board of Public Health shall be subject to the County Council.

A sub-committee to be composed as follows:-

- (a) All the members of the Co. Council in the District.
- (b) All the members of the Public Health Board in the District.
- (c) 3 Rural District Councillors.

(d) 3 Urban Councillors (or Town Commissioners, in the case of Gorey)

(e) 2 Local Clergymen.

Sub-Committees to meet on the same day as the Rural District Council, and 3 members to form a quorum.

3. A system of Home Assistance (to take the place of Outdoor relief) to be adopted., administration to be as follows:-

(a) Co. Councillors, Members of the Public Health Board, and members of Sub-Committees to be supplied with forms, recommending Home Assistance, and stating circumstances of applicant. These recommendations to be considered at the meeting of sub-committee and forwarded to the Public Health Board with recommendations to allow (or not to allow) Home Assistance.

(b) Emergency Help.- Forms to deal with cases requiring immediate assistance to be issued to Co. Councillors, Members of the Public Health Board and of Sub-Committee to be signed by two authorised persons., these forms to entitle applicant to a certain value of goods from the tradesman to whom they are handed. The tradesman to sign these forms and forward them monthly to sub-committee.

(c) Payment of Home Assistance to be made through the medium of the post by order payable through the Bank.

4. That (save as hereinafter mentioned) the area of charge for expenditure of the Public Health Services be the County-at-large.

(a) That the expenses of the Gorey Cottage Hospital be made an extra charge on Gorey Rural District, and similarly that the expenses of patients from New Ross District, treated in the Haughton Hospital, be charged to the New Ross Rural District.

5. The Board will be requested to:

(a) Cause Regulations to be framed for the government of the new institutions.

(b) Decide as to the number of officials to be appointed, and the salaries and conditions of their employment.

(c) Require Boards of Guardians to furnish reports as to

the compensation or pensions payable to retired officers.

6. The present Boards of Guardians to be responsible for the boarding out of such inmates as are suitable for boarding-out, and for the transference of all other inmates to the new institutions. They shall not cease to function as Boards of Guardians until the transference shall be complete.

7. When the Boards of Guardians cease to act their liabilities shall become the liabilities of the Public Health Board.

8. The Mental Hospital to be managed by the present Committee, but under the general supervision of the Public Health Board, to which body it shall submit its estimate and annual report.

Mr. Lynch stated that the New Ross Board of Guardians were not satisfied with the Hospital portion of the Scheme. His Board could not agree to any scheme which did not allow for adequate Hospital arrangement for the people of New Ross and District.

Dr. Hickey also spoke against the abolition of New Ross Workhouse Hospital.

Dr. Kelly, Medical Inspector of Local Government Department, replied that he was sure there would be adequate accommodation in the Houghton Hospital for any urgent cases from New Ross District.

He considered that for Gorey District 10 beds in a Local Cottage Hospital would be quite sufficient for the treatment of urgent cases in that area.

On the motion of Mr. Carty, seconded by Mr. Martin, it was decided that a Sub-Committee be appointed to determine the number of beds required in the Cottage Hospital at Gorey. This Sub-Committee to also enter into negotiations with the Management of the Houghton Hospital, New Ross, as to arrangements for the provision of the requisite number of beds in that Hospital for urgent cases in New Ross District., also to arrange any further details necessary as regards the Cottage Hospital at Gorey and agreement with the Houghton Hospital Authorities, New Ross.

That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be forwarded to Public Health Committee for ratification.

The Sub-Committee to consist of the following:-

Dr. Kelly, The Myer, Messrs. P. Lynch, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)

T. McCarthy, W.P. Keegan, Moses Bolger.

The following alterations were made in Draft Scheme:-

On the motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Greene, it was decided that seven members should form a quorum.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Sub-paragraphs (a) (b) c) (d) (e) of paragraph 2 were deleted and the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the present members of the Board of Guardians resident in the County be appointed as Sub-Committees for the purpose of Home Assistance and for any other work under Amalgamation Scheme to be intrusted to Sub-Committees".

Rating- paragraph 4: Mr. Cloney proposed that the area of charge for expenditure of the Public Health Services be County-at-Large.

There was no Seconder.

Mr. T. McCarthy proposed District rating. Mr. D. Kavanagh seconded. passed.

paragraph 5 : was referred to Committee of whole House to meet on Saturday the 12th November at 11.0 O'Clock, in the Town Hall Wexford.

The Draft Supplemental Scheme as amended was adopted on the motion of Dr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Lawler.

X On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Culleton, Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Clerk of Wexford Union, was appointed Acting Secretary to the Committee.

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19