

MEETING, 4th OCTOBER, 1922.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held on 4th October 1922 in the County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Mr. E.P/ Foley, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. James Shannon, Michael Redmond, J. Sinnott, G. Devereux and J.J. O'Byrne, M. Cloney and J. Cummins.

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

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Resignation of Chairman.

The following letter was read from the Chairman, Co. Council:-

"A Chara,

I am medically advised that absolute quiet for some months to come is necessary to complete recovery of health.

You will therefore accept my resignation as member of the Council.

My attendance thereat in the past has been very irregular. There were reasons for this absence, and I had hoped that during this, the final year of our term. it would have been otherwise.

Personally I care not for resignation as a means of exit, but I have now no other alternative. The people who elected me must be given the right of expression by voice and vote in the Council Chamber. This action causes me keen regret. It would be my desire to serve the people who returned me and to assist, as far as I could, my colleagues on the Council in the difficult work they have to do.

The manner in which the people supported me in 1920, and the honour - the highest a Wexford man can hold - that you conferred upon me by electing me for the third time to the chair, are happenings that will ever remain with me as pleasing memories."

This letter had been before a meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee and was referred to the Co. Council.

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

"That Mr. Etchingham, Chairman of this Co. Council be requested to re-consider his resignation. The Co. Council will be out of office in a few months, and the members are anxious that the Chairman should continue

in office until next election".

Recommendations- Finance & Roads Committee

The following recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee for meetings of 4th and 27th September were laid before the meeting:-

FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE

Meeting, 4th September 1922

Present:- Mr. E.P. Foley, Vice-Chairman (presiding) also Messrs. John O'Byrne, John Cummins and John J. O'Byrne.

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

Damaged Bridges

Under date 1st August 1922 Mr. John Tomkin, Munney, Carnew, and a number of the ratepayers from the district wrote asking if the Co. Council would take immediate steps to have the bridges between Munney and Kiltilahane also the bridge between Munney and Askamore, which have been destroyed by the Irregulars, repaired. The people living in the townland of Munney, Askamore, Donishall, Askabeg and Kiltilahane were in consequence of the condition of these bridges, almost isolated. Some of them were cut away from portions of their farms, the land being at both sides of the river. As this was a matter of great importance, they urged that the bridges should be repaired immediately.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That our Secretary inform Mr. Tomkin that the Co. Surveyor is, so far as it is possible, making all roads and bridges at least passable.

Wicklow Gap and Cummer Quarries

The following letter under date 19th August 1922, from Mr. M. Byrne, Secretary, Transport Union Branch Tinahely, was read:-

"I am instructed by the members of the above Branch to notify you that they will not agree to let a crusher break the stones at Cummer or Wicklow Gap, as there are too many men idle. We wrote to you on the 23rd July to that effect and we got no reply from you. Hoping our case will have your kind consideration".

The County Surveyor stated that he and Mr. Treanor had made arrangements with the men in Wicklow Gap Quarry to break material there at the price which they had offered, viz:- 6/- per cubic yard.

It was decided that a further report should be submitted as to the working of this quarry, and as to the grade of material which was being turned out by the men.

Application for Payment on Road.

Joseph Hyland, Road Contractor, came before the Meeting and applied for repairs which he stated he had carried out on the road between Ballagh and Castle Ellis, in August 1921. He submitted letters from Rev. Daniel Quigley C.C. John Murray, Postman, The Ballagh, and John Cooney D.C. the latter of whom stated that the work had been carried out by his instructions.

Hyland explained to the meeting that he had been directed by Mr. Cooney to repair this road, which was in an almost impassable condition, and he had spread 38 cubic yards of material.

The Co. Surveyor disputed the amount of material which had been placed on the roads, and pointed out that as Hyland did not report the matter until 7 or 8 months after the work had been carried out, there was no means of checking the exact quantity of material provided.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

Proposed by Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) that a sum of £10 representing approximately a value of 20 cubic yards of material, be paid Joseph Hyland for work carried out by him on the road between The Ballagh and Castle Ellis in August 1921.

Application by Road Contractor.

Under date 24th August 1922 the following letter was read from Mr. William Waters, Junior, Raheenahone, Bree:-

"I want to bring to the notice of your Council the way I am treated by the Co. Surveyor. I surrendered my Contracts Nos. 47R and 10W, and was to be given all the haulage. Now there is an engine employed and the only explanation I get from the Co. Surveyor is that as the damaged bridge would prevent me getting out material from Ballybrennan Quarry, he had to put out Raheenahone material, and he also stated this is a special proposal. But was it necessary to employ an engine and leave me idle when the work was rightly mine, as we were to be given all haulage, extra material or any work that a horse was required at on the roads. My livelihood is cast away from me and I claim the sum of £40 being the amount I have lost for 200 cubic yards at 4/- per cubic yard, my agreed price with the Surveyor. If this sum is not paid to me all I ask is

simply hand back the contracts to me, and I will then raise no objection to anyone doing the extra work. The Co. Surveyor made it clear to us in Enniscorthy that every cubic yard of extra material required on the road would be given to us to haul at the same rate as the tonnage was agreed to be hauled at, and he has broken his word in this case, for before any bridge was damaged, he had an engine employed hauling from Ballybrennan Qu Quarry at a time when my horses stood idle. If this justice it is surely in a new form. Trusting your Council will treat me fairly".

The Co. Surveyor explained that the haulage referred to by Mr. Waters was not given to him, because it was the matter of a special proposal, and was quite outside the ordinary road contract, the money being provided to make good damage done to the road by timber traffic.

It was decided that the Secretary inform Mr. Waters that the Co. Surveyor provided that he should obtain the ordinary haulage in relation to his contract, but his complaint referred to work which was outside this contract, and which had to be carried out by engine hire, seeing that it could not be carried out by horse haulage in a reasonable time.

Ballyeden Bridge.

Under date 2nd August 1922 Mr. T. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote that he had been instructed by Mr. Michael Kelly, Rathnure, Killanne to apply to the Co. Council for payment of the sum of £3.19.6d, amount for which Mr. Kelly had contracted to carry out certain repairs at Ballyeden Bridge, and the tender for which was accepted by the Co. Council in December 1919. Mr. Kelly stated he had been told repeatedly by Mr. Ennis Assistant Surveyor, that the amount would be paid.

The County Surveyor stated that the money for this work had been struck off but the work was subsequently carried out. Payment had since been made by Sudden Damage Order.

Cush Gap.

The Co. Surveyor reported that Cush Gap had been damaged by the recent rains. Formerly a road existed down to the Gap, but this had been replaced by a timber shoot, and the road abandoned. The shoot had now been carried away and unless it was repaired immediately, a dwellinghouse which was adjacent, would be flooded and ruined. On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) it was decided that the Co. Council be recommended to allocate a sum not exceeding

£55 for the repair of Gush Gap, Blackwater.

Resignation of Mr. C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor.

The Co. Surveyor stated that on Friday, 29th August 1922, Mr. C.P. Curran had informed him that he was leaving the service of the Council to take up a position in the General Valuation Offices, Dublin. Mr. Curran had promised to furnish his resignation in writing, but up to the present it had not been received.

The Committee decided to take no action in view of the fact that no written resignation had been furnished by Mr. Curran.

Financial Position of the Council

The Secretary dealt in detail with the present financial position of the Council. The bank balance on the 4th September 1922, was £9162, and the liabilities for ordinary payments and subsidiary bodies to the 31st March last, amounted to £12,337. Now in addition the Co. Board of Health required £2,980 to meet their liabilities for August, and £5,740 to cover their expenditure for September. The Asylum halfyearly payment amounted to £13,578, Rural District Councils for the same period required £6,878.

For poor law expenditure there would be due £14,411. It could therefore be seen that in order to discharge their liabilities up to 30th September of the present year, the Co. Council would have to find a sum of £46,762. Taking into consideration the present unsettled conditions of the country, it would be impossible to secure such a sum through rates. There was due to the Council in respect of 2½ years' arrears of grants, practically £92,000, and if the Council could procure this they would not alone settle their liabilities, but have a substantial sum in hand.

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

"That our Secretary furnish Messrs. M. Doyle, S. Doyle and R. Corish members of this Council who are T.D's, with particulars of the liabilities of the Council and point out to them that unless a further substantial portion of the arrears of grants due to the Council for the past two and a half years, was forthcoming, it would be impossible for the Council to carry on, and in the event of road and quarry work being shut down, considerable unemployment would result and great hardship be imposed on numbers of people. The T.D's concerned are requested to interview the

Minister for Local Government in order to obtain such an amount as will enable the Council to carry on their usual operations.

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate collection up to the 31st August 1922, and from which it appeared that upon the old rate in March 1921 there was outstanding a sum of £1651. 17. 5 and on the rate to March 1922 £3,377. 6. 10. For the month of August the whole amount collected was £662. 10. 9.

The Committee having gone into the accounts of the various collectors adopted the following recommendation:-

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy and J. Kelly be requested to appoint deputies to close their rate collection, as it would appear to be impossible for them to effectively carry out their duties at the present.

As regards the collection in No. 7 Collection District the Committee are of opinion that Mr. John Deegan should be requested to state definitely if he intends to proceed with the work of collecting the outstanding amount of the March 1921 collection, and should he not agree to do so, the Council must employ another deputy for the ordinary collector.

As regards Collection District No. 9, the following was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Bridget O'Byrne of Grange Lower, Killanne, be appointed deputy Rate Collector for her brother, P. O'Byrne, who is not in a position to discharge his duties at present."

Under date 23rd August a letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, pointing out that to enable proceedings to be taken upon poor rate collectors' bonds, it was necessary that they should be registered in Court, and as the Republican Courts had now been discontinued as far as Dublin was concerned, the Court in which the bond should be registered was the Court of King's bench.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided not to take any action in connection with registration of rate collectors' bonds for the present.

Special Committee Wexford Bridge etc.

The following report of Minutes of Special Committee was laid before the meeting:-

A Special Committee was appointed by the Co. Council at the meeting on 31st July 1922, to consider tenders for repair of Wexford Bridge and the absence of Mr. J. O'Kelly, Charge Hand, Ballynabola Quarry, from his work.

The following members of the Committee were in attendance at the meeting of Committee of 3rd August 1922:-

Mr. E. Foley, Vice-Chairman Co. Council, Mr. M. Doyle, Mr. R. Corish. Mr. John Cummins, member of Finance and Roads Committee, was also present.

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

A long discussion as to repairing Wexford Bridge arose on seeing the fact that no tenders had been received. the proposal was advanced that it might be cheaper and give better results to have repairs of lattice girder type. Finally it was decided after consultation with Mr. R. Thompson (Messrs. Thompson Bros.) that the latter should submit a quotation for repair of bridge under this system, and also that the Co. Surveyor should endeavour to obtain further quotations, the Committee to be summoned as soon as possible after these had been received.

Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, submitted letter to Mr. J. O'Kelly, Charge Hand, Ballynabola Quarry, directing his attendance on 3rd inst., before Special Committee to explain his absence from Quarry during working hours.

Mr. O'Kelly did not attend but a letter under 2nd August 1922 stated that any time he was absent from quarry the reason was given in the sheets. The Quarry was going on, in his opinion, more satisfactory than ever.

Mr. Treanor stated as regards the working of the Quarry, taking O'Kelly's own figures, the breaking alone was costing 7/- a cubic yard and it should be done for from 3/0 to 3/6 as an outside price.

Under date 8th August 1922 Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, reported that on 31st July 1922 he found Mr. O'Kelly absent from the quarry.

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

"That Mr. M.J. O'Kelly, Charge Hand Ballynabola Quarry, be dismissed from the Co. Council's employment, owing to his neglect to comply with the instructions of the Council to attend this day's meeting of Committee, to explain his frequent absences from duty, also owing to his absence since

previous reports, and to the fact that the working of the quarry has been most unsatisfactory".

Gear Wheel for New Ross Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor submitted an estimate from Mr. Jessop Davis, Enniscorthy, for repair of gear wheel of new Ross Bridge at £9.

The matter was adjourned to allow the Co. Surveyor to get further quotations, as the meeting considered that submitted by Mr. Davis too high.

A Meeting of Special Committee appointed to consider tenders for the repair of Wexford Bridge was held on Saturday. Present:- Messrs. E.P. Foley, (presiding) the Mayor (Ald. R. Corish, T.D.) Messrs. Michael Doyle T.D. T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, and W.F. Barry, County Surveyor.

The Committee met on two previous occasions when no tenders were received.

The following tenders were considered:: Mr. John Browne, Wexford £1,400, Mr. Aidan Redmond, Wexford, £1,148. 1.

A tender was also received from Messrs. Thompson, Wexford, for iron girders for lattice type bridge at £580 for bascule span only.

As regards the latter, the County Surveyor stated, in reply to Mr. Doyle, that he estimated the cost of carrying out the timber work required to be at least £900 in addition. Messrs. Thompson had not tendered for this.

Mr. Browne agreed to carry out the work in seven weeks.

Mr. Redmond proposed to do the work in ten weeks.

After a long discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by the Mayor, to accept Mr. Browne's tender in view of the necessity of having the bridge repaired as soon as possible for the public convenience, and especially to meet the traffic consequent on the corn season.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) the Minutes of Special Committee in relation to Wexford Bridge etc., were approved.

The Secretary stated that he had written the following letter on the 21st August to Mr. S.A. O'Leary in connection with the running of the ferry boat:-

"I have received several complaints to-day that the Ferry boat was taken off the service in the forenoon yesterday, and was not replaced

A number of people who wished to go to Blackwater had to pay for private boats".

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

"That Mr. S.A. O'Leary be requested to furnish the Co. Council with a statement as to the running of the Wexford Ferry Boat on Sundays. The Co. Council desired to point out to him they had received numerous complaints that the boat is not available on Sunday afternoons".

Ballynabola & Tinnecarrig Quarries.

A deputation of the workers from Ballynabola and Tinnecarrig Quarries attended the meeting to urge upon the Council the necessity of providing employment for the men who had been in the habit of working in these for a considerable time back.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown):-

"That Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be instructed to visit Ballynabola Quarry on Wednesday, 6th September, and endeavour to reopen work at the quarry on a piece work basis. That a similar order be made in connection with Tinnecarrig Quarry".

Gear Wheel, New Ross Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor stated that as instructed by the Council, he had made enquiries as regards repair of the gear wheel of New Ross Bridge, seeing that the quotation of Mr. Jessop Davis was considered too high. He found that none of the people engaged in that class of manufacture would have anything to do with the matter.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman, that the repairs of the gear wheel of New Ross bridge be left in the hands of the Co. Surveyor.

Edermine Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had obtained only one application for the position of caretaker at Edermine Bridge, from a man named Murphy, and the amount asked was £12 per quarter. Mr. Donovan, Ship Broker, who was really responsible for having that bridge open constantly, was prepared to

give this applicant a certain amount of work which would permit of the acceptance of the caretakership at from £25 to £30 per annum.

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

"That a caretaker be appointed for Edermine Bridge at £30 per annum, on condition that Mr. Donovan is prepared to contribute a sum of at least £10 towards the salary".

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor reported that Mrs. Catherine Forrestal, former Caretaker for Mountgarrett Bridge, died some time ago and the work was now being carried on by her son, who had been appointed caretaker by the Kilkenny Co. Council.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That Patrick Forrestal, Mountgarrett, be appointed caretaker of Mountgarrett Bridge at a salary of £12 per annum, and that provision be made for payment of any arrears due to him as per certificate of the Co. Surveyor".

The Co. Surveyor further reported that Mr. Roche of Ballyanne, Merchant, wished to bring a vessel through Mountgarrett Bridge, but the winches were out of repair and it would be dangerous to bring the craft thorough the bridge on that account.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Mr. Burden, Co. Surveyor, Kilkenny, with a view to having the necessary repairs carried out to Mountgarrett Bridge in order to allow of the opening of bascule of same for the passage of vessels".

Bedding for Living Van.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had been obliged to procure sheets, mattresses and bedding for the living van at a cost of £7.4.3.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins, this expenditure was sanctioned.

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Secretary reported that he had obtained the marks at recent Intermediate Examinations of the candidates for University Scholarships

with the following results:-

James J. Horan, - 1342, Daniel P. Phelan- 1034, John Mooney- 1023
Catherine M. Carty- 999, Christopher J. Hall- 872, Thomas M. Kehoe-
861, Stephen J. Furlong- 775.

From the above it would appear that two of the candidates had failed their Intermediate Examination, viz:- Thomas M. Kehoe and Stephen J. Furlong had complied with the terms of the University Scholarship Scheme, although they failed to pass the Intermediate Examination. On the other hand, Christopher J. Hall who passed the Intermediate Examination, failed to comply with the terms of the Scholarship Scheme as he did not obtain honours in two subjects.

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

"That we recommend the Committee to award University Scholarships to James J. Horan, Rowe Street, Wexford, Daniel P. Phelan, Summerville, Wexford, Catherine M. Carty, George Street, Wexford and John Mooney

That we cannot recommend the award of Scholarships to Thomas M. Kehoe Mulrankin and S.J. Furlong, South Main Street, Wexford, owing to the low marks obtained by them in Geometry, in which subject they failed the Intermediate Examination, nor to Christopher J. Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford who failed to obtain honours in two subjects. That the four successful candidates be requested to inform the Council the course of study which in each case they propose to pursue".

Cost of Outdoor Relief.

The Committee considered at some length the cost of outdoor relief in the Rural and Urban Districts for the four weeks ended 5th March 1922 (the month previous to the Co. Board of Health taking over control) and the four weeks up to 21st August 1922. As regards the Urban Districts during the period under review, there was an increase in Enniscorthy of £7, an increase in Gorey of £26, and an increase in New Ross of £36 and in Wexford of £441.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the attention of the Co. Board of Health be called to the extraordinary increase of outdoor relief in Wexford Urban District. Allowing for the present condition of unemployment in the town of Wexford the Committee are not convinced that careful and judicious supervision has

been apparent in dealing with this expenditure. They would be glad to be informed by the Co. Board of Health what procedure is adopted by them in the consideration of the various cases of outdoor relief.,

Expenses Co. Board of Health

Chargeability of.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown), seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to clear up definitely the question as to how the chargeability of expenses incurred by Board of Health are to be allocated as between County and Districts. At present the matter is in a state of absolute confusion and the Co. Council should now take steps to have a final decision in regard to it".

Maintenance Courthouses.

Bill for Water Rate for Co. Courthouse, Wexford and arrears of same amounting in all to £11.0.0, was laid before the meeting.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown):-

"That no action be taken for the present as regards assuming liability for upkeep, or maintenance etc. of Courthouses".

Printing Jurors' Lists.

Mr. John Falconer, 53 Upper Sackville Street, Dublin, tendered for the printing of Jurors' Lists for three years at the rate of 6d per name.

Messrs. English & Co., Wexford, tendered at 17/6d for first 25 names and 7d per name over 25, plus a premium of twenty per cent to cover the increase of wages as between the date of the last order in Council and the one recently issued.

The Echo tendered at 17/6d for first 25 names and 7d per name over 25, plus a premium of 25 per cent to cover the increase in wages.

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

"That the tender of Mr. John Falconer, 53 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin to print Jurors' Lists for three years, 1922, 1923 and 1924 at 6d per name per list be accepted".

Amalgamation of Unions Scheme.

The Secretary stated he had received from Clerk, New Ross R.D. Council

particulars of the amounts of superannuations and gratuities to officers consequent on Amalgamation Scheme.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to furnish the Co. Council with particulars of the various amounts of superannuations and gratuities granted to the various Union Officials of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford Unions, consequent on abolition of office".

Old Prison Infirmary.

The Secretary stated that Mr. S.V. O'Connor, Westgate, Wexford requested him to make enquiries from the Co. Council if they would let the old prison infirmary to him.

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

"That the Co. Council be recommended to let the old prison infirmary to Dr. S.V. O'Connor, Westgate, Wexford, at a rent of £52 per annum, the Co. Council to incur no liability for repairs or alterations or in any other way".

Annual Subsidy, Co. Wexford Infirmary.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That we recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Department for immediate instructions as to what action they should take on Counsel's opinion as regards closing of Co. Wexford Infirmary, and which appeared on Minutes of Council for meeting of 31st July 1922".

Motor Car for Quarry Work"

Bill from J. Donohoe Ltd., Enniscorthy, for £260 for Chevrolet Motor Car supplied to Co. Council for carrying out blasting work etc., in quarries was laid before the meeting.

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

"That the Council be recommended to issue Pay Order for £260 to Messrs. J. Donohoe and Co. Enniscorthy, for Motor Car purchased for inspection of, and blasting work in, quarries".

Malicious Injury Claim.

Under date 21st August 1922, a letter was read from Mr. J.J. Fanning, Clerk, Gorey Rural District Council, stating that his Council had decided to oppose several claims for malicious injury to property, which had been received by them, chiefly on the grounds that the amounts claimed in nearly all the cases were entirely exorbitant. Their Solicitor had advised them that the damage done should be inspected and valued, and it ought to be arranged between the District Council and the County Council that there should be a valuer. Mr. Fanning asked if, in the event of the County Council jointly defending these claims, the valuers' fees would be borne in equal shares by the District and County Councils.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne (Gorey) it was decided to refer the communication from Gorey Rural District Council as to defence of Criminal Injury claims to the next meeting of the County Council.

FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE/

MEETING, 27th September 1922.

Present:- Mr. E. Foley, Vice-Chairman (presiding) also present:- Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) John O'Byrne (Gorey) G. Devereux Michael Redmond and John Cummins.

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

Resignation of the Chairman.

Under date 26th September a letter was read from Mr. Sean Etchingham Chairman of the Co. Council, in which he stated he had been medically advised that absolute quiet for some months was absolutely necessary for the complete recovery of his health and for this reason he asked the Co. Council to accept his resignation as a member of the Council.

It was decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

Vote of Condolence.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That at this, our first meeting since the deaths of President Griffith and General Michael Collins, we the Wexford Co. Council desire to express our deep regret that these great Irishmen have been called to their

reward. We wish also to place on our records an appreciation of the great loss which has fallen upon our Country through their demise. To them in particular, she owes her freedom from foreign domination. In "dark and evil days" they risked life and liberty for the National cause. In word and by action they formulated and perfected a policy which freed our country from the rule of the stranger. Unselfish, patriotic, with all their thoughts and feelings centred on the one object- the independence of Ireland: they regarded, during their lives, no suffering too great to make for her honour, and in the end they offered the supreme sacrifice. To them Irishmen are indebted for the true conception of Nationality- an Irish Ireland.

We direct our Secretary to forward to Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Sean Collins a copy of this resolution".

"That we are pained to find that in the present deplorable conflict between fellow Irishmen, Cathal Brugha and Harry Boland, two men so prominently identified with the struggle for National liberty, should have lost their lives. We offer our deepest sympathy to their families in their bereavement".

Printing Jurors' Lists.

In connection with the decision of the last meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, to accept tender from Mr. John Falconer, Dublin for printing Jurors' Lists, a notice of motion was received from Mr. Corish to move that the decision of the Finance Committee Meeting, accepting Mr. Falconer's tender, should be rescinded, and that the Contract should be given to a local firm, who was willing to execute the work at the same figure.

The Secretary explained that Mr. John Falconer tendered at a flat rate of 6d per name, while Messrs. English, Wexford, tendered at 17/6d for first 25 names, and 7d for the rest, plus a premium of 20 per cent, the "Echo" offered to execute the work at 17/6d for first 25 names and 7d per name above 25, plus a premium of 25 per cent. The tender of Messrs. English and the "Echo" would mean over 8d per name.

Under date 13th September 1922, Mr. P. White, Secretary Topographical Association, Wexford District, wrote that the sending away of the printing of the Jurors' Lists would cause unemployment to the members of the Branch.

In normal times this particular work keeps four men engaged for about three months each year, and some of the members who were out of work, were looking forward to employment on this work. If it were sent away, their chance of employment for some time was very small, as the printing trade, in common with others, was very slack at present. . As a local firm had undertaken to do the work at the same price as a Dublin firm and to execute it within the specified time, he hoped the members would retain the work for local workers.

Under date 6th September 1922, Messrs. English & Co., wrote that they were prepared to print and supply the Jurors' Lists for 1922, 1923 and 1924 at sixpence per name per annum.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we are advised by our Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, we have no power to rescind the contract for printing Jurors' Lists, entered into with Mr. John Falconer, Dublin, on 4th September 1922. The local tenders were over one-third higher in price, and left the Finance & Roads Committee no option but to accept the cheaper quotation. In the circumstances, consideration of an amended tender would only put the Council in an impossible position from a business point of view. In consequence, and in view of the advice of our Solicitor, we cannot see our way to cancel the contract which has been entered into with Mr. Falconer".

Dredging Wexford Harbour.

Under date September 27th 1922, the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners wrote that a deputation from the Wexford Harbour Board consisting of Messrs. Houston, Stafford, Sinnott and Reihill, which had been appointed to wait on the Co. Council as to the dredging of Wexford Harbour, would not be able to attend until the next meeting of the Council.

University Scholarships.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing University Scholarships be granted to Messrs. T.J. Lambert, William Street, Wexford, Mary E. O'Rourke, Swan View, Wexford, Laurence J. Walsh, Town View, Gorey, and Leo Sullivan, Selskar Street, Wexford, provided that the University authorities report that their conduct and progress have been satisfactory during the past academic year"

The question of awarding new University Scholarships was also under consideration, but the Committee did not see their way to alter the

recommendation arrived at by Meeting of 4th September, as regards actual award of Scholarships, as they considered the total marks obtained by Messrs. Furlong and Thomas M. Kehoe fell below the standard of merit which would entitle them to a University Scholarship.

Applications were received from Messrs. James J. Horan and D.P. Phelan to reside in private lodgings.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That permission be given to Messrs. James J. Horan and D.P. Phelan University Scholarship holders, to reside in private lodgings, which must have secured the approval of the Rev. Dean of Residence".

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

The following were approved as Examiners under primary Scholarship Scheme, these being the nominees of the National Teachers' Organisation:-

Messrs. P. D. Breen, Castlebridge, M. F. Gould, Wexford, R. F. Philips, Baldwinstown., Hugh O'Byrne, Ballindaggin., Mrs. Seumas Doyle, Enniscorthy and Miss M. E. Redmond, Parnell Street, Wexford.

Having considered the report of Examiners, the following award of Scholarship was agreed to:-

1. Maggie Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed, Gorey, 89.3 per cent.
2. Bridget Doyle, Kilrahue, Gorey, 85.3 per cent.
3. Laurence Harte, Tominearly, Clonroche, 83.1 per cent.
4. Greta Cullen, Bellfield, Enniscorthy, 80.7 per cent.
5. John J. Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody, 79.5 per cent.
6. Brigid Funge, Kilbride, Gorey, 79.1 per cent.
7. Statia Dunne, Ballybrannis, Enniscorthy, 71 per cent.

The following failed to qualify:-

1. Margaret Armstrong, Church Road, Bunclody.,
2. Brigid Hughes, Irish Street Hill, do.
3. Sarah Anne Dooley, Mullanow, Murrintown.
4. Anne Mary Devereux, Murrintown.
5. Patrick Bernie, Ferns.
6. Patrick A. Nolan, Ryland Street, Bunclody.
7. Sarah Mary Fenelon, Ballyfinogue, Killinick.

It was decided that observations of Examiners as to papers presented, should be printed for circulation amongst Teachers of Elementary Schools.

Ballinaboola & Tinnecarrig Quarries.

The men employed in these quarries attended the meeting. John Cosgrave, Ballinaboola Quarry, explained that as arranged with the Co. Council, they had commenced piece work in this quarry, but were working for a very limited time when Mr. Houston of the Transport Union, and a crowd of quarrymen would not allow them to continue.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the men be allowed to carry on in the quarry by time work, with a minimum guaranteed output of 11 cubic yards quarried or $5\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards broken per week, per man, attention to be called to any variation in this amount should same arise.

James Roche, Tinnecarrig Quarry, made the same complaint of the workers having been prevented working by piece work, owing to the action of Mr. Houston, Labour Organiser and a crowd of quarrymen.

It was agreed that the same arrangement be made for work on time basis in Tinnecarrig as applied to Ballinaboola Quarry.

New Ross Bridge Caretakership.

It was decided to put into the charge of Co. Surveyor for the period from 1st July 1922 to 31st December 1922 the caretakership of New Ross Bridge, amount not to exceed £25.

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

The following dates of Meetings of Councils were fixed:-
 Enniscorthy R. D., Thursday, 16th November 1922. 11 a.m.
 Gorey R. D. Thursday, 9th November 1922 at 11.30 a.m.
 New Ross R. D. Wednesday, 8th November 1922 at 11.30 a.m.
 Wexford R. D. Saturday, 18th November 1922 at 11 a.m.
 Proposal Committee. Monday, 4th December 1922, at 10.30 a.m.
 Co. Council, Monday, 4th December 1922 at 12 noon.

Proposed Fixed Day of Meeting for
Co. Council.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to hold an ordinary meeting every two months, meeting to be held on the last Saturday of the month. Special Meeting to be called by direction of the Chairman when necessary".

Report of Co. Surveyor.

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"It will be necessary at this Meeting to fix dates for the Half-yearly Meetings of the District and County Council during the next quarter and I shall submit suggested dates.

At last Meeting of the Finance Committee I reported that Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, had resigned, but I had not any written resignation to lay before the meeting. Presumably owing to the upset of postal arrangements I have not yet received any written communication from Mr. Curran, but he has left the County and presumably his resignation should be taken.

The newly appointed Assistant Surveyor in Gorey District has not yet been sanctioned by the Local Government Department, and it will be necessary to have this done at once as the measurement of material should now be in hands. I shall also require to have some Assistant available for measurement of material in Mr. Curran's district. The Assistant Surveyors at present acting have inquired from me when they are to get the motor cycles., immediate steps should be taken to have them supplied.

Mr. Treanor has made an agreement for the lease of a quarry at Aughnagopple with Lord Carew's land agent, and I ask for the Council's sanction to the lease. The terms are £2 per annum for a period of 31 years, I consider this is reasonable, as the quarry is very necessary in this locality.

The work on Wexford Bridge is now again proceeding having been held up for about 10 days owing to outside interference. I expect that in a very short while now the work will be completed.

I have to report that a portion of the gearing on the lift span of Edermine Bridge is damaged. I have arranged for the Machinery Overseer to have temporary repairs carried out if possible, as otherwise heavy expenditure will be incurred.

I reported to you at last Meeting of the Roads and Finance Committee that some repairs were necessary to Mountgarrett Bridge and I was directed to communicate with the Kilkenny County Surveyor, which I did. The work has been carried out and the Bridge can now be opened for the passing of vessels.

Owing to the threshing season now being on the hired engines which we had working our breakers have been taken away or will be in the next few days, and accordingly all breaking except by our own engine will be stopped

Where possible I am getting some material broken by hand, and in connection with this matter I have to report that in Ballynaboola Quarry the breaking has been stopped. This breaking by piece work was authorised by the Finance & Roads Committee, but the Labour Representatives have interfered in the matter.

IN Ballybrennan Quarry, which next to Tara Hill is the most important in the County, I consider that a permanent breaking outfit should be set up. The large Baxter Breaker which we have, could be located in the quarry, if the Council would purchase a portable engine to run same and the efficiency of the quarry would therefore be much increased and cost of production reduced. The total amount for breaking outfit should not exceed £300.

It is necessary for you now to decide on the employment of men on the roads during the coming Winter under Direct Labour. Up to the present I have been getting out material in depots along the roads, many of which are badly in need of repair. In the scheme you already approved of it was contemplated that the labourers should commence drainage and repair work early in October, and I now suggest that you authorise me to place the men on the roads without delay.

As directed by the Finance & Roads Committee I have carried out extensive repairs on No. 6W, between Ferrycarrig and Kyle Cross Roads, and I purpose continuing a few men for levelling purposes until the authorised expenditure is reached. The roads to Enniscorthy are blocked between Kyle and Oylegate and the traffic is now proceeding by bye-road past Ballinaslaney Lodge, with the result that this road is now badly cut. I am getting material on this road and have had some small repairs done, but unless traffic can be restored to the main roads this bye-road will become impassable during the winter.

I received a letter from Mr. R.H. Nixon, Gorey, asking for permission to remove a tree opposite his entrance gate in Gorey Avenue, and to construct a pipeway into the premises. In connection with the matter of the trees in Gorey Avenue I ask for authority to have some necessary pruning done when the Direct Labour work is in progress.

As there was no Proposal Meeting held in August it will be necessary now to make provision for the caretaking of New Ross bridge. I have made temporary arrangements pending new proposals, with the late caretaker".

Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor. It was decided to take Mr. Curran's resignation as submitted to date from 31st August 1922.

Surveyor for Gorey District. The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we instruct our Secretary to direct Mr. Sean Birthistle, recently appointed Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, to take up duty without delay. Sanction has been applied for on a couple of occasions, and, as it does not appear to be forthcoming and the services of Assistant Surveyor are urgently needed, we cannot allow of any further delay in the matter".

Quarry at Aughnagopple. The proposal to obtain lease of quarry from Lord Carew, rent £2 per annum, was approved.

Edermine Bridge. The County Surveyor stated he would have the quadrant gear on this Bridge suitably repaired.

Ballybrennan Quarry. The following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to consider the advisability of purchasing Portable engine and wagons for Ballybrennan Quarry, cost not to exceed £300".

Direct Labour. The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to start work on roads under Direct Labour Scheme as far as is possible in view of the financial position of the Council".

Roads- Wexford- Enniscorthy. The action of the County Surveyor as regards these was approved.

Mr. R.H. Nixon and Gorey Avenue Trees. It was decided that this matter be referred to Mr. R. Elgee, Solicitor, for his advice, and for a statement as to the liability of the Council for upkeep of the trees in this Avenue.

District of Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 4th September 1922, Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he could not see his way to continue in charge of a mileage so much greater than that of the other Assistant Surveyors. As they knew, his district is as follows:- Enniscorthy- 410 miles, New Ross- 60 miles, total 470 miles. The other districts vary from 340 to 390. He would have raised this question long ago but for the various difficulties of the Co. Council. He had always tried to have the roads in his area as well looked after as the roads in any other area but this was scarcely possible

with a mileage 27 per cent greater. The new scheme of Direct Labour made it impossible for him to over see a district which he believed was larger than that of any Assistant Surveyor in Ireland.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, be informed that the County Council would be prepared to transfer him to Gorey District, which has a smaller mileage than that of which he is at present in charge".

Wexford Ferry Boat.

Under date 22nd September 1922 the following was read from Mr. S.A. O'Leary:-

"Referring to your letter regarding complaints received by your Council as to absence of my boat from Ferry work on three Sundays, I have to point out that I substituted boats on these particular days to do the work. The boats substituted belonged to messrs. P. Donovan, Wexford, R. Wickham, The Fort, and Major Doran, Ferrybank. It is probable that passengers did not recognise that these boats were on Ferry work, and this had no doubt given cause for the complaints made. I beg to inform you also that I shall have to take the boat off on Sunday next, for the purpose of effecting engine repairs, and I am arranging for a substitute also on that day".

At the meeting of Special Committee to arrange for repairs to Wexford Bridge, held on 19th August 1922, a letter under date 18th August 1922, was read from Mr. O'Leary, pointing out that on account of goods which had to be dispatched across the river, he was obliged to employ four men to work the Ferry boat, and their wages with running expenses amounted to the present revenue received from the Council. To enable him to continue he would require £3.10.0 per day".

The Special Committee had adopted a resolution that Mr. O'Leary be notified that they had no power to grant any increase on the sum agreed to for the hire of the boat, but they would recommend to the Co. Council to agree to a payment of £3 per day as from 31st August 1922 until next meeting of the Co. Council, when Mr. O'Leary's application would be considered.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Co. Council.

Motor Car Acts- Registration etc.

Under date 4th August 1922 the Ministry of Transport wrote

(M T 32 Wexford) that from the return of the number of licences issued for Motor Duty and for Driving of Motor Vehicles for the month of July, it appears there was no necessity for the appointment of Mr. C.H. Richards as a "whole time" officer under Motor Car Acts and they were obliged to withdraw their sanction to such appointment. They would not be prepared to recoup the Council the entire amount of his salary after the 31st July. As the total amount collected was only £226. 13. 0, it was obvious that his full salary would be out of reasonable proportion to the amount collected.

The Secretary read under date 5th August 1922 reply to this letter in which he pointed out that in present circumstances it was grotesque to set up the amount collected in July as a criterion to go by. No one was paying motor duty and there was no machinery to compel them. He suggested that instructions should be issued to the Military authorities to issue permits only in case of vehicles in respect of which duty had been paid. If this had been done over £1,000 would have been collected in duty to date.

Under date 11th August 1922 the Ministry of transport wrote (M T/32/ Wexford) that their letter of 4th August was meant merely to terminate the temporary arrangement under which Mr. Richards' entire salary was to be recouped out of the Road Fund, whether his whole time was occupied with duties of Local Taxation Officer or not. If the Co. Council are satisfied that Mr. Richards' entire time during any particular quarter has been fully occupied on Motor Taxation work, they would no doubt be in a position to furnish evidence in support of their claim for full recoupment respecting that period. For this purpose it was suggested that for the present it might be well if Mr. Richards should keep a diary, showing the duties performed and the time occupied each day in registration and licencing work.

In reply to this the Secretary stated that he had written pointing out that under the old regime, the Road Board allowed 5 per cent of amount collected in duty to cover cost of collection, and he suggested that the Ministry should agree to the following::

1. Mr. Richards to devote his whole time to the duties arising from Motor Car Acts.
2. The Co. Council to be responsible for his entire remuneration.
3. Should 5 per cent grant show a surplus after payment of salary

etc. of Mr. Richards, this surplus to go to the credit of the Council.

Under date 21st August 1922 the Ministry of Transport wrote acknowledging the letter of the Secretary, and stating that the contents had been noted.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the Co. Council to adopt the suggestions of our Secretary as to accepting 5 per cent of amount collected for motor duty and for registration etc. of motor cars, and for drivers' licences to go against salary of Mr. C.H. Richards as Local taxation Officer, any surplus over amount of this remuneration to be lodged to the credit of the Council. That as £731 was collected for month of August we wish to know what proportion of this the Ministry of Transport is prepared to put against the salary of Mr. Richards."

Clerical Assistance.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Junior Assistant in Co. Council Offices, had been arrested. It was necessary to provide for a substitute and he (Secretary) had kept on John Maloney, one of the temporary Rate Clerks as a tentative arrangement at a salary of £2.5.0 per week, Mr. Hayes was in receipt of £3.

Mr. Richards, Chief Clerk in Co. Council office, was now altogether employed in the collection of Motor Duty, Registration of Motor Cars and issuing of drivers' licences. As arranged by a recent meeting he had to replace Mr. Richards and employed a typist and shorthand writer (Miss Mary O'Dowd) at a salary of £2.5.0 per week, rising to £2.10.0. on satisfactory service, a month's notice in writing at either side to determine the appointment.

"That we approve the arrangement made by our Secretary as to the employment of Miss Mary O'Dowd and Mr. John Maloney in Co. Council offices"

Compensation for Criminal Injuries.

Under date 21st August 1922 Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerk, Gorey R. D. Council, wrote that his Council had received several claims for compensation for Criminal Injury, amounts claimed in nearly all cases being exorbitant. His Council directed him to submit the claims to their Solicitor (Mr. O'Flaherty) who wrote that as to the large claims for the Courthouse, barracks, Railway Bridge etc., and other cases in which the

question of value was important the damage should be inspected and valued. It should, Mr. O'Flaherty considered, be arranged between the District Council and the Co. Council that this should be done. Mr. Fanning asked for information as to whether the Co. Council were defending these claims, and if they would arrange with the District Council as to having an inspection and valuation carried out.

Under date 6th September 1922 the Ministry for Local Government wrote (35/12/22 Wexford Co) that the general question as to the payment of amounts for Criminal Injuries was receiving Government consideration and in due course a decision would be arrived at regarding the ultimate responsibility for payment of compensation. Whether such charges be eventually local or national it was to the interest of the Council to ensure that extravagant claims are not admitted through lack of proper defence, and they should therefore assist the Government in their endeavour to secure that only equitable amounts are conceded by instructing their Solicitor to defend all claims lodged since the truce.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, be instructed to defend all applications for compensation for criminal injuries which have been received since the Truce with the British Government in July 1921, and that he be empowered to employ the services of Valuers in cases in which he considers same necessary".

Co. Court Crier.

Application for Salary.

Under date 4th September 1922 Mr. T. Long, Neptune Lodge, Sandycove Co. Dublin, wrote asking for payment of his salary as Crier to the County Court for the quarter ended 30th June 1922.

It was decided to recommend the Council to take no action in the matter.

Wexford Courthouse.

The Secretary stated that on 26th inst., the Sub-Sheriff called on him and stated that the water closets in above were choked and gases out of order. He wished to know would the Co. Council carry out the repairs necessary. The secretary also submitted letter as to payment for rent of Courthouse.

It was decided to recommend the Council to take no action as regards

these matters.

Co. Hall.

The Secretary stated that he had asked Mr. Hillock, Instructor in Agriculture to make a valuation as regards the small fruit at Co. Hall premises. Mr. Hillock recommended that if an offer of from £2 to £3 be obtained for same that it be accepted.

The Secretary stated the best offer he had obtained was £2 from Mrs. Meyler, Selskar, Wexford, and he had sold the fruit at this figure.

It was decided to approve of the action of the Secretary.

Application re Mileage Allowance.

Mr. James Swords, Quarry Foreman, Gorey, wrote applying for an allowance for upkeep of his bicycle. He had several quarries to superintend.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Swords, who was a very good employee, had now only the same amount of wages as when he acted as quarry foreman, while in addition to his duties he had an amount of travelling to do. This work would continue until the new Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District took up duty.

A resolution was adopted that an addition of 7s. 6d. per week be made to the wages of Mr. James Swords, Quarry Foreman, while he continues to discharge these duties pending Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District taking up duty.

Compensation to Officials under
Amalgamation Scheme.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

Addendum

Payment to Checkers of Rate Collectors' Accounts.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the official checkers of Rate Collectors' Accounts be paid of amounts fixed for their remuneration in respect of rates to 31st March 1922".

Compensation re Commandeering Co. Hall.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, submitted letter from Capt. W.C.C. Taylor, English War Dept. Lands Officer, Munster, stating that

the recommendation made by Capt. Brennan to him as regards compensation to the Co. Council for occupation of the Co. Hall by the late Royal Irish Constabulary was withdrawn and the following offer was now made in full discharge of the claim of the Council:-

1. Rent of premises including one month's rent in lieu of notice and exclusive of rates	£160. 17. 6
2. Reinstatement of premises	96. 6. 9

	£ 257. 4. 3

The letter pointed out that the rent was at the rate of £207. 11. 6d per annum, the rent which the Co. Council had themselves to pay to the landlord. The question of rent for alternative premises could not be considered as such rent is less than the rent which the Co. Council had to pay for the Co. Hall. It would appear that the landlord paid the rates out of the half rent received, and therefore the question of the Rates as regards the Co. Council does not appear to arise.

AS regards claim for expenses of leaving premises when first commandeered, and also expenses of returning, this claim could not be considered further until vouchers were received in support of same. The same applied to claim for £200 in respect of disturbance.

It was decided that the matter be left in Mr. Elgee's hands.

Government Grants.

Under date 6th September 1922 the Ministry for Local Government wrote (L.G. 319-11) that a draft for £37,510. 0. 5d in favour of the Council had been forwarded, the amount having been computed as follows:-

	£	s	d
Motor Duties (two years)	52.	0.	5
Grants under Section 58 of Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898)	13753.	19.	5
Estate Duty (one year)	8361.	17.	3
Agricultural Grant 1½ years)	36067.	10.	0

	58,235.	7	.1
Deduct			
Sums applied in meeting liabilities other than Criminal Injury Decrees	12125.	6.	8
Payment on account	8550.	0.	0
		20,725.	6. 8

Net amount payable	£	37,510.	0. 5

In view of the present payment and that the payment of Government Grants for the current financial year was assured, the Council were expected to take immediate steps for the prompt discharge of arrears of Local loans including arrears incurred by Rural District Councils under the Labourers' Acts, and to adopt effective measures for the repair of damages to roads and bridges during the recent troubles.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Ministry for Local Government be requested to furnish a detailed Statement showing how the sum of £12,175. 6. 8, deductions from Government Grants had been arrived at.

Unemployment Grant.

Under date 18th August 1922 the Minister for Local Government wrote (L. G. 4177) stating that Paying Order for £9,166. 13. 4 in respect of the approved Scheme for the relief of unemployment had been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Co. Council. The amounts allocated to the Urban Districts should be deducted from this.

Motor Car for Quarry Work,

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Council pay for registration etc., of Motor Car purchased for use of inspector of quarries, also amount of tax for same".

Rate Collection.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rate Collectors be instructed to furnish, from their collecting books, names and addresses of defaulting ratepayers, which we recommend should be examined by a small Special Committee"

University Scholarships.

A long discussion took place as regards the recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

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

"That we disagree with the recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee and that University Scholarships be awarded the following:-

James J. Horan, 2 Upper Rowe Street, Wexford (1342 marks)

Daniel P. Phelan, Summerville, Wexford (1084 marks)

Catherine M. Carty, 16 Oliver Plunkett Street, Wexford (999 marks)

Christopher J. Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford	(872 marks)
Thomas M. Kehoe, Mulrankin, Bridgetwon	(861 marks)
Stephen J. Furlong, South Main Street, Wexford	(775 marks)

We make this award in the case of Messrs. hall, Kehoe and Furlong in view of the fact that we consider last session had been an extremely severe one for County Wexford students, and our action in this matter is not to be regarded as a precedent in connection with the award of future Scholarships. We look upon the present as an exceptional time, and would have confirmed the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee if more settled conditions had prevailed in the country. In connection with the application of John Mooney (1028 marks) for award of Scholarship, although this student attained third place in order of merit, yet as we understand he had entered into residence in Maynooth College with the object of pursuing an Ecclesiastical career, we believe we would not be justified in awarding him a Scholarship in view of the provisions of the Irish University Act 1908, from which it is clearly manifest that University Scholarships granted by Co. Councils were intended solely for the laity. Awards in the present instances are made subject to the approval of the course of study which applicants intend to pursue.

As regards applications for permission to reside in private lodgings the Co. Council will raise no objection to male students residing therein provided they can obtain a certificate from the Dean of Residence of the college, as to the suitability of the places selected. In the case of female applicants the Council will not agree to their residing outside a recognised hostel.

Proposed by Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Redmond and adopted:-

"That in future no University Scholarship be awarded in any circumstances to applicants who fail to pass Intermediate Examination in the year for which they apply for Scholarship".

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Redmond and passed:-

"That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee as regards continuing University Scholarships to the following students be confirmed:-

T. J. Lambert, James Connolly Street, Wexford.

Mary E. O'Rourke, Swan View, Wexford.

L. J. Walsh, Town View, Gorey.

Leo Sullivan, Selskar Street, Wexford.

provided the conduct and progress of these students are reported by the University Authorities to be satisfactory".

Confirmation of Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee.

Votes of Condolence. Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

Printing Jurors' Lists. The notice of motion given by Councillor Corish was not moved.

Mr. Cloney proposed and Mr. Redmond seconded the following which was passed nem con:-

"That the recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee accepting tender of Mr. John Falconer, 53 Upper Sackville Street, Dublin, for printing lists be and is hereby confirmed".

Award of Primary Scholarships. Proposed by Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the award of primary Scholarships as appearing on Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922 be approved".

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to summon a meeting of Primary Scholarship Committee with a view to suggestions as regards amendments of the present Scheme and which may arise as the result of the recent examination".

Report of Co. Surveyor:- As appearing in Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September was read for the meeting. Relative to the resignation of Mr. C. P. Curran, the following letter was read from the Local Government Department under date 27th September (No. 20577/22):-

"With reference to your communication of the 26th July in which you state that at the meeting of your Council on the "26th ult.," Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Dublin, was appointed Assistant Surveyor to replace Mr. Kirby. I have to state that the Department withholds sanction to such appointment pending investigation of Wexford County Roads Department, which will be carried out as soon as possible".

Proposed by Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:-

"That in view of the communication from the Local Government

Department (No. 20577/22) no action be taken for the present as to filling vacancy in office of Assistant Surveyor to replace Mr. Curran. That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to have measurement of material carried out by the existing Assistants, and that he be requested to make a recommendation to Finance & Roads Committee as to the remuneration which he believes would be equitable for such extra work. That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Trades Section of the Local Government Department and request delivery of the four motor bicycles for Assistant Surveyors, to enable the work of measurement to proceed with due dispatch".

Wexford Bridge. The Co. Surveyor reported that the Contractor for repairs to Wexford Bridge (Mr. John Brown) had been served on that day, 4th October with a notice by some persons that he would not be allowed to proceed with any further work until the country was at peace, and, in view of this, work had been discontinued. If there had been no interference with Mr. Brown repairs would have been completed in another week.

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

"That should any further interference with Wexford bridge, as it stands at present, prevent the limited amount of traffic now available, our Secretary be instructed to summon Messrs. Foley and Sinnott as a Special Committee to make arrangements for the re-employment of a ferry service".

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The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee as regards acceptance of tender for repairs at £1,400 (Mr. John Brown, Contractor) was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Wexford Ferry Boat Service. The recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee meetings of 4th September and 27th September 1922 were considered.

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

"That as from 31st August 1922 up to Saturday, 7th October 1922, a sum of £3 per day be allowed Mr. S. A. O'Leary for his motor boat on Wexford Ferry service, and that said Ferry service be discontinued as from 7th October, as arranged by our Secretary".

Ferrycarrig Bridge. The Co. Surveyor reported that one of the large barges which Mr. Donovan, Ship Owner, Custom House Quay, Wexford, used for his trade between Wexford and Enniscorthy, was very unwieldy and according to reports which reached him, was striking against the piles

of Ferrycarrig Bridge., he could not say that actual damage had been done up to the present, but there was a probability that something serious might happen the piles if these large barges collided with them.

The Co. Surveyor was instructed to notify Mr. Donovan that he would be held liable for any damage which his steamer or barges may cause to Ferrycarrig bridge.

New Ross Bridge. The decision of the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of September 27th, 1922, to put the caretakership of New Ross Bridge into the charge of Co. Surveyor from 1st July to 31st December 1922, cost not to exceed £25, was approved on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

Under date 27th September a letter was read from the New Ross Urban Council drawing attention to the condition of New Ross Bridge, and the approaches thereto, also the wooden flooring, parts of which were stated to be in a dangerous state, and needed immediate repairs, which the Urban Council requested the County Council to carry out without delay.

The Co. Surveyor reported that he had taken steps to have this bridge put into repair. As regards repair of gear wheel for this bridge, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of September 4th, 1922 putting the matter into the hands of the Co. Surveyor, was approved.

Mountgarrett Bridge. The recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of September 4th. 1922, as regards the appointment of Patrick Forrestal, Mountgarrett, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny, as Caretaker at £12 per annum, and the direction to the Co. Surveyor to have the necessary repairs carried out to this bridge to allow of the opening of bascule to enable vessels to pass through, were approved.

Edermine Bridge. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922, as to employment of Caretaker for Edermine Bridge at £30 was approved, on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by the Chairman.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a letter from James Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, offering to perform this work at the amount agreed to, and a letter was read from Mr. P. Donovan, Ship Owner, Custom House Quay, Wexford, that if Mr. Murphy was employed, he would contribute £10 per annum to his remuneration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon,

seconded by the Chairman:-

"That James Murphy of Brownswood, Enniscorthy, be appointed Caretaker for Edermine Bridge at £30 per annum, £10 of which sum was to be provided by Mr. P. Donovan, Ship Owner, Custom House Quay, Wexford".

Damaged Bridges. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 4th September 1922, as to repairs of damaged bridges in the Askamore district was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

District of Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922 was adjourned for the present, pending consideration of decision of Local Government Department as to changes in system of road administration.

Motor Car Administration. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by the Chairman.

Clerical Assistance. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922 in this matter was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Co. Council Quarries. The proposal of the Co. Surveyor relative to the purchasing of Portable engine and wagons for Ballybrennan Quarry was considered at length.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That, in view of present conditions, the Co. Council do not see their way to procure engine etc., for Ballybrennan Quarry, but direct the Co. Surveyor to purchase three wagons from Kynochs, Arklow, cost not to exceed £13. The proposal to purchase portable engine will be considered when conditions are normal".

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee to obtain lease of quarry at Aughnagopple for 31 years at £2 per annum was approved.

The Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922 as regards work at Ballynabola and Tinnecarrig Quarries were submitted and approved, on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Sinnott.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"That the quarry workers at Ballygarvan, Rathimney and any other Co. Council quarries, be allowed to carry on by time work on the same basis as in Ballynabola and Tinnecarrig quarries, provided the Senior Assistant Surveyor can arrange for such work profitably. That Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be requested to meet a deputation of the men concerned in the working of Cooloughter Quarry with a view to its opening".

The arrangement entered into by the Co. Surveyor as to the breaking of material in Wicklow Gap and Commer Quarries was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the Senior Assistant Surveyor to furnish a further report as to whether the work as arranged has given satisfaction, and also as to the grade of material which had been turned out.

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September, dismissing Mr. J. O'Kelly, Ballinbola Quarry, for absence from duty on several occasions was confirmed, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Direct Labour Scheme. As regards recommendation of the Co. Surveyor as to employment of workmen on roads during the coming winter, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to employ immediately 150 men (approximately) on the roads which most require attention., selection of the men to be made by the Co. Surveyor, no man to be employed who is not a member of a Trades Union and preference to be given to married men with families".

Gorey Avenue. The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922, referring this matter to the Solicitor of the Council, Mr. R. W. Elgee, was approved on the motion of Mr. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Cloney.

Outdoor Relief in Wexford Urban. The Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922, relative to cost of outdoor relief in Wexford Urban District, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Applications of Road Contractors. The Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of September 4th 1922, relative to applications by

Joseph Hyland and William Waters were considered. In the case of Hyland the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee that he be allowed £10 for repairs on road between the Ballagh and castle Ellis in 1921, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Sinnott.

A second letter, of which the following is a copy, was received from William Waters:-

"It seems to me that I am to be turned down by the Council as well as by the Co. Surveyor. I again request the payment of £40 that has been defrauded from me by giving away the haulage on my surrendered road No. 47E, as in the event of not being paid I will proceed to carry out my contract as the agreement has been broken with me and I suppose I will have to fight for payment afterwards. I will not sink to slavery and go down under the contemptible statement that this work could not be done by horses in a reasonable time when it was only one month's work for two horses, and could be completed by me by the 30th September. Am I to be left to starve and my horses stand idle and my livelihood cast away to an engine owner after doing plenty of work that I never was paid for. I surrendered my contracts to get all the haulage myself and allow the working men to do the spreading and surface work and that agreement I intend to stand by whatever may happen afterwards. Special proposal on the change of quarryys is no excuse for taking the work from me and if I am to be completely turned down I will only have to beg payment from the ratepayers and seek their support in a fight for justice and right".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sinnott it was decided to inform Mr. Waters that from the explanation given by the Co. Surveyor, it would have been absolutely impossible for him to have carried out the work by horse haulage.

Cush Gap. On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Redmond, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922, to allocate a sum not exceeding £55 for the repair of Cush Gap, Blackwater, was approved.

Bedding for Living Van. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922, confirming expenditure of £7. 4. 3d to procure sheets, mattresses and bedding for the living van, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Maintenance of Courthouses. The following recommendation was submitted

from Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922:-

"That no action be taken for the present as regards assuming liability for upkeep or maintenance etc. of Courthouses".

In connection with this matter the Secretary submitted a requisition from Mr. Scallan, Clerk of the Crown & Peace, for payment of £1. 1. 0 for coals to heat his offices which he held were for the convenience of the public. Also an application from the Under-Sheriff as regards repairs to Wexford Courthouse.

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

"That this Co. Council will have no connection of any kind with Courthouses, and we confirm the resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922, recommending that no action be taken to assume liability for up-keep or maintenance of such buildings".

Amalgamation of Unions Scheme. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922, asking for particulars of the various amounts of superannuation and gratuities granted to Union officers in connection with the Union Amalgamation Scheme, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

The Secretary stated that the particulars in question had been furnished to him by the Local Government Department since the resolution of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted.

Old Prison Infirmary. In connection with the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922, as to proposal to let the old Prison Infirmary to Dr. S.V. O'Connor, Westgate, the Secretary stated that there was no necessity to make any order as Dr. O'Connor had withdrawn from the proposal.

Malicious Injury Claims. A long discussion took place relative to letter from Mr. J. J. Fanning, Clerk Gorey R. D. Council, under date 21st August 1922, as to defending claims for compensation for malicious damage to property etc. Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, read for the meeting a telegram which he had received from the Minister for Local Government, stating that as the whole code of Financial & Malicious Law was now under consideration with a view to its amendment, it was desirable that no claim should be decided at present, and he was therefore instructed to endeavour to have all claims under this code adjourned

until the New Year, when it was hoped to have them dealt with on an equitable basis.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, directing Mr. Elgee to defend all claims for compensation for criminal injuries since the truce of the British Government in July 1921, was confirmed, and, in view of the direction from the Local Government Department, Mr. Elgee was also instructed to bring the question of these claims before the Council, when he considers such action necessary. This resolution was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. J. J. O'Byrne.

Dates of Meetings. The dates fixed for meetings of the various Councils as appeared on the Minutes of 27th September 1922, were approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Fixed Day for Co. Council Meetings. A recommendation was received from the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922, that an ordinary meeting of the Council be held every second month on the last Wednesday of the month.

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

"That the ordinary meetings of the Council be held on the last Monday in each alternate month. Special meetings if necessary to be called by the Secretary in consultation with the Vice-Chairman during the illness of the Chairman. Said special meeting to be held also on Monday".

Co. Court Crier- Application for Salary. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922, to take no action in the matter of the application of Mr. T. Long, Neptune Lodge, Sandycove, Dublin Crier to the County Court, for quarter's salary, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Sinnott.

Motor Car for Quarry Work. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922, to issue Paying Order for £260 to Messrs. Donohoe & Co., Enniscorthy, for motor car purchased in connection with quarry work, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

The resolution of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922, to pay for registration and tax of motor car for inspection and use of quarries, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Mileage Allowance. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922 that James Swords, Quarry Foreman, receive an addition of 7. 6d. per week to his wages, while he continued to discharge the duties of Quarry Foreman, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Amalgamation Scheme. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922, to transfer of £2,000 to Co. Board of Health to enable the latter to pay portion of the gratuities to officers whose offices have been abolished, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Payment of Checkers of Rate Collectors' Accounts. The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922 as to payment of rate Checkers, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Compensation re Commandeering Co. Hall. The recommendation to leave in Mr. Elgee's hands the payment by the British Government of adequate compensation for commandeering etc., County Hall, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Government Grants. The resolution of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1922, asking the Ministry of Local Government to furnish statement showing how the sum of £12,175. 6. 8, deductions from Government Grants, had been arrived at, was approved.

Rate Collection. The question of the Rate Collection was considered in detail, and the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Redmond.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Redmond, was also adopted:-

"that the question of putting the Rate for March 1922- March 1923 into collection be considered at the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee at which lists of defaulting ratepayers submitted to collectors, will be examined. That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee requesting Rate collectors to furnish names and addresses of such defaulters, be approved, also instruction from Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 4th September 1922 to C. McCarthy and J. Kelly to obtain deputies".

Mr. J. Kelly wrote submitting the name of Mr. John Redmond, Merchant Main Street, Camolin, as his deputy.

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

"That Mr. John Redmond, Merchant, Main Street, Camolin, be appointed deputy for Mr. J. Kelly, Rate Collector, Clonee".

Mr. Devereux was requested to endeavour to arrange for appointment of deputy for Mr. C. McCarthy.

Wexford Harbour- Proposed deputation re Dredging.

With reference to letter dated 27th September 1922 from Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, stating that a deputation from that body would wait upon Co. Council, no action was taken as the deputation did not attend.

Co. Board of Health.

Under date 15th September 1922 the Local Government Department wrote (20032/1922) that while favouring a flat rate for chargeability of Expenditure in connection with the Co. Home, Co. Hospital and District Hospitals at Gorey and New Ross, they were prepared to agree to a proposal to calculate all administrative charges (outdoor relief not included) for Co. Home, Co. Hospital and the District Hospitals as County-at-Large Charges, and to charge the maintenance of patients or inmates in the County Home, County Hospital and the District Hospitals, as also outdoor relief, to the Urban or Rural District concerned.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That we call on the Wexford Co. Council to have the New Ross Infirmary re-opened in the same condition as it originally was, as we consider the closing of same has inflicted a cruel hardship and injustice on the poor people, whom we believe are not now receiving the attention which they should, and we reserve for future consideration whether we will pay any rates".

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

"That the New Ross Urban District Council be informed that any representations they desire to make as regards re-opening of New Ross Infirmary in its original state, should be addressed to the Minister for Local Government, as the County Council have no power to deal with the matter".

Auditors' Reports.

The Local Government Department forwarded reports of their auditor as regards audits of Accounts of the following bodies for the four half-years, September 1920, March 1921, September 1921 and March 1922:-

New Ross Union
New Ross R.D. Council
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Ida Rural District Council
Enniscorthy Mental Hospital.

The Registrar, County Wexford Infirmary, forwarded report of Auditor Mr. John Merriman, on his audit of the Accounts of the Co. Wexford Infirmary for the years ended 31st March 1921 and 1922 with certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts.

Under date 9th September 1922 a letter was read from the Inspector of Taxes, Waterford, that unless the Return of Manual Wage Earners was received by him duly completed within seven days from the 9th, he would be obliged to report the matter to head quarters for proceedings by the Revenue Solicitor. As this course would involve heavy costs he hoped he would not be forced to adopt it.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, it was decided that no action be taken as regards furnishing any particulars for assessment of Income Tax at present.

Annual Revision of Valuation.

Under date 24th August 1922 a letter was read from the Rural Valuation Office, Dublin, that Mr. A. E. Mills, of the General Valuation Office would commence the annual Revision of the Valuation of the County Wexford about 29th August.

Unemployment Grant.

The following letter dated 15th September 1922 (E12/1 Wexford Co) was read from the Ministry for Local Government in connection with the allocation to the Urban Districts from the Unemployment Grant--

"I am in receipt of your communication of the 22nd ultimo re Unemployment Grant, and I desire to inform you that the payment of amounts to the Urban areas is a matter for the Council to decide in consultation with representatives of the Urban areas directly interested. Should the Council and said representatives fail to reach an agreement in this matter, the Department will decide on the amounts to be paid to the

different Urban Councils. I would refer you to our Circular E/1850 on this subject."

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor at a recent meeting of the Council had submitted a proposed allocation based on valuation, and under which the Urban Districts would receive the following:-

Enniscorthy	£229
New Ross	223
Wexford	482

making a total of £ 934 for the Urban Districts. The amount received by the Council was £9,166. 13. 4 and the amount spent for work in the Rural Districts was £9, 014. 11. 9, so that if the Council had to pay £934 to the Urban Districts the Council would have had to provide from revenue £781. 13. 5d.

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

"That copy of letter from the Ministry for Local Government under date 15th September 1922 be furnished the Urban Districts and that each of them be requested to appoint one representative to confer with the Chairman of the Co. Council and the Co. Surveyor as to allocation of amount to be paid Urban Districts from Unemployment Grant".

Wexford Urban District.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That the attention of the Wexford Urban District Council be called to the fact that a sum of £612. 16. 2d is still outstanding on foot of Account for March 1922. We request that this amount should be lodged without further delay".

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(Signed)

John Shannon

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 30 day of Oct 1922

MEETING, 30th OCTOBER, 1922.

Present:- Messrs. J. Cummins, John Sinnott, John O'Byrne, C. Culleton P. O'Byrne, G. Devereux, M. Hughes, James Hall, M. Cloney, D. Kavanagh, M/ M. O'Donoghue, R. Corish, M. Doyle.

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

On the motion of Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Devereux, the chair was taken by Mr. Cummins.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Withdrawal of Chairman's resignation.

The following letter was read from Mr. Etchingham, Chairman of the Co. Council:-

"The severe wrench it was to me to resign membership of the Council was strained to breaking point by your letter. It is because I know well the sincerity and truth in the tone of loyal comradeship running through every line, that I assure you of the pain I felt at parting from old friends, most of whom I have worked with for many a year.

I stated I liked not resignation as a mode of exit, I would much prefer the toe of the boot of public opinion, for receiving it under certain circumstances imparts a feeling of gratification, but I felt it was due to the people who elected me to the membership of the Council to make way for someone who could attend the meetings. I am much improved in health, but my illness has been severe. Since receiving your letter I have consulted doctors and am advised that I must not take part in public business until the New Year at least.

Were I in health I would do my humble best to carry out my public duties. I know you will readily agree I am not a "quitter". The "stick it" policy I always tried to live up to, and no one could feel more admiration for another than I did for you, when the test came and you took your stand. You suffered for it. The enemy hated you for it, and of this I had evidence, but you stuck it right through.

You will understand then how I feel. I owe too much to my Colleagues on the Council not to place myself in their hands. It is true that our term will soon end, and if they are pleased to add to the

favours they have already given me of keeping the position open until I am able to resume, I will come as soon as I can".

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

"The Council are pleased that the Chairman has withdrawn his resignation, and will be glad to welcome him at their meeting when his medical adviser will allow of his attendance".

Unemployment Grant.

Under date 15th September 1922 the following letter (E12/1) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am in receipt of your communication of the 22nd ultimo re Unemployment Grant and I desire to inform you that the payment of amounts to the Urban areas is a matter for the Council to decide in consultation with representatives of the Urban areas directly interested. Should the Council and the said representatives fail to reach an agreement in this matter, the Department will decide on the amounts to be paid to the different Urban Councils. I would refer you to our Circular E/1850 on this subject".

Alderman Corish forwarded answer to a question raised by him at meeting of An Dail as to unemployment grant, and in which reply it was pointed out that only eleven twelfths of the total amount of the Grant had been received by the Government. £10,000 was allocated to Wexford County and a cheque for eleven twelfths- £9,166. 13. 4d had been forwarded to the Council. No information was available as to when the balance would be paid. Of the £10,000, a sum of £9,066 had been allocated to the Rural Districts, and £934 to the Urban Districts. The Co. Council should now remit to each Urban District eleven twelfths of the Grant quota.

The Secretary stated that the £934 had been allocated to the Urban Districts according to Valuation. The eleven twelfths of this would be £856. 3. 4d, and this should be paid to the Urban Districts as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£209. 18. 4
New Ross	204. 8. 4
Wexford	441. 16. 8

Total.	£ 856. 3. 4
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The Secretary stated he had asked the Local Government Department for information as to whether the definite allocation to Urban Districts as set out in reply to question by Alderman Corish, T.D. was to supersede the letter of the Department of the 15th September (E12/1 Wexford Co.) which stated that the amounts the Urban Districts were to receive was a matter for the Co. Council to decide in consultation with representatives of the Urban Districts. Up to the present no reply had been received.

Under date 7th October 1922 a letter was read from Mr. M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, asking when his Council could expect to receive their portion of the Unemployment Grant.

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

"That the following allocation of Unemployment Grant of £9,166. 13. 4 be made the Urban Districts of the County, said amounts being based on the valuation of the districts concerned, viz:-

Enniscorthy	£209. 18. 4
New Ross	204. 8. 4
Wexford	441. 16. 8
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Total	£ 856. 3. 4
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Deductions from Unemployment Grant.

Under date 28th September 1922 the Local Government Department wrote giving schedule of £12,175. 6. 8d, shewing the various items of deductions from Government Grants making up above amount.

Loan from Dail Eireann.

Under date 21st September 1922 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (19053-1922 Wexford County) stating they would be glad if arrangements could now be made for the repayment of the £4,400 advanced to the County Council by Dail Eireann.

Proposed by Mr. O'Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That the loan of £4,400, with appropriate Interest, received from Dail Eireann, be repaid as soon as possible".

Payment to Internees.

Under date 11th September 1922 the Ministry for Local Government wrote (20398-1922 Wexford Co.) as regards compensation to Rate Collectors

who were interned that in similar cases they had approved of payment of one half of poundage fees which would otherwise have been earned calculated on the average of three years' collection, and were prepared to assent to this being done in the cases of Co. Wexford Rate Collectors.

The Secretary stated that taking half of three years' average for the period of internment (all the Collectors being unmarried) the amounts to which they would be entitled were as follows:-

J. Quirke, £53. 4. 1d., P. Walsh, £45. 12. 7d., M. Kelly, £31. 2. 10., J. J. Sinnott, £50. 13. 0d and E. Rowe, £39. 17. 11d.

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

"That Rate Collectors J. Quirke, P. Walsh, M. Kelly and J. J. Sinnott and E. Rowe be paid amounts submitted to this meeting by our Secretary as compensation for loss of salary during imprisonment and internment".

Wexford Bridge.

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

"That we call on the Ministry of Defence to have repairs of Wexford Bridge completed without delay. The Council desire to point out that they have done everything possible to finish the work, but are not allowed to do so. A whole side of the County is cut off from fair and market owing to the present conditions of the structure., farmers are unable to dispose of their produce and the Urban population (amongst whom there is acute unemployment) are suffering through enhanced prices for potatoes, butter, eggs etc. The "corn season" has opened and as the districts of Castlebridge, Screen, Blackwater, Kilmuckridge have no other outlet for transport to Wexford but by Wexford Bridge, the loss to the community is really alarming. In the circumstances the Council would urgently request the Ministry of Defence to finish the work, and particularly when the material is on the ground."

Mr. John Browne, Contractor for the repairs, who was in attendance, said that he would replace the footway which he had erected for the convenience of his men, and would agree to have it kept in repair, but would not be responsible for any accident to the public using the footway. He was prepared to do anything in reason but wished to point out that in his opinion a sum of £50 would finish the work on the bridge.

Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, said in his opinion it would take £100 to finish the work.

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

"That the question of the amount to be paid to the Military for finishing the work of repair on Wexford Bridge be arranged by the Co. Surveyor in connection with Mr. Browne, Contractor".

Work on Roads.

Mr. Culleton said that Mr. Hayes, secretary of the South Wexford area for the Transport Union, was receiving complaints that men were being employed on the roads, who were not members of the Transport Union, contrary to the spirit of the resolution which was adopted by the Co. Council.

Mr. Hayes, Secretary of the area concerned, said that Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor for the Wexford District, had employed a man in the Baldwinstown District who was not a member of the Transport Union, and had taken this man on the recommendation of a Road Contractor, and without any application from the man in question. If the Secretaries of the various branches of the Union concerned were consulted the men who were most in need of work would be recommended for employment.

The County Surveyor stated that he had written Mr. Kehoe, explaining that there was a resolution adopted by the Council that no one would get employment on the roads who was not a member of a Trades Union. Mr. Kehoe was also informed that he should, where possible, employ men who were convenient to the road and not bring men from a distance, that married men or men who had dependents should get a preference, and that the men employed should be good workers. The complaint of Mr. Hayes arose in Mr. Curran's district, with which Mr. Kehoe was not familiar and in which Mr. Kehoe was carrying out work owing to Mr. Curran's resignation.

Mr. Doyle proposed:- "That the Secretary of the Transport Union be requested to furnish the Assistant Surveyors with lists of men who are out of employment and giving particulars as to whether married or single, and if the former, the number of their dependents. That the question of the selection of men must remain in the hands of the Assistant Surveyors".

This was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted.

Application- Superannuation J. C. Smith,
ex-Rate Collector.

Under date 11th October 1922 the Ministry for Local Government wrote (No. 30/242/1922) they had received a letter from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, with reference to a claim for Superannuation allowance to Mr. John C. Smith, ex-Rate Collector, and desired to know if Mr. Smith's resignation had been accepted by the Co. Council and their reasons for refusing him a pension.

In connection with this matter the following resolution was received from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That the Co. Council be again asked to reconsider the question of granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. John C. Smith, Rate Collector, The Council believes that he is most justly entitled to full superannuation as he had lodged the full amount of his warrant to March 1921. He had long and faithful service to the Council and if he acted indiscreetly at that very critical period (January 1921) he only made at most an error of personal judgment. In the opinion of this Council he made amends for this error by collecting and lodging to the credit of the County Council the full sum for which he was responsible. Other people of fresher years and intellect and more in touch with the spirit of the times have made bigger mistakes and have been pardoned, therefore when there is talk of amnesty in the air a little clemency and fair play should be shewn to Mr. Smith, who is now an old man over 70 years of age"

The following letter under date 25th October 1922 (No. 30/242/1922 Wexford Co) was read from the Ministry of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant, regarding the claim of Mr. J. C. Smith, ex Rate Collector for Superannuation, the Ministry of Local Government desire to state that they realise the difficult position such Rate Collectors found themselves in during recent years, and they consider the time has now come when the County Council might overlook the action taken by Mr. Smith which led to their dismissing him and refusing his claim for superannuation.

It is understood that previously Mr. Smith gave satisfactory service extending over many years, and the Ministry accordingly request that the Council will now proceed to award him a pension.

You are therefore requested to place this matter on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council, and to prepare in the meantime for the Council's consideration a statement showing Mr. Smith's emoluments in each of his last three years' service".

The Secretary laid before the meeting particulars of Mr. Smith's emoluments for the three financial years preceding his resignation.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the consideration of superannuation to Mr. J. C. Smith, ex Rate Collector, be discussed in Committee.

Mr. P. O'Byrne proposed:-

"That Mr. J. C. Smith, ex Rate Collector, be granted the superannuation to which he is entitled".

Mr. John O'Byrne seconded. After a long discussion the motion was put to the meeting and was declared defeated by the Chairman. A Poll was not challenged.

General Claims for Superannuation
by ex Rate Collectors.

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

"That application from any officer of the Council, who was dismissed for not carrying out their orders, for superannuation, be not entertained by this Council".

Re Salary Co. Court Crier.

Under date 14th October 1922 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (L. G. 11/13) with regard to payment of salary of Mr. Timothy Long, Co. Court Crier, that this should now be made by the Co. Council and that other similar indebtedness should be discharged as heretofore. They would be glad to receive an intimation that this course is being adopted by the Co. Council. The administration of the law was undergoing revision and it would be desirable that arrangements be made to meet existing claims of this nature until the procedure under the new system is definitely laid down.

Considered with application for salary by Under Sheriff appearing in next item.

Payments to Under Sheriff.

Under date 3rd October 1922 the following letter (11/7/22) Wexford Co was read from the Ministry for Local Government:-

"Adverting to an entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 31st July last, with reference to above, the Ministry for Local Government desire to state that the reform of existing arrangements for judicial administration &c. must await the consideration of the Free State parliament when constituted.

Meantime the salaries and expenses of Under Sheriffs etc., are legal charges which must be met.

Especially in view of the large payments recently made to the County Council in respect of withheld grants the Ministry trust that the Council will facilitate the transaction of public business by resuming liability for such expenditure as from 1st April last, otherwise the Ministry will be obliged to deduct the cost incurred from future grants payable to the Council.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Corish and on a show of hands was lost by 6 to 5:-

"That the amounts of salary due the Under Sheriff and County Court Crier be paid".

Closing Co. Infirmary.

The Secretary stated in reply to a question by a Councillor that no reply had been received to the following resolution adopted by the Co. Council on 31st July 1922:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction the closing of the Co. Wexford Infirmary by the County Council", but that the text of Counsel's opinion and copy of resolution of Finance & Roads Committee on the matter had been asked for by Local Government Department recently.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to furnish this Council with their advice as to the proposed closing of Co. Wexford Infirmary".

Carnegie Rural Libraries.

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

"That the use of Co. Hall Meetingroom be granted to Committee which has been appointed to select books etc., in connection with Rural Library for Co. Wexford".

Registration and Licensing of Mechanically
Propelled Vehicles.

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

"The Wexford County Council would be glad to receive from Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Transport Department (Roads Section) information as to the amount of contribution they are prepared to make to the salary of Mr. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, and also as to the proposal of the Council that the Department should make a definite contribution of 5 per cent on amount of money collected under Motor Car Acts for the purpose of covering cost of administration".

Food & Drug Acts.

Under date 27th September 1922 the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that an officer of their Department had taken up four samples of butter in Gorey, one sample in New Ross and four samples in Enniscorthy, and they had received certificates that these samples were found on analysis, to be genuine butter.

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

"That we request the Local Government Department to have arrangements made by which members of the Civic Guard can be appointed by Co. Councils as Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts".

Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was placed before the meeting, also lists of defaulters were submitted from all Collectors, except Mr. John Sinnott and Mr. C. McCarthy. In the former case the total amount outstanding was £45. 10. 7d and the meeting considered unnecessary to go into the particulars as they were satisfied Mr. Sinnott would be able to deal personally with all ratepayers in his district who were in arrear.

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

"That the Rate Collectors, now that courts are about to function, be directed to proceed for recovery of outstanding Rates against all Ratepayers who have refused to pay".

"That lists of defaulters be forwarded to Checkers of Rate Collectors' accounts and that with the assistance of the Collectors they mark on those lists, those who have definitely refused to pay, in order that the Council may have a record of such persons. That Rate Collecting Books for current financial year be issued to Collectors who, in the opinion of our Secretary, have a satisfactory amount of Old Rate collected. That in order to facilitate the collection of New Rate, all amounts so collected in respect of same, be lodged to the credit of a "Poor Rate A/c", the monthly totals of which are to be transferred to the General Account of the Council. That should our Secretary consider same advisable he be empowered to summon to Co. Hall any Collector whose collection of Old Rate and arrears requires investigation".

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

"That Mr. C. McCarthy, Rate Collector, be called on to resign his position, and that the question of appointing his successor be considered at next meeting of the Council".

Mr. John Deegan applied for a payment on account of the amount of poundage due his brother, Michael Deegan for whom he is acting as substitute.

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

"That the question of making a payment on account of Rate Collectors' poundage to John Deegan, Deputy Collector for Mr. Michael Deegan, be considered on receipt of authorisation from the latter that he agrees to this course".

Attempt to burn County Hall.

The Secretary reported:- "On the night of the 16th October between 8 and 9 p.m. the County Hall was raided by a number of armed men, some of whom held up the Caretaker in his kitchen at revolver point. They set fire to the Central Hall, in which were all books of account, ledgers etc.

for the past three years, using some gallons of petrol for their purpose. As soon as they left the building, the matter was reported to the Military who extinguished the fire. Fortunately, the damage to the Hall is slight but the books are entirely destroyed. The Auditor of L. G. Department arranged sometime ago to hold audit up to 30th September last, but the fact that when an Audit notice for Wexford Board of Guardians was published, the books of the Body were seized by armed men, affected the time for audit of Co. Council accounts. Although everything was ready for audit, there was no guarantee that as soon as Notices appeared in the papers, a similar fate would not have befallen the books of the Co. Council.

My staff and I have had painful experience of seizures of the accounts of the Council. During the War Period all our Books of account were seized by the R.I.C. and others, necessitating the greatest possible trouble and loss of time, in writing up a new set, securing Vouchers etc. Those seized by the R.I.C. were ^{not} returned until their disbandment.

People who have been consistently opposed to the National movement, and those who never neglect an opportunity to throw mud at the County Council and its administration, are now insinuating that there is corruption in the Council's administration. I would respectfully ask the Council to allow me to procure the necessary clerical assistance to help in having the accounts rebuilt. Also to adopt a resolution that the Treasurer of the Council be requested to furnish copies of the Bank Books and Treasurer's Advice Notes in respect of the financial period for which the Books have been destroyed. You will understand that it is a difficult task to reconstruct the Accounts of the past three years, but I have no doubt if you can see your way to adopt the suggestion which I now make, that my staff and I will be able to reconstruct the accounts in their entirety. And when the work is finished, the enemies and critics of the Council will be afforded an opportunity of examining each item, and appearing before the Auditor, should they so desire.

I regret to state the raiders took away a new typewriter, value £12, and which was the property of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction".

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ the necessary clerical assistance to write up books of account which were destroyed in the raid on the Co. Hall on 16th October 1922., that the Treasurer of the Council be requested to furnish copies of Treasurer's Advice Notes and Bank Books which have been destroyed. That should the Treasurer, owing to lack of sufficient staff, be unable to provide the necessary clerical assistance for the purpose, our Secretary be authorised to have the necessary clerical work carried out at the Treasurer's office, on condition that the latter will guarantee to be responsible for the correctness of tots, entries etc., and will certify same. That our Secretary be further empowered to purchase all books, forms etc., which will be necessary to have the accounts reconstructed, which have been destroyed".

Fittings for Co. Home.

Under date 20th October 1922 Mr. Thomas D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health, wrote that his Board were carrying out certain alteration in the Drying Room of the Co. Home, Enniscorthy, and they understand that there is in the Co. Hall fittings not required which would be suitable. He was directed by the Board to apply to the Council for the fittings.

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

"That the fittings in Drying room attached to Co. Hall and which are not required by the Council, be sold to the Co. Board of Health for £25".

Distribution of Outdoor Relief, Wexford.

The following was read for the meeting:-

Outdoor Relief Committee,
Meeting Place, Town Hall,
Every Saturday 3.30 p.m.

Dear Mr. Frizelle,

We have been reading in the Press a discussion at Co. Council re the distribution of outdoor relief in Wexford area and beg you to kindly put before your Council for consideration the following points before the members again indulge in remarks which can serve no useful purpose and are not in accordance with fact.

A member stated "The outdoor relief was given to those not in need while the deserving poor were neglected". We wish to draw their attention to the fact that there is no increase in the relief given to

the ordinary destitute poor. A certain increase was involved by boarding out due to amalgamation. The big increase in Wexford is due to unemployment. There are up to 1,000 families whose breadwinners are now struck off the Exchange. The Co. Council should bear in mind that Wexford being a Foundry Town there is bound to be great want due to unemployment and so far neither the Co. Council nor the Corporation has done anything to aid these families in their distress, though this Committee has on various occasions asked the Rate-paying authorities to do so. Now we respectfully ask the Council:-

1. How do they propose supporting these families who are out of work?
2. Are they prepared to pay an inspector to watch the movements of every person on outdoor relief and get proper "supervision"?
The relieving officer could not possibly keep under notice so many persons.
3. Are they willing to take over the work of distribution of relief as we are willing to resign?
4. Are they prepared to change the system to district rating, so that each area might pay its own burden?

To our mind it is the Co. Council is to blame, if there is blame in the matter. Work should have been procured and then decent hardworking people, now unemployed through no fault of their own, would not be compelled to go asking for help from a fund founded for the destitute poor. The Council will please answer above questions and let Committee know what Council wants them to do. It would be more seeming for Council to formulate a scheme to aid the starving population, than to pass flippant and unfounded remarks on a committee some of whose members never missed a meeting since committee was formed, and who are honestly striving to do their best in dividing an insufficient amount on so many helpless people.

Unless Council can explain their attitude, their committee will resign, and let those who come after them succeed where they have failed.

The committee meets weekly, and Mr. T. D. Sinnott stated at a Co. Health Board meeting that the members went carefully into each case they relieved.

I am, Yours faithfully,

N. O'Ryen (chairman) (Mrs) M. K. McTaminey, Thos. Rossiter, Thomas

Walsh, Michael Martin, Patrick Clancy and Nicholas Connolly."

Under date 26th October 1922 the following letter was read from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health, in connection with the above:-

"At the meeting of the Wexford Board of Public Health, held in the Co. Home at Enniscorthy on Wednesday, October 18th, your Council's resolution re O.D.R. supervision in Wexford town was read. After a lengthy discussion it was decided on the proposition of Mr. McCarthy, to inform your Council that the Corporation of Wexford had delegated their powers of recommending cases for O.D.R. to a Committee consisting of the old Town Guardians, and that, in the opinion of the Public Health Board this Committee has exercised ~~and~~ ~~are~~ exercising a supervision as close as that exercised in any other area in the County."

re Chargeability of O. D. R.

Mr. John O'Byrne proposed that the system of chargeability sanctioned by the Department to the Co. Council be approved, contending that it was grossly unfair to levy on the Rural Areas expenditure for which the Urban Areas were responsible, and in which the Rural Representatives had no voice. Mr. McCarthy proposed an amendment. "That the Co. Council and the Department be informed that the suggested system of chargeability is impracticable and impossible and in contravention of the Local Government Act of 1898., and that they be called upon to make the chargeability leviable upon an area similar to the old Union Area". In a lengthy statement he justified such a system and pointed out that the Agricultural Grants were intended as a compensation for the O.D.R. expenses levied on the Rural areas. On a poll being taken Mr. McCarthy's amendment was carried by one vote.

The points (x) that it would compel stricter supervision (") that, in the opinion of Rural representatives it was more equitable, were made in favour of the suggested system and the points (1) that the Agricultural Grants compensated the Rural areas for the O.D.R. levies (2) that under the suggested system the Urban Rate would be impossible and (3) that the majority of O.D.R. cases in the Urban Areas were Rurals who had moved in when past their labour, were made against the suggested system.

After a long discussion Mr. Corish gave notice of motion as follows for consideration at meeting of the Co. Council on 20th November---

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

Direct Labour.

The following notice of motion was given by Mr. Corish to be considered at meeting of Co. Council on 20th November 1922:-

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

Application- R.D. Council of Wexford for Funds.

Under date 27th September 1922 the Clerk of the Wexford R.D. Council wrote applying for an instalment on foot of the Council's demand in respect of the current half-year. At the present time the Council are starting a scheme of Direct labour for the repair of Labourers' Cottages and would require the amount due to pay the workmen who will be engaged.

The Secretary explained that Wexford Rural District Council had been paid the full amount of their demand up to March 1922, while in respect of that year there were Rates outstanding in Wexford R. District of close on £2500. The Government Grants which had been received were up to 31st March only and of course Demand of Wexford R.D. Council was paid in full they received their share of grants for the period in question. Wexford R.D. Council complained the Co. Board of Health were being paid in full but in view of the fact that any holdup of payment for Co. Board of Health would inflict grave hardship on the poor and infirm the Co. Council could not see their way to refuse demands of this body for funds. The Wexford R.D. Council were seeking a substantial advance from Rates which were not yet in course of collection. No other R.D. Council had made a similar application, as a matter of fact, the Demand of Enniscorthy R.D. Council for March 1922 had not yet been cleared off.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That as soon as possible after new Rate has been put into collection the Co. Council will pay as large an instalment as they can (taking into

consideration the state of the finances of the Council) on foot of the Demands of Rural District Councils for current financial year".

R. D. Council and Co. Council.

The following resolution was received from the Clerk, R.D. Council, Wexford:-

"That we urge the Co. Council to have their accounts audited to date and also that we impress upon them the necessity of having the current rate collected immediately".

No Order.

Canal Commission.

A number of heads of evidence to be submitted by Local authorities to the Canal Commission were submitted.

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

"That a committee consisting of the following be appointed to deal with heads of evidence furnished by Canal Commission:- Three representatives of Co. Council (to be appointed at meeting of Council on 20th November) two representatives each of Wexford Harbour Board and New Ross Harbour Commissioners., two representatives each of Wexford Corporation and Urban Districts of New Ross and Enniscorthy, two representatives of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, public bodies concerned need not necessarily select members as representatives. Also Messrs. J. Stafford, P. Donovan, J. Billington, Wexford., John Pasha, John F. Yates and Norman S. Davis, Enniscorthy., James B. Hearne, New Ross. The Secretary of the County Council to communicate with those concerned and to arrange for first meeting of the Committee to be held in Co. Hall, Wexford".

Resignation of Mr. C. P. Curran,
Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 11th October 1922 the following letter addressed to the Co. Surveyor, was read from Mr. C. P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I hereby tender you my resignation as Assistant Surveyor to the Wexford Co. Council. I have been compelled to resign by the refusal of the Co. Council to pay the arrears of salary due to me and also because of its continual rejection of the Surveyors' demand for a salary commensurate with their duties and qualifications. In thus resigning

I do not in the least give up my claim for the arrears, but reserve the right to take any steps which I may consider necessary to obtain payment. Before closing I would like to express to you my very sincere appreciation of your kindness and consideration to me during my sojourn in Wexford^H.

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

"that we confirm the acceptance of Mr. Curran's resignation as Assistant Surveyor as appearing on Minutes of Co. Council meeting of 4th October 1922, to date from 31st August 1922^H.

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

"That as his services are urgently needed we direct our Secretary to advertise for Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £170 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 conditional on good and satisfactory service. That conditions of appointment and duties be drafted by the Co. Surveyor. That pending appointment of Assistant Surveyor the Co. Surveyor be empowered to employ gangers for road supervision etc.

As regards the proposal that work in Mr. Curran's district should be carried out by Messrs. John Kehoe, W. H. Jones and R. J. Ennis, existing Assistant Surveyors, the following letter was read from these officials:-

"We, the undersigned Assistant Surveyors are each willing to take charge of the portions of Mr. Curran's district as pointed out to us by the Co. Surveyor for a sum of £10 each per annum. We would point out that this work will be extra to our already excessive districts., also that we will have to compress most of the year's work into the next few months in this district. In view of the urgency of the work we are starting it at once before the matter comes before the Co. Council^H.

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

"That we cannot agree to the amount of remuneration asked for by Assistant Surveyors, Messrs. Kehoe, Jones and Ennis, for work in Mr. Curran's district but sanction payment at the rate of £10 per month for the period for which they acted, viz:- from 10th October 1922 to 30th October (inclusive). That, as already agreed to, the Co. Surveyor carry out the necessary road supervision etc. in this district by employment

of gangers".

Appointment of Mr. Sean Birthistle.

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

"That as the Co. Surveyor is urgently in need of his services we request the Local Government Department to sanction the appointment of Mr. Sean Birthistle, who was appointed Assistant Surveyor by this Council on 26th June last".

Rates for Railway Carriage of Goods.

Under date 25th October 1922 the Secretary to the Irish Railway Clearing House wrote that while the Irish Railway Companies are fully alive to the desirability in the general interests of reducing the existing charges for conveyance of goods they are at present, having regard to their financial position, unable to make any further concession in this respect, and see little prospect of modifying thier charges until the rates of wages payable to the staff are brought down to an economic level.

They will continue, however, to watch the situation closely in the hope that relief in this latter respect may be obtained which will make a reduction in charges practicable from a commercial point of view.

Coroners' Salaries.

Under date 18th October 1922 Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, wrote that a sum of £170 was due to him for salary.

Under date 25th October 1922 Dr. Lawler, Coroner for North Wexford, wrote that he had received no salary from 1st April 1921 to 31st December 1921.

Mr. Cloney proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford be paid a year's salary on account and that Dr. Lawler, Coroner for North Wexford, be paid the nine months' salary due him for year 1921".

Application for Payment of Superannuation.

Mr. J. Mullett, ex Rate Collector, applied for payment of his superannuation. There were two years' arrears due him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle,

seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That Mr. John Mullett, ex Rate Collector, be paid a year's arrears of his superannuation on account".

Application- Extension Premises etc.

Mr. John Phelan, Irish Street, Newtownbarry, wrote under date 2nd October 1922 for 2 feet 6 inches of 3 feet of ground in front of his premises to enable him to extend his front.

Under date 21st October 1922 Rev. M. Rossiter, C.C. Horeswood, Campile, wrote asking permission to build a ball alley about 300 yards from Railway Station on a Commons between the two roads leading to Ramsgrange and Ballyhack. The alley when built would be five yards clear of the road on both sides.

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

"That the application of Mr. J. Whelan, Irish Street, Newtownbarry for extension of his premises and of Rev. M. Rossiter, Horeswood, for permission to build a ball alley adjacent to Campile, be referred to the Co. Surveyor for report to next meeting".

Wexford Ferry Boat.

Account for hire of Motor Ferry boat at Wexford (owing to nonuse of Wexford bridge) for £226. 10. 0. was received from the owner of the boat (Mr. S. A. O'Leary) from 12th July to 7th October 1922.

The recommendation of Special Committee that the hire as from 21st August 1922 be increased from £2. 10. 0. to £3 per day was also under consideration.

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

"That the amount due for ferryboat service at Wexford to 7th October 1922 (inclusive) viz:- £226. 10. 0. be paid and that the recommendation of Special Committee that Mr. S.A. O'Leary, owner of the boat, be paid for her use at the rate of £3 per day, inclusive of Sundays as from 21st August 1922 be confirmed".

Dublin & South Eastern Railway Service.

The following resolution was received from Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That we request the Co. Council to endeavour to induce the Directors of the Dublin & South Eastern railway Company to alter hour of departure of evening train from Dublin to Wexford from 4.30 p.m. to 6.5 p.m."

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

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Directors of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company be requested to arrange for an interview with Messrs. R. Corish, T.D. M. Doyle, T. D. and the representatives of Wicklow Co. in An Dail in connection with suggested improvements in their train service".

Limerick Co. Council and Roads.

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

"That we the members of the Limerick No. 1 District Council, wish to impress on the Limerick County Council, and every other Council in Ireland, the necessity of opening up the country by substituting proper wide roads for the net-work of boreens and cul-de-sacs now in existence, it being declared illegal to repair or maintain them. We are also of the opinion that this work, as well as the arterial drainage of the country, is a national question, and immediate legislation is necessary both for these small roads and the arterial drainage of the country".

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Corish.

Claim for Lost Rock Drills.

The following letter under date 27th October 1922 and addressed to the Co. Surveyor, was read from Thomas J. Farley, Solicitor, 15 College green, Dublin:-

"I have been instructed by Messrs. The Ingersoll Rand Co. 22 Duke Street, Stamford Street, London, and Messrs. Fleming & Co., of Glasgow, to write to you re three drills which were ordered by your County Council as far back as 1920.

Your Council then at the time stated that owing to the adverse state of the country they could not take these drills and you undertook to return same to my clients, carriage paid. The drills were handed by your Council to the Dublin South Eastern Railway and from them to Messrs. Wallace, Carriers, and from them to the British and Irish Steam

Packet Co. Messrs. Wallace hold their receipt. These drills have been lost and my clients have never heard of them since the day they were dispatched. They have had to pay the Ingersoll Rand Co. for the drills. As you are aware, we are not in a position to sue the British & Irish Steam Packet Co. As you were the consignees, I would thank you to take this matter in hands and obtain a cheque for our clients without delay. I am sure you will readily remit as the dealings between your Council and my clients have been of the happiest nature. In the circumstances I expect a cheque by return^H.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the lost drills were value for £350 about.

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

"That the application from Mr. Thomas J. Farley, Solicitor, Dublin, for payment for three rock drills, be referred to Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council and that he be instructed to take in the matter whatever steps he may consider in the interests of the Council to be advisable^H.

Electors' Register of 1922.

Under date 3rd September 1922 the following letter (L. G. 153/9). was read from the Minister for Local Government:-

"A Chara,

With reference to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 31st July last respecting payment of the claim of the Registration Officer (Mr. J. N. Scallan) for remuneration and expenses in connection with the preparation of the Fourth Register of Electors I desire to state that, in order to facilitate adjustments in the Local Taxation Account, County Councils have been requested to discharge such claims in full and to apply subsequently in the usual way for recoupment of a moiety of the expenditure.

I am therefore to request that your Council will pay to the Registration Officer the gross amount of his claim, viz:- £1427.0. 6 and transmit in due course to this Ministry an application for recoupment.

The Registration Officer has been requested to refund the advance of £1,200 to the Ministry of Finance, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, when

his claim has been discharged by your Council."

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

"That a Pay Order for £1427. 0. 6d cost of expenses for preparation of Fourth Register of Electors be paid Mr. J. N. Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace, and that the necessary steps be taken to submit claim for recoupment of a moiety of said amount to the Ministry of Local Government

Funds- Co. Board of Health and
Other Bodies.

An application was received from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health, for £6,000 for October and for outstanding expenses for last halfyear.

The Secretary stated it was also necessary to make a payment to Co. Mental Hospital.

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

"That a sum of £6,000 be transferred to Co. Board of Health and £4,000 to Co. Mental Hospital on foot of the demands of these bodies. That a sum of £1,000 be transferred to Enniscorthy Rural District Council in respect of year ended 31st March 1922".

Motor Vehicles for Assistant Surveyors.

The Secretary stated that on 29th May last the Council decided to purchase four Triumph Motor Cycles for the Assistant Surveyors at a cost of £105. 15. 9 per cycle, and at the meeting of Council on 26th June a resolution was adopted to allow the Surveyors 2½d per mile to cover running expenses. The Ministry for Local Government would not approve of the arrangement and proposed instead that the County Council should advance a loan free of interest to each Assistant Surveyor to cover cost of purchase of motor car or motor cycle or cycle car, quota to be deducted from each monthly payment of Surveyor's salary, loan to be repayable in four years.

Travelling expenses for vehicles purchased on above basis are to be allowed for as follows:-

Ninepence per statute mile, where Surveyors use their own Motor Cars.

Fourpence per statute mile, where Surveyors use their own Motor

Cycles or Cycle cars.

The Secretary further stated that he had communicated with the Surveyors in the matter.

Mr. Jones wrote approving of the proposal of the Local Government Department., Mr. Kehoe considered it would be a ~~great~~ mistake to purchase Motor cycles as he had learned from expert authority that it would not be possible to use such machines even half time on the average road during the winter months, For this reason he would much prefer to purchase a small car.

Mr. Ennis wrote that there was little difference between the scheme of the Council and that of the Local Government Department., neither allowed any margin. But it was in favour of the plan of the Department that the cycle would be the personal property of the Surveyors, which was a better arrangement from every point of view. He would again impress on the Council the necessity for obtaining machines at once. If the Surveyors had had them for the past four months, work would have been very much advanced.

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

"That we approve of the plan of Local Government Department to provide motor vehicles for Assistant Surveyors and hope that our officers will not make any delay in procuring same, as the Council will be prepared to advance loan on the basis of the Scheme of Local Government Department".

Quarry at Coolaughter.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £10 in opening up quarry at Coolaughter on the lands of Mr. Vincent Doyle".

University Scholarships.

Mr. Stephen J. Furlong, University student, wrote forwarding certificate of Dean of residence (Rev. Michael Hickey D.D.) that No. 3 Killeen Road, Rathmines, Dublin, was a suitable lodging for University students.

Mr. T. Moling Kehoe forwarded certificate of Rev. Dr. Hickey that 63 Harcourt Street, Dublin, was a suitable lodging place for University students.

Mr. D.P. Phelan wrote forwarding certificate of Dean of Residence, University College that Commons Street Post Office, Dublin, at which Mr. Phelan was residing in connection with his University Scholarship, was a suitable place and a similar certificate was received in respect of 24 Clonliffe Road, Dublin, the residence of Mr. James J. Horan, University Scholar.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to summon Primary Scholarship Committee as soon as he can arrange with a view to a reconsideration of present Primary Scholarship Scheme".

Resolution as to Peace.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to furnish to the Secretary of the General Council of Co. Councils copy of the resolution adopted by the Council on 31st July 1922 for Peace, and request him to have a meeting of the General Council Executive Committee called with a view of getting into touch with both sides in the present fratricidal strife and exploring every avenue which may lead to Peace. This Council is more and more convinced daily that no lasting peace can be secured by force of arms".

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(Signed)

E. O'Riordan

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 20th day of Nov. 1922