

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Lortview, Wexford, on Monday 12th October, 1925.

Present: Mr Thomas MacCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also present: Colonel Gibbon (Vice Chairman); Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clinice, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connor, Thomas Cooney, Richard Drish, Christopher Cullerton, T. J. D'Arcy; Michael Doyle, James Gault, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan McEnagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Mr. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr Elgar, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Qualification of Mr. Cullerton as Co. Councillor

The Secretary stated as directed by last meeting he had asked the Secretary County Board of Health to inform him as to the dates on which Mr. Cullerton had been paid for work by County Board of Health.

He had received the following letter from Secretary Co. Board of Health under date 25th September, 1925, and had forwarded same to the Department of Local Government for their information:-

"In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant on the subject the following are the payments made to Mr. Cullerton and the periods covered by the payments:-

£3:3:9 from the 16th March to 20th March, 1925.

£5:17:3 from the 13th April to 22nd April, 1925.

£2:2:2 from the 8th April to 10th April, 1925.

£6:16:1 from the 27th April to 9th May, 1925.

£7:8:10 from the 11th May to 23rd May.

£5:16:7 from the 25th May to 3rd June.

£6:16:1 from the 8th June to 20th June.

£6:9:4 from the 22nd June to 2nd July.

All the payments were made by the Wexford Rural District Council.

Mr. Cullerton resigned his membership of the Council on the 7th March, 1925 and his resignation was accepted by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by letter No. G. 12545/25 dated the 21st March, 1925."

Vacancy on Committee of Mental Hospitals

Under date 23rd September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 44215-1925 Miscellaneous) that it was desirable that all salaries of Officials should be paid up to the 30th September, 1925. The Clerks of R. D. Councils should be informed that they would be expected to have the accounts of their District prepared for audit and abstracts of same submitted to Local Government Department by the middle of October as it was contemplated to arrange for early audits. Any debts which remain

undischarged at 30th September would be transferred to the Co. Council and lists of same should be furnished to the County Secretary.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne: - That the attention of Clerks of R. D. Councils be called to Circular Letter of Department of Local Government (L. 44215/1925 Miscellaneous) - (23rd September, 1925) relative to the abolition of R. D. Councils and the closing of the a/c's of same to the 30th September, 1925. That, as recommended by the County Board of Health, we hereby transfer all existing officers of the Rural District Councils of Ennis corby, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford to the service of County Wexford Board of Health, with the following exceptions: - Mr. John J. Tanning, Clerk R. D. Council, Gorey, who is transferred to County Council office, Wexford, and Mr. John J. Rochford, Clerk R. D. Council, New Ross, who has been appointed by the County Council to act as Rate Inspector."

Tuberculosis Scheme - Salary of Nurse O'Connor

Under date 16th September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 43549/25 Wexford County) that as the declaration under section 71 of Local Government Act of 1925 made by Nurse O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Nurse, in respect of the increase in her salary was not signed within one month after the date of the resolution passed by the County Council on 10th August, 1925, the resolution was therefore void. It was open to the Council to pass a further resolution when a fresh declaration could be made by Nurse O'Connor. In considering the matter the County Council might also deal with the question of granting the nurse an allowance for travelling expenses, which would enable her to do considerably more work in connection with the Tuberculosis Scheme and would render her services available for attendance on tuberculosis patients in districts not served by "part time" nurses. Arrangements might also be made by which the "part time" nurses might attend the local branch and dispensaries and thus obviate the necessity for Nurse O'Connor visiting these.

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

"That we confirm the resolution of County Council meeting of 10th August, 1925 agreeing to increase of salary to Nurse O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Nurse, from £100 to £125 per annum, increase to be counted as from 20th June 1925 - date of meeting of Co. Tuberculosis Committee agreeing to same.

In connection with proposal to allow travelling expenses to Nurse O'Connor the following resolution was submitted from meeting of Tuberculosis Committee held on 5th October, 1925 -

"That the question of proposed allowance of travelling expenses to Nurse O'Connor be referred to the County Board of Health. This Committee, in view of the short time it is proposed they should function, do not desire to make any recommendation in the matter. We believe it was understood that "part time" nurses at Ennis corby, Gorey and New Ross should attend the Tuberculosis Dispensaries and direct our Secretary to communicate with Dr. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Medical Officer, and ascertain

from him if this is the case. If not, why the practise was discontinued, and if "part time" nurses are still attending the branch dispensaries in the three towns why it is necessary for the Chief Tuberculosis Nurse to visit these dispensaries."

The above resolution was confirmed on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. D. O'Gara.

Dental Treatment.

Under date 19th September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 4332) forwarding letter which had been sent by the Department to the Co. Tuberculosis Committee in connection with dental treatment. Subject to ratification by the County Council the Council approved of the proposed arrangements for this treatment on the same terms as heretofore by the following dentists, viz: Wexford Mr. J. W. Bailey; Enniscorthy Mr. J. Byrne; New Ross Mr. B. J. Dunne.

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

"That we ratify the arrangements for dental treatment of patients attending the Tuberculosis Dispensaries at Wexford, Enniscorthy and New Ross. That in the event of the Co. Board of Health considering continuance of this treatment for 1926 we are of opinion dental treatment should be afforded to patients attending the Tuberculosis Dispensary at Gorey."

Treatment Advanced Cases.

In connection with home for advanced cases of tuberculosis at Enniscorthy the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 42167/25 Wexford County) directing attention to their letter of 30th June 1924, as to the recommendations of Dr. Boyd Barrett, Medical Inspector, regarding the development of the old Fever Hospital premises at Enniscorthy for use as a hospital for the reception of advanced cases of tuberculosis. The County Board of Health were unable owing to the state of their finances to carry out the repairs necessary to render the premises suitable for the proposed purpose. If a lease of the buildings were granted to the County Council it would be possible, subject to the consent of the Minister for Finance, to make the County share of the Sanatorium grant available to meet the cost of necessary work. The Minister would be glad to have the observation of the County Council in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- That the County Surveyor be instructed to visit old Fever Hospital Enniscorthy and present to next meeting of the Council a preliminary sketch and report as to the additional accommodation necessary for treatment of additional advanced cases of tuberculosis. The County Council will be prepared to take a lease of the buildings but they are not prepared, in view of present high local rates, to agree that any sum should be spent on the erection of additional premises or renovation of those at present existing beyond what can be obtained from the Sanatorium Grant or from any other sums which the Government may be in a position to provide."

Continuation of Existing Tuberculosis Committee in office.

Extracts from minutes of meeting of County Tuberculosis Committee in respect of meeting of 5th October, 1925, was submitted. This covered letter from Mr. J. D. Shinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health, requesting the Ministry for Local Government to approve of the existing Tuberculosis Committee functioning until the 31st December and Mr. Fyelle, the present Secretary to the Committee carrying on the duties until that date. also letter (No. P.H. 45/129-25 Wexford County) under date 3rd October, 1925 from the Department of Local Government that there was no objection to the proposal of the Board of Health being adopted provided these were ratified by the County Council.

The Co. Tuberculosis Committee submitted the following resolution for confirmation: "That provided the Wexford County Council approve, this Committee is prepared to carry on the work of the Tuberculosis Scheme until 31st December 1925."

Under date 3rd October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 45/929-15 Wexford County Board of Health) forwarding copy of letter addressed to the Wexford Co. Board of Health regarding the proposal to retain the services of the Secretary of the former County Tuberculosis Committee until 31st December next.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sears O'Byrne:—

"That we approve of the present Tuberculosis Committee carrying on the work of the Co. Tuberculosis Scheme until 31st December 1925 and that the present Secretary continue in office for the period."

Re-appointment Secretary.

The following resolution was submitted from the meeting of County Tuberculosis Committee held on 5th October 1925:—

"That Mr. T. J. Fyelle, be re-appointed Secretary to this Committee as from 15th July, 1925, to the termination of office held by this Committee."

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Conish, seconded by Mr. Hall:— "That we approve of the re-appointment of Mr. T. J. Fyelle as Secretary to County Tuberculosis Committee as from 15th July, 1925, to the termination of office of present Committee — remuneration £1 per week."

Auditor's Reports.

Under date 25th September, 1925, the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of report of their Auditor, Mr. J. J. Healy, on his audit of the accounts of Sorey R.D. Council for the two half years ended 31st March, 1925.

"Authorised" Committee

Under date 7th October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (S44465/1925 Wexford County Council) as follows:—

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo, I am directed by the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health to state that he consents to contributions in aid of travelling

being paid by the Wexford County Council to members of the following authorised Committee.

	no of members	Quorum
Finance Committee	8	3
Roads Committee	10	5

As regards the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, I am to state that a communication has been addressed to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and to the Ministry of Education, as to whether this Committee is to be recognised as an authorised Committee.

I am to request you to submit for the approval of the Minister regulations under section 58(5) of the act."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Boggan:-
 "That we protest against the regulation made under the Local Government Act of 1925 by which a contribution towards the travelling expenses of members is made for one way only." Everybody, except members of the Dail who attended the debate on the Bill, was under the impression that the actual travelling expenses of members would be refunded and we fail to understand why this was not done. The Local Government Department should take steps to have this injustice remedied."

Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923.

Under date 6th October, 1925, the Department of Finance wrote (1746/16) pointing out that the first moiety of the amount under the provisions of above Act for current financial half year, £4933:4:4, was due for payment on 15th instant. Payment was requested.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That payment of Rate under Damage to Property Act, 1923 due by this Co. Council be considered when Rate Collection for half year ended 30th September, 1925 has been closed."

Navigation River Slaney and Wexford Harbour.

At a conference of interested Local Bodies, including County Council, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of the urgent necessity for maintaining Wexford Port in an efficient manner and for the general development of the trade of the County we request the Department of Industry and Commerce to provide the services of an expert Engineer to prepare a full survey of the river Slaney and Wexford Harbour and estimate of cost. The present financial condition of the bodies concerned does not permit of this work being carried out at the expense of local funds. In view of the number of people concerned the Conference is convinced that the Government should help to have a proper survey of the port and river Slaney carried out."

The following reply under date 17th September, 1925, (J. 53008) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge receipt of

your letter of the 8th instant, transmitting a resolution adopted by a Conference representative of a number of public bodies on the 7th idem, in regard to the preparation of a full survey and estimate of cost for the development of Wexford Harbour and the River Slaney.

"It appears to the Minister that an improvement of Wexford Harbour is a necessary preliminary to consideration of development of the River Slaney dealt with by the Canal Commission. For the latter there is already an estimate available, referred to by the Commission, which would at least provide a starting point for consideration of the finances of the matter.

"With regard to the primary question of improving Wexford Harbour, the Minister feels that, if the economic advantage to the community in the neighbourhood of an efficient harbour at Wexford is sufficiently great to outweigh the advantages of adjacent harbours such advantage will be sufficiently material to warrant the community concerned providing at least the preliminary expenditure involved in obtaining the necessary survey and estimate.

"The Minister hopes that on further consideration of the matter the conference of public bodies will see its way to take further action in the desired direction on its own initiative."

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

"That the Conference of Local Representatives appointed to consider the questions of the navigation of the River Slaney and the improvement of Wexford Harbour be summoned on a convenient date to deal with communications from the Department of Industry & Commerce under date 17th September, 1925 (T. 53008)."

Motor Car Administration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Conish, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"We consider that in order to provide for proper payment of motor tax, a "hold up" of all motor vehicles should be arranged by the Garda Síochána once a quarter or oftener if Garda consider it necessary. The present method of arranging "hold ups" from headquarters in Dublin is unsatisfactory and is responsible for non-payment of full amount of motor tax in some instances.

Finance Committee Recommendations.

Overdue a/c

The following was submitted from meeting of Finance Committee on 24th September, 1925:

"In connection with account for £62:2:0 received from Ennis corthy Co-operative agricultural society for goods supplied to Ennis corthy Board of Guardians and to County Board of Health, Mr. J. D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health wrote that the Board of Health was responsible for £12:4:3 and the balance £49:17:9 was due by late Ennis corthy Board of Guardians."

"under date 18th September 1925,, the Department of Local Government, Cork (A.25875-1925 Wexford County Board of Health), that the items in question were supplied in pre-amalgamation days, and might be paid by the County Council."

"It was decided that account be referred to Solicitor to the County Council as to whether the items in question were statute based according to Local Government code."

The decision of the Finance Committee was confirmed, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Meeting of Finance Committee 8th October, 1925

Payments

The following was submitted from meeting of Finance Committee 8th October, 1925:-

"Treasurer's advice note for £ 6580.17.10 was examined and signed."

"In connection with issue of pay orders the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by J. O. Byrne: - That payments to men working in quarries or on Road Section be made out in future in the name of the ganger who will supply receipt in connection with each payment from each worker on prescribed form."

after considerable discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, and seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That payments to road and quarry workers be made to the ganger in each case in which the amount involved does not cover more than £ 50, the ganger obtaining a receipt from each employee concerned and furnishing same to County Surveyor's office: that in the case of payments of £ 50 and over pay orders be forwarded to Assistant Surveyor of the District concerned."

Mr. Hall proposed: - That no payments be made to gangers unless the latter furnish appropriate surety.

A show of hands was taken on resolution of Mr. O'Byrne when it was found that it was carried by 18 to 2.

It was decided that inquiries be made of Insurance Brokers as to the cost of covering the gangers in this instance by fidelity guarantee.

Rate Collection

The following was submitted from meeting of Finance Committee held on 8th October, 1925:-

"The Secretary submitted the following letter from Department of Local Government, 25th September, 1925, 64464-1925 Wexford County."

"With reference to the Council's proposal on the 14th instant to extend to the 30th idem the date for the final closing of the 1925 rate, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he feels obliged on numerous occasions in recent years to comment adversely on the manner in which the Wexford Rate Collectors have been performing their duties. A course of procedure was suggested in the final paragraph of the Department's letter of the 3rd

July last and it is assumed that action of the nature indicated will be taken by the Council after the 30th instant in the light of the position then disclosed."

The final paragraph of the letter of the Local Government Department under date 3rd July, 1925, (L.G. 284-25) was as follows:

"The Minister is satisfied that the time has now definitely arrived when the Council should show no further leniency to any collector who has not closed all his accounts or does not do so after final warning by the 31st July. The Minister suggests that a small Committee be appointed with plenary powers to dismiss on that date any collector who has not closed all outstanding accounts by lodgment of all recoverable arrears and by accounting for the balance on Form 58 of all items shown to be clearly irrecoverable or vouched in each case by deems obtained by the collector but not executed through no fault of his."

"The following recommendation was adopted:—That in the case of any Rate Collector who fails to close his warrants by 31st October, 1925, the Co. Council consider the advisability of enforcing the terms of the letter of the Local Government Department of the 3rd July, 1925 (L.G. 284-25 Wexford County)."

"In connection with the foregoing resolution the amounts collected by each collector were very carefully gone into."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quinn.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quinn, seconded by Mr. Cloney:—That the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with the case of any Rate Collector who fails to close his warrants by the 31st October and that they be empowered to dismiss any collector who is not, in their opinion, giving satisfaction in the performance of his duties."

Colonel Gibbon gave notice that he would propose the following at the next meeting of the County Council:—

"That the amount of interest on overdrafts incurred on money uncollected by Rate Collectors be deducted from their poundage in future."

Proposed Payment of Poundage

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 5th October, 1925, was submitted:—

"Mr James Dwyer, Rate Collector, wrote under date 6th October, 1925, on behalf of the Collectors of the County asking the Council to obtain sanction for payment of all arrears of poundage due as collectors found it very hard to carry on at the present time for want of funds."

"Under date 6th October, 1925, Mr John J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector, wrote in a similar strain in connection with the Gorry Collectors."

"It was decided to recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Department for sanction to the payment of the outstanding balance

of 25% poundage on the Rate to 31st March, 1925 and 80% of poundage to any Collector who has collected 60% of the current Rate for September 1925."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quinn.

Refund Rates Vacant House

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee of 5th October, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with application for refund of £8:6:6 rate paid for vacant buildings on 149 C (Zethard E.D.) by Mr. Thomas Waller, a certificate was received from Rate Collector Cloney that the buildings were vacant from March 1924 to March 1925."

"It was decided to make refund as per certificate of Rate Collector Cloney."

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

Insurance of County Council

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 5th October, 1925, was submitted:-

"A discussion took place as to the advisability of transferring the County Council's Insurance from the Hibernian Insurance Co to an Irish Company. It was pointed out that of the total annual premium of £1000:19:6 paid by the County Council a sum of £965:12:0 was paid to the Hibernian Insurance Co."

"It was decided that the County Council be recommended to advertise for tenders from Irish Insurance Companies for their Insurance as from 31st March, 1926."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Gaub.

Insurance Rosepark.

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee of 5th October, 1925, was submitted:-

"The Secretary stated he had received an account for the Insurance of Rosepark the residence of the Surgeon County Infirmary. He had referred the matter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, who wrote under date 1st October, 1925, that he was of opinion as the Surgeon is only in occupation of the premises as part of his emoluments while acting as Medical Officer of the Hospital and was not responsible for the upkeep of the buildings he should not be asked to insure them but that same should be done by the Council."

"It was decided to recommend the County Council to agree to the payment of the premium in this case, viz. £3:17:0."

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of

the Chairman seconded by Colonel Quinn.

Sanction Overdrafts.

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee of 8th October, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 25th September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L. 44472/1925 Wexford County) sanctioning the continuance of overdrafts not exceeding £40,000 on the account of the Wexford County Council to 31st December next. Interest thereon could be paid at a rate not in excess of $\frac{1}{2}$ % under Irish Bank Rate with a minimum of 4%."

Financial Accommodation Local Authorities.

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 8th October, 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 23rd September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L. 44438/25 Miscellaneous) calling attention to the fact that the Irish Banks Standing Committee had now agreed that as from 1st October, 1925, in cases in which overdraft accommodation is granted the normal rate of interest will be $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent under the existing discount rate subject to a minimum charge of 4 per cent and that where debit and credit balances exist simultaneously the credit balance will within the limit of the overdraft be set off against it prior to assessment of interest."

"If the balance be in favour of the credit amount interest at the deposit rate will be allowed on the difference and this rate of interest will also apply to credit balances where there is no overdraft. But the stipulation has been made that this arrangement is not to be applied to more than two current accounts."

Superannuation of Mr Jones, ex Assistant Surveyor.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8th October, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 24th September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/R. 1/32) enclosing copy of sealed order consenting to the payment of an annual allowance of £133.6.8 being paid by Wexford County Council as superannuation to Mr W.H. Jones, late Assistant Surveyor."

Superannuation Mr John J. Rockford

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8th October, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 26th September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (P. 34554/25 Wexford County) forwarding copy of sealed order determining the amount of compensation to be received by Mr John J. Rockford, Clerk R.D. Council New Ross for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for New Ross District to be £24.2.4 payable as

from 1st April, 1924.

Payment Income Tax.

The following extract from minutes of Finance Committee of 8th October, 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with bill for £2:14:5 from Revenue Commissioners for Income Tax (Courtown Harbour) portion of which was statute barred, the Department of Local Government's order under date 25th September 1925 (S. 44761/1925 Wexford County) that section 51(1) of the Local Government Act 1898 did not apply in cases of debts due to departments of State."

It was decided that the amount be paid.

University Scholarships

The following extract from meeting of Finance Committee of the 8th October, 1925, was submitted:-

"Miss Kathleen Corry, 16, George Street, Wexford applied for an extension of her University Scholarship for a year to enable her to obtain her B.A. degree."

"It was decided to recommend the Council not to agree to the application."

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

Roads Committee Recommendations.

Preliminary Report: Roads Inspection

The County Surveyor submitted a preliminary report of Roads Inspection Committee detailing the various districts inspected by the Committee. The report which evoked no comment is set out in full on minutes of Roads Committee meeting of 28th September, 1925. It does not contain anything beyond detailed references to the routes taken. The full report of Committee will be furnished to next meeting of the Co. Council.

Road Scrapings Accumulation.

The following is an extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925:-

"Colonel Guinness complained of the manner in which road scrapings were allowed to accumulate, blocking the water tables and flooding the roads."

"Mr. Boggan said that the County Council would find themselves let in for heavy damages if they did not take some steps to have accumulations of road material removed. This was becoming a great nuisance than the heaps of stones on the travelling surface. The stuff was, in some cases, absolutely dangerous."

"The County Surveyor said that the accumulated stuff was being all gradually removed."

"Mr. Elgee mentioned that he did not think the Council would be liable for an accident in regard to a normal amount of road scrapings being allowed

to remain on the road for a limited time, but, if an abnormal quantity was allowed to remain so as to cause an obstruction, he was afraid the County Council would be liable for any accident which might occur."

"It was decided that the matter be referred to the Roads Improvement Committee."

Mr. Boggan said that if some means was not devised to have the stuff taken away it would resolve itself into a very dangerous problem."

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that he was passing along the New Ross Bary road at 7.55 a.m. recently and found gangs and all men ready to begin work."

Mr. Boggan said the road from Bortown to Taghmon was in a disgraceful condition: the road scrapings for years had been allowed to accumulate on it.

The County Surveyor said that enormous quantities had been removed from time to time, but unless the County Council put up a proposal involving a considerable amount the stuff could not be removed at once.

Mr. O'Donoghue mentioned that in the north of the County there was no accumulation of road scrapings, they were thrown up on or over the fences.

Colonel Gibbon said it appeared from Mr. Elger the Council had no power to compel the owner of adjoining land to remove the stuff from the roadside; they should ask powers to give the farmer the option of removing it, and if he refused that the County Council should be empowered to put it on the fences.

Mr. Doyle - you would require legislation for that.

Mr. Conish believed the County Surveyor should approach the landholders in districts most affected and ask them if they would allow the Co. Council to put the stuff on the fences.

Mr. Doyle considered the matter had been greatly magnified: there was no accumulation of road scrapings throughout the Barony of Forth.

Trunk Road Grants.

The following extract from Minutes of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 26th September, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote that a payment of £100 would be made on Road L. 7 Works No. 255. This was in respect of Trunk Road Grant of £450,000 for work being carried out by New Ross Urban Council under the full grant of £1400 to them allocated by the County Council to the Urban Council."

"In connection with this matter a letter under date 13th September, 1925, was read from New Ross Urban Council asking for a grant of a further £500 as

the £100 allocated had not been found sufficient to complete the spraying of the roads with sprayers."

It was decided to inform the New Ross Urban Council that the Roads Committee cannot recommend the Council to make any further grants beyond the £100. The Committee considers that the New Ross Urban Council should have kept the cost of the work within the £100. They also desire to point out that New Ross is the only one of the Urban Districts in the County which received any subvention from the Rural Road Grant."

The recommendation of Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Cutting Hedges.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 25th September, 1925, (2.R.199) the Department of Local Government wrote calling attention to the provisions of section 34 of the Local Government Act 1925 with respect to hedges and trees prejudicial to roads."

"In certain circumstances a hedge or tree may not only be trimmed and cut but removed altogether."

"Apart from the fact that overhanging trees and hedges tend to keep the road surface wet and soft, thereby nullifying the surveyor's efforts to drain a road thoroughly, the existence of high hedges at road bends or crossroads, where perhaps a school was situated, is a source of danger to both pedestrians and vehicular traffic."

"The County Surveyor stated he had notified the Assistant Surveyors that they must take effective steps in this matter at once."

"It was decided that Assistant Surveyors should interview occupiers of land on which it was proposed that hedges (which were considered prejudicial to a road) should be cut."

Approved on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon.

New Ross - Wexford Road.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee meeting of 28th September, 1925, was submitted:-

"Dr. Heam, Solicitor, New Ross, who was in attendance on his request in connection with above road, stated he was over the road seven or eight times a week and pointed out that the different sections required different treatments. If it were steam rolled in a general way on a basis of £13000 grant it would not be possible to make a good job."

"The County Surveyor explained in detail how he proposed dealing with each section."

"Dr. Heam said that he considered with the amount of money at his disposal the Co. Surveyor was doing all that could be expected."

County Surveyor's Report.

The County Surveyor presented the following report to Roads Committee meeting held on the 28th September, 1925, 1925:-

I beg to report that Mr Jones has now definitely surrendered duty, and Mr O'Neill, the newly appointed assistant, has taken over the work as from the 21st instant. In connection with this Mr O'Neill asks if arrangements can be made for him to obtain office accommodation at the old work house premises, and also storage for tools and sundry road appliances.

The work of fixing the new mooring chains to the warping buoys at New Ross Bridge has now been completed by the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, at a cost of £51.16.0 which with the previous expenditure makes a total cost of £251.16.1. On this occasion besides fixing the mooring chain on the fourth buoy I had the mooring chains of the other three buoys examined, and the chains and shackles of the four buoys are now in a thoroughly sound condition. The Waterford Harbour Commissioners are prepared to purchase old anchors etc., either on valuation or agreement, and I ask for authority to deal with them and report as to terms.

The New Ross Urban Council submitted to the Local Government details regarding the grant expenditure, and as I was not satisfied with same I wrote to the Local Government and to the Urban Council. I now have a letter from the Town Clerk stating that the Council is prepared to go on with the work as required by me. I shall submit correspondence at the meeting.

I have now received from the manager of the Slab Reclamation a memo in regard to the requirements of Messrs Tredan (I shall submit same at the meeting)

In regard to the fencing I am generally in agreement with the work, in fact the details are more or less on my own suggestion, but in regard to being responsible for drainage I am absolutely opposed to the terms. I suggest that the matter be placed in Mr. Elgee's hands, and that in conjunction with myself he should draft suitable agreement to submit to Messrs Tredan.

Complaint was made to me through Mr. Elgee of defects in the water supply pipes in the house occupied by Mrs. Furlong - part of the County office premises belonging to the Council. I have had these defects made good, but there is also a matter which may, in the immediate future, require attention and that is part of the gable of the house on Katts Strand Lane.

I have particulars from the Urban Council in Ennis corby in regard to the taking in of electric lights to the teaching yard premises, and I have invited tenders for the work from several contractors. up to the present, only one applied, and he declines to undertake the work on account of being already fully occupied.

"It will be necessary for the Committee to make recommendations in regard to three houses recently erected within the prohibited limits of the County Roads Centre. One is in Blackwals, on 55 E; another near Castlebridge, on 70 W; and the third at St. Leonards on 49 R. The Roads Inspection Committee are acquainted with the three cases."

"There are two further cases of flooding of County roads owing to defective drainage; one near Carne on 248 W, and the other at Rafter's Tree Bridge, on 44 W. In both cases the owners have been notified, but they have not carried out the cleaning work, and proceedings should be ordered."

"Mr Treanor writes me that the Contractor with whom he made agreement for supply of gravel on road 25 E has failed to carry out the work, and I think proceedings should be taken against him."

"Mr Brinkistie drew my attention to the small balance remaining available in Section "D" Wexford owing to having to meet the claims for Ballynabridge out of maintenance proposals to the extent of £283. I ask for authority to supply this deficit by Damage Order."

"On 14 and 21 E which are very important roads, Mr Treanor reports that there will be increased tonnage necessary to maintain them up to proper standard, but provision was not made for this for the current year."

"Last year I was authorised to purchase water proofs for the men working on the rollers, and these are now in a more or less worn condition. I consider it would be advisable for all the surface men to be provided with water proofs, and I am sure that this would prove economical, as the men could work in wet weather when otherwise they would get paid without giving any return."

"We had in our store a spare jaw stick for the breaker, and recently this had to be put into one of the machines, and I ask for authority to purchase a spare which will cost about £16."

"I am arranging to purchase a supply of 'Colas' for filling pot-holes, particularly on bitumen sprayed roads. I purpose leaving a supply of this in charge of each Assistant so that the work can be carried out from time to time as required. I believe it would be advantageous to have a small hand truck or barrow for moving the barrels of Colas along the road, and with this implement one man could attend to the work. I am asking for quotations for these barrows and shall submit same later."

"On Monday last, the 21st instant, one of our men working on the rolling work at Jerry's road was killed, but the cause leading to his death was outside of his proper work. I have formally reported the matter to the Insurance Company, but do not consider the Council is in any way liable."

"Recently on inspection of Poulduff Pier I found repair necessary to some of the protection walls, and I have ordered these to be carried out. The life buoy also

requires repair which I am having done. It will be necessary to cover the costs of this work by Damage order or special resolution."

The following recommendations of Roads Committee meeting of the 28th September, 1935, in regard to County Surveyor's reports were approved on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

Office for Mr. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Roads Committee a report as to the portion of New Ross Workhouse premises he considered could be used as an office by Mr. O'Neill and also for the storage of tools etc."

Turning Chain New Ross Bridge.

approved.

New Ross Urban Council and Grants.

"The County Surveyor submitted letter from New Ross Urban Council that they were prepared to go on with the work according to the proposals laid down by the County Surveyor. He (County Surveyor) considered the letter rather indefinite as nothing was said by the Urban Council in respect of material. They did not say whether they were prepared to accept Ballybrennan material or adhere to their decision to procure the material from Glansisew quarry which was in the County Kilkenny. He had no objection to the use of the latter material provided it was up to the sample which had been supplied to him and was of uniform quality."

"It was decided that the Urban Council be informed to this effect."

Wexford Rosslare Slab Road.

"After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee draft an agreement relative to the liability of the Council with Messrs Tieldon as to fences and drainage and submit same for approval to next meeting of Roads Committee."

Water Supply Pipes &c Fortliew.

"The County Surveyor stated there was a bulge in the gable of the house occupied by Michael Furlong. There was no immediate danger that the gable would collapse and as there was a possibility of the Council vacating Fortliew it might be advisable to take no action for the present."

"It was decided that no action be taken."

Electric Light Machinery Yard.

"It was decided to adjourn this matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

Houses adjoining public roads.

"The County Surveyor stated that the persons concerned were matchers Murphy, Blackwater (55E): John Walsh, Taloughli, Ballycullane (49R) and James Shottle, Castlebridge (70W)."

"It was decided that permission be given to Messrs Walsh and Shottle to erect houses as these could not be considered an obstruction to the public."

"In the case of Matthew Murphy, Blackwater, the Committee adopted a resolution that as the proposed building would interfere with the road, and with the line of other houses, the County Council be recommended to refuse the application and to communicate with Mr. Murphy and inform him that the portion of the house which he has erected must be removed."

Flooding of Co. Roads.

"It was decided to instruct Mr. Elger, Solicitor, to take proceedings against the persons who were responsible for the flooding on Roads 248 W and 44 W."

Gravel for Road 25 G.

"It was decided that Mr. Elger, Solicitor, proceed against Pats Heane, Bruce, Clonavan, for failure to perform his contract for supply of gravel on this road."

Section "D" Wexford District.

"It was agreed to issue sudden damage order for £280 for repair of this road."

Roads 14 G. and 21 G.

"The former being from Clough to Camolin and the latter from Gorey to Courtown Harbour. It was decided as money for the repair of these roads was not available the County Surveyor deal with them in next Road Estimates."

Watiproofs for Employes.

"It was resolved that the County Surveyor submit estimates to the next meeting of the Committee for oil skin coats to the number required for men working with steam rollers."

Spare jawstock.

"The proposal of the County Surveyor in this matter was approved, cost not to exceed £16."

Hand Trucks etc., for distribution of "Cola."

"adjourned to allow County Surveyor to procure quotations."

Fatal Injury to Road Worker.

"The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with Messrs the Donaghy Boland, Insurance Brokers, and had received from them, under date 26th September, 1925, the following letter:-

"We are in receipt of yours of the 23rd instant notifying me of an extraordinary accident which terminated fatally. While we regret the unfortunate occurrence - we must confirm that there is no liability on your Council as the accident did not arise out of and in the course of the deceased man's employment."

Goulduff Riv.

"The County Surveyor stated that the work would cost £7 or £8. It was decided that sudden damage order for a sum not exceeding £8 be issued."

Wexford Courthouse - Reconstruction Committee.

"The following report which was considered at Roads Committee meeting on the 28th September, 1925, was submitted and read for the meeting:-

"On the 22nd September, 1925, the first meeting of the Committee with the architect was held in the Council Chamber at 10.30 am. There were present: Colonel Gibbon; J. O'Byrne; Secretary County Council and County Surveyor. Messrs O'Connell and O'Brien were also in attendance."

"After discussion regarding the accommodation required the Committee with the architect and the County Surveyor visited the old Jail premises, and made a thorough examination of same. Subsequently, the Committee and architect visited the Courthouse and discussed possibilities of the two premises."

"On the previous day the architect had made a preliminary examination themselves and taken measurements of the Courthouse. They will go into the question of the two premises and submit preliminary particulars in regard to each which will be available for the County Council meeting on the 12th proximo."

"Colonel Gibbon explained in detail the steps which had been taken by the Committee and Messrs O'Connell and O'Brien in connection with the Co. Hall (the old jail) and the Courthouse site. The architect informed the Committee that the grant allowed for the reconstruction of the Courthouse would not cover the cost of reconstruction as all the old walls would have to come down and be re-erected. The project for the conversion of the old jail to cover offices for County Council, Wexford Corporation, &c., mentioned, the architect said, very careful scrutiny and there was a possibility of securing these very suitable premises instead of rebuilding the Courthouse and of being able to obtain better value for the County at a lower or equal cost. No one could have taken more trouble or given more assistance to the Committee than Messrs O'Connell and O'Brien who were coming down again next week to go into the matter in greater detail. They would prepare a rough outline of the possibilities for next meeting of the Council. The old jail was absolutely useless for any other purpose than what they proposed. It could not be converted for a Home or Hospital or other kindred institutions."

"Mr O'Byrne pointed out that on the Courthouse site the Council could not secure accommodation which was desirable. A point which required to be cleared up, however, was as to the responsibility of the Council to the ground landlords in connection with the reconstruction of a building on this site."

"As regards the condition of the Courthouse Mr O'Byrne stated that on the day the Committee saw it it was a case for a Sanitary authority."

"Colonel Gibbon said the previous court had been held on a Wednesday. When the Committee inspected it on the following Tuesday there was a heavy

loads of filth in it. The condition was disgusting.

"It was decided that the Secretary call the attention of the Under Sheriff and the Court Keeper to the statements which had been made at the meeting as regards the condition in which the Reconstruction Committee found the Courthouse on the day of their visit."

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Mr. Doyle proposed, Mr. Shannon seconded, and it was passed:— "That the County Surveyor be instructed to appoint a caretaker for old jail premises and do the best he can as regards amount of remuneration in the matter. That the County Surveyor call the attention of the County Superintendent, Garda Síochána to the necessity of having close attention paid to the premises to prevent them being looted or injured."

It was also decided that the Secretary communicate with the Government and ask them if it would be possible for them to utilise the premises for any purpose.

The minutes of Roads Committee as regards the matter were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

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Mr. Treanor said that the house was below the level of the road and was well away from the road. He believed the wall could not be regarded as an obstruction."

"It was decided that application be granted subject to confirmation by the Roads Inspection Committee."

Proposed Erection of Railing at Camolin.

"The following letter was read from Mr. M. O'Sullivan, Camolin:— I would be grateful to you if you put the following application before the County Council as soon as possible, namely to grant me their permission to erect a railing opposite my house at the side of the street in Camolin."

"It was decided that the necessary permission be granted subject to the sanction of the Roads Inspection Committee."

Dublin Tractionless Union — "White Line."

"The above Union called attention to the advisability of the device of the "White Line" at dangerous crossings. The Union would be prepared to supply any detailed information upon any special difficulty which might present itself in connection with the matter."

"It was decided that the County Surveyor lay down as an experiment a "White Line" under Railway arch near Ferrycong Bridge."

Carlowon Harbour Life-Boat.

"The following letter under date 17th September, 1925, was submitted from the Royal National Life-Boat Institution:—

"Your letter of the 17th August forwarding a resolution adopted by your Council on the subject of the closing of the Carlowon Life-Boat Station was considered by the Committee of Management at their meeting to-day and I am directed to inform you that they have given very careful attention to all the factors in the case, and see no reason to cancel their decision to close the Carlowon Life-Boat Station."

"The Carlowon Life-Boat was not required for service on any occasion from 1911 to the date of its removal, and on the occasion to which you refer when a vessel recently went ashore at Carlowon, the Wexford Life-Boat was able to render all the assistance that was necessary. The Committee are confident that the needs of the section of the coast in question will be amply and adequately met by the powerful motor Life-Boats which are now stationed at Arklow and Wexford, especially as an efficient system of electrical communication has now been established by the Free State Government."

"Two orders"

Gaelic League and Signposts in Irish & English.

"The following minutes of Roads Committee of the 28th September, 1925, were submitted:—

"An application was read from the Gaelic League asking that signposts should be erected in Irish and English. It would not cost much additional the League pointed out to have this done."

"The County Surveyor stated he had been informed unofficially that the automobile association would supply sign posts and have them erected at places indicated by the

Committee. But so far as he knew there was no intention to have the signposts in the two languages.
 "It was decided that the County Surveyor ask the automobile association if they would be prepared to have signposts lettered in Irish and English."

The County Surveyor stated that he had interviewed the Secretary to the automobile association and was informed that the signs could be put up in bilingual character but the Irish would be in Roman lettering. But the main difficulty was that the signs were made to provide for names of four subsidiary places and if Gaelic characters were used as well as those in English there could be only two places dealt with. The association would provide the signs but were not prepared to pay for the cost of erection. This would mean an expenditure of from 8/- to 10/- in each case. They would want about 30 for the principal roads tho they could put up 200 with advantage.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Conish seconded the following which was adopted:-
 "That the automobile association be asked to supply a specimen road sign in English and Irish Characters and that the matter be referred to the Roads Committee to deal with."

Colonel Gibson said that the Gaelic League could be asked to give a specimen of the sign they wished to have erected.

Complaint by Haulage Contractor.

The following minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925, was submitted:-

John Dake, Corlishall, Bannow, came before the meeting and complained that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, had cancelled a haulage contract for sea gravel entered into with him. He said he was not able to carry out his contract owing to an injury to his mare."

Mr. Kehoe explained that the contract had been entered into three months ago and Dake did not do anything until the contract had been cancelled and given to another man.

"After discussion it was decided to uphold the action of Mr. Kehoe in the matter. A letter was read from John Dake stating that Mr. Kehoe at the Roads Committee meeting had mentioned that he (Dake) was the only man who had not his work done but he (Dake) could prove this was not the case.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee, the County Surveyor to arrange for the attendance of Dake and of Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor. It was also agreed that the County Surveyor would take over any material which Dake had prepared for the road.

Defaulting Road Contractors.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925, was submitted:-

"A resolution was adopted that proceedings be instituted against the following road contractors on their roads be taken up under the 54 section of the Land Jury Act:-

Timothy Hinsella, Loughnager, Foulksmills. (178 R).

Patrick Hinsella, Loughnager, Foulksmills (180 R).

Thomas Odeh, Kildenny, Ballymitty (144 W.)

The recommendation of the Committee was approved, on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Coniger Quarry.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925, was submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"Memorials were read from Ratepayers and men out of employment in the neighbourhood of Coniger Quarry protesting against the bringing of men five or six miles to work in this quarry."

"The County Surveyor explained that the men now employed in the quarry would be employed working on the roads near their residence in the winter. The County Council were in favour of having continuous employment for their men and the road work would not be satisfactorily carried out by having one set of men working the quarries and another on the roads."

Employment of Non-Union Labour.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of the 28th September, 1925, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor raised the question of the employment of 'non-union' men on Rosdore Westford Stot road at the Rosdore end. He asked instructions in the matter because so far as he could see he could not enforce the instruction to employ union men only on a grant which was given for the relief of unemployment. Of course the men who were working in connection with ordinary improvement grants were members of a trades union."

"After considerable discussion it was decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Elger, Solicitor, for his opinion, the County Surveyor to carry on the work, retaining in employment for the time being any non-union men in service. That the secretary on receipt of the opinion of Mr. Elger communicate same to the County Surveyor for his information and guidance."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 1st October, 1925, was read from Mr. Elger, Solicitor to County Council:-

"With reference to the question which has been raised as to the employment of non-union labour on the above road, contrary, as is claimed, to the resolution of the Council that only Union Labour should be employed by the Council."

"I have gone carefully through the minutes of the Council, and the only resolution directly bearing on the question of Union Labour, that I could find was one passed on the 29th March 1922, in connection with Landed Labour Scheme and it is to the following effect:- all men employed to be members of a recognised Labour Union."

"This resolution having been passed in connection with a certain definite scheme i.e. "The direct Labour scheme" in my opinion only binds the Council as far as that scheme is concerned, and cannot effect them in the work in connection with the slab road, which is an entirely different position being work under a grant from the Government for the definite object of relieving unemployment in the district. No conditions are attached to the grant, save that preference was to be given to Ex. National Army men, and presumably that the persons to be given work, were unemployed at the time."

"Further it appears to me that this is not employment by the Council at all, but work under a grant for the Relief of Unemployment which has been placed in their hands for administration, that the work is, in fact, Government work and there is the grave possibility that, if the Council were to insist on adding conditions to the grant as to Union Labour, the Government might withdraw the grant altogether."

"Taking all these facts into consideration I am of opinion that it is open to the Council to employ non-Union Labour in the construction of this road"

Proposed Improvement: Burrow Road.

The following minute of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925, was submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"Mr. James Bent, The Burrow, Rosslare, wrote pointing out that his houses and lands were flooded by the sea and if the Council would deliver 200 tons of stones to the spot the flooding could be prevented. Or a small concrete wall costing £200 would allow him to pass in and out of his premises."

"It was decided to make no order on the letter"

Dangerous Turns on Roads.

The following minute of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925, was submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"Mr. James Clinch, Mr. C.C., wrote calling attention to the dangerous turn at Tronglass, Kiltrea. The K.D. Council of Ennis county agreed to the work but it was never carried out. Three accidents had happened at the place when motor traffic was not as heavy as it now was."

The County Surveyor stated that the work was necessary but there was no money available for it."

"Mr. Clinch also called attention to the dangerous turn at Verona opposite Mr. Hall's gate."

"The County Surveyor said that this would also be an improvement but money could not be found for it at present"

Verona Bridge

The following minute of meeting of Roads Committee of the 28th September, 1925, was submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"Mr. Clinch, Mr. C.C., wrote pointing out that Verona Bridge was in a dangerous condition and it would be well if it were inspected."

Referred to County Surveyor for inspection and report.

Breaking material in Quarries.

The following minute of Roads Committee of 28th September, 1925, was submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Shannon:

"Mr. Clinch, Mr. C.C., wrote that at a recent meeting of the County Council it was decided to have material broken in quarries by hand where feasible. All stones in Kiltrea quarry were handbroken but this had not been carried out in other quarries. The nine men who had been employed in Kiltrea had been dismissed. Five of them approached Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for employment but he did not engage them. This was very unfair. There were 200 or 300 yards of "scabbings" etc. The men who had been employed in this quarry were prepared to break these at a price per cubic yard. It was a terrible state of affairs to see men going around idle and refusing work which they were willing to perform. Hand broken material cost no more than material broken by machine."

"Mr. Clinch also stated that it was mentioned at last meeting of the Council that stones could be drawn by engine for 10^d to 11^d per yard mile. This was not the case as he understood that the County Council men loaded the wagons."

Referred to County Surveyor who is to give employment to men recently engaged at Kiltrea quarry provided he can possibly do so.

Dangerous Corner near Ballycorney

Mr. D. Any called attention to dangerous corner on the north side of Ballycorney Bridge on the turn for Lerna.

Referred to Roads Committee. County Surveyor to present a report dealing with the matter.

Road near New Ross.

Mr. Walsh complained of the condition of the road from New Ross to Lacken through the nauldins: the surface was very bad, the water table neglected and the road in an impassable condition at present.

The County Surveyor stated he was in communication with the Assistant Surveyor as to the repair of this road. It was hollow all the way in the middle.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Roads Committee.

Limecarny Bridge.

Mr. Murphy called attention to flooding of land adjacent to above and which had occurred since the last repairs had been carried out to the structure.

Referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

Injured Workman.

Mr. P. O'Shane raised the question of payment of compensation to James Doyle a workman who had been injured in Clologue Quarry.

Referred to County Surveyor to report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

Assistant Surveyors' Application - Increase of Salary.

The application of Assistant Surveyors Birchall, Kehoe and Cullen adjourned for three months at July meeting of the County Council was submitted.

The Chairman proposed: - That the application of Assistant Surveyors Birchall, Kehoe and Cullen, be adjourned for a further three months.

Mr Hall seconded.

Mr Horpe proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded the following amendment: - That the application of Assistant Surveyors Birchall, Kehoe and Cullen be rejected.

On a show of hands eight members voted for the amendment and nine against.

As a further amendment Mr Conish proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Hayes: -

"That the application of Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary be referred to the Finance Committee and that the latter report to next meeting of the County Council."

On a show of hands this was carried by 11 to 8.

Scholarship Schemes.

University.

In connection with award of University Scholarships recommendation was read from the President, University College, Dublin, that a Scholarship be awarded to Aidan Timmons, 53 Irish Street, Ennis, Co. Kerry.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Murphy: - "That University Scholarship for 1925-26 be awarded Aidan Timmons 53, Irish Street, Ennis, Co. Kerry, in accordance with recommendation of President University College, Dublin."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Patrick O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted: -

"That in view of the fact that fourth Scholarships under University Scholarship Scheme has not been awarded and we consider the pupils to whom scholarships have been awarded for current academic year, are not of the type to succeed in Agriculture we do not insist for this year on laying down a Scholarship to Agriculture as provided by the Scheme."

A letter under date 25th September, 1925, was read from Donald Macauliffe, Johnstown, Clonagall, that he intended to study at the University for the higher diploma in Education.

In connection with University Scholarship of Mr Stephen J. Furlong, 16, South Main Street, Wexford, a letter was read from the Secretary University College, Dublin that it had been the custom of the College of Science where the third and fourth year courses are taken out by students in Agriculture to hold an examination at the end of the third year. The result of the third year Examination in Agriculture in Mr Stephen J. Furlong's case was as follows: - Passes in

agricultural Biology, Agricultural Zoology, Agricultural Engineering, Building Construction, Agricultural Economics, Veterinary Hygiene. Failed in agriculture, agricultural Botany, and agricultural Surveying.

Under date 29th September, 1925, Mr. Furlong wrote that it had been impossible for him, as suggested, to present himself for examination at the supplemental examination to be held in October as he had only five days' notice of this examination. He did not anticipate failure in his exam. and therefore was not studying during the months which had elapsed since he sat in June. He did not know of any University student who succeeded in passing the exam. in which he had failed and they had all to present themselves at the supplemental exam which was held later in the year. An agricultural student had two examinations, the first University and the Final, the first named occupying a period of two years. The third and fourth years of the course are spent at the College of Science and while there the student sits for the term exams of the college with a view to obtaining an Associateship of the College which was independent of the National degree and was not compulsory for the student. The Exam. which he was asked to sit for would have nothing to say to his completing his degree exam. out of 1500 students at the National University he was the only one doing agriculture.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Corish:— "That University Scholarship be continued in the case of Mr. S. J. Furlong, 16 South Main Street, Wexford, provided he be successful in passing at first available supplemental examination held after the date of the meeting. That in the event of his failure at the forthcoming exam. his scholarship lapse automatically."

Secondary Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 1st September the Ministry of Education wrote stating that Secondary Scholarship held by Bridget Funge, Hilbride Gorey, at Loreto Abby, Gorey, could be renewed for a further year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne:— "That Secondary School Scholarship be renewed for academic year 1925-26 to Bridget Funge Hilbride, Gorey."

In connection with refusal of Department of Education to agree to continuing scholarship to Bernadette Bernay, Foxcross, Thurrock, Gorey, on the grounds that the progress of this student was not satisfactory, a letter was read from Mrs. Mary Bernay, mother of the girl, asking the Aunty Council to reconsider the matter of granting the scholarship. She said her girl was young enough to do the examination next year and she was unwell while examination was on.

In view of the fact that award of scholarship was contingent on approval of Department of Education and which was not forthcoming for this student the Council felt they could not take further action.

It was decided to appoint the following Scholarship Committee to deal with

University and Secondary Scholarship Schemes and present report to next available meeting of the County Council:— Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, R. Conish, W. Boggan, J. F. D'Arcy, and the Chairman on behalf of County Council: also Messrs E. P. Foley and Seumas Doyle on behalf of the Gaelic League; Rev W. J. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, Canon William Gibson, Rector, New Ross, Rev Broderick E. C. Morley, Christian Schools, Wexford and R. J. Phillips, Hon. Sec. F.R.S.D., Baldinestown, Wexford.

Sheep Dipping Order

Explanation from Inspector.

Mrs. Morgan Flaherty dipping inspector, wrote with reference to a report which appeared in the Press after the last meeting. He said that a member was reported as stating that he never heard of an inspector attending sheep dippings. As he (Mr. Flaherty) happened to be the inspector referred to he would like to state that he was in a position to supply the list of 46 sheep owners alone whose dippings he attended during the summer period. He could also supply a list of persons who sent him notice, and when he turned up no dippings were in progress. In one case he had to compel the people to unyoke horses and get the sheep dipped. As regards attending all dippings this was impossible. He could also prove to the members that he attended not a mile from the member's place on five occasions last summer where there were dirty sheep and which had to be dipped five times.

It was decided to refer the letter to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

No. 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee

Under date 7th October, 1925, Mr John J. Lanning, Clerk to No. 4 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee wrote that at a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 6th he had handed in his resignation as Clerk and the Sub-Committee appointed Mr James Mcweeney, Steward's Cottage, Gorey, as their Clerk.

Standing Orders Committee.

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

"That the Chairman and Messrs R. Conish, Sean O'Byrne and Colonel Gibbon be appointed a Sub-Committee to examine the existing Standing Orders of the Council and that they be requested to submit any amendments they may consider necessary in regard to same to next available meeting of the Council."

Rural District School Attendance Committee

Emiscomby Under date 26th September, 1925, a communication was read from the office of National Education that the School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Emiscomby to serve for three years as from 6th July, 1925, would be comprised of the following:— Messrs James Hull, Mr. C. C., Grogan, Boolavogue; James Clinici, Mr. C. C., Cairn; James Shannon, Mr. C. C., Rathnure Lower, Emiscomby; John Connors, Mr. C. C., Hillthomas, Ferns; Michael Tolan, Rathnure,

Emis corby: Rev W. F. Wilkinsons, The Rectory, Killybegney, Emis corby, Rev Fr. J. Twomey, C.C., Castledockrell, Ballycorney: Rev Fr. Wallace C.C., Cairns Emis corby, Rev H. Taltott, B.A., Killelme Rectory, Emis corby; Rev R. Gaul C.C., Courtmacuddy Emis corby.

Gorey

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. P. O'Byrne:— That the following be appointed representatives of Wexford County Council on Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee to act for three years as from 6th July, 1925:— Messrs Patrick Byrne M.C., Camolin, Sean O'Byrne, M.C., The Avenue, Gorey, James Kehoe, Clonatten, Gorey, Patrick Doyle, Ballyegan, Gorey, Mr. J. Bolger, Coolnakeen, Camolin.

New Ross

Mr. Thorpe gave notice of his intention to move the following at next meeting of the County Council:— That New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee be discontinued.

Drainage Scheme.

In connection with request of Drainage Sub-Committee relative to interview with Professor O'Sullivan of the Board of Works the submitted the following report of interview with Professor O'Sullivan:—

"At the meeting of the Drainage Committee on 18th August, 1925, the following resolution was adopted:— That Professor O'Sullivan of the Board of Works, be requested to arrange for an interview with the following sub-committee of the Drainage Committee to ascertain from him all particulars in connection with existing Drainage Schemes in County Wexford including maps, reports of Engineers &c, detailed statements of proposed improvements, viz., Messrs Mr. Doyle, J.D., R. Conish, J.D., Mr. O'Donoghue and Colonel Gibbon with the Secretary and County Surveyor. That Professor O'Sullivan be asked to arrange for interview on Wednesday 2nd September at 11 O'clock or Tuesday 8th September at 11 O.C.

"Professor O'Sullivan was unable to arrange for interview on either of the dates named but received the deputation at the office of the Board of Works on 30th September, 1925."

"The following were in attendance representing the County Council:— Messrs Mr. Doyle, J.D., R. Conish J.D., Colonel Gibbon, the Secretary and County Surveyor. Representing the Board of Works:— Professor O'Sullivan, Mr. Philip Hanson, Messrs Balchen Olley and Le Lanu."

"The Deputation pointed out that no point arose in connection with new schemes in regard to which there was every opportunity for promotion and opposition, all interests being apprised as to the work to be done and proposed cost in every detail. But in connection with existing drainage schemes the deputation pointed out that very little information had been afforded the County Council or the ratepayers concerned as to works of improvement."

which were being carried out at present in the drainage districts of the Sow and Kilmannock."

"It was a source of dissatisfaction that these works should have been entered upon and practically no information given to County Council or the landowners except a bare statement of the amount of money involved and the acreage rate for repayment. The Board of Works under section 2 (2) of the Drainage Act of 1924 were acting within their legal rights in exercising their functions independently of any consultation with the local people but it was not a business like procedure because (a) the County Council had to take over the future maintenance of all schemes and (b) were obliged under the Drainage Act of 1925 to raise the amount of rate necessary to pay off the loan in each case."

"In the course of the discussion it appeared that the following are the existing Drainage Schemes in the County, viz., Kilmannock, The Sow, Cahore and Ballyteigue. With the exception of Ballyteigue (regarding which no question of improvement is at present contemplated) copies of the original schemes had been furnished to the County Council."

"Professor O'Sullivan explained that in connection with the works at the Sow and Kilmannock it was necessary there should be no delay: if everybody interested was consulted the works would have been held up and could not have been started until next year and this delay would have caused the scheme to be more expensive. As regards reports of the Engineers of the Board being supplied to the County Council no Government Department would supply these reports in full but he would be prepared to supply any particulars dealing with actual construction. In regard to the schemes of Kilmannock and The Sow he was satisfied that the improvements would be remunerative and would besides help to relieve unemployment which was acute in Wexford County."

"The question of Cahore district was discussed at considerable length. Mr. Corish pointed out that if the place was allowed to continue in its present state it would become dangerous to health."

"Professor O'Sullivan held that it would not be possible for the Board of Works to promote any improvements in existing schemes unless it could be shown that they were financially sound. The Cahore district had been gone into very minutely but if the local people submitted representations in the matter they would be carefully considered."

"After prolonged discussion Professor O'Sullivan stated that as regards all future improvements to existing schemes the Engineer of the Board of Works would consult with the Drainage Committee of the Wexford County Council and also with the County Surveyor. All maps and reports so far as they covered actual work done or proposed would be furnished to the County Council."

Mr Murphy complained that £400 had been invested for the repair of the bank at Kilmannock by the Land Commission while the Board of Works were carrying out this work at the expense of the tenants."

The bank had been repaired by the landlords and the latter were bound to maintain it under the Land Act of 1923.

A long discussion took place in connection with the position at Cahore. Mr. O'Donoghue said the landlords of the Cahore flooded lands were:— Mrs. George, Major Pender, Mrs. White and others and they constituted the Drainage Board. As the result of the drainage not being carried out, six or seven hundred acres of land were flooded. How could they expect rates from the people when their land was in that state and useless for the past two years.

Mr. Corish stated that if nothing was to be done about the drainage in Cahore something should be done about the road. There was a wide area under water and as they were satisfied that it could not be drained through the ordinary channels they should make representation to the Local Government Department which had money available for the purpose towards trying to get some for the relief of unemployment which could be utilised on the work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue:— "That the Drainage Sub-Committee be requested to inspect Cahore Drainage District; that Professor D. Sullivan be asked to send down an Engineer from the Board of Works to meet the sub-committee and that the Trustees of the Drainage Scheme be informed of the date of the visit of the sub-committee."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman:—

"That as the trustees of Ballylague Drainage Board are anxious to carry out improvements to the Drainage system the County Council would be obliged if they were supplied by the Board of Works with any technical reports available in regard to this area."

A petition from six ratepayers of land in connection with drainage scheme for the Ford of Lyng was presented by Mr. Doyle. He then proposed the following resolution:— "That we approve of the petition from land owners in the neighbourhood of Ford of Lyng for the formation of a separate drainage district to improve the river or stream running thro' their lands and thereby render possible the better drainage of the holdings and prevent flooding upon them."

Colonel Gibbon seconded the resolution which was adopted unanimously.

Promised Men and Employment.

Mr. Culliton asked by whose authority four married men were dismissed from employment on Rossac Woodford Slab Road last week, while five single men were retained. This was not in conformity with the resolution of

the County Council.

The County Surveyor stated that the work was in charge of Mr. Bickisell, Assistant Surveyor.

Colonel Quin suggested that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

In reply to Mr. Conish the County Surveyor said that Mr. Bickisell was not available: he had gone on leave the previous Thursday: this was the first leave Mr. Bickisell had taken since his appointment. There was no one particularly doing his duty.

Mr. O'Hanlon, ganger, was sent for and explaining the reasons for the dismissal of the men said that one (Tenton) did not keep good time, (maddock) was impertinent when spoken to, and the other two (Horsell and Tynchen) were very hard to manage. He had to be on the job to keep them at their work. One of the single men who had been kept on was a good cement worker.

Mr. Culliton stated that maddock was on various jobs and had always given satisfaction.

In reply to the Chairman, the ganger stated the men had been noticed three times.

Mr. Culliton asserted that the men informed him they were not noticed.

Colonel Quin proposed the acceptance of the ganger's explanation. Mr. Walsh seconded.

Mr. Pittenger proposed that the men be heard as statements had been made against them and might militate against them in getting other employment.

Mr. Gaub seconded the amendment which was carried on a show of hands by twelve to ten.

The men were brought before the meeting and each in turn denied the allegations of the ganger. Tenton stated that the only time he ever lost was when his wife was unwell. No further action was taken.

Use of field as Play ground.

Under date 24th September, 1925, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote forwarding an application from Rev. Ross Christian Brothers for use of field on the left of the entrance to the Workhouse buildings as a football ground for the boys of their schools at present temporarily in the Workhouse.

Permission was given on the motion of Mr. Conish, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Dinaghl Cement Works.

Mr. J. A. White, Secretary of the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Ltd., London, wrote under date 29th September, 1925, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution regarding the sale or re-opening of Dinaghl Cement Works. He stated they were prepared to sell the Works even at a substantial monetary sacrifice of its cost to them: that they had already offered the works and were in treaty for their sale at the moment. If their offer was not accepted, and the Council could introduce a purchaser they would be pleased to negotiate.

Rate Collectors' Surveys.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Byrne:—

"That the Council approve of the following as surveys for personal bonds of

Mr. Sean Sumner Public Collector for No. 10 District: - Messrs John Connors, Tara Hill, Long and Patrick Murray, Ballinacorney, Long.

Wages of Workers on Grant Work.

Under date 8 October, 1925, the following letter (L/146B/32) was read from Roads Section of Local Government Department: -

"With further reference to your letter of the 14 August last forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council on the 10th idem with respect to the maximum rate of wages authorised in the case of the Grant Road Grant, viz., 28/- per week, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has again looked into the matter and he will raise no objection to the rate of wages being increased as from the 5th instant to 30/- per week."

National Programme Conference.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following replies in connection with questionnaire from General Council of County Councils were adopted: -

1. Wexford County Council are in favour of having a school programme of a broad general type - managers and teachers to frame detailed syllabuses each year to suit local circumstances.

Programme for rural schools should have a strong rural bias, and be drawn up in such a way as not only to provide for elementary matters dealing with agriculture but for other subjects being taught in such a manner as to be of agricultural practice so far as possible. Thus, simple arithmetical problems could deal with current prices of live stock, butter, poultry, eggs etc. The teaching should be made really interesting to the pupils.

2. The present programme appears to be overloaded. So far as rural schools are concerned attention should be concentrated on the three "R's". It would be advisable that pupils should be encouraged to cultivate the reading habit. At present, beyond the local newspapers, comparatively little reading is done in rural districts. A small school library should be found useful.

3. Nature Study, Rural Science, Drill and Elements of Citizenship should be taught as additional subjects to boys and girls. Elementary Science to boys in all stages and Book-keeping and Manual Instruction to Higher Grade boys, Cooking and Needlework to be dealt with in Girls' Senior Classes.

4. County Council considers that all rural schools should have school gardens attached. The teachers with the assistance of County Inspectors in Agriculture, Horticulture &c., would be enabled to impart most useful information in relation to the calling which 95 per cent at least of pupils in rural schools will pursue in afterlife.

The County Council are not in a position, owing to insufficient knowledge, to deal with other matters set out in questionnaire.

Cinema Licence.

an application was received from Mr Michael Hassett, Bridgetown, for Cinema Licence for Hall.
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean Byrne:— "That Cinema Licence be granted to Mr. Michael Hassett for Hall at Bridgetown, provided he carries out the suggestions offered him by the County Surveyor."

Criminal Injuries Act.

The following resolution was received from Wicklow County Council:— "That the operation of all Criminal Injuries Act in the Irish Free State be rescinded or repealed, so that the condition of things shall be that all damage to Property shall be paid through the medium of Insurance Policies only."

Mr D. O'Connell proposed the adoption of the resolution. Mr R. Conish seconded.
After a long discussion a show of hands was taken when six were found against it.
The Chairman declared the resolution carried. Mr Thorpe asked to be taken as dissenting.

Female Searcher Lati O Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 10th October, 1925, Mrs E Hayes, late female searcher, Co. Wexford Infirmary, wrote asking that she should be given a lump sum as compensation in regard to the abolition of her office as female searcher in abolished County Infirmary and for which she received £5 per annum.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Appointment Deputy Coroner North Wexford.

Under date 8th October, 1925 Dr. W. C. Lawlor, Coroner for North Wexford, wrote that owing to advanced years Dr. R. J. Lurlogh, Enniscorthy, had asked to be relieved of the duties of Deputy Coroner. He recommended the appointment of Dr. Patrick Denis Murphy of Enniscorthy to the vacancy. The Chairman said he approved of the appointment of Dr. Murphy.

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

"That we approve of the nomination by Dr. W. C. Lawlor, Coroner for North Wexford, of Dr. P. D. Murphy Enniscorthy to the position of Deputy Coroner vice Dr. R. J. Lurlogh resigned."

Benedictine School at Mount St. Benedict.

Mr O'Donoghue moved the following resolution:—

"Resolved that this Council, being conscious of the high value of Benedictine education to the County, regrets the closing of Mount St. Benedict and the removal of Benedictine foundations from the County Wexford."

Mr Gaul seconded.

After considerable discussion Mr Conish proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Hall and passed:—

"That a deputation from this Council wait upon Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of

Learn, and ascertain from him if the Benedictine Monastery at Mount St. Benedict can continue to function under any circumstances, or, can any satisfactory arrangement be reached under which it will continue to function."

Mr. O'Donoghue then withdrew his resolution.

The following were appointed as the deputation: - The Chairman, Messrs R. Corbett, Mr. Mr. O'Donoghue and L. J. O'Connell.

Thomas Leahy