

Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1923.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1923.

Present:- Mr. John Cummins (Vice-Chairman) & subsequently, Mr. M. Doyle, presiding; also Messrs James Hall, J. J. O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John O'Byrne, James Shannon, R. Carish, C. Bulleton, & P. Hayes, (new member, who subscribed the usual declaration of office).

The Secretary, the County Surveyor & Mr. J. Yeaman, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Road Conference.

The following report of Road Conference was presented to the meeting:-

at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1923 the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1923, was submitted:-

"We recommend the County Council to make every effort to resume piece work for quarrying & breaking road metalling in their quarries. Failing this, if time rate is to continue, the County Council should fix a minimum output of not less than eight cubic yards per man, per week for hand breaking in quarries of average character & a lesser output (to be fixed by the County Surveyor) in quarries in which stone is of abnormal toughness. The Committee believe that hand-breaking with ordinary conditions, should not exceed 3/- per cubic yard"

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee be referred to a Conference, composed of four representatives of County Council & four representatives of organised Labour. Conference also to deal with road & quarry work generally, & make recommendations thereon. That the following be representatives of the Council to Conference:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, J. Cummins, R. Carish, & E. P. Golly (Chairman). Conference to be held at 11 a. m. on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1923"

The Conference was accordingly held on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1923, when the County Council were represented by Messrs E. P. Golly (Chairman) John J. O'Byrne, R. Carish & J. Cummins.

The Transport & General Workers' Union was represented by the following:-

Messrs William Vennard (Organiser), Patrick O'Rourke, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange; Patrick Hayes, Kilmannon, Bridgetown (County Councillor) & James O'Connor, McCurtain Street, Gorey.



The County Secretary, the County Surveyor & Assistant Surveyors, J. Hyman, John Kehoe, W. H. Jones, R. G. Emis, J. Y. Birtistle, & Thomas Cullen were also in attendance.

Mr. E. P. Golly, Chairman of the County Council, presided & explained that the conference had been brought about because the attention of the Finance & Roads Committee had been directed to the fact that some quarries, owned by the Council were being worked at a prohibitive cost. It would not be possible to continue quarry work if the estimate of 10/- per cubic yard was to be much exceeded. Of course, the Finance & Roads Committee made allowance for quarries which had been recently opened, & in which there were other abnormal features as regards working. There were other quarries in which the cost was not prohibitive but excessive, & the Finance & Roads Committee felt there was nothing to be done but to issue a warning that, unless the figure of cost of production was brought somewhere near the estimated cost, the Council would have to get back to piece work or close down. If they continued the present system, all the money would be spent in quarries & there would be nothing left for the maintenance of the roads. It was the ambition of the Council to have a permanent staff for roads & quarries, so that they could always count on having skilled workers in their employment. The County Council were very anxious to find a solution to the present undesirable condition of affairs as regards certain quarries a solution which would be satisfactory to the Council & the workers. It should be recognised that the Council acted as trustees for the public, but, at the same time, they wanted to have control amongst the workers.

Before discussing figures to be submitted by Mr. Barry (County Surveyor) Mr. O'Rourke stated that the Union would not agree that piece work should be resumed.

The County Surveyor pointed out that, with the exception of the high cost of hand-breaking, the quarries were working satisfactorily. The critical matter was the hand-breaking.

The County Surveyor then gave particulars of the cost of working quarries



for fortnight ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1923 etc.

Annagh Bay 4/- per cubic yard, quarrying (first fortnight)  
Ballybrennan 4/4 for quarrying (first fortnight). quarterly  
 period 9/2 prepared material

Ballyclogh 3/2 quarrying (first fortnight). There were  
 a few yards hand - broken at 11/8 but this was  
 exceptional (quarterly period) 9/10 for prepared material

Ballycannick (first fortnight) 4/10 quarrying; 4/9, hand-  
 breaking; quarterly period) 5/4 for quarrying, 4/- for  
 handbreaking. There was a lot of money spent  
 in making new floor & that would not occur again.  
 This quarry would come within the 10/- estimate  
 with machine breaking but not with handbreaking.  
 the lowest cost for which would be 6/- per cubic  
 yard

Mr. Hayes said that for a long time, the  
 men had to work without tools.

Mr. Kehoe, (Assistant Surveyor) said the tool  
 house had been broken into a long time ago & tools  
 taken.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the  
 incident happened outside the quarterly period  
 under review, but it would not affect handbreaking  
 as the men had hammers at all times. With  
 machine breaking, material could be produced in  
 this quarry at the estimated figure of 10/-, but with  
 handbreaking at 4/- it would not be possible to  
 have quarrying done at 3/-.

Mr. Kehoe said it cost over 8/- a cubic yard  
 to break, by hand, the coarse stuff in this quarry.  
 They had now all the material necessary in this  
 quarry. The "spalls" were too hard for handbreaking  
Ballyellis (first fortnight). This was a new quarry, &  
 deducting the value of special work in connection  
 with fencing materials, quarrying cost 4/4, machine  
 breaking, 2/6; handbreaking, 6/-; quarterly period  
 12/10 for prepared material.

Ballygarven (first fortnight), 6/8, quarrying,  
 handbreaking 12/- (quarterly period). No. figures  
 available but Mr. Gons Assistant Surveyor, said  
 the men did not produce half a yard per day.  
 It was now closed; it was a very hard rock to  
 break.

Mr. Carish said he was informed that the  
 quarrymen had asked for the breaker to be sent  
 to the quarry, but they had been told it could  
 not be brought owing to road trenches &  
 bridges down.

Mr. Gons said that Rosh Bridge was  
 impassable & a month's work had gone in  
 trying to lower the face of the quarry & in taking  
 away the stuff.



(Second fortnight) 7/-, quarrying, 11/- handbreaking. With a break in this quarry, the material, the County Surveyor stated, would be produced for 10/-. They did not want any further stuff from this quarry.

It was decided, when this quarry was re-opened, a minimum of 5½ yards per man per week would be required.

Ballinaboola (first fortnight), 6/7, handbreaking.  
Ballykelly (first fortnight), 10/6 for handbreaking; no quarrying during period. No further material required.

Ballyluckly (first fortnight) 2/10½, quarrying, no breaking.

Ballyreagan (first fortnight) 5/- quarrying (quarterly period) 10/3 for prepared material.

Basmorly (first fortnight) 3/2 quarrying (quarterly period) 8/11, prepared material.

Bolly (first fortnight), quarrying 3/5, handbreaking, 4/4. (Second fortnight) 11/- prepared material. Quarry to continue working if men agree to produce 6 yds per man per week.

Brownwood. (first fortnight) 5/- quarrying. A lot of new work was done in this quarry to secure a face, and deducting the cost of this, the few yards broken worked out at 5/-. (Quarterly period) 5/-, quarrying.

Burkestown (first fortnight), 6/9, quarrying; 8/11 handbreaking. (Quarterly period), 14/-; (second fortnight) 4/- for breaking; 4/- for quarrying.

The County Surveyor stated they would require very little further stuff from this quarry. If work be continued in this quarry, men are expected to turn out 6 cubic yards per man per week.

Campall (first fortnight) 6/6½ handbreaking, (quarterly period) 12/6 for prepared material, but this was accounted for by handbreaking. With machine breaking, cost would not have exceeded 10/-. The quarrying worked out at 5/-; (second fortnight) handbreaking, 6/- no quarrying. To remain closed, no further material necessary.

Carnaghan (first fortnight) 4/2 for quarrying. A new road had to be made in this quarry, a cost of same was not taken into account in fixing price per cubic yard: 6/- handbreaking but there were only a few yards dealt with. (Quarterly period) 8/6 for prepared material.



Carrigrohane (First fortnight) 3/10 1/2, quarrying; (Quarterly period), 8/- prepared material

Carriganeagh (First fortnight) boxing only, no other work done. (Quarterly period), 14/6 for quarrying; breaking by machine, 4/3. There were exceptional circumstances in this quarry to account for high cost.

Carrigfoyle (Quarterly period) 13/2 for prepared material. Mr. Birnshill said the present quarry was in an impossible position & material required a good deal of handling. He would not be satisfied to continue working there, but it was the only place available while explosives could not be procured. (Quarterly period) 13/2 prepared material

Carrigrohane (First fortnight) 5/0 1/2 quarrying; 4/2 handbreaking; (Quarterly period) 11/- for prepared material, 4 of which 6/- represented handbreaking. With machine the material should be produced for 10/- (Second fortnight), 20 yards hand broken 9/-; no quarrying; 11/- for prepared material, including 4/2, for handbreaking.

Castleson (First fortnight), 4/1, handbreaking. There were special charges which accounted for the high cost during this period. (Quarterly period) 8/11 for the prepared material.

Cherry Orchard (First fortnight), only drilling

Clonman Gravel Pit (First fortnight) 9/4 1/2 for gravel prepared & screened.

Clologue (First fortnight) 4/2 1/2 for quarrying

Cooboughter (First fortnight) 6/9 for preparing gravel as in Clonman. Besides that there were boulders & also lumps in the gravel, & that they were broken at 6/-. Getting these out cost 5/- or a total of 11/- for the broken stone.

Allowing for amount of material, 8/10 1/2 would be averaged cost to compare with quarrying & breaking. (Quarterly period) 10/5.

Dir (First fortnight) This was a new quarry. 4/10. for quarrying (Quarterly period), 9/9, prepared material.

Doran's Hill (First fortnight). There were only a couple of men working in this quarry, & they were quarrying & breaking at 4/10 for the prepared material. This quarry was nearly worked out.

Dumanore (First fortnight), 3/0 1/2, quarrying; (Quarterly period), 6/6, prepared material

Gearyearry (First fortnight). This fortnight was exceptionally high because a lot of waste stuff had to be shifted. 4/- for quarrying; 4/- handbreaking; 6/2 machine breaking.

This last item was abnormal on account of



increased haulage as there was no dump for the stuff. (Quarterly period), 9/5 for prepared material  
Grange (New Ross) (First fortnight), 4/6, handbreaking (quarterly period), 8/-, handbreaking, quarrying, 6/-; total, 14/-; (second fortnight), 8/6, prepared material

The Chairman said that there must be some mistake as regards the figures. The handbreaking for first fortnight & for quarterly period was an average of practically 8/- for the period, 8/6 for prepared material could not be correct if first period figures given were reliable.

It was decided that when work be resumed in this quarry, men are to produce 6 cubic yards per man per week.

Haggard (First fortnight) 6/6, quarrying, 6/6 handbreaking, 5/8 machine breaking. This was high as there was a dump of broken material in front of unbroken dump, & the stuff had to be hauled round to the breaker, but this would not happen again. Under ordinary circumstances, machine breaking in this quarry should not cost over 4/6 at the outside. (Quarterly period), 13/- for the prepared material, but this should show a reduction, as there was a proper face to the quarry now. There was about 200 yards to be broken.

It was agreed that this should be machine broken, & that County Surveyor should endeavour to afford some employment to the quarry workers on intended roads.

Kerlogue (First fortnight), 4/6, handbreaking. This was done by old man who was unfit for any work & the material was only "scabbings"; 7/- machine breaking. This was dear because the stuff was loose all over the place. When the material would be in a squared-up heap, it would not cost so much. There were only 90 yards machine broken. (Quarterly period), 14/6, prepared material.

Kiltrea (First fortnight), 4/2 quarrying, 4/- handbreaking for 8 yards, rest machine broken at 4/2; (Quarterly period), 9/1; (quarterly period), 9/1.

Mezleryard (first fortnight), 6/6, handbreaking.

For four fortnightly periods average cost was 7/4 for quarrying & breaking.

Monaghan (Quarterly period) 8/-, quarrying, 16/2, handbreaking, piece work for prepared material 9/6.



Mr. Cullen Assistant Surveyor, stated there was nothing specially difficult in the nature of the stone, the men working at 9/6, piece work, were the same men to whom 24/2 was paid on time work.

Mr. Hayes said these men should have been dismissed & proper workmen employed instead.

Mr. Vennard speaking for the Transport Union said that the Union would not stand for conduct such as had been stated. Men who failed to give a fair return for their wages were unfit to be kept in employment. If the men in Monarraig could obtain a living at 9/6 per cubic yard, they were not giving a fair return when employed on time work, seeing the cost was 24/2.

Moorfield (First fortnight) amount 17 yards loose stuff quarried at 3/-

Munfin Gravel Pit (First fortnight), 10/1 for prepared gravel.  
Palace (First fortnight) quarrying, 4/0 1/2, handbreaking, 4/8; (second fortnight), 10/10 prepared material.

Coulmountry (First fortnight) 2/4, quarrying; 6/2, hand-breaking, (second fortnight), 11/6 for prepared material.

Rathemilly (First fortnight), 5/6, quarrying; 7/- hand-breaking (second fortnight), 4/- quarrying 7/- hand-breaking (quarterly period), 11/7, prepared material

Ryland (First fortnight) some spalls hand broken at 5/4; machine breaking, 3/2, (quarterly period), 8/- prepared material

Seaville (First fortnight), 3/- quarrying; 5/2, hand-breaking, (quarterly period) 7/11 prepared material.

Timeearring (First fortnight), quarrying 5/8; hand-breaking, 11/- (quarterly period) quarrying, 7/- (second fortnight) 7/- for quarrying, no breaking. (Stopped on account of high cost)

Upton Tachman (First fortnight) 5/- quarrying; 6/- handbreaking; 4/10, machine breaking (quarterly period), 12/11.

The County Surveyor, in the course of the general discussion said the cost of the material had been run up by the cost of handbreaking. With machine breaking, it would be possible to keep within the estimate. This, of course, for some time past had been impossible, as explosives were not available. The charge of 10/- per hour for use of breaker in quarry would have to be somewhat increased. They would want to get 11/- or perhaps even up to 12/-. Handbreaking was not only more expensive but the stuff produced would not give as smooth & level a road as machine broken material. He would not have hand-breaking only where absolutely necessary.



He did not think it possible to expect a yard a day to be produced by quarrymen had breaking. That would mean a cost of 6/4 and, if they averaged the best with the worst men the price would run up to 7/-. Of course, owing to the conditions prevailing, they had to arrange for handbreaking.

At a later stage Mr. Barry raised the question of Ballymurray & other privately-owned quarries, but the Chairman held that this was a matter for the Council, not for the Conference.

Mr. Corish mentioned that all the quarries that needed consideration owing to high cost of working appeared to be in Mr. Jones' district.

The County Surveyor stated that if a breaker could be put into the quarries in the New Ross District, he was certain the stuff would be produced under the 10/- estimate.

In reply to Mr. Corish, he said the six breakers they had were enough for the work but they had only one engine. It was unsatisfactory to be working with hired engines & these were not available when required for the roads.

The Chairman pointed out that, until the Council had sufficient machinery, they would not be able to make roads as they wished they should be. Each District should have an engine convertible to steam roller & a breaker. With material put in without rolling there was a loss of 30 percent. Hiring engines was unsatisfactory, the cost was extremely high & gears lasted twice as long with their own than with the hired engines. Another thing the men working at hired engines were not concerned with the cost of the breaker. They would never have the roads of the County Wexford, in a condition, worthy of the County Wexford, until they had the necessary machinery.

The County Surveyor, in reply to a query, said that material could be produced as cheaply by hand drilling as by machine drilling if the men, who were hand drilling, could secure explosives.

Mr. Corish complained that, in respect of several quarries in Mr. Jones' district, no figures were available as to cost of material for quarterly period.

Mr. O'Rourke pointed out that, in some of the Ross quarries the first intimation the men had that their work was unsatisfactory was



the closing down of the quarries without notice. No one ever said to him that they were expected to work any better than they did & this was not fair treatment.

The Chairman said the Finance & Roads Committee instructed Mr. Barry to warn the men in the quarries, which were not working satisfactorily that, unless things improved, the quarries would have to be closed down.

Mr. O'Rourke said that there were seven men in Ballykelly & seven in Ballygarrahan, who had been dismissed without notice, & it was expected that the Council would provide a fortnight's wages in lieu of notice.

Mr. Jones said he saw the men on a Wednesday & told them they would not be required longer.

The County Surveyor said he had asked the Assistants to notify the men previously, & he understood all the men were under notice at the time he issued instructions as to the closing of the quarries.

The Chairman said the best thing they could do was to recommend the Council to take steps to purchase the requisite machinery. If hand-breaking in quarries was costing them 7/- per cubic yard generally, they would have to go back to piece work arrangement or have a minimum output.

The County Surveyor stated that quarrying was generally started at the beginning of March, & he would have 5 weeks quarrying & 25 weeks road work for the year.

Mr. J. O'Rourke moved & Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Report of the Road Conference with regard to the re-opening of quarries in New Ross District, from which material is required, with the minimum output therein stated be adopted: that consideration of the rest of the Report be adjourned to the next meeting of the County Council, as the County Surveyor is not now in a position to give the Council the average cost per cubic yard of the quarried material over the County."

Proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Bulleton & adopted:-

"That the men unemployed in Ballygarrahan & Ballykelly quarries without due notice, be paid a fortnight's wages in lieu of usual notice to determine their services."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. John O'Rourke & adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be held



responsible by this Council for repayment of money paid to men in Quarrils, whose services were discontinued without proper notice"

The County Surveyor stated he had given instructions to the Assistant Surveyors to notify all the men that their services would not be required, as he was reducing the number to be employed"

Mr. Hayes, Junior Clerk, County Council Office

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1923 Mr. Hayes, <sup>Junior</sup> Clerk, County Council Office, wrote as follows:-

"As my term of incarceration has ceased, I herewith make application to be reinstated to my position as Junior Clerk in the County Council's Offices"

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

"That Mr. Stephen Hayes, Junior Clerk, County Council Office, be reinstated in his position, salary & conditions of appointment to remain as previous to his arrest."

#### County Hospital Committee

The following report of County Hospital Committee was presented to the meeting:-

At the meeting of the County Council on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1923, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Special Committee be appointed to consider Plans & Specifications, submitted by County Board of Health, in connection with proposed improvements at County Hospital, Wexford."

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

"That the following be appointed as a Special Committee to consider Plans & Specifications in connection with proposed improvements at County Hospital:- Mr. Chasman, Messrs J. Sinnott, R. Corish, J. Lawler & C. Culleton to meet on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 1923 at 11 o'clock, in County Council Offices"

The following were present at the meeting of the Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 1923:- Mr. E. P. Foley (Chairman), presiding; Messrs J. Sinnott & C. Culleton

The Secretary & the County Surveyor were also in attendance, in addition to Messrs M. Hassett (Engineer to County Board of Health) & J. D. Sinnott (Secretary) do. Dr. O'Brien (Surgeon etc.)



Mr. Hassett produced block plans, so that, if alterations were made, there would be no expense incurred in the preparation of the finished plans.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1923, he submitted the following:-

"In accordance with the directions of the County Board of Health I have pleasure in submitting to you draft plans for the conversion of the central portion of the old Workhouse building into a County Hospital."

"A considerable amount of repairs & structural alterations would be needed & new drainage & sanitary accommodation. Portions of the adjoining buildings would be used for housing of nurses, & for some of the subsidiary purposes of the Hospital, leaving the main block exclusively for the patients' use. In this way, a good Hospital can be provided at a reasonable cost. As will be seen from the plans, it is proposed to have six large public wards, capable of accommodating about 120 patients, a number of rooms for paying patients, staff rooms, operating theatre, anaesthetic room, X Ray room, & all the usual provisions for accessories, as well as good up-to-date sanitary equipment. It is also proposed to instal electricity supply for lighting & surgical work, & two lifts to reach all the floors of the building. The heating of the building would be by means of low pressure hot water pipes & radiators with central furnace."

"The estimated cost of the work outlined above, exclusive of furniture & apparatus, is £10,500."

Mr. Hassett went (in some detail) into the plans. The present Hospital would accommodate 80 patients, & the improvements would allow for an increase on these of 40, & also provide accommodation for 36 paying patients.

The Chairman pointed out that the specifications made no provision for cost of necessary furniture & equipment requisite for new wards & rooms. The question of cost of conversion of portion of the premises to Purser's Apartments would also have to be set out. The Council expected the Committee to be able to submit full details of entire alterations, of new furniture & equipment & cost of same, so that the Council would have the fullest information as to the complete cost of the scheme in full.

The present nursing staff consisted of a Matron & five nurses; also two nurses in fever Hospital. It was proposed to transfer the present Fever Hospital to County Hospital, & when this



was done, the services of the two nurses at present in the Yeels Hospital could be utilised for general nursing, when there were no fever cases to be attended to. The new staff would consist of the Matron, five other nurses, two Yeels Hospital nurses, & three or four probationers. There would be also five wardmaids & two laundresses to be provided for.

In reference to the provision of a residence for the Surgeon in the County Hospital, Mr. Hassett said this would be impossible. The Chairman pointed out that, as regards the recommendation of County Board of Health to purchase Rosepark as a residence for the doctor, the Ministry had written that they would offer no objection to the proposal, provided Dr. O'Brien was prepared to forego amount of his allowances.

Mr. Sinnott stated that these were annually: Rent, £60; coal £20; light £5; laundry, £8; total £93.

Dr. O'Brien stated he did not consider that he should be asked to forego his allowances. The Chairman stated that, if a doctor's residence was purchased, all that the Council could consider as saving, in view of Dr. O'Brien's statement, would be £60 per annum rent. Dr. O'Brien was not prepared to forego the £33 annual allowances.

After a long discussion, & a visit to & inspection of County Hospital, it was decided that the Committee should adjourn to Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 1923, to enable them to consider cost of new furniture & equipment required (to be submitted by Mr. J. D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health), & cost of conversion of premises for Nurses' apartments (to be submitted by Mr. M. Hassett) as they desire to have the fullest possible information for the County Council.

The adjourned meeting of County Hospital Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Wexford on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1923.

Present: - Mr. E. P. Jolly (Chairman) & Mr. C. Gulletan

There were also present: - the County Secretary, the County Surveyor, Messrs J. D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health,

Dr. O'Brien, Resident Surgeon, do, & Mr. Hassett, do.

The meeting had been adjourned for estimates from Mr. Sinnott & Mr. Hassett: -

The former gave the following figures



Beds, bedding, etc for extra number of patients to be provided viz., 40 patients in public wards, & 36 paying patients, £955. Theatre, Maternity Ward & Surgical Ward, £1,108; fever ambulance, £180. motor hearse, £220, total, £2,063.

Mr. Hasselt explained that the £10,300 estimate was made up as follows

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Structural alterations + sundries	4,600
Sanitary accommodation	1,200
Heating & hot water supply	1,200
Lighting & Electricity	2,200
Painting	500
Lifts & Stairs	800
	<u>10,300</u>

The cost of conversion of Nurse's apartment would be £800.

A long discussion took place in connection with proposed purchase of residence for Surgeon.

The full list of allowances, which Dr. O'Brien is in receipt of, was as follows:-

Rent £60, coal £20, light, £5; laundry, £8; Telephone exp (on account of present residence being situated in Wexford town) £10; total, £103, or less rent & telephone, £33.

The Chairman pointed out that Rent & Telephone charges, £70, would cease automatically when residence was provided, & if Dr. O'Brien would forego the other allowances, it would be of considerable help to the Committee as regards the proposal to purchase Rosepark.

Dr. O'Brien said he could not see his way to forego his allowances, but he would be satisfied if, after a couple of years, the continuation of the allowances was reviewed, until it was ascertained if the Hospital would be attractive for private patients.

The members of the Committee then made the following recommendation:-

"That, as, including the purchase of a doctor's residence, the proposed improvements in County Hospital would necessitate an expenditure of £14,163 or more, we consider the matter should be referred to the next meeting of the County Council as the request from the County Board of Health covered only a loan of £10,000."

"As regards doctor's residence, however, we are of opinion that the Council should purchase Rosepark for £1,400, on consideration that Dr. O'Brien will agree to forego his allowances."



We take this view because (1) in Rospark, Dr. O'Brien, would have a private family residence instead of a residence or apartments in the Hospital; (2) would have the advantage of securing vegetables from garden; (3) could keep a cow, & perhaps, some young stock; (4) the Ministry of Local Government have informed the Council that they will not consent to the purchase of Rospark unless Dr. O'Brien agrees to forego his present allowances."

Proposed by Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. John G. O'Byrne & passed.

"That (in view) the report of County Hospital Committee be received"

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue:-

"That in view of the fact that the application for loan for proposed improvements in County Hospital, Wexford, has been increased from £10,000 to £14,163 including cost of doctor's residence, we consider it advisable to refer the nature & cost of these alterations to the consideration of the new Council to be elected on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1923"

Mr. Lavish moved & Mr. Culliton seconded the following:-

"That the question of loan for improvements in County Hospital, Wexford, be adjourned to next meeting of the Council, & that the matter be specially mentioned on agenda paper"

Mr. Doyle withdrew his motion & the proposition of Mr. Lavish was carried nem. con.

The Secretary stated that after consultation with the Chairman, he had written to Mr. George Daly, owner of Rospark asking him to state the lowest price at which he was prepared to sell the premises as residence for the surgeon.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1923, he received the following from Mr. Daly:-

"I have your letter re purchase of Rospark as a residence for Surgeon of County Hospital. I would be prepared to divide the difference between the £1400, to be offered by the Council, & my offer of £1,800 in order to effect a speedy sale. You ask me to quote your next bottom price & this is the very lowest figure at which I would be prepared to sell."

"Clearly understand that your letter is not official & has been written to try & have the matter finished."

Mr. John O'Byrne proposed:-



"That the Council purchase Rosepark as residence for the surgeon County Hospital for £1,500, provided that Dr. O'Brien is prepared to forego allowances, and, also that he will stand by his statement to the Committee of the County Board of Health that he will not require anything spent for improvements or alterations, if the County Council would see its way to purchase this residence."

Mr. John G. O'Byrne seconded

Mr. Hall proposed & Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the following amendment:-

"That we offer, as suggested by County Hospital Committee a sum of £1,400 for Rosepark as a residence for surgeon of County Hospital."

The Chairman took a show of hands when there were found in favour of the amendment while five voted against the amendment which was declared lost.

The resolution, fixing the purchase price at £1,500, was then put & passed nem. con.

### Award of Scholarships

University

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded, by Mr. John G. O'Byrne continuing University Scholarships were the following:-

Thomas M. Kehoe, Moa Mulvanikin, (Dental Student)  
 Daniel Phelan, Summerville, Wexford (Commerce)  
 Stephen Thurling, South Main Street, Wexford (Agriculture)  
 Kathleen Carty, George Street, Wexford (Arts)

The Secretary reported that the following was the result of the Senior Grade Examination of applicants for new University Scholarships:-

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| 1. Christopher Whelan, Brywell Road, New Ross                      | 1139 |
| 2. Michael J. Hawlett, Shelbaggerin, Arthurston                    | 1123 |
| 3. Richard Hendrick, Dorado, Ympleudigan                           | 1095 |
| 4. Michael Dunne, Ballybrannis, Enniscorthy                        | 1084 |
| 5. P. J. Murphy, 3 Slaney Street, Wexford                          | 1078 |
| 6. Catherine Power, Saltmills, Co. Wexford                         | 931  |
| (Honours in one subject only)                                      |      |
| 7. Patrick M. Hayes, 65 South Main Street, Wexford                 | 920  |
| (Honours in one subject only)                                      |      |
| 8. A. A. Franklin, Parkton, Enniscorthy                            | 885  |
| 9. Patrick Kenny, Ballycalli, Gorey                                | 710  |
| (Honours in one subject only)                                      |      |
| 10. Catherine B. O'Leary, Ballyhoo, Castlebridge (failed in Irish) | 639  |
| 11. Thomas Keegan, 6 Francis Street, Wexford (failed Intermediate) | 550  |



Under date 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1923, Miss O'neagh Hickey, 24 South Main Street, Wexford, wrote that in 1922, she applied for a University Scholarship, but received in reply only a short notification that she was not eligible. She only learned a short time ago that it was for political reasons her application had been ignored. These reasons were inadequate as it was 14 years since her father served with the R. I. Constabulary, & he had nothing to do with the recent troubles. It was impossible for her father to give her a University education, & her career would be ruined if she was not able to take out a degree in teaching. The total marks obtained by her in 1922 was 1082, & these were, with the exception of Algebra, obtained on the Honours papers. They would have entitled her to a Scholarship & she had passed Matriculation.

The Secretary explained that "political reasons" were not the cause why the Council regarded Miss Hickey as ineligible for a University Scholarship. At the time she applied, her father had a pension from the Royal Irish Constabulary & also held a clerkship which was considered to be well paid. In the circumstances, the Council could not agree he was in need of assistance to provide University training for his children. The son of an ex. R. I. C. man had been awarded a University Scholarship by the Council in 1922.

It was decided that Miss Hickey be informed why her application for University Scholarship was not entertained.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Corish:—"That University Scholarships be awarded Messrs Whelan, Hawlett, Hendrick & Dume, that as we understand two of these students intend studying for the Church, we award one of the vacant Scholarships to Patrick J. Murphy, 3 Slaney Street, Wexford."

Proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Corish:

"That a University Scholarship be awarded Patrick M. Hayes 65 South Main Street, Wexford."

As an amendment, Mr. John B. Byrne proposed & Mr. Shannon seconded:

"That a University Scholarship be awarded A. R. Franklin, Parkton, Antrim."

On a show of hands, four were in favour of Franklin & six for Hayes. The latter was therefore selected.



Primary

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

"That continuing Primary Scholarships be awarded the following:-

John J. Kenny, Irish Street, Buncelody (St Peter's College)  
 Laurence Horle, Yonemearly, Clonroche (St Peter's College)  
 Stacia Dunne, Ballybrannis, Enniscorthy (Loreto Convent)  
 Bridge Yunge, Kilbride, Garry (Loreto Convent, <sup>Wexford</sup> Garry)  
 Bridget Doyle, Kilmahul, Garry (Loreto Convent, Garry)  
 Maggie Berny, Foxcove, Monaseed (Loreto Convent Dublin)  
 Sheila Cullen, Bellefield, Enniscorthy (Loreto Convent <sup>Dublin</sup> <sup>Wexford</sup>)

The Secretary read correspondence from the Ministry of Education in connection with award of new Primary Scholarships. Twenty one candidates had sat for examination - 11 boys for award of 4 scholarships, 4 10 girls for award of 3 Scholarships.

The following was the result of the competition amongst the boys:-

	Marks
1. Thos. B. Larrisy, Duncannon	358
2. John Stafford, Poulisallagh, Dunagh	280
3. John Gall, Dillon, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown	252
4. Edward Breen, Duncannon	230
5. Richard Deverux, Ballyhasty, Kilmore	225
6. Edward Sheill, Newtown, Kilmore	217
7. John C. Buckley, Clonroche	208
8. Patrick A. Nolan, Ryland Street, Buncelody	145
9. Michael O'Brady, Quinstown, Dunagh	151
10. Arthur Wills, The Burrow, Kilmore Quay	128
11. Thomas Howlin, Grange, Kilmore	126

The following was the result of the Girls' Examination:-

	Marks
1. Margaret Trayne, Courtmacuddy, Enniscorthy	300
2. Bernadette Berny, Foxcove, Monaseed	301
3. Kathleen C. O'Keefe, Elbow, Bridgetown	303
4. Catherine A. Parle, Duncannon	299
5. Mary O'Neill, Miskin, Adamstown	293
6. Bridget O'Leary, Rahenduff, Adamstown	248
7. Annie Bolger, Ballygarra, Kilmuckridge	273
8. Lizzie Duff, Gintekin, Kilmuckridge	248
9. Bridget Leigh, Coolcull, Yaghmon	243
10. Mary Ellen Farrell, Kilmichael, Arklow	167

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

"That new Scholarships, value £40 per annum, & payable for three years at recognised Secondary Schools, be awarded the following: Thomas B. Larrisy, Duncannon; John Stafford, Poulisallagh, Dunagh; John Gall, Dillon, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown; Edward Breen, Duncannon; Margaret Trayne, Courtmacuddy, Enniscorthy; Bernadette Berny, Foxcove, Monaseed;



Kathleen C. O'Keefe, Mrs. Bridgeton.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to call together the Primary Scholarships Committee to consider if they can submit amendments by which the Scheme of Primary Scholarships would better fit in with ordinary National School Programme, & to make recommendations as to award of Bursaries for children residing within two miles of an approved Secondary School. Further, to make suggestions by which it will be possible to consider exceptional circumstances as regards certain intermediate Secondary Schools in the County"

#### County Insurance Committee

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

"That Alderman Larkin, Wexford, be appointed a member of Co. Wexford Insurance Committee, vice Mr. James Gleeson."

#### Good & Drugs Acts - Appointment of Ex-officio Inspectors

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P.H. 35417-23, Miscellaneous) pointing out that members of the Civic Guard were now in a position to act as Ex-officio Inspectors under Good & Drugs Acts.

The Secretary stated that, as suggested by the Ministry of Local Government he had communicated with the Superintendent of the Civic Guard, who had furnished him with the names of the Garda selected to act as Inspectors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Borish, seconded by Mr. Stall:-  
"That Sergeant Chris. Keogh (2048), Wexford; Sergeant J. Marley (1794) Ennisceathy; Sergeant John Cavanagh, New Ross & Guard Dalton (1240), Gorey be & are hereby appointed Ex-officio Inspectors under Good & Drugs Acts for the district in which they are at present stationed, & in so far as County Council have control over same."

#### Rail Circum Loan to Council

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (L 34155-23) asking the Council to arrange for the discharge of loan of £4,400, advanced from Rail funds to the Council in 1921, with interest thereon & the date for the repayment of which expires on 30<sup>th</sup> September



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

"We would request the Ministry of Local Government not to press at present for repayment of loan of £4,400 advanced from Tail funds. Owing to withheld grants the Council is in a poor financial condition & we really do not consider it fair that as the Government owe the Council such a large amount of money in grants, they should, at this crisis, press the Council for repayment of loan."

### Government Grants

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1923 was submitted:-

"We recommend the County Council to ascertain from the Ministry of Local Government & Ministry of Finance what amounts of Government grants are due to the County Council up to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1923 & when same will be paid. A considerable sum is outstanding by way of Government subsidy & it is unjust to the ratepayers that the Council should be paying interest on an overdraft while the Government are withholding considerable sums in grants."

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1923 the following was read from Ministry of Local Government (S. 28406-23):-

With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council of the 18<sup>th</sup> June last in regard to Local Taxation Grants, I am directed by the Ministry for Local Government to inform the Council that before such grants reach the Local Taxation Account for distribution among local bodies, they are required by Statute to pass through the Guarantee Fund established under the Land Purchase Acts & are liable to attachment in the Fund to meet differences arising from arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. As the County Council are aware, there has been a large accumulation of arrears on the part of land purchase annuitants during 1921 & 1922. For this reason, the Local Taxation Account has not received funds which normally would have passed to it for distribution to local bodies. It should be clearly understood that the Government are not & have not at any time withheld any grants due to Local Authorities.

There has lately been an improvement in the payment of Land Purchase Annuities, & with normal conditions ensuing, it is hoped that the position of the Guarantee Fund will soon permit of the release of a large proportion of the Grants withheld when the due share accruing to the Council will be paid over. In the meantime every effort will be made to have such instalments on account paid to the County Council as the



position of the Guarantee Fund will permit.

The estimated amounts of the Local Taxation Grants that would have normally been payable to the Council, up to the 31<sup>st</sup> March, last are as follows:-

(1) In respect of Estate Duty Grants	14,000 - -
(2) In respect of Agricultural Grant (half year ended March, 1922)	12,022:10 -
(3) In respect of the balance of Licence Duties Grant for 1922 (Section 58 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898)	3,000 - -
	<u>£29,022:10 -</u>

It is hoped that the balance of the Licence Duties Grant for 1922 will be payable to-wards the end of next week.

The Secretary stated that, on 30<sup>th</sup> August he had received £204: 2: 0 for Medical & Educational Expenditure; £2,046: 2: 7 for Capitalisation Grant Mental Hospital; £83: 14: 7 for Sanitary Salaries. The Auditor in his last report of Accounts for Mental Hospital certified that £9,623: 15: 8 was due for Capitalisation grants for March, 1921 & March, 1922.

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

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

That the Secretary point out to the Ministry of Local Government & Ministry of Finance that the Wexford Co. Council must receive the Government Grants due them if they are to carry on their Road & Quarry work; that particulars of Grants due be furnished Messrs Doyle, Lewis & Connelley & that they be requested to interview the Ministers concerned with a view to securing a substantial amount of the subsidies standing to the credit of the Council.

#### Wexford Co. Scheme

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> August, 1923 the Minister of Local Government forwarded copy of Order made in pursuance of Section 5 of Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923, amending & modifying Wexford Co. Scheme.

The Ministry of Local Government also forwarded County Boards of Health (No. 1) Order 1923 under date 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1923 & dealing with administration of Home Assistance.



## Co. Wexford Infirmary

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> August 1923 the Minister of Local Government forwarded (P. 28404-1923 Wexford County) copies of Orders made under Section 5 of the Local Government (Temporary) Provisions Act, 1923 amending & modifying the Co. Wexford Scheme so as to include the joint Committee of Management of Co. Wexford Infirmary.

Mr. M. G. Kavanagh, Late Registrar, Co. Wexford Infirmary, wrote under date 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1923 that the Honorary proceedings re administration of invested funds held in the names of Co. Wexford Infirmary Committee of Management had terminated & he hoped to have accounts audited & submitted to Co. Council at an early date. The decision of the Court barred the Committee from devoting the proceeds of the sale of "The Bullimore Fund" to the object of their application i.e. Paying off overdraft due by the Committee to the Provincial Bank but the Court allowed the Committee to devote amount realised from sale of the other investment i.e. "Adair Fund" 22 bonds to reducing the overdraft. The financial position of the Institution was approximately:

Assets:-	Sale of Bonds	80: 15: 4
	Due by Army Authorities	36: 18: -
	Due by paying Patients	8: - -
		£125-13-4

Liabilities	overdraft	£483: 18: 11
	Outstanding Accounts	10: 9: -
		£494: 7: 11

This would leave a deficit balance of £368-14-7. Under Section 17 Subsection 2 (b) of Public Health Temporary Provisions Act 1923 the Co. Council had to take over the liabilities of the Co. Infirmary.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1923 Messrs M. G. O'Connor & Co., Solrs, for Co. Infirmary Committee wrote in similar strain & pointed out that the Infirmary Committee were anxious to have the matter wound up.

The Secretary stated that Lady Maurice Fitzgerald on behalf of Infirmary Committee at meeting of Finance & Roads Committee preceding the March meeting of Co. Council stated that the position of the Infirmary was that after they had paid their Bills on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1923 there was £292 due the Bank. By March 23<sup>rd</sup> £200 more would have to be paid. There was £130 due for the treatment of Paying patients principally soldiers.



The Institution held Bank of Ireland stock £322 odd which with what Councils held <sup>would</sup> bring in about £430 so that if the Infirmary were wound up it would be able to pay its debts.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne  
"That when the Co. Council is in a satisfactory financial position they will be prepared to discharge the liability of late Co. Wexford Infirmary Committee to the Provincial Bank. That Mr. Kavanagh Registrar, Co. Wexford Infirmary, be requested to furnish this Council with a list of officers of Co. Wexford Infirmary with their ages, length of services in years & months, salaries etc to enable the Council to fix gratuities or pensions to which these officers are entitled. That consideration of this matter be dealt with by Finance & Roads Committee

#### Reinstatement Conditions to Decees

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1923 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 33933-1923 Miscellaneous) that the Council should take steps to be represented at the hearing of all cases of application for compensation for destruction of property & should prep for the attachment of a Reinstatement Condition.

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1923 a similar communication was received from Mr. J. Kelly, State Solicitor.

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

"That our Solicitor be instructed to be present at the hearing of all applications for compensation for malicious damage & that he press for insertion of reasonable reinstatement clauses in every decree in which compensation will be awarded for destruction of property."

#### Ballygillcaine Little Water Supply

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1923, Minister of Local Government forwarded sealed Order fixing Broadway Dispensary District as the area of charge for above water supply

#### Military & Co. Hall

The following (resolution) recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee from meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1923 was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne.

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Adjutant - General Collins Barracks, Dublin, with a view to ascertaining what financial proposals the



Ministry propose to make in connection with the taking over of the County Hall as a Military Barracks. We consider some information on this matter should have been furnished the Co. Council before now."

#### Overdraft with Bank.

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

"That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to extend the limit for repayment of present overdraft of Co. Council of £27,000 from their Treasurer to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1923 & that they be further requested to agree to Council securing an additional overdraft of £15,000 to enable them to carry on their work."

#### Claims by Ex-Rate Collectors etc.

In connection with above letters S. under date 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1923 & 17<sup>th</sup> August 1923 were read from Ministry of Local Government. These communications stated that the claims of Ex-Officers for compensation would be heard in public by Mr. Justice Wylie on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1923, at 24 Upper Merrion Street Dublin. Under date 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1923 (No. S. 34312-23), the Ministry of Local Government wrote, forwarding claims from Messrs Kirby & Curran Assistant Surveyors, for the period which Road Work was suspended in the County, & whose cases, it was proposed should also be heard by Mr. Justice Wylie on 1<sup>st</sup> October next.

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

"That Messrs R. Borish & J. J. O'Byrne, County Councillors, represent the County Council at the hearing of the claims of Ex-Officers of the Council on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1923, before Mr. Justice Wylie; that the Secretary & Assistant Secretary be instructed to attend the inquiry; that the out-of-pocket expenses of representatives & officers be defrayed by the Council; that our Solicitor be requested to retain (if possible) the services of Mr. Swaine, K. C., to appear on behalf of the Council"

#### Mountgarrett Bridge

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1923, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne:-

"That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to inform this Council definitely if, in the event of new bridge being erected at Mountgarrett New Pass, they are prepared to contribute 25 per cent cost of same, & should a satisfactory reply be received from the Ministry, the County Council are advised to obtain a loan for their portion of the cost of the structure, etc."



"That the Co. Surveyor inform Mrs Roche, Ballyanne, that the Council are considering the reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge."

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> August 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P. G. 32) that, as soon as the funds due to the Irish Treasury by the British Government, had been transferred the Grant, indicated by the Ministry of Transport, in connection with Mountgarrett Bridge will be paid in accordance with the terms of the Grant.

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

"That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to sanction the borrowing by this Council of a sum of £5,000, their share of the cost of new Bridge at Mountgarrett, New Ross. That on receipt of sanction from Ministry, application be made to the Treasurer of the Council for advance of loan."

Gratuity to Mr. W. G. Smith, late Master, New Ross Workhouse

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> August 1923, the Minister for Local Government wrote (P. 28273-1923 Wexford County), fixing gratuity to Mr. W. G. Smith, late Master, New Ross Workhouse, at £260:19:9d.

### Local Elections

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> September 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 36751-1923 Wexford County) that the date of the Local Government Elections would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1923.

Debt of late Gorey Guardians to Gorey R. D. Council

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> September 1923 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 36364-1923 Wexford County), sanctioning the proposed repayment of £2,000, with interest borrowed by the late Gorey Board of Guardians from Gorey Rural District Council.

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

"That the £2,000 - with interest thereon, borrowed by late Gorey Guardians from Gorey Rural District Council be repaid as soon as the funds of the County Council permit."

### Prosecutions for Sheep Scab

In connection with outbreak of Sheep Scab at the premises of Nicholas Yuskow, Woodbury Rosslare the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote under date 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1923 (S. S. 81-23) that in prosecutions of this kind the Local Authority concerned usually instructed their own solicitor to take proceedings.



Mr. Doyle mentioned that in this case a prosecution had been instituted & a penalty inflicted.

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

"That in all breaches of Sheep Scab Order, our Solicitor be instructed to prosecute, should it be reported to him by the Civic Guard that this course is necessary."

### Samples under Food & Drugs Acts

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> August 1923, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G. 2356-23) that one of their officers had obtained three samples of butter at New Ross on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1923. On analyses, they were found to be pure.

### Claims for Compensation - Officials, Late Unions

A number of applications was received for payment of balance of gratuities fixed for officers whose offices were abolished as result of amalgamation scheme.

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

"That amounts of gratuities still outstanding in the case of ex-Union officials, be discharged as soon as the County Council's financial position will allow."

### Courthouse Accommodation

The following minute of Finance & Roads Committee (meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1923) was submitted

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1923 the following letter was read from Mr. J. V. Daly, District Justice, Wexford.

"I propose to open very shortly a District Court in Bridgetown Parish Hall & Duncannon (White's Tea Rooms) to meet the requirements of these Districts. Kindly let me know what rent the Co. Council will agree to pay for both places. In Bridgetown some repairs will be needed. I am also arranging to get Clonroche Parish Hall from the R.P. & this might be included. They will all be required for some hours once a month."

"The following recommendation was agreed to:- "That our Secretary ascertain from owners of premises proposed to be used at Duncannon, Bridgetown & Clonroche for monthly courts the terms upon which the Co. Council can secure these premises for the purpose named. That in the meantime the Co. Surveyor inspect the premises at Bridgetown & report to the Co. Council what necessary repairs must be carried out to allow them to be utilised as a Court & the cost of said repairs"

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

The Secretary reported that in an interview with



Mr. Gahy the latter\* stated that premises in White's Hotel, Duncannon could be obtained at 10/- per month for first six months - January to June + 12/- per month for second six months of the year from July to December.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That as arranged by Mr. Gahy, District Justice the Wexford Co. Council are prepared to rent premises at White's Hotel, Duncannon at 10/- per month for first six months + 12/- per month for second six months tenancy to be determined by three months notice in writing given at any time. Fire to be provided by owner in winter months."

A letter under date 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1923, as read from Rev. J. Maher, P. P. Oulart offering to rent Village Hall in Oulart at £12 per annum. Extensive alterations were required but these would be carried out by the Hall Committee. There were also panes of glass needing replacement + the Committee would also see to these. If heating was required the necessary stove should be provided by the Co. Council.

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

"That the Wexford Co. Council rent, at £12 per annum from Rev. J. Maher P. P. Oulart (on behalf of Hall Committee) Oulart Village Hall for use as Courthouse tenancy to be determined by three months notice on either side. Hall Committee to provide for a fire during winter months; heating apparatus to be provided by the Co. Council."

The Co. Council would be prepared to make the same agreement in connection with Blarney Hall whenever available + Yeats Hall at £10 when it can be procured.

Letters were read from Mr. J. V. Gahy, District Justice + Mr. D. Doran, Ennisceathy Sessions Clerk as to the necessity of procuring an office for Court purposes in Ennisceathy. They recommended the Council should rent the premises occupied up to now as an office for Labour Exchange at £36 per annum with use of office furniture.

It was decided that Messrs Shannon + Gullett endeavour to ascertain on 13<sup>th</sup> instant if alternative premises could be procured at a lower rent; if not to offer for late Labour Exchange premises at £30 per annum provided the Sessions' Clerk would have the use of office furniture there.

The recommendation of Mr. Gahy, to pay £5 to caretaker of Ennisceathy Technical Institute as remuneration during period Institute was used as a Court was referred to the Finance + Roads Committee.

The Co. Surveyor was instructed to provide as requisitioned by Mr. Gahy in his letter of 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1923, three tables six chairs + lock up doors for use at Yeats Courthouse.



### Mr John Banville Ex-Rate Collector

The following minute of Finance & Roads Committee of 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1923 was submitted:-

A letter under date 9<sup>th</sup> June was read from Mr. John Banville Ex-Rate Collector that no superannuation had been paid him from the date of his resignation on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1921 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1921 & he asked to be paid this amount."

The Secretary stated that the superannuation of Mr. Banville was taken from the date of the close of the collection in March.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Banville Ex-Rate Collector be paid superannuation from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1921 provided this proposal received the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government."

The recommendation of the Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne.

### Gas in Co. Hall

The following minute of Finance & Roads Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1923 was submitted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Adjutant General Collins Barracks, Dublin & request a settlement of account for Gas used by the Military in Co. Hall, Wexford when in joint occupation with the Co. Council as the Gas Company were threatening proceedings for the recovery of the amount."

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

It was also decided that copy of letter of Secretary of Co. Council under date 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1923 to Adjutant Military Barracks, Wexford in connection with this account be furnished Mr. Doyle & R. Borish J. D.'s to raise the question of payment with Military authorities in Collins Barracks Dublin.

### Rate Collection

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1923 Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solrs, Wexford wrote that Gary Rate Collector had issued summonses against a number of tenants for Rates; Some of these were very poor & it was utterly impossible for them to pay these rates; some also were Old Age Pensioners. Messrs Huggard & Brennan suggested that the Council would compromise & accept some small payment in full discharge.

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

"That the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan Solrs, under date 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1923 as to Rates due by weekly tenants in Gary Town be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

The Secretary reported that there was £11,000



outstanding on Rates of March, 1923 and about £4,000 on previous Rates. He wished for instructions as to when the Rate for Financial year 1923-24 would be put into course of collection.

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

That the Rate Collectors of the Council be called on forthwith to carry out the instructions of Finance & Roads Committee & proceed against all defaulters. The question of re-appointment of any collector who does not, very considerably, reduce arrears in his district within next three weeks or a month will be considered by Finance & Roads Committee who are empowered to take the most extreme measures against any collector who is not in their opinion making an energetic effort to close his collection.

In connection with No. 2 Collection district the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. James Quirk, collector for No. 1 Collection District be appointed to close the Rate collection for No. 2 District & for which the collector is not at present available"

### Bonds of Rate Collectors

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government wrote that no Guarantee Societies were at present furnishing bonds in form prescribed by Public Bodies Order but were only issuing protection against fraud & dishonesty amounting to embezzlement. In the circumstances it would be open to the Council to agree to the provision of Fidelity bonds to all collectors if coupled with additional surety bonds providing for reduced but reasonable amounts.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1923, Mr. Elgee, Solr., wrote that it would be well to ascertain from the Ministry of Local Government if in the event of both Guarantee & personal security bonds being accepted by the Council, they would be satisfied, the reference to fraud should be omitted from the personal bond & that personal bond should apply only to default in lodgment of the collector's warrants.



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

"That we request the Ministry of Local Government to allow the Council to accept from Rate Collectors for the present Bond from Guarantee Societies covering fraud or dishonesty and that until we really arrive at normal conditions the full obligations as set out in Bond in Public Bodies Order would not be insisted upon. "

" That, for the future, we are of opinion that any Collector who does not attend on checking day without reasonable cause for absence, should be suspended by the Secretary and particulars of the suspension be reported to next available meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee of the Council. "

The Secretary reported that Mr E. J. Murphy Collector for no. 17 Collection had been dilatory in making lodgments of arrears of Rate for 1921 and 22.

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

"That Mr Murphy Collector for No 17 District be informed that if any further complaint be received as to the dilatory manner in which he has lodged arrears of Rate serious notice of the matter will be taken by the Council. "

Under date 3rd August, 1923 Mr Mc Carthy Collector for No 5 Collection District wrote again applying for compensation for the period of his internment in 1921. He could not understand why his application should be continually postponed. All the other Collectors concerned had received their compensation.

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

"That the appropriate amount in lieu of poundage be paid Mr C. Mc Carthy Collector for No 5 District for the period of his internment in 1921.



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Alleged Offences Motor Car Acts

Under date 22nd August, 1923 Mr C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer submitted reports from Civic Guards as to alleged offences under Acts for Registration and Licencing of Mechanically propelled Road Vehicles.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That prosecutions be instituted against the following for alleged breaches of Motor Car Acts etc.

Patrick O'Leary, Selskar Street, Wexford; ✓

William Murphy, Upper John Street, Wexford. ✓

James O'Rourke, 134 Lower Baggott Street, Dublin. ✓

John Thomson, 19 Barrack Street, Waterford. ✓

Thomas Kelly, Bagnelstown, Co. Carlow. ✓

T. Aldritt & Sons, Marybort, ✓

J. Parker, Poulterers, Carlow. ✓

T. J. Sheridan, The Quay, Waterford. ✓

Michael Weldon, Mayors' Walk, Waterford. ✓

Dr Walsh, New Ross. ✓

Charles Pender, 75 Manor Street, Waterford. ✓

William Murphy, Waterside, Waterford. ✓

M. J. Weldon Mayors' Walk Waterford. ✓

Mr Sheridan, Garage Owner, Quay, Waterford. ✓

John Kelly & Sons, Motor Works, Catherine Street, Waterford. ✓

Henry Dempsey, Merchant, Bullring, Wexford. ✓

General Cattle Diseases. Fund.

Under date 22nd August, 1923. the Ministry of Local Government wrote for Paying Order ~~for~~ £411; 13: 11 for recoupment general Cattle Diseases Fund.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall that the amount be paid.



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Injury to House by blasting.

Under date 14th August, 1923 Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co, Solrs Gorey wrote applying for ~~£22~~<sup>£12</sup> to cover the damage caused to roof and dwelling house of John Savage, Gorey Hill by blasting operations on the 11th August.

It was decided that Co. Surveyor be directed to submit the claim to Insurance Brokers.

Claim by Road Contractor.

Under date 21st August, 1923 Messrs O'Flaherty & Son Solicitors applied on behalf of Patrick Dunne Caim for £8 amount stated to be due ~~to~~<sup>be</sup> him in respect of Road contracts No 277 E and 287 E.

The Co. Surveyor stated the amounts had been "struck off" the contracts in the ordinary way.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne Seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

That Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solrs Baniscorthy be informed that as regards the claim of £8 for Patrick Dunne Caim on foot of Road Contracts, this amount was "struck off" in the ordinary course by Co. Surveyor for neglect of work. That <sup>proceedings</sup> should be instituted on behalf of Mr Patrick Dunne. Mr Elgee Solr., to the Co. Council be instructed to defend same.

Rents- Courthouses.

The following Minute of Finance and Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 6th July, 1923 was submitted:-

"Letter under date 1st June, 1923 was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solrs, that they would have to institute proceedings to recover rent of County Courthouse due the Estates of 1ste William Devereux and James Barry."

"The following recommendation was adopted"



"We recommend the Co. Council to pay the rents of the Courthouses. "

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

Application Payment Income Tax.

Under date 1st Sept 1923, the Secretary, Office of Revenue Commissioners, The Castle Dublin, wrote that arrears of Income Tax for the four years ended 5th April, 1923 amounting to £42: 13: 10 were still due and unpaid, unless<sup>s</sup> paid at once the Commissioners would be under the necessity of taking effective steps to secure payment.

It was decided to adjourn claim to next meeting the Revenue Commissioners to be asked in the meantime to furnish detailed figures for each year and to show how these have been arrived at. For some time past the Council have been carrying on by means of Government loan and overdraft from their Treasurer.

Application to erect a Wall

Under date 17th July, 1923 Mr John P. Sinnott wrote for permission to erect a wall one and a half feet high with <sup>railing</sup> ~~railing~~ on top, in front of his dwelling house at Cahore; width of road from wall of house to ditch at other side 28 feet.

The Co. Surveyor made no objection to the application which was acceded to on the proposition of Mr O'Donoghue seconded by M<sup>r</sup> John O'Byrne.

Old Petty sessions Office New Ross.

Under date 4th August, 1923 Dr W. F. Hearn Solr., New Ross applied for payment of £15 rent of petty sessions<sup>s</sup> office, New Ross for a year and a half.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of



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Mr John O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Dr Hearn be requested to furnish particulars of resolution of Co. Council agreeing to rent petty sessions office for Mr F. J. Mc Kenna, Ex- petty sessions Clerk, New Ross. Repeated applications for payment of the amount in question have not been made to this Council.

Solrs Account late New Ross Guardians.

Under date 23rd August, 1923 Mr T. D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health forwarded an account for law costs from Messrs Colfer and Son Solicitors New Ross to late New Ross Guardians and which <sup>had</sup> been taxed to £305: 12: 4.

It was mentioned that bill began in July 1915.

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

Old Age Pension Claims.

Under date 22nd August, 1923 Mr William Stafford Clerk to No 1. ~~The~~ Old age pension Sub Committee wrote calling attention to the alleged delay on the part of officer of No 2 station New Ross in dealing with three applications for Old Age Pensions.

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

"That copy of a letter from Mr. William Stafford, Clerk Old Age Pension Sub Committee No 1 be furnished Supervisor Customs and Excise Waterford, and that he be requested to furnish explanation in connection with same. .

Application Mr J. J. Roche

Coroner South Wexford.

The following Minute of Finance and Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923 was submitted :-



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" MR John J. Roche Coroner for South Wexford wrote applying for a mileage allowance of 8d per mile and pointing out that while the Coroner for North Wexford had a salary of £125 per annum he ~~was~~ the Coroner for South Wexford, received only £100 per annum although he had to discharge 500 per cent more work than his confrere in North Wexford."

No Order, The Secretary pointing out that Co. Councils were not empowered to grant a mileage allowance to a Coroner.

The following Minute was submitted from meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923:-

"Under date 10th July 1923, Mr J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford applied for his salary of £100 to be fixed at £125, amount of salary paid Coroner for North Wexford as ~~to~~ the work of a Coroner in South Wexford was 500 per cent. more than in the north of the County. "

The following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the Co. Council not to make a change in the salary of Mr J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford."

The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of MR. John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon.

Assistant in Co. Surveyor's Office.

In connection with vacancy in Co. Surveyor's Office for Clerk the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That, pending receipt of sanction to his appointment by Ministry of Local Government, Mr ~~W. B.~~ <sup>Timothy</sup> Moore, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, appointed Clerical Assistant in Co Surveyor's office on 3rd August, 1923, be instructed to take up the position."



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Urban Council Demands.

The Secretary reported that Enniscorthy U. D. Council had paid £553: 1: 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Demand to June. New Ross Urban Council was postponing payment from meeting to meeting.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr J O'Byrne that unless New Ross Urban Council pay instalment on foot of Co. Council Demand within three weeks the Solr to the Co. Council proceed against them by Mandamus for recovery of same.

New Ross Poulmounty Road.

Under date 21st August, 1923 the Clerk New Ross Rural District wrote that at meeting of his Council on 11th August attention was called to the very bad state of road between New Ross and Poulmounty and the Council requested that some repairs should be carried out on this road as early as possible

He also forwarded Bill from Messrs Odlums, St Mullins Millers for £50 for "Extra mileage and wear on tyres etc on our men travelling to New Ross owing to broken bridge at Ballyanne not being repaired."

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

"That New Ross R. D. Council be informed that Co. Surveyor has work of repairs of road New Ross-Poulmounty in hands. That claim of Messrs Odlums for £50 be referred to Mr Elgee, Solr."



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New Ross Bridge.  
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Under date 6th September, 1923, Mr Finn, Clerk to the New Ross Urban Council, forwarded the following resolution:-

"That the serious attention of the Wexford County Council be drawn to the condition of the New Ross Bridge, and that they be requested to have it put in a proper state of repair at once, and also to take such action as may be necessary to preserve the iron work of it from further decay".

In his report to Finance and Roads Committee of 7th August, 1923, the County Surveyor stated:-

"I inspected the iron work of New Ross Bridge and consider that repainting cannot be delayed beyond next year. A great deal of painting is quite sound, but in places the iron work is exposed. As far as I can observe, no material deterioration of the iron work has taken place. The bridge was last painted in 1913 and cost about £300. Allowing for obtaining paints etc., at Dail contract rates, I estimate the work will now cost not less than £800".

The Finance and Roads Committee recommended the adoption of the suggestion of the County Surveyor.

This recommendation was approved, New Ross Urban Council to be informed that the structure will be repainted next year.

Warping Buoy, New Ross Bridge.  
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The following recommendation was submitted from Finance and Roads Committee meeting of 6th July, 1923:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Mr Friel, Engineer to Waterford Harbour Board, with a view to obtaining names, etc., of divers in Waterford, who might undertake this work, and also obtain the opinion of Mr Delap, Engineer, on the matter".

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

The County Surveyor reported to the Finance and Roads Committee meeting of 3rd August, 1923, that he had communicated



with Waterford Harbour Board and Mr Delap as regards the work. Mr Delap could not undertake it, and he (County Surveyor) employed the plant and diver from Waterford Harbour. On 27th July, 1923, he had an inspection made of the warping buoys. The Harbour Master at New Ross informed him that all the mooring chains required immediate renewal. If possible, an arrangement should be made with the Waterford Harbour Board to hire their plant and carry out the necessary diving work. He suggested that a Committee of the Council should meet the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to settle terms. Meantime, he had directed that all the buoys should be repaired, cleaned and painted, to be ready for attachment to new mooring chains. He estimated the cost of refitting the four buoys at £222.

The Finance and Roads Committee appointed Mr Cummins and the County Surveyor to meet a Committee of Waterford Harbour Commissioners to ascertain the terms on which the latter would be prepared to hire their diving plant to carry out the necessary diving work, the Kilkenny County Council to be informed of the proposal of Wexford County Council in view of the fact that half cost of the work will be contributed by Kilkenny County Council.

Mr John Cummins and the County Surveyor presented the following report:-

"On the 14th August last, the Committee appointed by the Council to meet the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, regarding hiring of diving plant, etc., attended in Waterford.

"Mr J Cummins and the County Surveyor were present and met the Secretary of the Harbour Board and the Harbour Master. The Harbour Board will hire their diving plant at the rate of £3 per day from leaving Waterford till return. The plant is valued at about £1,000, and the Harbour Board will require the County Council to indemnify them against damage or loss: the plant should be insured."

"Besides the hire of the plant, the County Council will be required to pay all wages, expenses, estimated at, say, £12 per day:



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this includes diver, attendance and superintendence.

"It is estimated that the work will take from 8 to 12 days, according to difficulty or otherwise in locating the old mooring piles. As an alternative to the mooring piles, it is suggested that concrete sinkers be used for attachment of the chains, as this will eliminate uncertainty in finding the piles or making good if defective. The estimate of either method is practically the same. It will be necessary to put in four new mooring chains: two of the old ones have already given way, and the other two are defective."

"The total estimated cost of the work is £222".

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

"That the report of Messrs Cummins and Barry (County Surveyor), as regards refitting buoys at New Ross Bridge, be received and adopted, work not to exceed £222, Kilkenny County Council to be informed of the steps which have been taken in the matter".

#### Injury to Pony. -----

The following extract from Minutes of Finance and Roads Committee Meeting of 6th July, 1923, was submitted:-

"Under date 23rd June, 1923, Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, applied for £15 for deterioration to pony, the property of Mr John Parker, Coolakip, Oylegate, by reason of the animal having fallen through a large hole in the flooring of Deeps Bridge".

"The County Surveyor said that this bridge had been repaired by the Military."

"It was decided that the letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co should be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council".

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



#### Claim for New Road.

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The following extract from Minutes of Finance and Roads Committee meeting of 6th July, 1923, was submitted:-

"James Bent, The Burrow, Rosslare, wrote, asking that a road should be made to his house."

"The County Surveyor stated it was not possible, without a huge outlay, to have road as suggested constructed."

"No Order".

The Minute of Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr J O'Byrne, seconded by Mr John J O'Byrne. It was also decided that Mr Bent be informed that cost of making new road on Rosslare Burrow was prohibitive.

#### Injury to Mare.

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Under date 16th July, 1923, Messrs M J O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote that they were instructed by Mr John Ouley, Coolinteggart, Gorey, that, while working a mare carting stones from Ballythomas Quarry to road from Kilanerin to Lacken, the animal put her foot through the road a distance of nearly three feet, and, in endeavouring to release herself, badly injured one leg. Mr Ouley would hold the County Council responsible for the injury and for losses which he might sustain by the mare being unable to work.

The County Surveyor submitted a report from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, which stated that the accident occurred on road, 69G. Ouley was drawing stones to the road, and, at the time of the accident, he loosed the mare from the cart for the purpose of unloading the material, and allowed her to wander. The accident happened 25 yards from the depot at which Ouley was dumping material.

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



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"That copy of the letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of John Ouley, Coolinteggart, Gorey, and copy of report of Mr T Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, be furnished Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, with instructions to defend any action which Mr Ouley may institute against the Council".

Claim for Road Work.  
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The following Minute of Finance & Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923, was confirmed on the motion of Mr John J O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Culleton, and instructions were given Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to defend any proceedings taken by Mr Doyle, should he decline to accept £14 on settlement of his claim:-

"Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, for Mr Michael Doyle, Commercial House, Newtownbarry, formerly a Road Contractor, wrote, applying for £33:18:0 for work which, they claimed, had been carried out on the road by Mr Doyle.

"The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged to give Mr Doyle a Sudden Damage Order for £14, which he considered was the full value of the work which had been done. The Order had not yet been returned by Mr Doyle.

"No Order".

Haulage, Burkestown Quarry.  
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The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was submitted:-

"Under date 14th July, 1923, the following letter was read from Mr Caulfield, Solicitor, Wexford:-

"I am instructed by Mr Matthew Banville of Ballycullane that he took a contract from your Council for the drawing of stones from Burkestown Quarry, and that he was stopped for over a week, the stoppage resulting in a loss to him of about £6. After the stoppage took place, my client at once wired to the County Surveyor for instructions, and, not having received any reply, he got Mr Byrne, M C C, to wire again to the County Surveyor on the following day and received no reply."



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 "Subsequently, the Chairman was communicated with, and, after a week, the County Surveyor directed my client to resume the drawing. My client could have had the drawing completed during the period he was stopped, and he could have then entered on other work for which he had to employ labour. I think, that, under the circumstances, it is only reasonable that my client should be recouped for his loss."

The following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John J O'Byrne:-

"We desire to point out that none of the employees of the County Council had anything to say to the interference with Mr Banville hauling from Burkestown Quarry, and, from the correspondence submitted by the County Surveyor, it would appear that Mr O'Rourke, Secretary, Local Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, was under a misapprehension as regards the resolutions passed by the Council. In his letter to the County Surveyor, he pointed out that the County Council had adopted a resolution that all hauliers should be members of the Transport Union, and, though this is incorrect, we are of opinion, from the facts mentioned at this meeting, that Mr O'Rourke was under the impression that such a resolution had been passed".

The following recommendation of Finance and Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John J O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Caulfield, Solicitor, Wexford, be informed that no official of this Council had anything to do with the interference complained of by Mr Banville in his haulage work from Burkestown Quarry".

#### Claim by Overseers.

The following Minute of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 6th July, 1923, was submitted:-



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"Michael McEvoy, John Gorman and John Morrissey wrote, claiming £1 per week each for carrying out the duties of Assistant Surveyor after resignation of Mr Curran (Assistant Surveyor) from November, 1922, to May, 1923. They also applied for 10/- per week each for travelling expenses."

The following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923, was submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay Messrs Michael McEvoy, John Gorman and John Morrissey 5/- each per week to cover travelling expenses outside their districts from 1st November, 1922, to 31st March, 1923".

A further claim by John O'Gorman, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, for £31:4:0 for extra supervision, etc., over roads and quarries, paying men, etc., was before the Finance and Roads Committee and adjourned for production of written report of County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr O'Gorman was allowed a two-third week the same as all other officials of the Council during the troubled time; if this claim was allowed, Mr O'Gorman would be treated differently and more advantageously than any other of the men.

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

"That the claim of Mr John O'Gorman, Quarry Foreman, for £31:4:0 for extra supervision, be refused."

#### Quarry Agreements. -----

The following is an extract from minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923:-

"The County Surveyor reported:- 'Recently, I got Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to prepare a new form of agreement for lease of quarries and have a number of these waiting the seal of the Council. I ask for authority to have all such agreements stamped and and sealed'"

The following recommendation was submitted by the Committee:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to have all new quarry agreements stamped and sealed".



Confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr J J O'Byrne.

Haggard Quarry - Absent Workmen.  
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The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923, was submitted:-

"That, having considered the report of the County Surveyor in respect of Haggard quarry, we regard the explanation given to County Surveyor by Patrick O'Rourke and Michael Stafford as satisfactory, and are satisfied that the County Council were not put to any loss by the absence of Michael Stafford from Haggard Quarry on 26th February, 1923".

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

Compulsory Acquisition of Quarries.  
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The following Minute of Finance and Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was submitted:-

"Under date 13th July, 1923, the following was read from Mr R W Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"With reference to the resolution of the Finance and Roads Committees to the compulsory acquisition of quarries. I write to say that the Council have not any power to acquire compulsorily quarries owned by private individuals and worked by them, beyond what is given by Section 162 of the Grand Jury Act, 1836, which gives a right to a Road Contractor or the County Surveyor to enter upon any lands for the purpose of getting gravel, stones, sand, or other material for the purpose of repairing any public work. Under this section, however, an application has to be made to the Justices for an order to enter the quarry and such Order, if granted, is only for a specifically named term of years and the only damage payable is for surface damage'.

"The County Surveyor having stated that he believed some of the quarries in question could be acquired by the Council in an amicable manner, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to report to the



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Council the terms upon which quarries, referred to at a recent meeting by Mr Shannon, County Councillor, can be taken over by the Council".

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John J O'Byrne, with a direction to the County Surveyor to present report to next meeting.

The County Surveyor stated he was closing down most of these quarries.

Lorries Crossing County Bridges.

The following minute of Finance and Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor reported:- 'I have to report that, on the 14th June, a heavy motor lorry, owned by Mr P Duff, Wexford, passed over Edermine Bridge and broke a number of planks in the bascule span. I am arranging for the immediate repair and consider that Mr Duff should be required to meet the cost, as such lorries are prohibited from crossing the bridge'.

"It was also stated that Mr Duff had brought a lorry and trailer across Wexford Bridge."

"After discussion, the following order was made:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have replaced notices, warning owners of lorries and heavy vehicles of the provisions of the by-laws, governing traffic across Bridges maintained by the County Council. That advertisements to the same effect be issued in the local papers. That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be directed to caution Mr Duff that, should he contravene the by-laws of the Council in regard to traffic over their Bridges in future, he will be proceeded against".

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

Wexford Bridge.

The following minute of Finance and Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was submitted:-



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"The County Surveyor recommended that Mr John Browne, contractor for Wexford Bridge, be paid £120 on foot of his contract.

"The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That, as recommended by County Surveyor, a sum of £120 be paid Mr John Browne on foot of his contract for repair of Wexford Bridge, which allows of a sum of £80 being retained by the Council to meet any claim to be made by the Military for the repairs which they carried out".

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

Midwives Act, 1918, and Central Midwives Board.  
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The following Minute of Finance and Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923, was submitted:-

"The Secretary read Circular 22005/1923, Miscellaneous, under date 30th June, 1923, from Ministry of Local Government, pointing out the duties which devolved on County Councils as "local Supervising Authorities over Midwives practising within their area. The explanatory memorandum, which accompanied the circular from the Ministry, was also dealt with.

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

"We recommend the County Council to inform the Ministry of Local Government that the present is, in our opinion, a most inopportune time for increasing the expenditure of County Councils".

The above was confirmed on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Shannon.

The following Minute was submitted from Finance and Roads Committee meeting of 3rd August, 1923:-

"Under section 13 of Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, the Central Midwives Board for Ireland wrote, under date 20th July, 1923, applying for £15:2:3, share due by Wexford County of £433:12:6, balance against the Board on the work of year to 31st December, 1922.

"The following recommendation was adopted:-



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"We recommend the County Council to take no action on demand for payment of £15:2:3 from Central Midwives Board~~ing~~ as the Committee consider the present an inopportune time to assume new liabilities of a quasi-State character".

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Shannon.

County Surveyor's Report re Bridges and Piers.  
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In connection with report of County Surveyor, the following Minute of Finance and Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was submitted:-

"In connection with the County Surveyor's report, relative to Bridges, the action of the County Surveyor in placing warning notices on bridges against excessive motor lorry traffic was approved.

"The County Surveyor was instructed to examine and report as to condition of Scarawalsh Bridge which, it was stated, was in a dangerous condition.

"With regard to Edermine Bridge, the Committee recommended the County Council to have the proposed repairs carried out, cost not to exceed £50.

"No order was made as regards Ferrycarrig Bridge, but the Chairman suggested that the metalling of Ferrycarrig Bridge should be renewed.

"As regards Carne Pier, the Finance and Roads decided to make no recommendation.

"It was decided that no action be taken for the present in reference to railing on Duncannon ~~xxx~~ or Slade Piers.

"The County Surveyor stated that it was absolutely necessary that the repairs at Kilmore Pier should be carried out.

"The following recommendation was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to have the necessary repairs to the breakwater and coping of Kilmore Pier carried out, cost not to exceed £150."



The recommendations of the Finance and Roads Committee, as set out above, were confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

The County Surveyor reported that Scarawalsh Bridge, which was in a dangerous condition, could be repaired at a cost of from £40 to £45.

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

"That Scarawalsh Bridge be repaired, cost not to exceed £45".

#### Lighting County Buildings.

The Finance and Roads Committee, at their meeting on 3rd August, 1923, directed the County Surveyor to enquire from the Wexford Corporation if it be possible to have an electric light installation provided for the County Buildings and at what cost.

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

#### Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

The following recommendation of Finance and Roads Committee of 6th July, 1923, was submitted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to point out to the Civic Guard that it would be well if they ascertained that all persons, who are selling Sheep Dip and the scheduled poisons under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, had the necessary licence from the County Council".

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

#### Assistant Surveyor, Thomas Cullen.

The following Minute of Finance and Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was submitted:-

"Mr T Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote, under date 27th July, 1923, asking for permission to purchase a motor car in the usual manner as his appointment had now been sanctioned by the



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Ministry of Local Government.

"The following recommendation was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to agree to the request of Mr Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, that he be empowered to purchase a motor car for the work of supervision of roads, etc.;"

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Hayes, seconded by Mr Shannon.

Under date 14th July, 1923, Mr Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, applied for the usual travelling allowance to cover cost of running motor cycle for period during which he was engaged as temporary Assistant Surveyor.

The following recommendation of Finance and Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was submitted:-

"We recommend the County Council to pay Mr Thomas Cullen travelling expenses - as provided by Circular R 104 of Local Government Department (27th April, 1923) - viz., 3d and 4d per mile for each appropriate period during the time he acted as temporary Assistant Surveyor, payment to be contingent on sanction of this proposal by Local Government Department, and period to be certified by County Surveyor".

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Hayes, seconded by Mr Shannon.

#### Register of Electors.

The following Minute was presented by Finance and Roads Committee (Meeting, 3rd August, 1923):-

"Under date 21st July, 1923, Mr J N Scallan, Clerk, Crown & Peace, applied for £680 to enable him to pay balance due to officers concerned for work done in connection with the preparation of the 1923-4 Register of Electors.

"The following recommendation was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to pay over to Clerk of Crown and Peace the sum of £680 to discharge liabilities in connection with preparation of current Register of Electors".

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



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Deputy Rate Checkers.

The following Minute of Finance and Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was submitted:-

"That we recommend that the Deputy Checkers of Rate Collectors' Accounts be paid remuneration at usual figure in respect of Rate for financial year ended March, 1923".

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

Typist and Shorthand Writer.

The Finance and Roads Committee submitted the following Minute (Meeting, 3rd August, 1923):-

"That the Secretary be empowered to engage a Shorthand-Typist, salary to be £2:5:0 for first three months, and £2:10:0 after this period, provided a report is received from the Secretary that good and satisfactory service has been rendered in the meantime".

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

Salary of Under Sheriff and County Court Crier.

The Finance and Roads Committee submitted the following recommendations (Meeting, 3rd August, 1923):-

"The Council are recommended to assume liability for payment of salary of Under Sheriff for period from January, 1922 to present date, but not for any period prior to above date".

"The Council are recommended to assume liability for payment of salary of Mr Timothy Long, County Court Crier, as from period January, 1922, to the present only".

The above recommendations were confirmed on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr John J O'Byrne.

Mr N E Walsh, Ex-Jail Official.

The Finance and Roads Committee submitted the following minute (Meeting, 3rd August, 1923):-

"Under date 16th July, 1923, Mr N E Walsh, 47 Upper Clanbrassil



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Street, Dublin, ex-Jail Official, applied for a reinstatement of his pension from the County Council, viz., £3:18:4 per annum.

"The following recommendation was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to re-instate pension of Mr N E Walsh, ex-Jail Official as from January, 1922".

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

Insurance County Council Motor Car.

The following Minute from Finance and Roads Committee meeting of 26th July, 1923, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor pointed out that it would be advisable if the Chevrolet Motor Car, owned by the Council, and at present in use by the Machinery Overseer, should be insured."

"Directions were given to the County Surveyor to have insurance effected".

Above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish.

Motor Car Acts Administration.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 3rd August, 1923, was submitted:-

"The County Council should request the Roads Department of Ministry of Local Government to offer some suggestions as to what contribution they intend making to the salary of Mr C H Richards, Local Taxation Officer, whose entire time is devoted to collection of Motor Duty, registration of cars and issuing drivers' licences; also, as to office expenses. In this connection we desire to point out that not one penny has been received from the Roads Department. In postage alone, a sum of over £20 has been spent on behalf of this Department, and the Council distinctly understood that they were not to be at any loss by their efforts to have the Motor Car Acts efficiently administered in their County".

Confirmed on the motion of Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr Hall.



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Expenses, Jurors Acts.  
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The Finance and Roads Committee (Meeting 6th July, 1923),  
submitted the following Minute:-

"An account for £10 for notifying, at Trinity Quarter Sessions, 1922, 200 jurors that they would not be required to attend, was received from the Under Sheriff, who pointed out that this account was posted to County Council Offices on 28th June, 1922, and was lost in a Post Office raid.

"The following recommendation was adopted:-

"The Finance and Roads Committee are of opinion that 5d per name would cover any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by Under Sheriff that Jurors would not be required at Quarter Sessions".

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



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Resolutions.

Resolutions as follows were received but no action taken thereon:-

Macroom Union and Rural District Council- and United Sinn Fein Clubs of Shelburne barony- release of prisoners; Rathdown Board of Guardians "Peace settlement which allowed political freedom of conscience" Land League- re Unpurchased Tenants" Waterford Co. Council- "Conditions prevailing in the Free State prison"; Dublin Co. Council Pathological Laboratory for research in connection with Insanity &c. "

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