

Wexford County Council
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Special Meeting - 22nd September,
1924

A Special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber Fortruin, Wexford, on 22nd September 1924.

Present: - Mr. E. P. Foley (Chairman) presiding; also present Messrs James Byrne, C. Bulleton, J. Cummins, R. Corish, P. Hayes, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, John G. O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender & James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, & Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed.

The Late Mr. Bulleton

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hayes: -

"That we offer our sincere & heartfelt condolence to our esteemed colleague Mr. C. Bulleton in the death of his father. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Mr. Bulleton by our Secretary."

In reply to this resolution the following acknowledgment was read from Mr. Bulleton: -

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter conveying resolution of sympathy from members of Finance Committee, and yourself & office staff, on the recent death of my father."

"I fully appreciate the sympathy of yourself & parties mentioned, & it is some consolation to have same on such a sad occasion."

"Thanking all"

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded

by Mr. P. Hayes it was decided that the above letter should be inserted on the minutes of meeting

Striking of Rate

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

"That we hereby strike the rate for General & Separate charges for financial year 1924-25 as agreed to at meeting of County Council on 22nd July 1924 as follows:-

Rural District	Agricultural Land		Other Hereditaments	
	Total Rate	Abatement under Local Government Rates on agricultural Land Act 1924	Net Rate raised in current year	Rate to be raised
Ennisceorthy	7/6	5/-	2/6	9/2d
Gorey	4/8	5/1	2/7	9/2d
New Ross	7/6	5/-	2/6	9/3d
Wexford	7/-	4/8	2/4	8/7

We allow & make the same as assessed in the Rate Books aid rates being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being as set out in the valuation lists furnished by the Commissioner of Valuation

"That the allowance of aid rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books signed by the Presiding Chairman & two members present at this meeting be adopted attested by the seal of the Wexford County Council & countersigned by the Secretary

"That the Demands of the Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Ennisceorthy, New Ross & Wexford be duly signed & sealed, the amounts demanded by the said Urban Councils being:-

District	Amount
Ennisceorthy	£2,146.3.7
New Ross	£2,121.3.10
Wexford	£4,260.14.3

Consideration of above was the special business of the meeting. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Objection to Personal Bond

Mr. John Sinnott, Rate Collector No. 10. Collection District, came before the meeting & complained that the direction to Rate Collectors to enter into a personal bond was unfair & should be withdrawn. He considered that the bond given through Guarantee Society against fraud & embezzlement was quite sufficient.

The Chairman explained that the Council had decided to get the Collection on the old footing & under which there was a bond providing for a collector carrying out his duties properly & lodging the full amount of warrant prior to the close of half year. The Council would not go back of this proposal & it was Mr. Sinnott's business to see that he procured personal bond; otherwise the Council would not be able to continue Mr. Sinnott in their service.

Notice of Motion - County Insurance Society

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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by the Chairman:-

"That the Wexford County Council approve of the adoption of the Model Rules (a) (1919 edition) in respect of County Wexford Insurance Society"

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

"That a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Hutchinson, Secretary to County Wexford Insurance Society, as to the formation of a Committee of Management. That our Secretary be requested to act with this Committee. That pending their report the motion of the Chairman as to adoption of Model Rules A (1919 edition) be adjourned"

The following were then appointed a Committee:-

The Chairman, Messrs R. Borish, P. Hayes & J. Sinnott.

Notice of Motion - Wages of Employees at Yara Hill

Mr. R. Borish submitted the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"That P. B. Byrne, foreman Yara Hill Quarry be paid a wage of £2: 10: 0 per week & that Thomas Gannon, engine attendant, at said Quarry be paid a wage of £2 per week while engaged at engine work"

After considerable discussion Mr. R. Borish altered his motion to read as follows:-

" That P. O. Byrne, foreman Mara Hill Quarry be paid a wage of £2: 10: 0 per week & that Thomas Gannon, engine attendant, at said Quarry, a wage of £2 per week these rates of wages to apply only while both men are engaged at engine work.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. James Byrne proposed that P. O. Byrne, Mara Hill, Gorey, be paid 38/- & Thomas Gannon 35/6d per week while engaged at engine work.

In reply to Mr. James Byrne the County Surveyor stated that the rate of wages proposed by Mr. Borish would apply for twelve weeks in the year only. P. O. Byrne was also in charge of from 8 to 14 men in the quarry. He permanent breaker & portable engine. There was no other quarry foreman doing similar work. O'Byrne was a blacksmith by trade & was able to carry out any running repairs to the machinery.

Mr. James Byrne said that in view of the fact that the new wages would apply only for 12 weeks in the year he would withdraw his amendment.

The resolution of Mr. Borish was then put & declared carried.

Rate Collection

In connection with complaint that cost incurred by Rate collectors for services of summons for poor rate was too high a letter under date 6th August 1924, (G. 34844 of 24) was read from the Ministry of Local Government that they had communicated with the Ministry of Justice in the matter.

The state of the Rate Collection showed that a sum of £1,597: 12: 3 was outstanding for Rates up to March 1923 & £4,021: 2: 10 in respect of financial year to March 1924.

Under date 28th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 32800-24 Wexford Co) that as regards the collection for 1922-23, it was noted that the amounts uncollected had remained practically the same for some considerable time. In order to have the collection brought to a close the collectors should forthwith submit lists of arrears for the Council's ruling & then for the ruling of the Ministry, the collectors to be called upon to lodge any amounts which were considered recoverable. The Ministry would consent to a similar arrangement as regards the 1923-24 Rate at the of August provided that the amounts outstanding in each district were substantially reduced. It was noted that four per cent of the

warrant for the year in question remained outstanding in 15 out of the 21 collection districts, while the collection in the following districts was particularly unsatisfactory:-

P. Walsh 8% outstanding; P. J. Sinnott 7%; P. B. Byrne 6%; J. Sinnott 11%; & M. Rowe 14%. It was with hesitation the Minister refrained from issuing Sealed Orders dismissing the most backward of the collectors but pending action under the Collection of Rates Act and the salutary effect which would probably be produced by proceedings against defaulters thereunder, the Minister would withhold taking final action for some time longer. The proposal that collectors must enter into Bonds in the prescribed form for the collection of Rates for 1924-25 should not be forgotten.

The following minute of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 16th September, 1924, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"The state of the Rate Collection was submitted by the Secretary & it was decided that the latter communicate with any collectors who have not yet furnished particulars of Outstanding & Irrecoverable Rates with a view to having the collection wound up."

The Secretary stated that a circular letter was issued to the collectors on the 12th instant directing them to submit the names & addresses of two solvent sureties who would be prepared to enter into a personal bond of £200 with the collector for the due & faithful discharge of his duties, including the lodgment of the full amount of warrant within each financial half year. This bond to be in addition to the fidelity guarantee bond to cover fraud or embezzlement.

The following names & addresses were submitted by the collectors named:-

Collector E. J. Murphy:-

Walter Gurlong, Bantay Commons, Rathnure.
 Luke Dwyer, Heathpark House, Ballynabola.

Collector Thomas Rowe:-

Edward Rowe, Bigerin, New Ross
 John Rowe, Yellarought, New Ross.

Collector W. Cummins:-

Lawrence Cummins Ballylucas, Ballymurn
 Robert O'Leary, Kilmallock, Ballymurn.

Collector P. O'Byrne:-

John Caulfield, Grange Upper Rathnure
 Thomas Coady, Carrageen, Rathnure
 Enniscorthy

Collector John J. O'Reilly

James Lavanagh, Garrynew, Killnaghy
 James Keane, Pankannessy Upper, Clonevan

Collector John J. Sinnott:-

Mrs Mary Keane, Pankannessy House, Clonevan
 Arthur Lavanagh, Garrynew, Clonevan.

Collector James Burke

William Burke, Ballymurn, Screen

Collector J. Curtis:-

Patrick Burke, Balhygro, Bridgeton

Lawrence Curtis, Ballinagrallagh, Rahen,
 Enniscorthy.

Denis Curtis, Carrigbyrne, Newbanon.

Collector John J. Kelly:-

James Barton, Kilthomas, Yeans
 Aidan O'Leary, Clonee, Camolin

Collector P. J. Sinnott:-

James Murphy, 92, South Main St. Wexford.
 Robert Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford.

Collector Joseph Cummins

Matthew O'Connor, 4 North Main St, Wexford
 Lawrence Cummins, Waterloo Rd. Wexford.

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

"That the names of the sureties submitted by Rate Collectors to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

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

"That all Collectors who have not furnished the names of personal sureties or who have not furnished statement of outstanding rates be directed to supply same within a week. That Finance &

Roads Committee be empowered to deal with these matters in order to bring about the close of the collection & to have personal bonds perfected without delay."

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That the Civic Guard Authorities be requested to furnish a return of the decrees for Rates which they have in hands & how the matter of the execution of these warrants stands generally as the Council are anxious to have the collection closed at once"

Passed.

Preparation of Rate Books & Receipt & Demand Note Books.

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

"That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to agree to the employment of five extra temporary clerks for preparation of Rate Books & Receipt & Demand Note Books for financial (~~year~~) period 1924-25. Otherwise the Rate collection will be held up & we are satisfied that the present staff of the is unable to do the work in the time allotted by the Ministry"

Application for Poundage Arrears

The following minute of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 16th September 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 8th September 1924, Mr. John A. Ryan, Ex-Rate Collector, Ballygorman, Bantown applied for poundage on £254: 13: 3 amount of rates collected by him.

'The Secretary stated that the amount in question was £7: 8: 6.

'The Finance & Roads Committee, at their meeting on the 10th December, 1923, had recommended payment but as the question of compensation to Ex-Rate Collectors had not then been settled the Council decided to hold over the application.

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

"We recommend the County Council now that the question of compensation etc. to Ex-Rate collectors has been settled to pay Mr. John A. Ryan, £7: 8: 6, amount of poundage due on £254: 13: 3 collected by him."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue.

Loan for Rebate of Rate on Agricultural Land.

The following minute of Finance & Roads Committee for meeting of 16th September 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 5th September 1924, the Manager National Bank, Wexford, wrote that the following are the terms:-

Period of Repayment:- 7 years in equal half-yearly instalments of Principal & Interest.

Rate = 5% fixed

Security Mortgage over the Rates supplemented by a lien on the Agricultural Grants.

Local Government Sanction:- Letter of authority from the Local Government Ministry to be obtained sanctioning the advance"

"A resolution was adopted asking the Council to represent to the Ministry the fact that when considering the question of taking advantage of the Rates on Agricultural Land Act the Council were of opinion that the amount of Interest which would be chargeable would be a maximum of 4½ per cent. If the Finance & Roads Committee had been aware that the Interest would have been fixed at 5% it is probable that the Committee would not have recommended the Council to put the Act in force"

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue.

Auditor's Report

Under date 2nd September 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (38960) forwarding the following copy of Report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford County Council:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the

accounts of the Wexford County Council for the four half-years ended 31st March, 1922, 30th September 1922; 31st March 1923 & 30th September, 1923. Certified copies of the abstracts are forwarded herewith.

All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.

Mr. Shannon proposed the following resolution:-

"That we express our great satisfaction at the result of audit of the County Council accounts, notwithstanding the burning of our records etc., & which compelled reconstruction of our accounts, & also the fact that the Council had been obliged to remove their offices on four occasions. We wish to convey our thanks to our staff for the loyal & able manner in which they carried on the work of this Council at all times."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Borish & passed *unanimously*.

Reports of Auditor of Ministry of Local Government on audit of accounts of Gorey Union (to March, 1923) Gorey R.D. Council (from September 1922 to 31st March, 1924 inclusive); New Ross R.D. Council (30th September, 1923 & 31st March 1924).

Wages Road & Quarry Workers

The following Minute of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 29th August, 1924, was submitted to the meeting:-

"Under date 1st August, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) wrote (2/24/32) that the Orders made under section 27 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 authorising the limit of expenditure on Roads in the County Wexford for the current financial year were based on a rate of wages of 28/- per week & unless the County Council was satisfied that this rate is below the average wage paid in the district & that an increase could be allowed without impairing road maintenance, having regard to the funds at their disposal in increasing

the wages of road labourers. While the Minister could not authorise an increase in wages to meet insurance contributions he would have no objection, subject to what has been stated as regards the road estimates, to the County Council increasing the wages payable to their road workers to 29/- per week.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Borish:-

"That in view of the fact that we have been informed by the County Surveyor that he can effectively carry on road & quarry work for the present financial year on a basis of a wage of 30/- per week to workers, and that road maintenance will be in no way impaired by this increase we request the Minister to sanction this amount & in view of his consent being forthcoming payment at the 30/- rate is to come effective as from date of meeting of County Council agreeing to same."

Under date 10th September, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (R/RU/32) stating that if the Council were satisfied that an increase of wages from 29/- per week to 30/- per week, to road labourers could be allowed without impairing road maintenance having regard to the funds available the Minister would not raise any objection to the proposal."

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed & Mr. Borish seconded the confirmation of the minute of Finance & Roads Committee & after some discussion this was agreed to.

Mileage Allowance Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 26th August, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (R/106) that, from 1st September, 1924 until further notice, the rates which may be authorised for journeys in cases in which travelling expenses are allowed by County Councils on a mileage basis should not exceed the following:-

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| (a) Motor cycles without side car | = 3 ^d per mile |
| (b) Motor cycles with side car, triars, & light cars up to 7 h.p. | = 4 ^d " " |
| (c) Four wheeled motor cars over 7 h.p. & under 10 h.p. | = 5 ^d " " |
| (d) motor cars of 10 h.p. & over | = 6 ^d " " |

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924 was submitted:-

"That as all cars used by our Assistant Surveyors are over 10 h.p., we recommend the Co. Council to approve of a mileage rate of 6^d per mile to these officers and as already fixed by the Council."

The foregoing recommendation was adopted on the

motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Coakish.

Wages Machinery Mtn.

Under date 5th September, 1924, the following was read from Ministry of Local Government:-
(Roads Department):-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th July, last & 23rd ultimo on the above-mentioned subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that, while he is aware that the Wexford County Council have recently purchased a substantial quantity of Road Plant, he considers that some explanation is required concerning the necessity for the proposed employment of so varied a staff. It appears that some members of the staff are being placed on scales of wages with increments which suggests that these men are to be constantly employed. Definite information should be furnished by the County Surveyor regarding the likelihood of constant employment & the necessity for a machinery Overseer, a mechanic, drill operator, drill blacksmith, carpenter, blacksmith (yard). It should ordinarily be more economical to have the work of a blacksmith & carpenter done by contract or piece rates. It is not clear what are the duties of the Machinery Overseer, whether he is merely acting in a supervising capacity or is engaged in mechanical repairs, what mechanical engineering qualifications he possesses & why it is necessary to have a mechanic in addition. The number of each grade proposed to be employed should also be stated and a statement of the total amount to be paid in wages for the upkeep of machinery in (say) the ensuing twelve months. As regards the position of "Engine Attendant" (Presumably Flagman or Vanman) there seems no reason why he should receive a higher rate of pay than that allowed to labourers."

Under date 13th September, 1924, the following reply was read from Mr. Barton, County Surveyor:-

"With reference to Local Government Department's letter (R/Rly/32), I beg to make the following observations taking the items in notation as in letter:-

(a) Instrument:- Machinery Overseer & Engine Attendant come within this & both must be constantly employed. The Overseer has a most responsible position & his wages should be on a rising scale as length of service (when an efficient man) is to the advantage of the County Council. The Engine Attendant should also be encouraged to remain on at his job as frequent changes are against the efficient working of the machinery (see list of duties for both these)

(b) Constant Employment. We have always endeavoured to provide constant employment for our workmen finding it tend to good work & efficiency. With few exceptions as set out later, we shall be able to so employ the Machinery Men. If employed at Ordinary Quarry or Road Work, when their special work is not available, the men will be paid only at labourers' rate

(c) Machinery Overseer absolutely essential (see duties)

(d) Mechanic required only occasionally when extensive repair work going on in Machinery Yard. The Overseer must be free to visit & keep in repair the other Machinery throughout the County.

(e) Drill Operator, required only from six to nine months in year. Provided with ordinary employment in Quarry or on Roads at labourers wage when not required for drill.

(f) Drill Blacksmith, essential when drill working, will travel round with drill & sharpen & shape all drills. Local Blacksmith not capable of doing this work. (note, waste of time even if they were):- our own men specially trained by our machinery Overseer who thoroughly understands this job.

(g) Carpenter required only occasionally for repair to vans, borrows & other timber work. Up to present has been employed in making sectional Quarry huts, borrows etc.

(h) Yard Blacksmith:- required constantly for repair work to Machinery - most of this work cannot be left to an ordinary local smith & if sent to a large workshop will cost more & there will be delay, & most probably not as good work as done by a specially trained man under the supervision of Machinery Overseer. When not engaged at Machinery repair work is employed on making & repairing Quarry & Road tools - bars, wedges, picks etc.

2. (i) Machinery Overseer's Duties as set out. Is engaged in supervision & adjustment of all machinery, carries out actual repairs except as set out under "Mechanic" & those latter are supervised directed & when necessary assisted by Overseer. Has mechanical engineering qualification - served two years with Messrs Ransome Sims & Jeffries as engineering apprentice - has worked under present County Surveyor (who himself has had mechanical engineering training in Inchicore Railway Works & 20 years experience of Road Machinery) and certified by County Surveyor as a most efficient workman & Overseer. Has been with the County Council (except when all work closed down) since 1914.

(j) Carpenters & Local Blacksmiths are almost always employed by piece work or "Contract of service" - the County Council supplying materials.

(k) Necessity for Mechanic in addition to Overseer. see above. (d)

(l) With present Machinery including that under Order the following staff will be required:-

Overseer			
Six Traction Engine Drivers	= 52 weeks at £5		= £260: 0: 0.
Six Traction Engine attendants	= 52 " " £3		= £156: 0: 0.
Six Roller Drivers	= 52 " " £2		= £104: 0: 0.
Six Roller Attendants	= 52 " " £3		= £156: 0: 0.
One Steam Lorry Driver	= 52 " " £2		= £104: 0: 0.
One Steam Lorry Attendant	= 52 " " £3		= £156: 0: 0.
One Portable Engine Driver at Vera Hill Quarry	= 12 " " £2		= £24: 0: 0. (wages not yet fixed)
Three Drill Operators	= 30 " " £3		= £90: 0: 0.
Three Drill Blacksmiths	= 30 " " £3		= £90: 0: 0.
One yard Blacksmith	= 52 " " £3 10/-		= £182: 0: 0.
One Storekeeper & Blacksmith's Helper	= 52 " " £2 10/-		= £130: 0: 0.
One yard Labourer & Assistant to Blacksmith's Helper	= 52 " " £1 8/-		= £72: 16: 0.
One Mechanic (say)	12 " " £3 12/-		= £43: 4: 0.
One Carpenter (say)	8 " " £3 12/-		= £28: 16: 0.
			<u>£4,660: 16: 0</u>

It should be noted that these wages are covered by charges made against quarries & roads for use of Machinery & do not represent extra expenditure. All

Machinery expenditure eventually comes out of the Road Proposals.

(m) Engine attendant or Ylagman, the hours of work are longer than those of an ordinary labourer - he must work before 8 a.m., and after 6 p.m., also in many ways his work is specialised (see list of duties). I consider it most advisable to pay at a higher rate than ordinary labour. Finally, I am certain that the staff as above set out is absolutely necessary for the efficient working of the County Machinery & I consider the wages fixed are not excessive for good reliable men who will take an interest in their work.

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

"That we approve of reply of County Surveyor to queries from Ministry of Local Government as to wages and employment of machinemymen being forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government with list of duties of Assistant Surveyors, Machinery Overseer, Engine Drivers and attendants submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor."

The following Minute of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924, was submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hayes the following men were recommended to the County Council for appointment as Engine Drivers and attendants:-

Six Tractor Engine Drivers:-

Thomas Breen, c/o W. Murphy, Main St. Ennisceathy
 Michael Doyle, Carrigeen, Yemo.
 John Byrne, Scar, Duncormack.
 Michael Lawlor, Gorey.
 John Carroll, Kilmannock, Camysile
 John Harrahan, Mohurry, Ballindaggin
 Ennisceathy.

Six attendants:-

John Breen, Springmount, Kiltanne.
 James O'Brien Mount Howard, Monamolin.
 Peter Power, Kerlogue, Wexford.
 John Dempsey, Gorey.
 J. Redmond, Monalee, Ballindaggin.
 Philip Roche, Ballybrennan, Bree.

Steam Wagon Driver:-

John O'Neill, Blackstoops, Ennisceathy - ✓
Attendants:-

Six Poller Drivers:

Jeremiah Yelin, Shroughmore, Ballindaggin
Edward Hanrahan
John Murphy, Shroughmore, Glimpseshanbo, Toms
Patrick Bolger, Knocknabour, Ballyroebuck, Toms
Michael Mc Gee, Bullinstown, Gaultsmills

The recommendation to appoint Hugh Kenny, Aske, Gully, was not accepted as this man is employed by Mr. Edward Hanrahan, St. John's Ennisceorthy, at engine work and County Surveyor was directed to submit a new name.

Dail Eireann Loan

Under date 8th August, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (S. 35928-24 Wexford County) asking for repayment of £4,400 advanced by Dail Eireann to the Wexford County Council on 14th August 1921.

The Ministry requested that the capital sum with interest should be repaid at next meeting of the Council.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That, when the Wexford County Council will receive sanction to loan in connection with abatement of two-thirds of amount to be raised on agricultural land, already applied for, they will be in a position to repay the loan of £4,400 received from Dail Eireann with interest thereon"

Ex-Rate Collectors

A number of letters were read from Ministry of Local Government including S. 37851/24 under date 18th August, 1924; S. 37410/24 under date 15th August, S. 37167/24 under date 15th August & S. 36089/24 under date 6th August, with enclosures as to the cases of Ex-Rate Collectors Smith & Co. & Co.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

"We recommend the County Council to point out to the Ministry that the Wexford County Council have refused to recognise the Ex-Rate Collectors in any way and the Committee consider it is the business of the Ministry to see that these men are not paid money which is due by them to this Council."

The following minute of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924 was submitted:-

"Under date 13th September, 1924, (S. 38821/24) the Ministry of Local Government wrote that it was noted that Mr. G. B. Smith, Ex-Rate Collector for Wexford County had retained as poundage on the sums collected in respect of the second moiety for year ended 31st March, 1921, £124: 8: 9. The Ministry asked the views of the Council as to whether the amount retained by Mr. Smith as poundage might be regarded as reasonable remuneration for the work carried out by him in connection with the collection of the second moiety of the rate for that year."

"The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"We consider it to be the business of the Ministry to see that any monies due by Ex-Rate Collectors to the Council should be retained by the Ministry & paid over to the Council. This Committee cannot advise any action by the Council which would recognise the Ex-Rate Collectors in any way."

"Under date 16th September, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (S. 41592/24) that it would appear that the resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted without due consideration of the position & of the responsibilities of the County Council in the matter."

"The County Council were the proper authority to take action to recover any monies that they consider were properly due by the Ex-Rate Collectors. There was no power under the Local Officers Compensation (War period) Act, 1924, to withhold payment of pensions or gratuities from any of the Ex-Officials in satisfaction of sums stated to be due to the local authority of which they were formerly officers."

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

"That, Mr. Egee, Solicitor, be directed to obtain a Garnishee Order against the Ministry of Local Government in respect of amounts due by ex-Rate collectors who are being paid pensions or gratuities under Local Officers Compensation (War Period) Act, 1924".

Stoppage From Government Grants

Communications were received from the Ministry of Finance that sums had been stopped from Government Grants due Wexford County Council owing to default of the Rural Councils to pay the instalments of loans due the Irish Land Commission as follows.

Ennisconny R.D.	£452: 8: 0
Gorey	£331: 5: 10
New Ross	£221: 0: 0

Under date 26th August, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote that a sum of £552: 5: 10 had been retained out of Agricultural Grant being amount of arrears due by R.D. Councils in repayment of advances made by Irish Land Commission under the Labourers Act, viz: -

Gorey	£331: 5: 10
New Ross	£221: 0: 0

It was decided that the Rural District Councils concerned be debited with the amount of these deductions

Sanction - Mr. Yreanor as Deputy Surveyor & Mr. P. O'Neill, Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 30th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (R/RS/32) sanctioning the payment to Mr. O'Neill, Temporary Assistant Surveyor, at 3d per mile for vouched travelling expenses for motor cycle in lieu of amount sanctioned for use of motor car.

Under date 5th August, 1924, the Ministry wrote (R/RS/32) stating they had noted that Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, had been granted a further month's sick leave to the 11th August. The Ministry would not raise any objection to Mr. Gleanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, acting as Deputy County Surveyor or to Mr. O'Neill acting as Temporary Assistant Surveyor, at a salary calculated at the rate of £170 per annum + 3^d per mile for use of motor cycle, during Mr. Barry's absence.

Remuneration Deputy County Surveyor.

The following recommendation was received from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924.

"Under date 18th August, 1924, Mr. Gleanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, applied for £30 remuneration at £4 per week while acting as Deputy County Surveyor from 20th June, 1924, to the 11th August, 1924.

It was decided that the County Council be recommended to pay the amount.

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

Sanctioning Payment - Mr. Gleanor Acting Deputy Co. Surveyor.

Under date 10th September 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (R/RL/32) sanctioning payment of £30 to Mr. Gleanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, for acting as County Surveyor during the absence of the County Surveyor from 20th June to 11th August, 1924.

Sanction to Overdraft

Under date 29th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (B. 34167/1924 Wexford County) sanctioning the continuance of overdraft not exceeding £50,000 for Wexford County Council to the 30th September, 1924, with interest as already agreed to.

The following recommendation from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924, was submitted:-

"That Ministry of Local Government be requested to extend period of overdraft until such

time as loan in connection with Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land has been received."

Under date 20th September, 1924, the Manager, National Bank, wrote that the Subsidiary a/c was overdrawn by £57,400 (£50,000 sanctioned) while the General a/c was only in credit £1,429 & asked that the matter would be attended to.

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon with the following addition:-

"That as considerable outlay is being incurred in temporarily financing work on grant roads we request the Minister of Local Government to consent to an overdraft of at least £10,000 in addition to loan under the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924.

Damaged Bridges

Under date 4th September 1924 the Ministry of Local Government wrote (DB/202) asking to have the location of bridges in the County damaged prior to 20th March, 1923. The Minister hoped to be in a position to notify Grants towards repair or reconstruction of bridges damaged between 11th July, 1921 & 20th March, 1923. (Post Office) which had not been permanently repaired. The question of (a) the repair etc. of bridges damaged prior to the 11th July, 1921, and of (b) the reimbursement of the cost already defrayed by many Councils in carrying out repair etc. to bridges damaged will be dealt with later. Meantime the intention was to make Grants available for work yet to be done & so provide employment and, at the same time, secure the completion of the necessary work.

The County Surveyor submitted a report in conformity with the above. The cost of repairing the bridges he estimated at £4,000.

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

"That the County Surveyor's report be approved & forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government. That the latter be requested to reconsp, as soon as possible, the expenditure which has been made by the County Council on damaged road bridges etc., up to the present & to see that there will be no delay in paying for any future repair of same."

Drainage (Maintenance) Act, 1924

The Ministry of Local Government forwarded copy of Drainage (Maintenance) Act 1924, providing for the transfer of drainage business to County Councils etc.

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

"That the Drainage (Maintenance) Act, 1924, be referred to the County Surveyor for special report as to how Wexford County Council may be affected thereby"

Local Elections - Postponement

The Local Elections Postponement (Amendment) Act, 1924 & the Local Elections (Postponement) (No. 2) Order, 1924, fixing the date of the statutory elections of County Councillors for 15th January, 1925 & first meeting of new Councils on 29th January, 1925, were read for the meeting

Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924

Under date 25th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government forwarded copy of above Act from which they pointed out it would be noted that special powers are now available for the examination of debtors & recovery of sums due by them. The Minister suggested that these provisions would be of considerable assistance to Rent & Rate Collectors & that the attention of the latter should be called to the provisions in question.

The Secretary stated that he had had a print made of Part 3 of the Act & had forwarded same to the Rate Collectors of the Council.

Superannuation Acts

Under date 21st July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P. 30385/24 miscellaneous) pointing out the various conditions necessary for superannuation to officers in the Public Service.

Trunk Road Grants

Under date 6th September, 1924 (SLS4/179) the Ministry of Local Government wrote that arrangements had been made for the payment of £127 in respect of Grant £1,100 to Ennisceathy Urban District Council - (£1,000,000 Grant).

Under date 14th August, 1924 (SLS4/131) the Ministry of Local Government wrote that £500 had been transferred in connection with Grant £2,200, to Wexford Urban District Council (£1,000,000 Grant) & under date 13th August, 1924, a sum of £396 on foot of Grant £3,510 to Wexford County Council (£100,000 Grant) and a sum of £160 in connection with Grant of £1,200 to New Ross Urban District

Payment for Work on Trunk Roads

The County Surveyor pointed out that only 80% of the Government Grant for Trunk Roads was available until the entire work had been completed & he wished to know what arrangements would be made for the payment of the remainder 20%.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924, was submitted:-

"That the attention of the Ministry of Local Government be called to the statement of County Surveyor as regards payment for work on trunk roads & that he be asked to state how the work is to be financed to completion"

The following minute of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924, was also submitted:-

"Under date 9th September, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P/854/32) stating that payment would be made out of Trunk Road Grant (£1,000,000) equal to the full amount expended by the Council, together with a sum equal to one month's estimated expenditure, until 80% of the Grant had been paid & according to conditions of payment in Circular (854/201 of the 18th February last). When the conditions under which the Grant had been made had been complied with the outstanding balance of the Grant would be paid.

A resolution was adopted asking the County Council to put before the Ministry of Local Government the query as to whether the 20% expenditure necessary to finish the work, should in the first instance, have to be found by the County Council."

The recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean B'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

New Ross Petty Sessions Office

Under date 14th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (S. 31-593 Wexford County) that Mr. H. J. McKenna, Esq. C. P. S., claimed £15 for rent of office used for the purpose of Petty Sessions at New Ross from the 29th July, 1921 to 31st December, 1922.

The Ministry pointed out that the attention of the Council had been already called to the matter & they trusted the Council would now see their way to pay the sum in question.

The following recommendation was adopted which was submitted from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 24th August, 1924:-

"That we point out to the Ministry of Local Government in connection with the claim of Mr. H. J. McKenna, for £15 for rent of Petty Sessions Office at New Ross, that this Council never entered into any agreement with Mr. McKenna to pay rent for same."

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

Application - Increase of Salary -
Mr. D. Radford.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924, was read:-

"Under date 26th August, 1924, Mr. D. Radford, (County Surveyor's Department) applied for an increase of salary. He stated he was appointed on 1st September, 1920 at 30/- per week which was increased in July to 40/-. As the wage of an unskilled labourer in Wexford was 50/- per week he was sure the Council would recognise the justice of his request & raise his salary to 50/-."

"Mr. Borish proposed:- "That we recommend the Council to increase the salary of Mr. D. Radford, (Clerical Assistant County Surveyor's Department), from 40/- to 45/- per week."

"Mr. Hayes seconded."

"A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Borish & Hayes - 2

Against: The Chairman & Mr. Doyle - 2.

Mr. O'Byrne did not vote. The Chairman gave his casting vote against the proposal with the result that the application was refused."

Mr. Hall proposed & Mr. John J. O'Byrne seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr. Bulleton proposed & Mr. Borish seconded as an amendment:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee refusing to increase salary of Mr. D. Radford and that his remuneration be fixed at 45/- per week."

"A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment: - Messrs Plender, Shannon, J.

Bunnins, P. Hayes, Bulleton & Borish - 6

Against: - Messrs Hall, O'Donoghue & O'Byrne.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne declined to vote. The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put on the substantive motion it was adopted nem. con.

Salaries of Assistant Surveyors

The following was read from Assistant Surveyors Messrs R. J. Ennis, G. H. Birthistle, G. Bullen, J. Hehol, & W. H. Jones under date 8th August, 1924:-

"We, the undersigned, Assistant Surveyors are disappointed with your rather curt treatment of our recent application for an increase of salary & hope the matter will receive more favourable consideration at your meeting on the 11th instant. In view of our admittedly good work last year we ask you to receive a deputation in the matter.

Messrs Ennis, Birthistle & Bullen attended as a deputation

Mr. Birthistle said his salary was £3: 10: 0 per week, a figure which spoke for itself. Carpenters & other skilled employees were receiving £3: 12: 6. They finished work at 5 o'clock & had no further responsibilities. The net salary he had per month was £8: 12: 6. Mr. Bullen had the same amount while Mr. Ennis received a little more.

Mr. Ennis said that the stipend per mile allowed for motor car only covered the running expenses & left no margin to recover the money deducted each month from salary to cover cost of car.

Mr. Birthistle said that the Surveyors had to meet heavy repair bills. It was only recently he had to meet a bill of £25.

Mr. Ennis said the Assistant Surveyors expected a salary of £350 rising to £400 by increments of £10 per annum.

Mr. Hall proposed:- "That the application for increase of salary by Assistant Surveyors be referred to the new County Council"

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Borish seconded by Mr. Shannon & adopted:-

"That the application of Assistant Surveyors for an increase in their salaries be referred to Finance & Roads Committee with a view to comparing the position of the Assistant Surveyors in Wexford Co. with the position of Assistant Surveyors in other Counties"

Mr. Hall then withdrew his resolution and the amendment was put and passed nem. con.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed & Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Ministry of Local Government be asked to inform the Wexford County Council what the 6^d per mile allowance for motor car really represents. Does it cover cost of depreciation & average cost of repairs at the hands of a reasonably skilled motor driver?"

Confirmation Appointment Mr. Y. Moore (County Surveyor's Department)

The Secretary stated that Mr. Y. Moore was appointed Clerical Assistant in the County Surveyor's office on 3rd August, 1923. The Ministry of Local Government wrote on 30th October, 1923, (R/S/32) approving of Mr. Moore's temporary appointment for one year on probation.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Moore had discharged his duties in a satisfactory manner, he recommended Mr. Moore's permanent appointment.

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

"That the Ministry of Local Government be asked to agree to the permanent appointment of Mr. Y. Moore (County Surveyor's Department), in view of the fact that during his twelve months probationary period he has discharged his duties with satisfaction"

Award of University Scholarships

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924 was submitted:-

"Applications for award of University Scholarships were received from the following:-

1. Beakey Kathleen, Ballykilly Upper, Coolgreany	Marks = 680
2. Bolger Kathleen M. Henry Street, New Ross (1 st place Senior Grade English, Honors, (French only)	= 1039.
3. Curtin G. J., John Street, Wexford. (failed Intermediate)	= 343.
4. Doyle John, Distillery Road, Wexford. (failed Intermediate)	= 550
5. Gurlong James B. Selkar St. Wexford (failed Intermediate)	= 725
6. Horan Desmond C., 2, Upper Rowe St. Wexford (failed Irish, Algebra)	= 530.
7. Keegan Thomas, 6, Francis St. Wexford. (complied with all conditions of Scheme)	= 977.
8. Malone Thomas, 3, Rose Yerrace, Wexford (complied with Scheme)	= 899.
9. Sinnott Richard, 95, North Main Street, Wexford (failed in Irish)	= 728
10. Whelan Patrick, Slaney House, Ennisconthy (Honors in Physics only)	= 1315

The Secretary mentioned that Messrs Curtin, Doyle & Gurlong, failed the Intermediate Examination; Beakey failed in algebra, Horan failed in Irish & algebra, Sinnott failed in Irish while Bolger & Whelan did not obtain Honours in two subjects.

In connection with the application of Mr. Patrick Whelan, Slaney House, Ennisconthy, who is only 16 years old it was mentioned that the rule either of the Intermediate Commissioners or College had not allowed him to take Honours in two subjects.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"We recommend the County Council to award University Scholarships to:-

Thomas Keegan, 6, Francis Street, Wexford &
Thomas Malone, 3, Rose Yerrace, Wexford.

who have complied with all the conditions of University Scholarships Scheme. That as regards the case of Patrick Whelan, Slaney House, Ennisconthy, we direct our Secretary to make enquiries & ascertain if it be a rule of the Intermediate Commissioners or of Colleges that boys who are only 16 years & are not allowed to take honours in two subjects."

Continuing University Scholarships

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

"That we recommend the County Council to award continuing Scholarships to the following:-

Christopher J. Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford.
John Mooney, Kilkinne, Enniscorthy.
M. J. Howlett, Shelbaggin, Ramsgange.
J. J. Horan, Bowe Street, Wexford.
Stephen Finlone, South Main St., Wexford.
Christopher Whelan, Greywell, New Ross.
Thomas M. Kehoe, Mon. Midbrankin
Catherine Carty, George Street, Wexford.
Patrick J. Murphy, Slaney Streets, Wexford.

That as the auditor has intimated his intention to surcharge payments made in connection with Scholarships awarded to Mr. P. M. Hayes, South Main Street, Wexford, we cannot see our way to recommend the continuance of Scholarships to this student for the coming year.

In connection with Scholarships awarded to Mr. D. P. Phelan, Summerville, Wexford, as he neglected to present himself for examination at second year's college examination in Commerce we withhold recommendation as to award, pending result of Examination in Autumn. We note from his letter of the 8th July, 1924, he states that his studies were interrupted in May owing to the illness & death of his mother.

Reports from University College, Dublin as to progress & attendance of the remaining University Students were regarded as satisfactory.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee from meeting of 16th September, 1924, was also submitted:-

University Scholarships

"In connection with award of University Scholarships the Secretary stated that, as regards

the last of Mr. Patrick Whelan held over from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August 1924. It was not a rule of the Intermediate Commissioners that students who are only 16 years old were debarred from competing for Honours in more than one subject. It appeared that Mr. Whelan did not take Honours papers in two subjects owing to a rule of his school.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That in view of the intimation from Auditor that he will surcharge amount paid for Scholarships (the holder of which in 1923 did not obtain Honours in two subjects as laid down in the conditions of the Scholarships Scheme) we cannot see our way to recommend the Council to award a Scholarship to any student who has not obtained Honours in two subjects."

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

"That we confirm the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee agreeing to award of continuing University Scholarships to Holders of same & whose names have been submitted to this meeting & also University Scholarships to Thomas Keegan, 6, Francis Street, Wexford & Thomas Malone, 3, Rose Terrace Wexford. That the Council consider at their next meeting the advisability of awarding University Scholarships to Patrick Whelan, Slaney House, Ennisworthy & Kathleen M. Bolger, Henry Street, New Ross, in view of the high positions which they obtained at the recent Intermediate Examination."

Mr. Borish gave notice of motion to move at next meeting that University Scholarships be awarded Mr. Whelan & Miss Bolger.

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

"That in view of the changes which have been made recently as regards Secondary Education, we request the Ministry of Education to suggest any changes in University Scholarships Scheme of Wexford County Council which he considers desirable."

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

"That as we are informed by University Authorities that it was not necessary for the purpose of obtaining his B. Comm. Degree for Mr. D. P. Phelan to sit for second year College Examination we hereby agree to award of continuing University Scholarships to him"

An application was received from continuing University Scholarships Holders to vary the method of

payment of pension.

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

"That we cannot see our way to alter the present procedure as regards payments of instalments under University Scholarships Scheme"

Primary Scholarships Scheme

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924, was read:-

"The following is the result of the Examination for award of Primary Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools which was held by the Ministry of Education on the 7th, 8th & 9th July, 1924, at Ennisceothly:-

	Marks
1. John J. Hunt, Rath, Duncormack.	= 736
2. Eileen Owens, Crossstown, Wexford.	= 562
3. Margaret Wall, Irish Street Buncelody.	= 453
4. Mary E. Hughes, Irish St. Hill Buncelody.	= 451.
5. Lily Reville, Burrow, Rosslare	= 421.
6. L. Kearney, Monaseed Gory.	= 417.
7. Minnie Redmond, Marshallstown, Ennisceothly	= 394.
8. Andrew A. Doyle, Ballyneenas, Buncelody	= 374.
9. Mary E. McDonagh, 13, Main St., Gory.	= 356
10. Mary E. O'Brien, Rathminery, Gorsevane	= 345
11. Jane E. O'Boyle, Annagh, Inch, Gory	= 308
12. Maggie Robinson, Garden City, Gory.	= 301.
13. Winifred Fortune, Knockavota, Gory	= 250.
14. Patricia J. Keegan, Legnaclogh, Boolavogue	= 233.

The Secretary mentioned that History & Geography were essential subjects; none of the students had obtained the requisite 50% in History & only one student secured 50% in Geography.

The following appeared to have qualified for refund of necessary expenses in attending Examination:- Reville, Hunt, Owens, Wall, Hughes, & Kearney.

A statement was made that there had been a case of personation at the examination Mary E. Hughes who took fourth place on the list had been impersonated by

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lavis seconded by Mr. Hayles:-

"That we request the Ministry of Education to supply the County Council with a set of examination papers for the recent examination in connection with award of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools held in Ennisceorthy on the 7th, 8th, and 9th July, 1924, & that the question of award of Scholarships be held over for the present. It was also decided that investigations as to the truth of the rumour in respect of peroration at the foregoing Examination be postponed for the present.

Reports as to progress & conduct of holders of Primary Scholarships were read & the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lavis seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"We recommend continuing Scholarships at Secondary Schools be awarded:-

John G. Dillon, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown
B. Larrissy, Duncannon.

Edward Green, Duncannon.

Mrs Katherine C. O'Keefe, The Moor, Bridgetown

Mrs B. Bernley, Foxcove, Monaseed, Gorey.

Mrs M. Grayne, Courtmacuddy, Ennisceorthy

John Stafford, Polballagh, Duncannon.

John G. Kenny, Irish Street, Buncledy.

Mrs M. Bernley, Foxcove, Monaseed, Gorey.

Mrs Stacia Dunne, Ballybrannis, Ennisceorthy.

Mrs G. Bullen Bellefield, Ennisceorthy.

Laurence Hart, Yominelashy, Blarney.

Bridget Yunge, Kilbride, Gorey.

Bridget Doyle, Kilmahur, Gorey.

Recommendations as to amendments in the Scheme of Primary Scholarships were received from Wexford County Committee of Irish National Teachers' Organization. Those asked that Scholarships should be extended for a fourth year & that third standard Irish be substituted for 5th, the present requirement.

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

"That the views of the Ministry of Education be requested as to the proposed changes in Primary Scholarships Scheme recommended by the County Wexford Committee of the National Teachers' Organization."

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee, 4th July, 1924, was submitted:-

"Award of Primary Scholarships was held over from Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 29th August, 1924, as no candidate qualified in History & only one in Geography and the Ministry of Education was asked, in the meantime, to supply a set of the papers issued at the Examination.

The Secretary laid before the meeting the examination papers in the various subjects.

After examination the Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That having inspected the papers set at recent examination for award of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools we cannot see our way to recommend the award of any Scholarships for the present year."

In connection with case of alleged personation at the examination, a letter was read from the Ministry of Education that if the assistance of Mr. Dundon, Inspector, & who acted as Superintendent at Examination, was required, he would be available, and if the Ministry was made aware of the dates on which his attendance was necessary they would issue instructions to him accordingly.

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

"We regret to find that none of the candidates who presented themselves for examination at recent Primary Scholarships Examination qualified in History & one only in Geography, in view of this fact we are reluctantly compelled to confirm the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee that no Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools be awarded; that as regards case of alleged personation no further action be taken as the Council have not incurred any loss; that continuing Scholarships as recommended by Finance & Roads Committee be agreed to, that the ^{necessary} expenses to allow of attendance at recent Primary Scholarships

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the following students; Hunt, Owens, Wall, Reville & Kearney."

New Ross Hospital

The Secretary, County Wexford Board of Health, submitted report of conference between Boards of Health for Counties Carlow, Kilkenny, & Wexford, for the purpose of discussing & arranging terms for the maintenance of patients sent to New Ross Auxiliary Hospital from Ida & Idroone Districts.

An agreement had been arrived at under which the Boards of Health of Carlow & Kilkenny agreed to pay a fee of 16/- per head per week for patients from Ida & Idroone Districts treated in the Hospital, which sum was deemed to cover expenses of maintenance & establishment. This agreement was accepted by County Wexford Board of Health on condition that the burial expenses of patients from Ida & Idroone Districts would be borne by the Co. Boards of Health concerned.

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

"That we approve of the agreement which has been entered into by the County Boards of Health for Carlow, Kilkenny & Wexford as regards utilization of New Ross Hospital by the two first mentioned Boards"

Amalgamation Pension

The Secretary stated that a complaint had been made that pension to Michael Yurlong, late porter Enniscorthy Union, had not been paid. This man was granted a pension of £10 a year but the Enniscorthy Guardians had increased it to £26 and as the latter did not appear to have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government he could not see his way to recommend, to pay until sanction was forthcoming. He had submitted particulars of the case to the Ministry of L. G. and in reply had received letter under date 5th September, 1924 (P. 38445/1924) asking him to procure & forward to the Ministry a copy of the resolution of the late Enniscorthy Board of Guardians voting the pension in this case; copy of resolution purporting to increase the pension, and

any other relevant correspondence. He (Secretary) had forwarded copy of this letter to Mr. Connolly, late Clerk Ennisceathy Guardians, and to Mr. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health, but had not received any replies up to the present.

Tuberculosis Committee - Continuance of Dental Treatment at Dispensaries

Under date 28th July, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (P.H. 31988/24, Wexford County) approving of the arrangement which had been made for the continuance of dental treatment at dispensaries to patients under the County Wexford Tuberculosis Scheme on the same terms as heretofore & subject to the ratification by the County Council.

A recommendation was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee at meeting of 29th August, 1924, asking the County Council to agree to the proposal to continue dental treatment to persons attending the Tuberculosis Dispensaries of the County.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Interest on Overdraft - Wexford Guardians

Under date 9th September, 1924, Mr. Y.D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health, wrote that with reference to list of sanctions which were sought by County Wexford Board of Health from Ministry of Local Government the latter, in connection with the question of Interest on Overdraft for Wexford Board of Guardians, stated, that the matter might be referred to the County Council.

A resolution was adopted by the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 16th September, 1924, asking the Co. Board of Health, in the circumstances

under which the Overdraft was incurred & the period in respect of which it was in existence

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

Rent R.D. Council Offices

Under date 26th May, 1924, Mr. Y. D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Wexford Board of Health, wrote that his Board had asked the Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross & Wexford to pay a rent of £10 per annum for use of R.D. Council offices

New Ross agreed but Enniscorthy refused on the ground that the institution had been built by the Ratepayers and that as the institution had been erected by the Ratepayers, the District Councillors were the proper people to have use of the offices

It was decided by Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 29th August, 1924, that no action be taken in the matter for the present but that if Rural District Councils are not abolished it be further considered by the Council.

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

County Surveyor's Reports

Under date 26th August, 1924, the County Surveyor wrote asking for permission for telephone installation in Machinery Yard Enniscorthy.

It was decided by Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924, that the matter be referred to Messrs J. Hall & Sean O'Byrne as a Committee to report.

The County Surveyor wrote under same date that to provide for the efficient & economical working of the rolling plant he recommended the purchase of 36 suits of overalls. This would allow of work being carried out even in the worst weather.

It was decided by Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924, that Mr. Barty, County Surveyor, obtain quotations for water proof suits requisitioned by him.

Under date 9th August, 1924, the County Surveyor reported ^{that} in connection with the balances of old British grants for roads the Ministry of Local Government asked if County Council

proposed completing the works under original specifications. Owing to the great increase in price since estimates were first made out it would be impossible to complete the work now within the money. Provision had been made for the improvement of most of the roads covered by these grants & he suggested that a small committee be appointed to go into the matter & decide on what portion, if any, of the old Grants might be taken up.

The following were appointed by Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September 1924, a committee to deal with the matter: - The Chairman, Mr. Borish & Hayes.

The County Surveyor submitted quotations for waterproof suits but it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall, to advertise for tenders.

The appointment of the Chairman (Mr. E. P. Foley), Messrs Borish & Hayes, to deal with the question of old British Road Grants was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall.

Assistant Surveyors - Blasting Work & Control of Machinery

The following is an extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August 1924:-

"Under date 27th August 1924, the following was read from Messrs. J. Kehoe, J. H. Birthistle & R. J. Ennis, J. Bullen, & W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyors, & Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer:-

"We, the Undersigned, would be obliged if you would bring the following matter to the notice of the Co. Council:-

"That we most emphatically protest against the charges of inefficiency & carelessness which, according to the local press were implied by some

members at last meeting of the Council when special reference was made to the recent accident whilst blasting."

"In connection with this matter the County Surveyor wrote, under date 26th August, 1924, that arising out of the discussion on the notice of motion by Mr. Borish as to control of Machinery & quarries the Machinery Overseer & five Assistant Surveyors had notified him that they would not accept any responsibility for blasting operations while they remained under the imputation of carelessness or inefficiency in connection with this work. They asked that the County Council should recognise that the blasting work had been always carried out with the utmost care & only by reliable persons. (The County Surveyor) had considered the advisability of making the suggested change in the supervision of quarries & machinery and, was of opinion, that the present system as modified or defined according to list of duties which he would submit for Machinery Overseer, Assistant Surveyors & engine men, should continue. He asked that a small special committee should be appointed to consider the draft of duties."

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That a special meeting of this committee be held on Thursday 4th September, 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m., to consider the work of blasting in quarries & employment of machinery with representations from Assistant Surveyors who are hereby directed to be in attendance. That the correspondence submitted by County Surveyor & Assistant Surveyors be dealt with at this special meeting. That said meeting also take into consideration the advisability of arranging for some members of the Council to attend at some of the large blasts in quarries & also inspection of some of the larger operations on roads."

The following is extract from special meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 4th September, 1924:-

"A special meeting of above committee was held on 4th September, 1924, for the purpose of considering the work of blasting in quarries & the employment of machinery."

"Representations from County & Assistant Surveyors were to be laid before the meeting & the Assistant Surveyors were directed to attend."

"The Chairman of the Council (Mr. E. P. Foley)

presided, & Messrs R. Corish & P. Hayes were also present.

The County Secretary, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, The County Surveyor, & the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance: - Y. O'Leary (Senior Assistant) W. H. Jones, John Kehoe, R. J. Ennis, J. V. Birthistle & Y. Cullen.

The Machinery Overseer was also present.

Blasting Work.

The protest under date 24th August, 1924, of Messrs Kehoe, Birthistle, Ennis, Cullen, Jones, Assistant Surveyors, & Mr. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, against charges of carelessness and inefficiency as regards blasting in quarries, which they stated, according to the local Press were implied by some members of the Council at last meeting, was read. Letter from County Surveyor under date 26th August, 1924, in connection with the same matter was also read. The County Surveyor pointed out that all the Assistant Surveyors were competent to undertake this work.

The Chairman mentioned that when Mr. Birthistle called his attention to the matter he told Mr. Birthistle that the proper place to have any charges of this description contradicted was in the Press. The County Council could not be held responsible for what appeared in the local papers.

Mr. Corish mentioned that it was never his intention to cast any reflection on the carefulness or capacity of any of the Assistant Surveyors.

The Chairman mentioned that it appeared to him from the attitude taken by the Assistant Surveyors, as if they wished to hold the entire Council responsible for what individual members of the Council might say in the course of a discussion or for the reports of the meetings which appeared in the Press. The Council as a body, did not say that the Assistant Surveyors

had given his notice of motion to have Mr. Greene, put in charge of quarries & machinery because he was convinced it was the arrangement which would best serve the interests of the Council. He mentioned Mr. Greene's name in the matter as this work had been formerly in the charge of this officer & for that reason Mr. Borish believed he had most experience of what was required.

Mr. Borish said the notice of motion given by him had nothing whatever to do with individual Surveyors; it was merely for the purpose of creating central supervision which he believed would give most satisfactory results. But he never said any of the Assistant Surveyors were either incompetent or careless, or inefficient. From the proposals made at last meeting by the County Surveyor it would appear as if the latter wanted to put the Assistant Surveyors under the charge of Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Bithistle said the Assistant Surveyor concerned did not imply that any remarks made by the Councillors at last meeting were directed to them but the Assistant took exception to the Press report. He was as competent as any other Assistant to carry on the work of blasting in quarries & had been carrying out all blasting in his own quarries with the assistance of Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Borish - Instead of what has been proposed by the County Surveyor I hold that the Machinery Overseer should carry out this blasting work under the supervision of the Assistant Surveyors of the District.

Mr. Kehoe said that the Press report undoubtedly left people under the impression that some carelessness had occurred in connection with the recent fatal accident at Ballinlough Quarry, but they did not attribute any such remarks to the members of the Council. He was satisfied to carry out the work in his district but he would like to have the Machinery Overseer with him in connection with large blasts.

Chairman. It must be understood that the Assistant Surveyors are to be responsible for all the blasting done in their districts but they will get the assistance of the Machinery Overseer for the large blasts.

The County Surveyor said that to provide for efficient working odd shots would have to be let off any time, and the difficulty here was the custody of the

gelignite. He believed the Gangers or other competent person in the quarry ought to have authority to let off single shots in hand-drilled holes. In some of the quarries it might be necessary to let off single shots every day.

"In connection with the fatal accident at Ballingly, Mr. Birthistle mentioned that it was of opinion of the Expert who inquired into the matter that the accident occurred through a pill of 'foreign' gelignite having got into the hole.

"The Chairman - The County Council will expect the Assistant Surveyors to carry out their work as heretofore, each deputy being responsible for the work in his own district, particularly for the large blasts with the assistance of Mr. Murphy, Machinery Overseer. Any charges that might be levelled or that they might feel levelled against them by what appeared in the newspapers had been cleared up at this meeting. We have all stated our opinion on that. This report will be submitted to the County Council & the position will be made very clear. If there were any implications to which the Assistant Surveyors objected, & which appeared in the Press, it could be made right by a further report in the papers.

"All the Assistant Surveyors present & Machinery Overseer then stated they were prepared to carry out their work as heretofore & on the terms stated by the Chairman."

Machinery:-

"The Chairman asked the County Surveyor what he was going to do with the nine watering carts & two law-sprayers lying at the Council's premises & exposed to the weather for some time past.

"The County Surveyor stated the Machinery in question was awaiting distribution. He did not know where it could be put under cover as there was not sufficient accommodation even in Carracorthy Yard. The breakers would be out of action during the winter & they would have no storage for six of them.

enquiries as to the possibility of renting premises in Wexford & Gorey to house the Machinery & not allow it to depreciate being out under the weather.

The Chairman held that at next meeting of the Committee, which would be held on the 16th instant, Mr. Barry should be able to put before the meeting the position as to the Machinery which he had on hands & what steps he proposed to take to ensure its protection from the weather during the winter.

The County Surveyor said he expected they would have all their machinery inside of three or four weeks. But they were held up for vans, and it was the delay in procuring same that had the machinery lying in County Council grounds at present. They had been supplied with two vans only out of twelve. He thought it would be near Xmas before the full complement of vans would be supplied.

The Chairman said they would protest to the Roads Department & Grade Department of the Ministry of Local Government that their work was held up & machinery idle because vans had not been delivered.

The County Surveyor stated two more engines convertible to Rollers should be provided to form a complete road equipment.

It was decided that Mr. Barry put this proposal before the Ministry of Local Government & ask if they will assent to purchase of same, and, if so, are they prepared to make the usual contribution by way of grant.

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

"That we approve of the report of the Finance & Roads Committee meeting which dealt with representations of County & Assistant Surveyors. We consider the statements made by the Chairman at the conclusion of the Special Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 4th September, 1924, should explain to the Assistant Surveyors that no member of the Council would cast any reflection upon their ability to take charge of blasting operations."

Machinery - Report of County Surveyor.

The following is an extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924.

"The following, under date 15th September, 1924, was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"I have received a letter from the Local Government Department stating the Ministry will raise

no objection to the purchase of two traction engines, convertible to rollers, one third of the cost to be payable out of Grant (P. 48)

In connection with this, a return is asked regarding the present plant and I attach copy of same. This answers the query of the Committee as to Machinery on hands.

Regarding protection during the Winter, I believe that with the exception of water carts & sprayers, the plant will be at work practically continuously.

Mr. Gleason, is making arrangements for the Gwey District, the Machinery yard will be available in Ennisconthy, and in New Ross there will be ample accommodation in the Workhouse premises. So thoroughly fit the yard in Ennisconthy there should be erected a galvanised iron shed which will cost about £60. For Wexford there is the alternative of a shed on the County Hall premises or of a good yard in the town. I have heard of only one site in the town & shall give particulars at the meeting.

At no time would it be convenient, (on account of head room) or necessary, to have the breakers under cover: it will be sufficient to remove the elevator belt, and the breaker itself left in the quarry, unless large overhaul is necessary when breaker should be brought to Machinery yard. Engines with their tarpaulin covers if laid up in a place free from trespassers will be sufficiently protected. For overhaul they should be brought to Machinery yard. The steam lorry should be under cover if not at work. Last winter it was stored in building at the Machinery yard.

"I have received from the Secretary copy of letter from Local Government Department regarding wages of Machinery men & have furnished him with my observations thereon.

"I have drafted list of duties for your approval, but pending this I have issued these for Engine Drivers and attendants to carry on for the present.

'I submit a list of all orders issued from my office during the past year, under the headings, Machinery, Quaries & General. I have now got a "Requirement Book" & shall submit same at each meeting in the future."

"The County Surveyor stated that if it was not found possible to purchase engines he would have to hire them & for the season the cost would be about £360. Two new engines would cost £2,320. He believed he would be able to get two or three living vans on hire from Mr. E. Kavanagh, St. John's, Cunnemundy and he was in negotiations about the matter. If the first proposals of the Finance & Roads Committee had been accepted by the Grade Department of the Ministry all the Machinery would have been procured & have been at work long since.

'Mr. O'Byrne said the Council should make some protest against the manner in which they had been treated by the Grade & Road Departments of the Ministry. The Council had arranged for the supply of a plant which would have suited them and had obtained an absolute guarantee that all machinery would be delivered by 1st May. By dealing through the Grade Department the Council had lost money & a good deal of the plant had not yet been delivered. The work on the roads was accordingly held up. They were told that by buying in bulk through the Grade Department money would be saved but their experience was quite contrary to that.

Chairman - We could have saved over £500 on the order if we had been left to ourselves & would have secured a plant more suitable to our requirements. For twelve living vans we had to pay £99 each or £1168 & by the arrangements the Finance & Roads Committee made with the Engine Manufacturers these vans would have been supplied at £55 each or for a total of £660.

'The County Surveyor stated that he had received a quotation at £110 for the same van as engine manufacturers had agreed to supply at £55.

'The Chairman said it was the feeling of the Committee that a protest should be registered by the Council against the manner in which the Roads Department had interfered with the purchase of machinery plant. It would be better hold over the purchase of the two traction engines, asked for by the County Surveyor, for the present, & particularly

as the Council was up to the limit of its borrowing powers."

"This was agreed to.

"In connection with the proposal of County Surveyor to erect a shed in Machinery yard in Ennisceathy it was decided that Messrs James Hall & Sean O'Byrne be appointed a committee to inspect & report. Also to deal with the application of County Surveyor for telephone installation in Machinery yard.

"As regards the storage of Machinery in Wexford the County Surveyor mentioned that there were premises available in St. Peter's Square.

"It was decided that the Chairman, Messrs Boush, Doyle & Hayles, deal with this matter as soon as possible & report to next meeting of the Council."

"The protest of Finance & Roads Committee in regard to action of Roads Department & Grade Department of Ministry of Local Government relative to supply of Road Machinery was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall.

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

"That as agreed to by Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 16th September, 1924, the following are appointed a committee, deal with the acquisition of premises in Wexford for the storage of Machinery viz:- The Chairman, Messrs Boush, Doyle & Hayles.

"In connection with machinery yard at Ennisceathy Mr. Hall reported that in order to store the machinery while not at work or while undergoing repair he recommended that a shed, say 60 ft. by 25 ft. be erected. He also reported in favour of installation of telephone in Machinery yard, Ennisceathy, and that the machinery be wired for electric light. Possibly a supply could be arranged for from Co-operative Society pending the scheme of the Urban Council coming into operation.

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

"That the report of Mr. Hall as to shed in Machinery yard in Ennisceorthy be approved; that the County Surveyor to submit cost etc. to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee. That we further approve of telephone installation & provision of electric in this yard as recommended by Mr. Hall."

Edenvale Bridge

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Under date 9th August, 1924, Messrs M. G. O'Connor & Co., Solrs. Wexford, wrote on behalf of Mr. Patrick Muzsly, Edenvale, that owing to the manner in which Edenvale Bridge (which had been broken down by the Republicans in 1922 had been repaired no water could get to his mill & he had also to draw water to his house.

The County Surveyor stated the roadway was fit for traffic; however, the repairs for the bridge were now in hand.

Dangerous Corner at Wilton -

Road 315 E.

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The County Surveyor submitted correspondence which he had had with Messrs J. A. Sinnott, & Co., Solicitors, Ennisceorthy, as to claim of Miss Ellen Sinnott, Dunamore, Bree for £60 in connection with the officers of the County Council having taken down a fence, her property, and cut off portion of her land for the purpose of widening the road.

Under date 11th July, 1924, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that John Demysey, Overseer, was directed by him to see the owner of field adjoining dangerous corner (315 E) & obtain permission to encroach on field so as to ease corner. The Overseer on the 30th June, saw Mr. Stafford who was acting as agent for Miss Sinnott & who managed the place for her. Mr. Stafford gave the necessary permission and on the 4th July, when Miss Sinnott saw the workmen there she stated she knew nothing about the matter. Immediately after this Stafford informed the Overseer that the owner objected to the removal & the work was therefore, stopped, on the following Monday. Miss Sinnott stated that Mr. Stafford did not ask permission from her.

The following recommendation was adopted

by Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 29th August, 1924:-

"That Mr. Elgie, Solicitor, be directed to defend any proceedings which may be taken by Miss Sinnott, Dunamore, Bree, as to interference with her land in order to remove a dangerous corner. We recommend the County Council to offer 5/- per perch, as compensation as this is the usual amount paid in such cases."

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

Road Diversion Camolin - Ballyduff

a letter under date 14th July, 1924, was read from several influential ratepayers of the Kilcomb E.D. requesting the County Council to make a diversion in the road leading from Camolin to Ballyduff through the lands of the Department of Agriculture. The diversion would allow the users of the road to avoid a steep hill & would also cause the removal of a very dangerous corner. In many places in the Sney area very bad corners had been lately removed & the work was proving of great advantage to the public.

The following recommendation was submitted from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924:-

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to the Department of Lands & Agriculture for the necessary permission to allow a road diversion being made on their lands on the road from Ballyduff to Camolin & which would be greatly to the advantage of the public of the district."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

A letter was read from Mr. P. O'Byrne, County Councillor, expressing regret for being unable

unable to attend the meeting & strongly supporting the application for road diversion Ballyduff, Camolin.

Under date 15th September, 1924, a letter was read from the Forestry Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (630/7) asking for a map showing how the lands of the Department would be affected by the proposed diversion.

Referred to County Surveyor with instructions to supply the map required.

Flooding at Kilmannon.

Mr. James Hone, Kilmannon, Clonmelstown, wrote that the river running by his house overflowed after heavy rains. About two months ago in consequence of this a quantity of manure value for about £5 had been washed away.

It was decided that the letter be referred to the County Surveyor for report.

Proposed Public Weighbridge at Yerns.

Under date 5th September, 1924, Messrs John Bolger & Co. Ltd., applied for permission to erect a public weighbridge opposite their premises at Yerns.

It was decided by Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September 1924, that the matter be referred to the County Council for report.

The County Surveyor stated he had interviewed Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, who had inspected the site with Mr. Bolger. The County Surveyor considered that Mr. Bolger should be allowed to use the lower part of the waste ground for erection of weighbridge. The upper half would be required as a depot for road material. If the County Council gave permission Mr. Bolger would submit a plan.

Mr. Bender considered it would be more advisable if the upper part of the waste ground was given for erection of weighbridge.

It was decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Bender & Mr. Hall for report.

Erection of House

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd August, 1924, was laid before

the meeting.

"Samuel Bryan Curatubberri, Killeenagh, applied for permission to finish the erection of a house which though inside of his boundary fence was not the requisite distance from the centre of the road. He did not know it was necessary that any new building should be outside 30 feet distance from the centre of the road & he would be glad to have the requisite permission of the Council in the matter.

Mr. Yeaman, Senior Assistant Surveyor, stated that the house if erected would not cause any obstruction.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That the County Council be recommended not to raise any objection to the erection of dwelling by Mr. Bryan in the circumstances mentioned in his letter & in view of the opinion of Mr. Yeaman, Senior Assistant Surveyor, that the dwelling would not cause any obstruction to traffic."

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

The following extract from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 16th September, 1924, was submitted to meeting:-

"Under date 7th September, 1924, Denis Quinn, Ballinclare, Lestinfern, Gorey, wrote that he was building a small house for himself near the public road between Camolin & Gorey and as it was not the requisite distance from the centre of the road he had been informed by Mr. Yeaman, Assistant Surveyor, he would have to obtain the permission of the County Council.

"The County Surveyor reported that the erection of this house would not cause any obstruction & accordingly a resolution was adopted by the Committee asking the County Council not to raise any objection in the matter."

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

Ballyconnick Quarry

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at the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee meeting on 22nd May, 1924, a charge was made against John Pender, foreman, Ballyconnick Quarry, for having used a horse & man while in the employment of the County Council to draw stones to a contract road (1614) held by his first cousin.

After hearing what evidence was adduced the Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"We recommend the County Council that from representations made at this meeting & from a prolonged investigation we consider that John Pender is not a suitable man to be retained as foreman of Ballyconnick Quarry & that his services should be dispensed with. But the Committee believe no objection should be made to his employment as a contractor under haulage contracts."

Subsequently the matter was considered at two meetings of Finance & Roads Committee & further evidence produced.

The following recommendation was adopted at the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924:-

"That in view of the evidence submitted to-day in connection with the charge against John Pender, Foreman, Ballyconnick Quarry, the inquiry be re-opened & all persons concerned be summoned. That the members present at this meeting act as a Committee to deal with the question & that inquiry be re-opened on Saturday 20th September, 1924, at 3 o'clock."

A special investigation to clear up the matter finally was held on 20th September when all the evidence available was gone into.

After considerable discussion the following statement was made by the Chairman at the Committee meeting:- "Pender should be cautioned that he must have nothing further to say to any road contract or to assisting anyone else in the employment of the Council. For the future he should not complicate matters by bringing a second horse into the quarry, even without payment. But, on the evidence which has been given in my opinion the resolution dismissing Pender from his employment as quarry foreman should be cancelled ✓"

& I recommend this to the Council & also Pender's re-employment.

Mr. Hayes said that altho' he was not satisfied with Pender's action in the matter he would not object to his re-employment in his position as Quarry Foreman.

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

"That the resolution of Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd May, 1924, dismissing John Pender, Foreman, Ballyconnick Quarry, be rejected; that in view of the further investigations of Finance & Roads Committee we agree to Pender's re-employment but that in accordance with the observations of the Chairman at the special meeting of 20th September, 1924, Pender should be cautioned & informed that if any further complaint be made against him & be sustained on evidence he cannot be continued in the employment of the Council."

Ballinaboola Quarry

P. Magree, Gang, Ballinaboola Quarry, applied for increase of wages for sharpening tools in this quarry, which work he carried out in addition to his duties as Gang.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to the next ordinary meeting of Finance & Roads Committee for report of County Surveyor of the names of men who were carrying out this work in other quarries & what wages he would propose they should receive for this particular work.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 16th September, 1924, the County Surveyor reported that he had consulted with the Assistant Surveyors & they considered that nothing extra should be allowed Magree as it was the business of every quarryman to keep his tools sharpened.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Sean B'Byrne seconded by Mr. James Byrne to refuse the application.

Kiltrea Quarry

Under date 11th August, 1924, the Clerk Enniscaithy R.D. Council, wrote, that the attention of his Council had been called to the fact that stone-breaking only was carried out by "piece work" at Kiltrea Quarry and that if entire work was done by "piece" the material could be produced for 7/6 per cubic yard.

His Council directed the attention of the Co. Council to the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that "piece" work was being utilised in this quarry as far as was possible.

Mountain Quarry

Mr. Hayes complained that the piece paid to the men at Mountain Quarry had been cut down from 7/- to 5/- per cubic yard.

The County Surveyor stated that these men were paid on the same basis as the men employed by the week & whose wages had been reduced.

It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish report as to the amount per week which the men in this Quarry were earning & also the amount of material produced during the same period.

Yara Hill Quarry

Under date 1st August, 1924, a letter was read from Mr. Sheanon, Assistant Surveyor Gorey, giving particulars of arrears of wages due for work at end of March & beginning of April 1923, as follows:-

Laurence D. Arcey 19/-; Richard Gannon 19/-; Matthew Redmond 19/-; Michael Hughes, 6/4 & Michael Waddock 6/4.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon confirming a recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924, that as payment was certified for by Road Gangs & Quarry foreman the claim of the men would be allowed.

Appointment of Sheep-Dipping Inspectors

Under date 15th August, 1924, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote approving of the appointment of the following four additional sheep dipping Inspectors in addition to Messrs. Murphy (Enniscaithy) & Hayden (Wexford).

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>
Myles Roban	Enniscorthy (part of)
Morgan Glaherty	Gorey No. 1
Thomas Prendergast	Gorey No. 11.
M. J. Hennessy	New Ross.

Campile Dispensary & Civic Guard Barracks

Under date 3rd September, 1924, the Commissioners of Public Works wrote stating they wished to rent the Campile Dispensary premises for a few years for the accommodation of the Civic Guard at a rent of £30 per annum inclusive of rates & taxes, maintenance to be carried out by the Commissioners. They believed the Council should be able to make arrangements for housing the present caretaker of the dispensary premises.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 16th September, 1924, this letter was referred to Mr. Cummins and Mr. Clonely for report.

Mr. Cummins reported that the caretaker of the Dispensary premises was satisfied to leave if he could secure a house. He could get a site for a labourer's cottage & he (Mr. Cummins) suggested that the Board of Works should advance to the New Ross District Council the necessary cost of erection. If they were prepared to do this he was in favour of their offer of £30 being accepted on the terms of the letter of 3rd September, 1924.

Dates of Meetings

The following dates of meetings of Rural District Councils, Proposal Committee & County Council were agreed to on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Cummins:

Enniscorthy	Wednesday	5 th November, 11 a.m.
Gorey	Saturday	8 th November, 11.30 a.m.
New Ross	Thursday	13 th November, 11.30 "
Wexford	Saturday	15 th November, 11 a.m.
Proposal Committee	Monday	17 th November, 11.30 a.m.
Proposal Committee (adjourned)	Monday	1 st December, 10.30 a.m.
Co. Council	Monday	4 th December, 11 a.m.

Old County Wexford Infirmary Premises

Under date 19th July, 1924, Dr. S. A. Yurlong, wrote asking for a reduction in the rent of the old Co. Wexford Infirmary Premises which had been let to him at £100 per annum. If a reduction of £15 per annum was given he would be prepared to take a lease of the place.

The following recommendation was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924:-

"That Dr. S. A. Yurlong be requested to state for what period he would be prepared to take a lease of the old Co. Wexford Infirmary premises"

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

Bourtown Harbour

Under date September 9th, 1924, a recommendation was read from Bourtown Harbour Committee that Mr. C. Clarkson be appointed on the Committee in place of Mr. John Dunne who had left the County.

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

"That Mr. C. Clarkson be appointed a member of Bourtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr. John Dunne who has left the County."

Under date 13th September, 1924, a letter was read from Mr. Stapleton, Harbour Master Bourtown, that Messrs Sinnott & Smith, Cahore, discharged 200 tons of coal on 10th September. He served demand note on them for £5, Harbour dues, at 6^d per ton, but they refused to pay more than 2^d as they supplied their own boats.

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

"That the Harbour Master Bourtown, be instructed to procure from his Committee recommendation as to the refusal of Messrs Sinnott & Smith to pay more than 2^d per ton for Harbour dues on the grounds that they had used their own boats for discharge of coal cargo"

Under date 13th September, 1924, Mr. Stapleton, Harbour Master Bourtown, wrote that he was directed by Bourtown Harbour

Committee to bring under the notice of the Co. Council the necessity for putting some protection at seaside of river at Courtown Harbour between stone & footbridge.

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

"That the request of the Courtown Harbour Committee relative to the provision of protection of sea side of river at Courtown Harbour be referred to the County Surveyor for report which is expected to deal with cost of any method of protection recommended."

Food & Drugs Acts

Under date 6th August 1924 the Superintendent Civic Guard submitted requisition for six months supply of stationery etc. for the various Inspectors under the above Acts & which could be obtained from the Trade Department of the Ministry of Local Government.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee of the 16th September 1924:-

"That we agree to the articles required under the Food & Drugs Acts by the various Inspectors in the County as per requisition from the Superintendent of Civic Guard, submitted to this meeting, being obtained from the Trade Department of the Ministry of Local Government."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Under date 18th January, 1924, a letter was read from Sergt. A. Keogh, Civic Guard, Wexford asking what arrangements were the Council prepared to make as to conveyance when visiting places (for the purpose of taking samples) that were too distant for cycle, for instance Yethard & Duncannon. Would they pay the reasonable expenses for motor car hire or for a motor cycle based on a mileage allowance?

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

"We recommend the Council to request the appointment of ex-officio Inspectors under Good & Drugs Acts in such centres as would involve travelling by cycle only. That as regards travelling allowance we consider these should be fixed on a general scale & not for individuals. We would be prepared to consider such a scale submitted from the Chief Commissioner's Office."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Conveyance etc. of Prisoners

Under date 8th September, 1924, the following was read from County Superintendent, Civic Guard:-

"We hold a warrant here for the arrest of Thomas Wickham alias Thomas Donnelly, whose address is believed to be No. 58, Police Row, Pontypridd, Wales. He is wanted for wife & child desertion."

"Before proceeding to execute same I would be obliged if you will supply us with a written undertaking to defray the cost of apprehension & subsequent prosecution"

The Secretary stated that he had, on the advice of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, replied that the Council would be responsible for any necessary expenses as to the conveyance of prisoners but that they had no liability for apprehension or prosecution of prisoners.

The action of the Secretary in this matter was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall.

Office of Clerk of Crown & Peace

The County Surveyor reported that the Clerk of Crown & Peace asked that his office should be covered with linoleum, the room match boarded & distempered, a press & shelves provided.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924, it was decided to recommend the Council to provide shelves & Press at a cost, not exceeding, £20.

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

It was pointed out by the Secretary that the Press in question was urgently required for the storage of Land Registry papers.

Printing - Office Clerk of Brown & Peace

Under date 8th September, 1924, the Clerk, Brown & Peace, wrote that up to 1919 the County Council had included in their printing contracts the printing, which was required in his office. Since then no printing had been done which caused great inconvenience to Solicitors & others having business at the Courts. He suggested that such printing as was not supplied by the Stationery Office should be carried out by the County Council.

The following recommendation was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee at meeting of 16th September, 1924:-

"That, in the opinion of the Committee, it was the business of the Stationery Office to supply all printing for office of Clerk of Brown & Peace which was necessary for public convenience."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

Finances of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

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

"That the replies from Department of Technical Instruction in connection with the finances of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as to queries raised at meeting of this Committee on 30th May last be referred to the Co. Council for their instructions"

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924:-

"That the Department of Technical Instruction be requested to state what is the amount of credit balance in their books to the 31st August, 1924, in favour of Live Stock & Agriculture account & in favour of account for Technical Instruction"

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

Chair Scientific Agriculture

An application was received from the General Council of County Councils for payment of £40 amount of contribution due by County Council as contribution for Chair of Scientific Agriculture for years 1920-23.

A resolution was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924, that the amount be paid as soon as possible.

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

Application Income Tax

An application was received from Income Tax Collector for £10: 13: 0; income Tax due on Burtonen Harbour from 1919 to 1924.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924:-

"That as the County Council have lost very heavily in the working of Burtonen Harbour they cannot see why they should be obliged to pay income tax for a property which is a source of loss."

The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr. James Byrne seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

New Ross Workhouse Buildings

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 15th July, 1924:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to pay half cost of Insurance of New Ross Workhouse Buildings (£10) provided the County Board of Health which is in possession of New Ross Infirmary, be responsible for the other half viz, £10"

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

Storage of Weights & Measures

In connection with storage of weights & measures sub-standards at New Ross, Gorey, & Ennisorthy letters were read from the Town Clerks of New Ross & Gorey & the Town Surveyor, ✓

Consequently, that the necessary storage accommodation would be provided in these towns.

Courthouses

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924, was submitted:-

Gorey

Under date 1st August, 1924, the Ministry of Local Government wrote (G. 3503-1/24 Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the payment of £5 per annum to John Medood, Court Messenger, for cleaning Hall at Gorey in which district sessions are held.

Wexford

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that it had been suggested to him that the Co. Council should apply to the Compensation Commission for liberty to put in a claim for damage to Wexford Courthouse although the time for so doing had long expired. He asked for instruction in the matter.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, take the necessary steps to obtain liberty to file compensation claim in respect of the destruction of Wexford Courthouse"

In connection with the claim of Mrs Mc Nally, Court Keeper, Wexford, Courthouse, for £61: 5: 0 rent of alternate premises from 1st November, 1922, to 31st March, 1924, at 17/6 per week the Ministry of Local Government wrote under date 15th August 1924, (G. 35003/1924 Wexford County) that if the Co. Council considered Mrs Mc Nally is entitled to rent in lieu of the free apartments which she enjoyed before the destruction of the Courthouse the Ministry would not raise any objection to the payment, by the Co. Council, of 10/- per week in settlement of her claim.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That in accordance with the suggestion of the Ministry of Local Government the County Council be recommended to pay Mrs Mc Nally, Courthouse Keeper, Wexford, a sum of £35: 10: 0, in settlement of her claim for rent of premises which she had taken in High Street, Wexford, in lieu of the

free apartments which she held at Wexford Courthouse as caretaker

Under date 26th August, 1924, the Under Sheriff, Mr. James P. Connor, wrote that by the Courts of Justice Act, 1924, an official stenographer would, in future, attend at the Circuit Courts, & it would be necessary to provide, at Wexford Courthouse, a suitable place for him

Mr. Connor also dealt with repairs to the Courthouse which, he considered, should be carried out at once.

Under date 11th August, 1924, Mr. Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace, No. 6 Circuit Court Office, Courthouse, Wexford, wrote calling attention to repairs which were necessary to his Office.

It was decided that the County Surveyor examine the Courthouse & Office of Mr. Scallan & report to the next meeting.

"That as open spaces at Wexford Courthouse are causing a public nuisance we direct that these should be fenced off with galvanized iron. That the County Council be recommended not to incur any great expense in the repair or renovation of Wexford Courthouse as it is possible that any new buildings on site will be on an entirely different plan to the present & any extensive repairs now carried out would have to be pulled down when new buildings were erected."

Enniscorthy

Under date 7th August, 1924, the Clerk Enniscorthy Urban Council, forwarded copy of resolution from his Council that as the ruins of Enniscorthy Courthouse were in a most dangerous condition & the place used as a dump for all sorts of refuse they asked the Co. Council to have the place boarded up as otherwise serious accidents might occur.

It was decided that the County Surveyor have the place complained of by the Enniscorthy Urban District Council fenced off with galvanized sheeting

Gowly

A bill for supply of fuel to District Court Office, Gowly, for £2:19:0 was received from Mr. P. J. Byrne, District Registrar.

It was decided that the Secretary report to next available meeting of Finance & Roads Committee the arrangements which had been made with the Registrar in connection with the

fuel being supplied to his office

The County Surveyor reported that he had arranged to have the openings at Wexford Courthouse sheeted up, as directed by Finance & Roads Committee. He had also arranged for a position for official stenographer during the hearing of cases at Circuit Court.

The various recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee, in respect of Courthouses, were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne

Printing Receipt & Demand

Notes 1924-25

The following tenders were received for the printing of above from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924:-

"The Free Press", Wexford = £16
W. Hannahan, Wexford = £19: 13/-
"The People", Wexford = £25: 19/-

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

"That the tender of the 'Free Press' Wexford for the printing of Receipt & Demand Notes 1924-25 at £16 be accepted"

The acceptance of tender of 'Free Press' at £16 by the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hayes.

House Adjoining Co. Home

a letter was read from Mrs Margaret Cosgrave, St. John's Street, Crossbarry, asking the Council to agree to allow her a small piece of ground at the back of her house for the purpose of a haggard. Her house was in a wretched condition, the rain coming down through the roof. The County Surveyor could vouch for this as he had inspected the premises. This matter was considered by Finance & Roads Committee on 16th September, 1924, but the Committee made no decision. I wish to point out to

the County Council that the question of allowing Mrs Cosgrave a small piece of ground for a boggard had been referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the Co. Council, who had advised the Council not to agree to the proposal. As regards house Mrs Cosgrave had agreed to purchase & then backed out of the agreement.

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

Carnegie Library Service Co. Wexford.

The following resolution was received from the County Wexford Library Committee:

"In view of the success of the Carnegie Library Scheme in the County this Committee requests the County & Urban Districts to take the necessary steps to strike a Library Rate at the earliest possible moment."

A letter, under date 18th September, 1924, was read from Mr. Lennox Robinson, Irish Advisory Committee (Carnegie United Kingdom Trust) Dublin, that the Committee would as from January 1st, 1924, have pleasure in presenting to the Wexford County Council the stock of books, furniture & fittings which had been used in the Rural Library Scheme in County Wexford on condition (a) that the Scheme is adequately supported out of public funds (b) that the Librarian should be a person recognised by the Carnegie Trust & be paid a salary of not less than £250, (c) that an Annual report & statistics of Scheme be furnished the Advisory Committee & (d) that the Organizer & Secretary of the Committee be allowed to visit the Library at any time & enquire into the progress of the work. The value of Books etc. was £1,216:12:4 & the equipment & maintenance of the Scheme for the two years had cost the Trust £2,400. It was estimated that the service could be maintained for an annual cost of about £780. The success of the Scheme in Wexford had done much to commend it to neighbouring Counties. The Trust thanked the County Library Committee and its Sub-Committees for their ungrudging work. Also to the County Council for the interest they had taken in the Scheme & to the Secretary to the Co. Council. Mr. Robinson was very grateful to the Secretary for the ungrudging assistance he had given the officials of the Trust. It was owing to the

enthusiasm of the Secretary to the County Council that the Scheme was started in the County & the result had entirely justified the action of the Secretary in this regard.

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

"That as soon as the County Council are invested with the necessary powers they will be prepared to strike a Library Rate to cover the necessary expenses of Rural Library Scheme & to carry on said Scheme on the terms of letter from Mr. Lennox Robinson under date 18th September, 1924. That as regards the financing of the Scheme from 1st January, 1925 to 31st March, 1925, the Ministry of Local Government be requested to allow the Co Council to pay the necessary amount out of Rate for 1925-26. or to recoup the Carnegie Trust out of said Rate, if the Ministry of Local Government considers it inadvisable that the Council should take over the working of the Scheme until they are in a position to strike Library Rate"

Insurance of Boilers

In connection with above the following recommendation was adopted at the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to communicate with Messrs Boyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, Angelsea Street, Dublin, and ask them if they can arrange for boiler insurance for new Machinery being carried out through a reliable Irish Insurance Co. if not that the Insurance be carried out by the General Accident Company which at present holds boiler policy with County Council"

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Boiler Insurance be effected through Messrs Boyle & Co., with General Accident Company at £1.12.6 per boiler and "third-party"

Insurance be carried out with Hibernian Insurance Co. £3 per annum for each Roller + £5 per annum for each traction engine.

The County Surveyor mentioned that Boiler Insurance could not be affected through an Irish company.

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

"That the following Insurance be affected with Messrs Boyle & Co. for "third party" risk as follows:-

"Six twelve ton Road Rollers with three trailers; five 6 h.p. Traction engines with three trailers; one 7 h.p. Traction Engine with three trailers. Amount £64. 10. 0.

Tenders for Coal for Machinery

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the 16th September 1924, was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor submitted two tenders for 300 tons of coal viz. Mr. James Stafford, Stonebridge, Wexford, tendered at 46/- per ton for best Newport Red Ash ex yard or 44/- per ton delivered in Ennisconthy. Mr. Alexander Pettigrew, Ennisconthy, tendered for Welsh Navigation coal at 44/3 ex-yard Ennisconthy."

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

"That the tenders of Mr. James Stafford, Wexford & Mr. A. Pettigrew, Ennisconthy, for 50 tons of machinery coal each be accepted"

The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Sanction for Supplies

The following extract from minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924, was submitted:-

"The Secretary submitted bill for £23. 5. 0 from Gofford Woollen Mills, Co., Mayo, for two dozen pairs of blankets for living vans. The cost of blankets was £23. 2. 0 and carriage 3/- He (Secretary) called attention to the following

extract from Minutes of meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 29th May, 1922:-

"The Secretary called attention to an account for £5:5:0 for providing bed clothing etc, for blacksmith working in County Hall"

"It was decided that the account be paid but that the County Surveyor in future, before incurring any expenditure of this character, should have the approval of the Finance & Roads Committee."

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

"That the account for £23:5:0 for outfits for men in sleeping vans be paid & that the County Surveyor be directed to present at Finance & Roads Committee meetings requisitions for articles, which can be regarded as outside ordinary maintenance work, required for roads, and if unable to wait until a meeting can sanction certain supplies which must be ordered without delay, that he be directed to submit list of same to next ordinary meeting & there request sanction to same"

Rebuilding Mountgarrett Bridge

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th September, 1924, was submitted:-

"Under date 2nd August, 1924, the County Surveyor stated that Kilkenny Co. Council had taken the necessary steps with reference to erection of this bridge, but he thought it would be advisable for the Wexford Co. Council to ask Kilkenny Co. Council to hurry forward with the work."

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

"That we recommend the Co. Council to request the County Council of Kilkenny to put the work of rebuilding Mountgarrett Bridge in hands without delay."

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

Seal of Co. Council to be attached to Loans.

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

"That pursuant to the letters of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 8th July & 23rd July, 1924, the sums of £4,368 & £5,750 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Wexford, for the purposes therein mentioned & to be repaid by annual instalments within 10 years & 15 years respectively with interest at one half per cent under the Irish Bank's rate from time to time subject to a minimum of 4% per annum as in said letters of sanction provided. And it was further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgages over the rates to secure said loans."

Expenses Collectors - Attending Jurors' Revision Sessions

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The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 29th August, 1924, was submitted:-

"In connection with bills from Rate Collectors for attending Revision Sessions for Voters & Jurors a resolution was adopted that in future the Committee will not agree to the use of motor cars by Collectors except in very exceptional circumstances, & even then will not approve of a higher mileage rate than 6^d per mile. They consider that Rate Collectors should be able to use the same means of locomotion in attending Revision Sessions as for the ordinary work of collecting rates."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. James Byrne seconded by Mr. Culliton.

Exchange of Typewriter

The following extract was submitted from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 29th August, 1924:-

"The Secretary stated that he had been able to obtain a new L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter, listed at £28: 10: 0, by exchanging the old Underwood Machine, at £12 & paying £16: 10: 0 cash. The Underwood had been running for over 2 years & would have required considerable repairs to make it effective.

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

"That we approve of the purchase of L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter, from the Lawson Supply Co., 44, Fleet Street, Dublin, at a cost of £16: 10: 0 plus the old Underwood Machine, the property of the Council"

Defective Postal Arrangements

The following resolution was read:-

"That this meeting of the Castledockrell Branch of the Co-operative Union protests against the inconvenience inflicted on Residents in the district by the reduction of the postal services in the Ballycorney P. O. District. We desire to point out that three deliveries of letters per week are entirely inadequate, & that the days on which letters are delivered viz., Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, are calculated to cause the greatest possible delay, thus a letter reaching Ballycorney Post Office on Friday mid-day is not delivered to the addressee until the following Tuesday"

The resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. James Byrne & the Secretary was directed to send copy to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs

The following resolution was adopted on the

motion of Mr. James Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That this County Council calls attention to the generally defective postal arrangements in the rural districts of the County. In several places it takes three days for a letter to reach addressees. We are of opinion that if the responsible officials would consult the people of the rural districts, instead of changing and curtailing deliveries of letters without any consultation of local opinion, it would be found possible to effect economy, but, at the same time to cause the minimum of public inconvenience.

Disinterments in Galway

The following resolution from Co. Galway Hospital & Dispensary Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That, we the Members of the Hospital & Dispensaries Committee, view with horror the desecration of our dead, which the disinterment & removal of Patriot Irishmen from their graves at Guam entailed"

Pre Yuce Personal Injury Claimants

A resolution from Roscommon County Council sympathising with claimants in connection with Pre-Yuce Personal Injuries & regretting the delay in the hearing of such claims was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by the Chairman.

Banks & Half-Holidays Falling on Fair Days

Under date 8th August, 1924, a letter was read from the Manager, Provincial Bank, Wexford, that his Directors were satisfied, when weekly half holidays fell on fair days, they should be taken on the previous day, provided that the other local Banks adopted this procedure.

A letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, that the matter was receiving the attention of his Directors

It was decided that the Secretary again communicate with the other Banking Institutions of

the County & ask if they are prepared to fall in with the decision of the Provincial Bank in the matter

Proceedings in connection with Road Drain

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

"That unless Laurence D. Airey, Rathpierre, Inch, on whom a ten-day notice has been served, proceeds to open drain under passage from road to his land, immediate proceedings be instituted against him."

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(Signed) Edmond O'Connell
Presiding Chairman

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1924

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