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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 12th APRIL 1937

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th April, 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding); also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, William Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the five Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

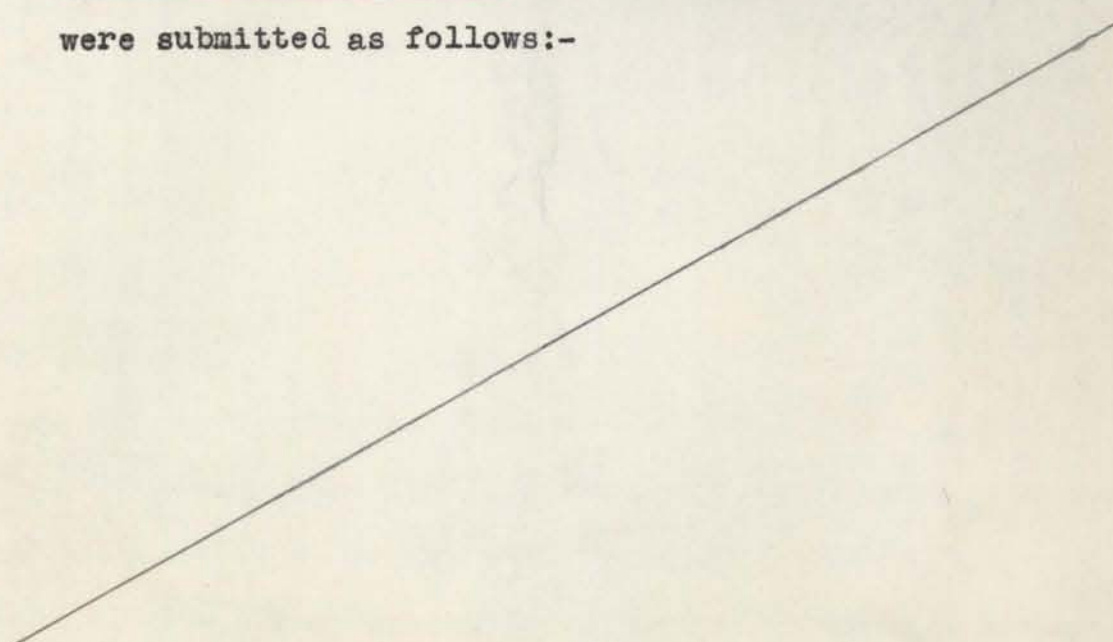
The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £49,669. 10. 11d., ordinary payments and transfers to Public Bodies, and £400 repayment loan Vocational Schools were examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 19th MARCH 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th March, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After confirmation of the Minutes, the Chairman of the County Council attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3891. 1. 2d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the collection of nett warrant of each Collector up to date of meeting:-

E. J. Murphy	79.1
S. Gannon	77.3
J. Cummins	77.3
J. Curtis	76.8
W. Doyle	72.1
W. Cummins	71.5
D. Kenny	71.3
J. Flood	70.8
J. Quirke	70.5
P. Doyle	70.4
J. J. O'Reilly	70.0
P. Nolan	69.5
A. Dunne	68.1
J. Deegan	68.0
J. J. Sinnott	66.7
M. Kehoe	66.5
P. Carty	66.3
M. McCarthy	63.9
M. Murphy	<u>63.6</u>

Average 70.8

The average for corresponding period last year was 67.9 per cent, an improvement of 2.9 per cent.

The percentage of Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 60 per cent as compared with 58 per cent at corresponding period last year.



Under date 9th March, 1937, the following letter G.18229/37 Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward for your information a copy of a letter which has been addressed to Collectors W. Doyle, W. Cummins, M. Murphy, A. Dunne, J. J. Sinnott and P. Carty. I am to request that you will be so good as to forward the letters to the Collectors mentioned. A copy of the letter should, at the same time, be sent to every other Rate Collector in the County, and it should be stated that the Minister has now decided to exercise his direct powers of suspension in relation to Collectors who continue unsatisfactory.

The position with regard to the Collectors, other than those mentioned above, will be taken up at the end of the present month.

An acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter should be obtained from each Collector, and they should be informed that this action has been taken on the direct instructions of the Minister."

In his letter to the six Collectors concerned, the Minister pointed out that in view of their unsatisfactory collections, the question at present under consideration was whether they should be suspended from their position. They were asked to submit their views to the Department by the 18th March 1937.

The Secretary stated that he had received an acknowledgment from each of the collectors concerned of the receipt of the letter from the Department. He had also forwarded copy of this letter to all the other Collectors, pointing out that the Minister had decided to exercise his direct powers of suspension in relation to all Collectors who continued unsatisfactory.

The Finance Committee decided to await the decision of the Minister on the statement furnished by the six collectors referred to in Department's communication explaining how it was their collection was so backward, and also as to the action which the Minister will take on reviewing the position of the Collection generally at the end of the month.



POUNDAGE: Under date 16th March, 1937, the following letter G.20250/37 Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 10th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the prolonged delay on the part of Collectors P. Doyle, J. Deegan and P. Carty in accounting for sums equivalent to the first moiety and arrears of their current warrants, he is not prepared to sanction the payment of poundage as proposed. The Minister will, however, raise no objection to payment at the rates proposed less 5 per cent.

I am to add that the deduction now imposed should be calculated on the total amount of poundage payable in respect of the first moiety collections."

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

"That Poundage to Rate Collectors referred to in letter of Local Government Department of 16th instant (G.20250-37 Loch Garman) be paid in accordance therewith. We request the Minister to agree to the 5 per cent now deducted being regarded as a "defer" and to payment of same being made to the Collectors provided they make a satisfactory close of their warrants."

ILLNESS OF COLLECTOR McCARTHY: The Secretary reported that Mr. M. McCarthy (No. 4 District) had resumed duty on 15th March 1937. Correspondence was read from the sureties of Collector McCarthy and Collector Nolan who acted as substitute for Mr. McCarthy during the latter's illness, and also from the New Ireland Insurance Company stating that they were satisfied with the arrangements made by the County Council for carrying on Mr. McCarthy's duties during his illness.

LAND ANNUITIES AND RATES: Under date 1st March, 1937, Rate Inspector wrote that he had made some investigations relative to the rumour that amounts paid towards rates had been applied to Land Annuities, and had found no case where



this occurred. If any such came to his notice he would furnish information concerning it.

RATE COLLECTORS AND COST OF SEIZURES: Under date 13th March, 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that it was difficult to suggest a proper scale of charges in respect of seizures of cattle by Rate Collectors, under their own warrants. He recommended that 10/- a day be fixed for men employed for this work in addition to cost of transport to and from the place of seizure. It was, of course, understood that the Collector could not receive any special remuneration for his attendance.

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

"That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction an allowance of 10/- per day for men employed in assisting Rate Collectors to make seizures on their own warrant, the amount under this heading to be paid out of any sum realized by such seizures.

That we point out to the Minister that it is not proposed that any remuneration for this work should be paid Rate Collectors."

JUDGMENT MORTGAGES AND RATE COLLECTION: The County Secretary, Dublin County Council, wrote under date 26th February 1937, that although his Council had obtained mortgages against lands, it could not be stated this action had, as yet, materially affected the rate collection. In fact, the County Council's main reason for having judgments registered was as a protection against loss of revenue, should the sale of lands take place. It was only in cases in which the amount exceeded £50 that these mortgages had been obtained.



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RATE CLERKS: William Halloran, 1 Chapel Lane, New Ross, who had been appointed as temporary rate clerk, wrote that he had obtained another position.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, that James O'Shea, Lower Rosbercon, New Ross, replace William Halloran on the temporary Rate Staff.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, Michael Doyle, of Bruce, Clonevan, was also appointed on the temporary Rate Staff.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications were considered:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the application of Laurence Cogley, Bree, Macmine (Insurance Agent), for loan not exceeding £190 be recommended for approval to the County Council meeting."

Passed.

Application from Laurence Doyle, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown, which was not received until 6th March, 1937, (outside the advertised period) for loan not exceeding £160 was received and adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of Finance Committee.

Application from Mary Bennett, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, which was not received until 11th March 1937, for loan not exceeding £100 (which was outside the advertised period) was considered and it was decided that it be brought before the next meeting of Finance Committee.

Under date 16th March 1937, Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, wrote that some months ago the County Council agreed to advance a loan to him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for £130, and he believed he should have been granted £140, seeing that two applications, one previous to his and one immediately after, had been sanctioned at



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£140, although the valuation of their houses - £200 - was the same as his. He asked the Finance Committee to reconsider the amount of the loan.

It was decided to take no further action in the matter.

In reply to Mr. Kelly, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated he had written to Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy, to whom a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been advanced and who had let his house at 10/- per week, that he would have to reside in the house and that it was against the provisions of the Acts to let it to anyone.

GOREY DISTRICT: On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application of Patrick Byrne, Kilcavan, Gorey, (Carter) for loan be reported to County Council for approval, amount of loan not to exceed £200."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That application of John Nolan, William Street, Gorey, (Saddler), for loan be reported to the County Council for approval, amount of loan not to exceed £225."

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

"That application of Charles Redmond, Ballinatray, Courtown, (Labourer) for loan be reported to the County Council for approval, amount of loan not to exceed £175."

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following, which was adopted:-

"That application of Mrs. Elizabeth Sweetman, of Ballynabola, (Farmer) for loan be reported to County Council for approval, amount of loan not to exceed £150."

Under date 4th March, 1936, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he inspected the house of John Eustace



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of Clonleigh, Palace, on previous day. Nothing had been done for several months and the buildings was joist high, but no work had been carried out since the last certificate was issued. The applicant had some trouble with the mason and found it difficult to get anyone to complete the job. He expects to be able to restart in a couple of weeks time and to have the house finished in two months, as most of the timber etc. is on the site.

The Secretary stated that in this case the loan was £100 and £30 had been paid.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly that a further report be obtained from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, as regards the position of house of John Eustace in a month's time.

#### APPLICATION FROM ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

Under date 3rd March, 1937, the Hon. Secretary Wexford Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials Union forwarded the following memorandum from Messrs. R. J. Ennis, J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen and P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, as regards their application for increase of salary:-

"We, the undersigned District Surveyors, understand that there has been a sub-Committee appointed to deal with our application, and that this Sub-Committee has been, and is, considering a Scheme involving the taking over by us of some of the Board of Health work.

While we would be extremely anxious to facilitate the County Council in every way, we do not feel that we would be able to undertake work of this sort. We find that with the various schemes for unemployment relief, etc., added to our ordinary work we are just able to cope with it as it is.

There are a number of reasons which make road work in the County rather different from what it is in most of the



Counties where combined services are in operation.

We feel that it would be desirable for the Sub-Committee to have a Conference with us in regard to this matter and our application generally. We have some facts and views on the matter which we would like to put at the Committee's disposal.

Accordingly, we ask that the Sub-Committee grant us an interview."

Under date 10th March, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote R/RS/32, that the Minister saw no objection to the proposal of the Committee inquiring into the duties etc. of the Assistant Surveyors, to request the Chief Engineering Adviser, Mr. Courtney, of the Department, to confer with them and pointed out that the Secretary should communicate with Mr. Courtney as to a suitable date.

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

"That the application of four Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary be adjourned for the present. That they be informed if any proposals are to be put forward relative to their work a conference will be arranged with them.

That copy of this recommendation, if confirmed by County Council, be forwarded to the four Surveyors, to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) and also to Mr. Courtney, Chief Engineering Adviser, for his information."

#### INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Surveyor submitted tenders for County Council Insurances for year 1937/38. Only three Companies tendered for the full Insurances as follows:-

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.: P/L - £79. 4. 9d; Workmens' Compensation £718. 14. 0d; Boiler



Insurance £47. 5. 0; Fire Insurance £18. 2. 6d; Motor Insurance £58. 19. 8d. Total £922. 5. 11d.

McDonagh & Boland Ltd.:— P/L £79. 4. 9d; Workmens' Compensation £718. 14. 0d; Boiler Insurance £77. 1. 9d; Fire Insurance £26. 4. 6d; Motor Insurance £135. 12. 0d. Total £1036. 17. 0d.

Kehoe & Co., Dublin (Lloyds):— P/L £75. 1. 0d; Workmens' Compensation £622. 13. 0d; Boiler Insurance £67. 10. 6d; Fire Insurance £35. 12. 0d; Motor Insurance £118. 2. 0d. Total £918. 18. 6d.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the acceptance of the quotation of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for two reasons (1) because it was the lowest; (2) the Company was formed at the request of the County Councils which participate to a very large extent in any profits that were made.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Keegan proposed the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. McDonagh & Boland for Public Liability and Workmens' Compensation, and that the balance of Insurances be effected with Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

In proposing his amendment Mr. Keegan pointed out that Messrs. McDonagh & Boland had arranged these Insurances for some years and their figures for Public Liability and Workmens' Compensation were the same as those quoted by the Irish Public Bodies Company. He was against any proposal to turn down Messrs. McDonagh & Boland for the two insurances referred to in his amendment as they had given satisfaction.

After considerable discussion a poll was taken with the following result:—

For the Amendment:— Messrs. Keegan, Cullimore, Colfer and Kelly. - 4.

Against:— Mr. O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman. 3.



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The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion, it was adopted without dissent.

#### INCREMENTS OF SALARY

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that ~~==~~ increments be approved to the following in view of satisfactory reports as to service received from the County Secretary and County Surveyor:-

	<u>Increment</u>
J. H. Cadogan	£10
S. Hayes	£10
J. Moloney	£10
Miss Tobin	£5
P. M. Donohoe	£5
J. J. A. Masterson	£10
D. Radford	£10
J. O'Kennedy	£7. 10. 0
Miss Norton	£3.

#### PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES

Two tenders were received for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes:-

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, tendered at £27. 10. Od.

English & Co., The Quay, Wexford, tendered at £28.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. English & Co. as Messrs. Redmond were found not satisfactory in connection with the printing of the annual report of the County Committee of Agriculture.

#### ORDINARY PRINTING FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1937/38

Only one tender was received for the above printing, that of the Echo Newspaper, Enniscorthy, at £111. 17. 6d.

This was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan.



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In reply to the latter the Secretary stated that the amount of last year's contract under this heading was £111. 9. Od.

#### OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES

Applications were received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the consent of the County Council to the placing of overground telegraphic lines

- (1) From Haggard Bridge to Haggard Cross (Ramsgrange)
- (2) Along Ballycanew Road from Montague Cottage to Springmount, Gorey.

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

"That no objection be made to the proposal of the Post Office as regards erection of telegraph lines at Haggard Cross (Ramsgrange) and along Ballycanew Road provided work is carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

#### TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

The Secretary mentioned that in letter under date 21st October, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.208221/36 Loch Garman) sanctioning the appointment of Miss Bridget J. Moran as Telephone Attendant up to 31st March at 25/- per week.

In a previous letter under date 7th October 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.193154-36 - Loch Garman) that the experimental working of the central telephone switchboard should not exceed six months, at the end of which period the Council should definitely decide if a permanent arrangement should be adopted.

Arising out of this letter Miss Moran had been appointed temporary Telephone Attendant for the experimental period of six months at 25/- per week.

The Secretary further stated that Miss Moran's employ-



ment began on 7th December last and the six months' experimental period would not expire until 7th June 1937.

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

"That, as the experimental period relative to suitability of Telephone Switchboard for County Offices will not expire until 7th June next, we request the Minister to allow of the temporary employment of Miss Moran as Temporary Telephone Attendant up to that date at a remuneration of 25/- per week.

The Council desire to have experience of the working of Switchboard up to 7th June before definitely deciding as to the permanency of the arrangement.

OFFICE HOURS OF COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"We recommend the County Council to fix the hours of attendance for County Council staff - County Secretary's and County Surveyor's Departments - at from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with an hour off for dinner for the first five days of the week. That hours for Saturday be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m."

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND REPAIRS ETC. TO COURTHOUSE PREMISES.

Letter of 15th February 1937 from County Registrar as to repainting or distempering of lavatory and wash-up; office accommodation; change of robing rooms and judge's room, which had been adjourned from two previous meetings of the Finance Committee was considered.

It was decided to refer this communication to the County Surveyor to carry out any small repairs etc. which he considered essential.

The Finance Committee also decided to make no order as



to exchange of robing rooms which are utilised only for a very short period each year. They consider the present rooms quite suitable for the purposes for which they were intended.

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Mrs. Brigid Carty, Bride Street, Wexford, wrote under date 9th March 1937 asking for payment of portion of bursary for her son, Edward P. Carty.

Under date, 12th March, 1937, Rev. Brother Michael Foran, Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford, wrote that Edward P. Carty was now in Christian Brothers' College, St. Joseph's, Baldoyle, Dublin, where he went in July 1936. He was pursuing his studies there in preparation for Intermediate Certificate Examination in June next.

The Superior of St. Joseph's College, Baldoyle, Dublin, (Rev. Brother J. J. Kelly) wrote that Edward P. Carty, who had been in the College for the past nine months, requested that his bursary money should be forwarded to the College.

In reply to query, the Secretary stated that this Bursary was approved by Department of Education as tenable at Christian Brothers, Wexford. No application for sanction to change of school had been made. It was understood that this boy was preparing to enter the Christian Brothers' Order.

The following recommendation was adopted:- "That as Bursary to Edward P. Carty was approved as tenable at Christian Brothers, Wexford, and has not been taken there, we recommend its cancellation."

#### ARKLOW HARBOUR

Under date 12th March 1937, Mr. J. P. Kavanagh, Chairman Arklow Harbour Board, wrote asking name of Representative of Wexford County Council appointed on Arklow Harbour Board and the date of expiry of baronial guarantee.



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Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that Counsel's opinion in this matter had been obtained and it was stated therein that the Council had no liability in connection with the appointment of a Representative on Arklow Harbour Board once the baronial guarantee had been paid off.

Acting on this, the Finance Committee decided not to take further steps in the matter.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Kavanagh was given particulars as to the connection of Wexford County Council with Arklow Harbour some years ago.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The Secretary stated it was understood that the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) were prepared to provide a Grant of £600 towards the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour provided a local contribution of £300 is forthcoming.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 13th March 1937, that strictly speaking the County Council could not expend money on a harbour which was not scheduled.

The following recommendation was adopted:- "That the Council be recommended to provide a local contribution of £300 towards the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour if it be possible to do so without running the risk of surcharge. This proposal to be subject to the provision of grant of £600 from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture."

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 12th March 1937, the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody:-

"My Committee had before them your letter of 25th ultimo enclosing the Assistant Surveyor's report on the condition of the streets of Bunclody.



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They desire me to say that they disagree with that report entirely. To say that they are as good as ever they were is not good enough for this age of progress. They might possibly do before motor traffic came to raise germ-laden dust to enter shops and private houses infecting food and in other ways menacing public health. But the Committee contend that they are not as good as ever they were. Owing to the wearing down of the surface there are large stones projecting upwards from the surface in many places, which are very dangerous to those who have to walk upon them.

My Committee feel that the town is being side-tracked in favour of less important places owing to us having no representation on the Council.

They desire me to invite you to send one or two members of the Council to meet a Sub-Committee of ours for the purpose of inspecting the streets.

As the principal streets of the town form portion of a main road my Committee suggest to the Council that they apply for a special grant from the Road Fund or some other source for the purpose of having these streets properly surfaced."

The following resolution was adopted:- "The Finance Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to expend portion of next year's Improvement Grant on improving Bunclody streets. They also desire to point out to Bunclody Town Improvement Committee the fact that they have no local representative on the Council does not militate in the smallest way against Bunclody. The Council are the representatives of the entire body of Wexford ratepayers and are always anxious to help any section irrespective of residence."

#### ROAD MATTERS

It was decided that the following applications for repair of lanes be adjourned awaiting report of County Surveyor:-

1. Lane at Rathduff, Killanne.
2. Curragnabola Lane, Bree.
3. Two dangerous corners at Ardinagh opposite residence of Mr. Ennis, Springwood.
4. Road from Tomhaggard to Bargy.



#### QUARRY AT BALLINAGLOUGH

Under date 11th March 1937, Mr. M. F. Coghlan, Solicitor, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Mrs. Catherine Dunne, Ballinaglough, Blackwater, that the County Surveyor had approached her with a view to acquiring portion of her holding for the purpose of a quarry. It would be necessary if a quarry was opened on the land, to acquire at least a further half acre to provide a roadway into the quarry. The whole farm was only six statute acres and as it was already too small, even at present, for the purposes of farming, Mrs. Dunne and her son, Michael, were not agreeable to release any portion of the holding to provide a quarry.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor who stated that he would abandon the project. Some of the material would do for road metalling, but in view of the size of the holding he would not go further with the matter.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications relative to committal of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

James Brooks, Drumderry, Buncloody (illegitimate); and Michael Rooney, Clohamon.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period of overdraft accommodation of £35,000 up to 30th June 1937."

ASSISTANT

#### TEMPORARY COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 12th March 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.17610-37 Loch Gar-



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man) forwarding copy of letter to County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance approving of the appointment of Dr. J. W. Roche as temporary Assistant County Medical Officer of Health consequent on the resignation of Dr. H. Aughney, remuneration £10. 10. 0 per week with vouched travelling expenses.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1936/7  
ROADS (RURAL).

Under date 8th March 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/203/32) that they were prepared to provide £2850 subject to a local contribution of £950 for improvement of Rural Roads and footpaths. The grant was subject to the conditions governing the recruitment and employment of labour laid down in Memo (SGA/202/E) and such other regulations as may be issued subsequently.

The Secretary stated that the Council had already agreed to provide the local contribution of £950 by way of loan.

APPLICATION FOR WORK

William Doyle, Killaine, Drinagh, wrote under date 9th March 1937 that he had worked on and off for the County Council from boyhood. He had now the care of a very large family and though he "was not going into liquidation" he would be very glad if the County Council would provide him with some work.

Referred to County Surveyor.

ENNISCORTHY ROADS

Under date 17th March, 1937, the Hon. Secretary, Fianna Fail (Republican Party - Enniscorthy Cumann) wrote:-

"My Committee has considered your correspondence of the 13th instant and consider Mr. Ennis's report on the roads mentioned in my previous letter fairly satisfactory.

However, they would be glad to know when Mr. Ennis



proposes to get the portion of Road No. 9 sprayed and made rough so as to have the path on this portion of road done.

Also, when he might be in a position to have road and footpath (No. 8) at New Cemetery repaired."

It was decided to refer this letter to County Surveyor.

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE

Mr. Laurence Doyle, Main Street, Camolin, wrote applying for permission to erect a wooden house at Clonhenrit, Camolin. He could not put the building back more than ten feet from roadside water course.

Adjourned pending receipt of report from County Surveyor.

#### LEAGUE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The National Secretary for above, writing from 27, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, asked the County Council to adopt the following resolution:-

"That we request the Government to give careful consideration to the proposals to end unemployment put forward by the League for Social Justice."

It was decided to take no action in the matter.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 19th March 1937 as now submitted be received and considered."

APPLICATION ASSISTANT SURVEYORS: Mr. Corish asked if the recommendation of the Finance Committee meant that the matter was put off indefinitely.

The Chairman said it was adjourned only for the present. If anything further arose in connection with it a conference with the Assistant Surveyors would be arranged.

Mr. Corish urged that the conference should be arranged as soon as possible as no one knew what might happen in the future. It was better to have some kind of scheme prepared in view of any changes that might be made. He proposed that the matter be referred back to the Finance Committee with a view to arranging a conference between the Subcommittee and the Assistant Surveyors, at which Mr. Courtney, Chief Engineering Adviser of the Department would be in attendance.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Chairman questioned the advisability of having a conference unless the Assistant Surveyors were prepared to do some of the other engineering work of the County. From their representations this did not appear likely.

Mr. Corish held it was impossible to prophecy what might happen at the conference.

Miss O'Ryan said if the conference were agreed to, the representatives of the Council should have their minds made up as to what they required. The County Council had not yet arrived at the stage of formulating a scheme whereby they might not only improve the position of the Surveyors, but also the engineering work of the County Council and County generally.



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Mr. Corish pointed out that the Sub-Committee had made tentative suggestions as to having more co-operation between Assistant Surveyors of the County Council and the Engineers of the Board of Health, and it might be possible at the Conference to formulate a scheme acceptable to everybody.

The Chairman said the really vital question in the matter was - Are the Assistant Surveyors in a position to take on extra work for another Local Authority, particularly works dealing with water and sewerage schemes?.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that from time to time, the Board of Health had to bring in Consulting Engineers, and as they had in the County Surveyors with excellent qualifications, it would be eminently more satisfactory if a scheme could be arranged to employ them instead of outsiders.

After further discussion the motion to refer the matter back to the Finance Committee to arrange for Conference, was put and adopted without dissent.

INSURANCES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL: Mr. Meyler moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this matter.

Col. Gibbon seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the acceptance in full of the quotation of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. Bowe proposed the acceptance of Lloyd's tender, which was which was really the lowest.

The Secretary pointed out that the difference between Lloyds and that of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company was less than £4, and as the profits made by the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company would go in relief of Insurances rates, the Finance Committee considered the proposal of the Irish Public Bodies, if not in figures, in reality the lowest tender.



Mr. Corish pointed out that if Lloyds tender was accepted and any dispute occurred between the Company and the County Council, proceedings would have to be taken in the English Courts at very considerable expense.

A poll was then taken on Mr. Meyler's motion to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee, with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Day, Gibbon, Keegan, Kelly, Lawler, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. - 18.

Against:- Messrs. Bowe, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. - 4.  
The Chairman declared the motion carried.

As a further amendment Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the acceptance of Lloyds tender, but, on a show of hands it was supported by the proposer and seconder only.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put as the substantive motion and adopted nem. con.

OFFICE HOURS COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF: Mr. Corish considered it would have been advisable if the staff had been consulted regarding the change of hours.

Mr. Colfer pointed out that the change would mean that some members of the staff would be unable to catch buses and trains after close of office. He moved as an amendment to the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the hours at present obtaining - viz., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. remain in force.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

On a show of hands 4 voted for this amendment and 18 in favour of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

It was decided that the change should come into effect as from Monday, 19th April, 1937.



SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee cancelling the Secondary & Vocational Bursary of Edward Carty, letter under date 8th April, 1937 was read from him, stating he forgot to ask the County Council to agree to the transfer of his Bursary from Christian Brothers Schools, Wexford, to Christian Brothers College, Baldoyle, and apologised for the omission.

The Rev. Brother Superior of St. Joseph's College, Baldoyle, wrote under date 8th April, 1937, that Edward P. Carty had been attending that College since July 1936, and was very satisfactory in every respect. He would sit for the Intermediate Certificate Examination in June next.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That, in the special circumstances put forward as regards the transfer of Edward P. Carty, Bursary holder, under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, from Christian Brothers Schools, Wexford, to Christian Brothers College, (St. Joseph's) Baldoyle, we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this matter, and agree that Bursary should be transferred to Christian Brothers College, Baldoyle, Dublin. This is to be considered as a special case and cannot be taken as a precedent. In future, Bursaries and Scholarships will be automatically cancelled if pupils leave the school at which the Scholarship or Bursary is tenable, for any other school, even though it may have the approval of the Department of Education."

The resolution was passed without dissent.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: Mr. Corish said that about ten years ago Mr. Finian Lynch, who was then Minister for Fisheries, visited St. Helen's Harbour, and fishermen pointed out to him certain works which were necessary to make the place



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safe for their boats. The Minister was then prepared to put up a certain sum of money and he believed it was also agreed that the County Council would provide one-third of the total cost. The project was turned down by the Minister for Finance. It was resurrected shortly after the present Council came into office and he understood it was then also agreed by the Council to put up a certain amount in order to secure a grant. The proposal then made was sent on various occasions to the Office of Public Works from which evasive answers were received, the principal being that the work could not be carried out for the estimate of the County Surveyor. Eventually he (Mr. Corish) and Mr. Allen, the Chairman of the County Council, were asked to interview the officials of the Office of Public Works, and at that interview they had in mind the fact that the County Council were prepared to put up a reasonable share of the cost. If they went to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and asked his permission to put up this money they would not get it, because, as the law stood they could spend money only on the repair of a pier which was described as "scheduled". St. Helen's did not come into that category. However, if they were surcharged there was more than a possibility, in view of all the circumstances, that the surcharge would be remitted. The fishermen at St. Helen's had done everything they had been asked in order to qualify for a grant. They had formed a flourishing branch of the Fishermen's Association, and there were a dozen boats employed. He then proposed the following:-

"That in the event of the Minister for Fisheries providing a State Grant of £600 towards the cost of repair and improvement of St. Helen's Harbour the Wexford County Council agree to provide as local contribution towards the project a sum of £300."



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Miss O'Ryan seconded. Continuing, she said that one of the reasons why the project had been held up was because the former Minister of Fisheries favoured a much more comprehensive scheme than the one submitted by the County Surveyor and the Government would not accept the latter. The old Council, as well as the present Council, were very anxious that something should be done for St. Helen's.

The Chairman said that in law the Council had no power to spend any of the rates on this Harbour, and the question resolved itself into a decision as to whether they were prepared to chance any surcharge.

Col. Quin said he was not prepared to chance a surcharge.

The Chairman said they were all agreed that something should be done, but they had been informed by the County Solicitor that as this Harbour was not scheduled they had no power to spend money on it.

The Secretary pointed out that there was a strong possibility that any expenditure for this harbour out of the rates would be surcharged.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed that they request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to expend £300 from the Grant for relief of Unemployment to supplement the State Grant of £600, and thus provide the £1000 which was necessary for the scheme of development of the Harbour at St. Helen's.

Col. Gibbon seconded the proposal which passed nem.con.

It was decided to adjourn the further consideration of Mr. Corish's proposal to provide a local contribution of £300 pending the reply of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow this amount to come from Relief Grant.



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BUNCLODY STREETS: Mr. Culleton said that, with reference to the complaint of the Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody, they had an excellent representative on the County Council, but they did not return him at the election.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that the trouble was, the Improvements Committee wanted the Main Street of Bunclody reconstructed. It was too big a job for the present, as it would run to £4,000 while he had only a total grant of £2000 for his district. With £150 he could lay patches of tarred stones in the street.

Col. Quin contended that money on tarred roads was wasted. Concrete should be used as far as possible, as in the long run it would prove less expensive.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that some years ago, he had proposed that the roads of the County should be considered as an entire problem, and that the financial cost with the proper technical advice and estimates be dealt with.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ronan and passed:-

"That in view of the number of unemployed in Bunclody district, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be informed that the Wexford County Council will be prepared to raise by loan a sum of £1000, provided the Department would contribute £3000 in order to concrete the streets of Bunclody Village."

It was also decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish, T.D.'s would approach the Minister on the subject.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 19th March 1937, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are confirmed, except in so far as same have been dissented from or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."



MEETING 2nd APRIL 1937: The Minutes of this meeting  
were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd April, 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4797. 6. 10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE ESTIMATE

The following, under date 1st April 1937 (G.20994/37 - Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"The Minister for Local Government and Public Health desires me to refer to your letter of the 12th ultimo, and to state that he notes the provision of £7,000 in the Estimates as submitted by you in respect of deductions from grants has been struck out by the Finance Committee, and desires to be informed how it is proposed to meet the deficit that will apparently arise.

If it is the intention of the Council to increase their overdraft, they should reconsider their decision as soon as possible. The Minister will not be prepared to sanction borrowing for revenue purposes on the same scale as heretofore, and the Council, if they are to maintain their services, should frame their estimates so that temporary borrowing shall not at any time exceed the amount of rates that are due and uncollected at that time."

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

"That, in connection with letter of 1st April, 1937 (G.20994-37 Loch Garman) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health we desire to inform the Minister that the Rate which has been agreed to by Wexford County Council is sufficient to meet all current commitments of the Council for the financial year 1937/38. The Council are of



opinion it is unwise to raise in any particular year more in revenue than that required to meet estimated expenditure within the year. The Finance Committee believe that with the levy for current financial year there will be no necessity to apply for increased overdraft.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the position of Rate Collection (net warrant) to date of meeting:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u> <u>on Gross Warrant</u> <u>(including arrears).</u>
E. J. Murphy	85.3
J. Curtis	83.5
J. Deegan	76.1
M. Kehoe	75.0
J. Cummins	74.1
J. J. O'Reilly	72.1
S. Gannon	71.9
D. Kenny	71.9
P. Nolan	70.2
J. Flood	70.1
P. Carty	70.0
P. Doyle	67.7
M. McCarthy	63.1
J. Quirke	62.1
A. Dunne	61.2
W. Cummins	59.1
W. Doyle	58.2
J. J. Sinnott	57.3
M. Murphy	56.3
	68.3

This represents an improvement of 2.5 on corresponding date last year.

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed warrants must be closed by 3rd May 1937 and warned that applications for extension of this period will not be entertained by the Committee."

POUNDAGE: It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the payment of



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poundage to Collectors, who, since last Finance Committee meeting reached the stipulated figure fixed by Department for payment.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Secretary stated that the following showed the position of the £2500 allocated from loan to the four districts of the County, viz., Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford:-

Enniscorthy: Amount allocated £3760. Debit £260; outstanding applications £1253.

Gorey: Allocated £2460; credit £40; outstanding applications £100.

New Ross: Allocated £610; credit £1890; outstanding application £200.

Wexford: Amount allocated £630; credit £1920; outstanding applications £513.

The Committee decided they would deal with applications from New Ross and Wexford only as it was considered further applications would be forthcoming from these districts, and it would be unwise for the present to transfer any portion of their allocations to Enniscorthy or Gorey.

It was also agreed that as regards applications for New Ross and Wexford districts the period in which to make application be extended to 30th June 1937 and that this fact be advertised.

The meeting then considered outstanding applications as follows:-

#### NEW ROSS DISTRICT:-

1. Luke Lennon, Dunganstown, New Ross - loan applied for £100 - wrote that he had not applied for a labourer's cottage. He worked as a farm labourer at 10/- per week and sometimes at handy work for which he received 12/- to 15/- per week. He had also a British Army Pension of 12/- per



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The County Surveyor said the proposed site of house was undesirable, as it was directly facing the Catholic Church.

Refused.

2. Mary A. Bennett, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam; labourer's wife; estimated value of house £280; Government Grant £70; loan applied for £100. This application was received at last meeting of Finance Committee.

This application was adjourned for a statement as to what amount of land was held by applicant; what means she had and why she did not apply for labourer's cottage.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:

1. Thomas Hamilton, Whitemill, Wexford; loan applied for £234; had not replied to queries as to his means.

2. Patrick Merriman, Seaview, Murrintown (agricultural labourer) - Value of house £70; Government Grant £70; Loan applied for £30.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Merriman it was unlikely he would be able to secure Government Grant for house valued at £70. Also, if County Council gave him loan of £30 it would entail £5 or £6 more for legal and other expenses. Further, the Finance Committee believed it was proposed to erect house on a common and Mr. Merriman would find it difficult to establish title to site.

3. James Sheil, St. Mary's Terrace, Rosslare Harbour (Railway Employee); value of house £300; Government Grant £45; Amount of loan £248. 10. 0.

It was decided to refuse the application as the Committee were aware that ample housing accommodation was being provided at Rosslare Harbour.



COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE AND OVERDRAFT

Under date 27th February 1937 the following was read from the Manager, Wexford Branch, National Bank:-

"The account of the County Wexford Rural Library Committee at this office is now overdrawn £400. 5. 9d, and I shall be glad to know for the information of my Directors, if it is with the authority of your Council that the overdraft exists.

We do not appear to have any authorisation with regard to it.

Thanking you in anticipation."

The Secretary, under date 3rd March 1937, wrote the following letter to the County Librarian:-

"I have had a letter from the Manager, National Bank Ltd., Wexford, enquiring, for the information of his Directors, if the County Council have given authority to the Library Committee to overdraw Bank Account. As I do not appear to have received any communication from Library Committee in the matter I would be glad to hear from you in reference.

In the meantime, it would be well to furnish the Bank with copy of any resolution adopted by your Committee regarding overdraft accommodation."

Under date, 25th March, 1937, the following resolution adopted at County Library meeting on 20th March was received:-

"That we ask the County Council to <sup>be</sup> responsible for the Library Committee's overdraft, whenever such occurs."

The Secretary stated that the present overdraft of the Library Committee was £149. 12. 10d.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay in advance



quarterly instalments to the County Library Committee. And, in view of this the Finance Committee consider there should be no necessity for overdraft for this Committee in the future."

SALARIES OF LIBRARIANS

The Secretary to the Library Association, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C.1., forwarded recommendations of his Association as to the salaries of Librarians.

No action.

COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

Intimation was received from Secretary of above that the next meeting of General Council would be held during Dublin Spring Show week (May 4th to 8th) and any matters for Agenda should be received before 22nd April 1937.

No order.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN AT CLONEE, CAMOLIN

Under date 25th March 1937 the County Surveyor wrote that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that there is a defective drain under passage from the road into Moses Doyle's lands at Clonee and that he had served notice on Mr. Doyle to make same good. As this had not been done, the County Surveyor asked for authority to have proceedings instituted against Moses Doyle.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, inform Moses Doyle, Clonee, Camolin, that unless he repairs defective drain under passage from road into his lands at Clonee, Camolin, the County Council will be reluctantly compelled to proceed against him."



WARBLE FLY ORDER

The following report, under date 30th March 1937, was read from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy:-

"I regret to say that the Inspector in No. 2 Area (James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin) is not working to my satisfaction. On Form W.F.3 on March 20th it is evident he did not examine the cattle, property of S. Rothwell and J. Bolger, (infact he admitted to me when interviewed on 27th, that he took the owners word for them).

On March 23rd, he has

M. Doyle, Marley, No. on Premises 7; Infested 0.

I called at Mr. Doyle's on 23rd, and ascertained the Inspector was speaking to M. Doyle on the road. On the 26th, I called at Mr. M. Doyle's and examined his cattle. The figures should read:- No. on Premises 11. Infested 3. The Cattle were dressed on 25th as I had warned them on 23rd.

Perhaps you would ask Inspector for an explanation and give him a warning."

On receipt of this, the Secretary asked Doyle for an explanation, but this could not be received in time for Finance Committee meeting.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of report of Mr. Ringwood to next Finance Committee when Doyle's explanation as to complaints can be submitted.

The Secretary reported that James Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Raheen, Adamstown, Inspector for No. 9 Area, was not giving entire satisfaction and had been warned by Veterinary Inspector. In his area, although the first period had almost terminated, only a small number of cattle had been dressed. His explanation was that farmers dressed cattle that were not infested with warbles. He is supposed to examine all cattle on the premises, but he says that in the first weeks he only examined those that were dressed. He had been asked for an explanation.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That Mr. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, be requested to inform the Finance Committee if James Furlong, Warble Fly Inspector No. 9 Area is satisfactorily discharging his duties."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

The following report re Thomas Byrne, Craan, Bunclody, was received from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector for Enniscorthy district:-

"Thomas Byrne, Craan, was notified on 20th March that he was to have all his sheep collected at his house on 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. and have arrangements made for dipping. On my arrival he had only 40 sheep collected instead of 52 and had no arrangements made for dipping.

I then, at his own request, appointed March 30th, and on that date he had ten sheep of his neighbours mixed with his own and he refused to dip the sheep, and I dressed the one sheep that was still showing symptoms of the disease."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the County Council be recommended to proceed against Thomas Byrne, Craan, Bunclody, for breaches of the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order 1915."

LOAN - EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That as regards proposed loan of £950 to meet the share of Wexford County Council of the cost of a scheme of road works approved under the Employment Schemes Vote 1936-37- it is hereby resolved that the Wexford County Council make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a grant towards the cost of carrying out a scheme



of road and/or footpath works which is being undertaken by the said County Council with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and it is further requested that the Minister in pursuance of Section 6(1) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, will issue a certificate to that effect so that any money borrowed for the carrying out of the work shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the said County Council for the purposes of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing."

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That as already agreed to by the Wexford County Council the £950 local contribution in respect of Employment Schemes Vote 1936-37 (Road Works) be borrowed by County Council from County Treasurer, repayment to be made in three years."

#### ROSSLARE COAST EROSION

Mrs. M. M. Doyle, Golf Club Restaurant, Rosslare, wrote under date 19th March 1937 that during the storms during the week the entire foundation of the eastern portion of her restaurant was entirely undermined and part of it had actually fallen into the sea. Should even a slight storm blow from South East, there was no doubt but the remainder of her premises would be in no small danger of following what had already gone. As it was, the building was dangerous to herself and family and to anyone who approached too close to it. An average of eight feet had been lost by erosion during her twelve years occupancy of the house. She asked if the County Council could see their way to assist her in any manner by way of compensation to secure alternative accommodation, as unless a miracle happened she would not only lose her house but her means of livelihood.



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The Secretary stated he had informed Mrs. Doyle that the Council had no legal power to come to her assistance.

The meeting decided to inform Mrs. Doyle that while regretting her great loss by the erosion of the coast they had no legal power to award her any compensation.

#### BUNCLODY POUND

Under date 18th March 1937 Messrs. Stopford & Turner, Estate Agents for Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare, Bunclody, wrote that he was not prepared to erect a shed and instal water supply in Live Stock Pound Yard at Bunclody and let it to the County Council at £6 per annum.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter for a further search to ascertain if this Pound had been ever vested in the Grand Jury.

#### REPAIR OF LANES

BALLYKILTY LANEWAY: M. Byrne, Ballykilty, Coolgreaney, wrote under date 19th March 1937 asking that something should be done to repair laneway from Ballykilty road to his farm at Ballykilty which was in a very bad state. There was a high rate on the farm and it could not be paid if something was not done as soon as possible with the lane.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

BARRAGLAN LANE, MONAMOLIN: The following report was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected this lane. It is about  $\frac{2}{3}$  mile long. There are two houses on it. It is no doubt in an extremely bad state. Apparently nothing is ever done in the way of repairs. The subsoil is marl, and the whole place water and springs. Consequently it would cost a good deal to do much with it. Besides, it would be difficult to get stones.

From the third paragraph in the memorial one would think that this lane was the only convenient way to Monamolin from



the townlands of Ballinastraw, Mounthoward, Carrigrue and Kilcorkey. If you examine the map you will see that this is scarcely accurate.

To really surface and drain this lane properly would cost over £400. For a Minor Relief Scheme, I think it should be put in at £200. This would clean up the sides, and do some drainage and surfacing."

Recommended to County Council for Minor Relief Scheme - amount £200.

KILTEALY LANES: The following report as to these lanes (application Peter Byrne) was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Curraduff Lane: This lane could be put on the list for Minor Relief at £120. It is not quite as impassible as the letter would indicate. It is water off the Mountain which does the damage. We draw about 300 loads of stones down part of the lane every year. This is done in dry weather, and does not do the harm alleged.

Lane in Mohurry: I do not know where this lane is.

Footbridge in Mohurry: This must be some private foot stick over the Urrin River. It probably wants a couple of new larch sticks. It would not seem to be a job with any labour content suitable for a Minor Relief Scheme."

It was decided to recommend the County Council to apply for £120 for repair of Curraduff Lane, and that no action be taken with regard to Lane and Footbridge in Mohurry.

LANES AT LEVITSTOWN, DUNCORMACK: Under date, 25th March, 1937, Mr. T. J. Codd, Levitstown, Duncormack, wrote that he and his neighbour, James Roche, wished to have their two laneways repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Consideration adjourned for report from County Surveyor.



APPLICATION MARRIAGE GRATUITY

The following under date 31st March 1937 was read from Miss Eileen Doyle, Assistant Librarian:-

"As I have resigned my position of Assistant Librarian in view of my approaching marriage, I would be grateful if you would favour me with the amount of marriage gratuity in accordance with Section 44(4) of the Local Government Act of 1925.

I have ten years service and would be entitled to ten-twelfths of my annual salary of £117.

Thanking you for all your kindness to me during my term of office."

In reply to Mr. Colfer the Secretary said that the maximum amount which could be granted in this instance was £95. 13. 10d.

Mr. Colfer gave notice of his intention to move at the meeting of County Council on 12th April 1937, that Miss Doyle be granted the full amount of marriage gratuity.

APPLICATION INCREASE OF SALARY

Under date 19th March 1937, the Local Government Officials' Union forwarded application for increase of salary on behalf of Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerk in County Council Office. Mr. Donohoe was appointed on 28th February 1930 at the salary of £90 - £5 - £150 per annum and now after seven years' service was in receipt of £125 per annum and would not reach his maximum for another five years. About the time Mr. Donohoe was appointed the Council, on the representation of the Union adopted a salary scale for Junior Clerks of £156 - £7. 10. 0d - £201 - £10 - £234, but this was not made applicable to Mr. Donohoe. He had, at the moment, the salary which applied to female typists and the Union, believing he had a genuine grievance, asked that he be put on the scale already agreed to by the Council for



the other members of their clerical staff.

Mr. Kelly gave notice of his intention to move at the meeting of County Council on 12th April 1937 that Mr. Donohoe be placed on the same incremental scale of salary as the other ordinary clerical officers of County Council staff, viz., £156 - £7. 10. 0 - £201 - £10 - £234.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1937-38 ROADS (URBAN)

Under date 25th March 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.U.204/201) that in connection with above Schemes they were prepared to provide a grant of £1450 for New Ross Urban District provided a local contribution of £200 was forthcoming, the amount to be spent under scheme to be £1650. The grant was subject to the usual conditions as to recruitment of labour, to the work being completed by March 1938 and to the local contribution being raised by rate in the forthcoming financial year. The Minister would not be able to entertain an application to raise the local contribution by way of loan or overdraft.

The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had been forwarded to the Town Clerk, New Ross, on 27th March 1937.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That New Ross Urban District Council be requested to inform Wexford County Council if they intend availing of the offer of Department of Local Government and Public Health to provide a grant of £1450 for repair of roads and works are the Urban District Council prepared to contribute from Rate a sum of £200."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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



"That as provided by Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme reasonable claims for expenses from parents or guardians of pupils who have not been successful at recent examination and who have made the stipulated percentage of marks be allowed Vouchers not to be required for railway fares."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd April 1937 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The following under date 9th April 1937 was read from Mr. P. Nolan, Hon. Secretary to County Wexford Rate Collectors' Association:-

"In reply to letter received from Finance Committee of your Council to each Rate Collector re closing of warrants, the Rate Collectors have asked me, on their behalf, to request the County Council to extend the date for closing present warrants to 31st May next. They also wish to point out that the most important fairs of the year are held in May and we believe we could do much better, if time was extended to that date."

Several members pointed out that important fairs would be held through the Month of May, and it was necessary that the Rate Collectors be given an opportunity of collecting Rates there.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee to have all Rate Warrants closed by 3rd May 1937, and agree that the period for the close of such warrants be extended to 31st May 1937, in consequence of the fact that important fairs are held during that month."

WARBLE FLY ORDER: It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer to refer the complaints relative to Warble Fly Inspectors James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin and James Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Adamstown, to the Finance Committee for further consideration particularly as regards



any explanation that may be received from James Furlong.

ROSSLARE COAST EROSION: The following under date 10th April 1937 was read from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Coast Erosion Committee:-

"I am instructed by the above Committee to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th ultimo referring to Coast Erosion at Rosslare, and to thank you for bringing the matter before the County Council.

The Committee deeply appreciates the sympathetic manner in which this urgent problem was discussed by the County Council, and the efforts made to secure an inquiry. I am to request you to convey to the members of the Council the Committee's sincere thanks for their interest in the question.

Further, I am instructed to point out that a Departmental Committee to deal with the problem of Coast Erosion under the Chairmanship of Sir Philip Hanson, was set up some years ago. The Committee held public sittings at Rosslare, Lahinch and other resorts along the coast which were also in danger. A report was presented to the Minister for Local Government in 1929, but was never made public, and my Committee requests that you bring this matter before the next meeting of the Council, with a view to securing publication of this important report."

Mr. Corish said that the report referred to was out of date and the County Surveyor agreed. What was really required, Mr. Corish said, was for a Commission to go into the position as it now stood.

The County Surveyor said the report made by Mr. Mobbs, English Expert, did not deal with the place at which erosion had recently taken place, though his recommendations, if carried out, would cost nearly half a million.

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

"That the Government be asked to appoint a small Commission to examine and report as to coast erosion at Rosslare. That they be asked (in view of the extensive damage which is being caused) to deal with this matter forthwith. That copy of this resolution be furnished the Office of Public Works and the Department of Local Government and Public Health."



ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN AND MARRIAGE GRATUITY: The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the full amount of marriage gratuity under Section 44 (4) of Local Government Act of 1925 be granted to Miss Doyle on her resignation as Assistant Librarian."

(This motion appeared in full on agenda paper of the meeting).

Mr. Corish seconded.

The Secretary stated that according to her service, Miss Doyle would be entitled to a gratuity of £95. 13. 10d.

The Chairman said that the Council had given the full amount only in one case in which the service was short - three years. A Poultry Instructress who had 16 years service and could have been voted £221. 10. 0d received £100 and a former Shorthand-Typist, who could have received £81 was voted £50.

Col. Quin proposed that the amount be fixed at £50, but the motion was not seconded.

The Chairman suggested that the Council would agree to £80.

Mr. Colfer and Mr. Corish then withdrew their proposal and Mr. Colfer proposed that Miss Doyle, Assistant Librarian, be granted a sum of £80 under Section 44(4) of Local Government Act of 1925 as marriage gratuity.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the motion was adopted, Col. Quin, being the only dissentient.

APPLICATION INCREASE OF SALARY: The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, and which appeared in full on agenda paper of the meeting was moved by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerical Assistant, County Council Staff, be placed on the same incremental scale of salary as the ordinary Clerical Officers of the County



Council staff, viz., £156 - £7. 10. 0 - £201 - £10 to £234."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that Mr. Donohoe gave every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd April 1937 as now submitted, be and the same are hereby confirmed except in so far as same may have been dissented from or altered by resolution passed at this meeting."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - APPOINTMENT OF EX-OFFICIO INSPECTOR.

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

"That Garda Francis Healy (2833), Buncloody, be appointed as Ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford, vice Garda D. Cronin (5196)."

MENTAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS - AUDITOR'S REPORT

Under date 22nd March 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.15126/37) (Enniscorthy Mental Hospital) forwarding copy of their Auditor's report on his Audit of the Accounts of the Mental Hospital for the three half years ended 30th September last with attested abstracts of same.

Referred to Mental Hospital Committee.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

Under date 3rd April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.Circ.60/37) forwarding copy of Circular issued to Veterinary Inspectors, for the supervision of milk supplies, in connection with their



attendance at a three or four days Refresher Course, dealing with the above regulations, and which had been arranged to be held in Dublin, Cork and Limerick.

Mr. Corish proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That this County Council approves of the attendance of their Veterinary Inspectors at any of the Refresher Courses dealing with the Milk and Dairies Regulations, and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed accordingly."

#### GRANT - KILTEALY ROAD

Under date 5th April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RG/32) stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had received the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a Grant of 50 per cent of the cost of improving portion of the road from Enniscorthy to Kiltelaly, subject to a maximum grant of £2500, which is subject to the usual conditions governing the recruitment of labour, etc.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 6th April, 1937, was read from the Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"As trading to this harbour will be resumed early in Spring, we would point out that it is absolutely essential for the safety of vessels loading and unloading cargo, to fit eight baulks to act as a breakwater at the Sluice gates. We would suggest that the best kind of baulks for this purpose would be pitch pine.

We wish also to bring to your notice that to collect dues from vessels it is very important to provide for their safety."

The County Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, said in



his opinion, it would cost £60 to carry out the proposal of the Committee.

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

"That the request of Courtown Harbour Committee as to the placing of eight baulks to act as a breakwater at the sluice gates, be referred to County Surveyor for report and recommendation."

BUILDING OF GOREY HOSPITAL

Under date 7th April 1937, the Secretary of the Sean Etchingham Fianna Fail Cumann, Riverchapel, Gorey, wrote as follows:-

"We wish to bring to the notice of the County Council the fact that stock bricks manufactured in Dublin are being used in the building of the hospital at Gorey, despite the assurance given by the Board of Health that only bricks manufactured by the Courtown Brick & Tile Company were to be used. We wish to register a strong protest against the turning down of a local industry, which for years has been giving much needed employment in our area, and we are confident that we will have the whole-hearted support of the County Council in this matter.

We would also like to mention that as preparations are being made to build a number of cottages in this area that the promise given by the Board of Health that the inside walls are to be lined with stock bricks will be adhered to."

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

"That letter from Sean Etchingham Fianna Fail Cumann, Riverchapel, as to origin of bricks used in the erection of Gorey Hospital, be referred to the County Board of Health for their observations."



COMPENSATION FOR BURNING OF BALLYNESTRAGH HOUSE

The following under date 9th April, 1937, was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, re above:-

"We are writing to you on behalf of our client, Mr. John L. Esmonde, Barrister-at-Law, in the following circumstances.

The late Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart., obtained an Award of £31,000 under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, in respect of the destruction of Ballinestrach House. This Award was conditional on that amount being spent on the reconstruction of the building. For various reasons the Award was never taken up nor the conditions of rebuilding complied with. Ballinestrach House is now the property of our client, Mr. John L. Esmonde, and he has been in negotiation with the Department of Finance with a view to having the Compensation Award, already mentioned, made available.

It would not be feasible for our client to expend the entire sum of £31,000 in the rebuilding of Ballinestrach House, and after several discussions with the Department of Finance, they have agreed to allow our client to spend between £10,000 and £15,000 of the Award on rebuilding Ballinestrach House and to allow him to expend half of the balance of the Award on the erection of approved houses in the neighbourhood of Gorey town. Presumably the other half of the balance would be retained by the State.

Our client estimates that approximately £10,000 will be necessary to rebuild Ballinestrach House, which would leave a figure of £10,500 available for the erection of approved houses in the Town of Gorey.

It is necessary for our client to furnish a Certificate from your Council that they offer no objection to the proposed concession in regard to the condition originally attached to the Award, that is to say that they were satisfied that our client should be allowed to expend, say £10,000 on Ballinestrach House and roughly £10,500 on building houses in Gorey.

It is hardly necessary for us to point out the desirability of this arrangement. Much needed employment will be given forthwith and additional housing accommodation provided in or about Gorey, where it is badly needed.

The matter is rather urgent, as there is a time limit by which the work and rebuilding must be completed, and we should be glad if you please lay this matter before your Council at your earliest possible opportunity and let us hear.

If you consider that we could be of any assistance by attending the meeting, we shall be happy to do so.

May we mention that the sites for building must be acquired by our client out of his own resources; no portion of the Award can be used for such a purpose; it must all be spent on workmanship and materials.



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Naturally, until the consent of the County Council is obtained, we are held up in closing any deals in respect of building sites."

The matter was considered in committee, and after discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That this County Council hereby certifies they approve of the following payments under Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, to Mr. John L. Esmonde, B.L.:-

(1) £10,000 to be applied to the reconstruction of Ballinastragh House, Gorey.

(2) £10,500 to be applied to the erection of houses in Gorey district, and

(3) the balance of £10,500, we strongly recommend should be paid to the said John L. Esmonde to be applied to the erection of houses in Gorey or some other portion of the County under the control of the County Council, or, in the alternative, that this sum be paid over to this County Council to be applied in relief of Rates."

#### FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

The following under date 3rd April 1937, was read from Mr. T. J. Kelly, State Solicitor, New Ross:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th February last enclosing extract from minutes of meeting of County Council on the 8th February last, the tenants involved in the flooding of this area employed Mr. Flanagan, Engineer, Waterford, to inspect the damage on the banks and prepare an estimate for repairs to same. I forwarded copy of this estimate to the Land Commission and received an acknowledgment from them, but so far I have heard nothing since. For your information I enclose copy of this estimate which amounts to £400.

I should think the Land Commission would now be prepared to receive a deputation from the County Council to discuss with them the question of having the necessary repairs to the bank carried out immediately. I would, therefore, be obliged if you would again bring the matter before the County Council and ask them to arrange for a deputation to inspect the Banks with the County Surveyor and arrange an interview with the Land Commission. The matter cannot be allowed to continue in its present condition any longer as the tenants involved find it impossible to pay rates and rent for land which is rendered useless through no fault of their own. Please let me hear from you."



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Mr. T. Redmond said that he had nothing to add to what he had said at previous meetings. The statement in Mr. Kelly's letter was correct. The land was flooded, and of no use to the tenants. As had been already stated, they had been offered £250 - £150 to be paid back and £100 grant-in order to make good the damage. Everybody agreed, of course, that the work could not be carried out for that amount. If the engineer's estimate was correct, and if the work could be carried out for £400, he thought the Council should interview the Land Commission to try to get the work carried out as soon as possible.

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

"That Messrs. Colfer, Thomas Redmond and Walsh, be appointed a deputation, with the County Surveyor, to interview the Land Commission relative to cost of repair of embankments on River Barrow at Fisherstown and Great Island. That Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, be asked to accompany the deputation. That the Chairman and Mr. Corish, T.D.'s, arrange to introduce the deputation and to help them in the submission of the views of the tenants concerned."

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Under date 19th March, 1937, (No. S.G.P./32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote forwarding £5314 instalment of Road Improvement Grant, the allocation for which is £11,064.

#### TAKING OVER NEW PUBLIC ROADS

The Secretary mentioned that at the meeting of the County Council on the 10th May, 1937, the Council would consider the taking over of three Public roads in Gorey district. Particulars of these roads had been advertised in full for some time in the three local papers, and any



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person who was interested or wished to make any objection to the proposal to take them over should put their views before the meeting of the County Council on the 10th May.

#### COMPLAINTS OF CONDITION OF ROADS

Mr. T. Redmond, referring to complaints as to the bad condition of certain roads, made at different meetings of the Council said it was a pity that those complaints were not brought forward on the consideration of the road estimate. They seemed to be all cloaked until the road estimate was passed, and then at every meeting for several months afterwards there was nothing but complaints about roads in various places. Those repairs could not be carried out without money, and he thought it was a great pity that the complaints would not be made before the estimate was passed, and give a chance to the County Surveyor to prepare an estimate that would cover all the roads in the County.

#### COMPLAINT BY CARTERS

Mr. Keegan said that a number of carters had complained to him that carting from Belcarrig Quarry had been done by the Railway Company's lorries. There were also complaints by the carters relative to the carting from Gorey to Riverchapel.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, explained that two lorries had been employed, as there was no other way of securing that the stuff would be on the road in time for rolling and which had been arranged for next week. He tried to get 20 carters, but only seven were available and they were employed. The same applied to Gorey to Riverchapel job. All carters they could get were at work.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Railway Company was carting tar all over the district while there was a number of carters idle in Gorey.



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Mr. Treanor said it was doubtful if carters would be able to deliver the tar seven or eight miles out in the country at a reasonable price. The County Council, however, had nothing to say to the matter as their arrangement with the men supplying tar was for "delivery on the road".

The Chairman said it had been already agreed to by the Council that where possible preference in haulage was to be given to the horse.

#### REPAIR ROAD - WEXFORD-CURRACLOE

Under date 5th April 1937 the following letter (No. R/RG/32) to the County Surveyor was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a grant of 50% of the cost of improving the road between Curracloe Village and Curracloe Strand subject to a maximum grant of £500.

I am to request that you will be so good as to furnish a brief specification and detailed estimate of the proposed work.

The grant is subject to the conditions governing the recruitment of labour as set out in the Department's Circular Letter (SGA/202) of the 25th November, 1935."

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor's estimate for Curracloe road was £1,011, and it was forwarded to the Department, the whole money being asked for by way of free grant. The Department now agreed to £500 only as a grant, the balance to be paid by the County Council. Where was it to come from? Apparently, the only way to get the local contribution was to be allowed to expend the money and raise it next year, or by borrowing.

On the suggestion of Miss O'Ryan, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for a further report to the Council.

Mr. Corish said he had raised the question of repairing this road several times at the meetings of the Tourist



Association, but always by way of securing a sufficient grant to cover the work of reconstruction. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That the Irish Tourist Association be requested to represent to the Government that while grateful for the proposed State Grant of £500 for repair of Road from Wexford to Curracloe, the Wexford County Council always understood it was possible to secure from the Government, by way of grant, the full expenditure which was necessary for this repair, and hence had made no provision in their Road Works Scheme for any outlay under this head."

TURN AT ARKLOW ROAD (GOREY)

Under date, 7th April, 1937, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to draw the attention of your Council to the necessity for having something done to the bend in the Arklow Road where it goes under the Railway Bridge outside the Town here. My Commissioners consider this place very dangerous in its present condition owing to the volume of traffic on this road and to the fact that four roads converge at this point.

My Board believe that <sup>it</sup> is only necessary to acquaint your Council of the danger existing at this place, when steps required to render the roadway safe will be immediately taken."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to call the attention of the Great Southern Railway Company to the dangerous turn on Arklow Road, at the railway bridge adjacent to Gorey town and point out to them that the County Council recognises that great loss of life may occur there unless some steps are taken to provide a view for the very constant traffic now using this thoroughfare."



### LYRANE LANE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That representations received from the ten residents of Lyrane Lane, Craanford, be referred to the Finance Committee after report has been received from County Surveyor."

### CUTTING OF TACUMSHANE LAKE

Col. Gibbon said that the men employed at the cutting of Tacumshane Lake met with the most extraordinary difficulties. Storm after storm from the East had closed the Cut every time they had opened it. The farmers were working at the cut that day. He (Col. Gibbon) was wondering if it would be possible to get another £50 to help to keep the place open. Agricultural work was very backward up to the present, but when the rush came, as it was bound to do, within a short time, the farmers would not be able to spare their men for the work.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said he did not see what could be done with £50. They had a balance in hands of about £30 or £40, but this would have to be spent on men supplied from the Labour Exchange.

The Chairman suggested that the farmers concerned should do what they could in regard to getting the lough cut and when they were working on the land the County Surveyor could employ labour from the Exchange.

Miss O'Ryan asked, that providing farmers put on horses would the County Surveyor be able to provide for extra work.

The County Surveyor said he would try and deal with the matter.

It was decided to leave the matter in his hands.



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LETTING OF KILCARBERY MILLS

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement and Counterpart thereof between the Council and Lieutenant Colonel Loftus Anthony Bryan, dealing with the letting of part of the Lands of Kilcarberry to Colonel Bryan as a Yearly Tenancy at the Yearly Rent of £27. 10. 0."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That new Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to Nicholas Murphy, Boro, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, provided no objection to same be received from Garda Siochana."

RATE FOR TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Under date 18th March, 1937, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, wrote, conveying to the members of the Council the best thanks of his Executive Committee for their continued support.

EXPORT OF GREYHOUNDS FROM SAORSTAT EIREANN

The following resolution, which was received from Cobh Urban District Council was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"Following the Trade Agreement with England re the removal of the import duty on live horses in that country, this Council is uananimously of the opinion that a similar agreement should be negotiated to cover the export of greyhounds from the Free State into Great Britain, or in the alternative that the Free State Government should pay a Bounty equal to the Horse Bounty, on all exports of greyhounds, which must now be regarded as a National Livestock Industry."



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PAYMENTS

Proposed by Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the several payments as submitted to this meeting, including payments certified to Contractors for Roads and Works be and are hereby confirmed, subject to any alterations and amendments made thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

J. Kelly

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