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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 11th APRIL, 1938

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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 11th April, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding), also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, W. P. Keegan, James Kennedy, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £23524. 6. 9d Ordinary Payments; £37452, transfers to Subsidiary Bodies and £153. 10. 6d Instalment Grant out of loan Enniscorthy Technical School to County Wexford Vocational Educational Committee, were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MOST REV. DR. CODD

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond, it was agreed that the following reply from Very Rev. Monsignor Cleary, P.P., V.C., New Ross, to vote of condolence in the death of Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"On behalf of the priests and people of the Diocese of Ferns, I wish to thank very sincerely the Wexford County Council for its vote of sympathy on the death of the late Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Codd, D.D., and for the adjournment of its meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

I wish also to assure the Council that its respect



for the late Bishop is vey much appreciated by the priests and people of the Diocese of Ferns."

THE LATE MR. M. J. FURLONG, TEMPLESCOBY

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

"That our heartfelt condolence in the death of Mr. M. J. Furlong, Templescoby, Enniscorthy, a former member of this Council, be offered to his family on his demise, and that copy of this resolution be furnished Rev. Tobias Furlong, C.C., Camolin (son) and Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor (son-in-law)."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE 18th FEBRUARY 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th February 1938 were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th February, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding). Also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, 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 £3,229. 17. 2d was examined and signed.

#### RATE FOR TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Mr. David Barry, Assistant Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, came before the meeting, relative to continuance of the support of the County Council to the funds of Tourist Association. He thanked the Council for their support in the past. Since the Association had been founded the Wexford County Council had given them substantial contributions which they very much appreciated. It was because of contributions obtained from the Local Authorities that the Association had been able to put Ireland on the tourist map of the world. The Association had received the unanimous support of all Councils and last year a number of them had made an increase in the amount of their rate. The money derived from tourist traffic particularly in recent years, calculated at £4,000,000, was much in excess of what ordinary people believed. This was, of course, due entirely to the advertising and propaganda campaign of the Association. The amount spent under this head last year did not exceed £10,000 and he believed it would be admitted the money derived from the Tourist traffic was a very handsome return. Though the Association was supported entirely



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by voluntary funds the amount received by and the amount allocated was very considerably below what other countries spent, as these realised to the full the large sums spent by tourists in their countries. The County Councils had power to contribute the equivalent of 1d rate, but though they had never asked up to this they received about £5,000 more last year than in 1936. A large number of people in the County were dependant to a considerable extent on Tourist traffic and if the Association could induce more tourists to visit Ireland it would mean that local people would be in a better position to pay their rates. If possible, he would be glad if the Wexford County Council could see its way to increase their contribution, though he would not stress this point.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the County Council be recommended to contribute to the Tourist Association the same amount as obtained in 1937. He believed that the Association should make increased demands on hotels and other people who were directly benefiting by the tourist traffic. In the circumstances, he did not see how the Finance Committee could ask the County Council to increase their contribution.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

The Chairman said that the Association recognised that the contribution for Wexford was a reasonable one, and it might be possible to tap other sources of revenue in order to secure increased funds. They wished the Association well, as everybody realised the good work they were carrying on. The cost of the social services of Wexford was increasing and in the circumstances, they did not believe they could afford to be more generous to the Association than they had been in the past.

Miss O'Ryan said that while recognising that service and food in hotels generally had improved very much and that good value was being given, she suggested the hotels



should use more fresh Irish food instead of the amount of canned stuff which was utilised at present. The Association should circularise hotels to supply good Irish food which was certainly now available at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Corish said the Finance meeting of the Tourist Association would be held on Thursday next and he would raise at that meeting the point referred to by Miss O'Ryan.

Mr. Barry of the Association, said that time and time again that particular point had been impressed on hotels. There was no doubt about it, as well as scenery, tourists were attracted by good Irish wholesome food which could not be surpassed anywhere.

The resolution was then put and passed nem. con.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

	<u>Percentage of current warrant and two years' arrears.</u>
S. Gannon	62.8
P. Nolan	61.1
J. Curtis	60.9
E. J. Murphy	60.4
J. J. O'Reilly	60.2
J. Cummins	60.1
D. Kenny	59.2
A. Dunne	57.5
P. Doyle	57.4
J. Quirke	56.8
J. Deegan	56.7
J. Flood	55.4
M. Kehoe	55.3
P. Carty	54.8
W. Doyle	53.1
J. J. Sinnott	51.7
M. McCarthy	51.6
W. Cummins	51.0
Average	57.5

INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS: The Secretary stated that Mr. Seumas Murphy, General Inspector in the Local Government Department, interviewed all the Collectors on 16th February 1938 and heard their explanations as to the backward



condition of their Collections. The Collectors were informed unless they made a very substantial improvement by the date of his next visit after the end of March they would be reported to the Minister for disciplinary action.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cullimore:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the payment by the Council of Poundage fees less a deduction of 5% on lodgments equivalent to the first moiety of current rate with the arrears applicable to 1936-37 assessment to the following Collectors:- Patrick Carty (lodged specified amount on 4th February); Michael McCarthy (12th February); Walter Cummins (16th February) and John J. Sinnott (16th February)."

#### DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The following letter under date 14th February, 1938, from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, which was referred from the County Council meeting of the 14th February to the Finance Committee, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo in regard to the instalments due by my Council on foot of Demand I regret that we have not been in a position to pay off a Quarter's Instalment to-day. As you know, for the last three or four years an adverse balance has accumulated by the striking off of more irrecoverable rates than were allowed for in the Estimates and this adverse balance amounts to about £1500. My Council recently decided to pay a full year's Demand in each year in future and to pay off in addition a sum of £300 per year on foot of the £1500.

I had an interview recently with the Department in connection with this matter, and subject to the approval of your County Council and the proper provision for the payment being made by my Council, I think that this proposal would probably meet the situation without causing a severe rise in local rates.

A further meeting of my Council is being held soon to consider the amount of rate outstanding and to take the necessary steps to have it collected before the end of the financial year.

In view of the foregoing my Council would esteem it a favour if your County Council would defer action until after the March meeting.



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The Secretary stated that the amounts due by the three Urban Districts up to the 31st December last were as follows:

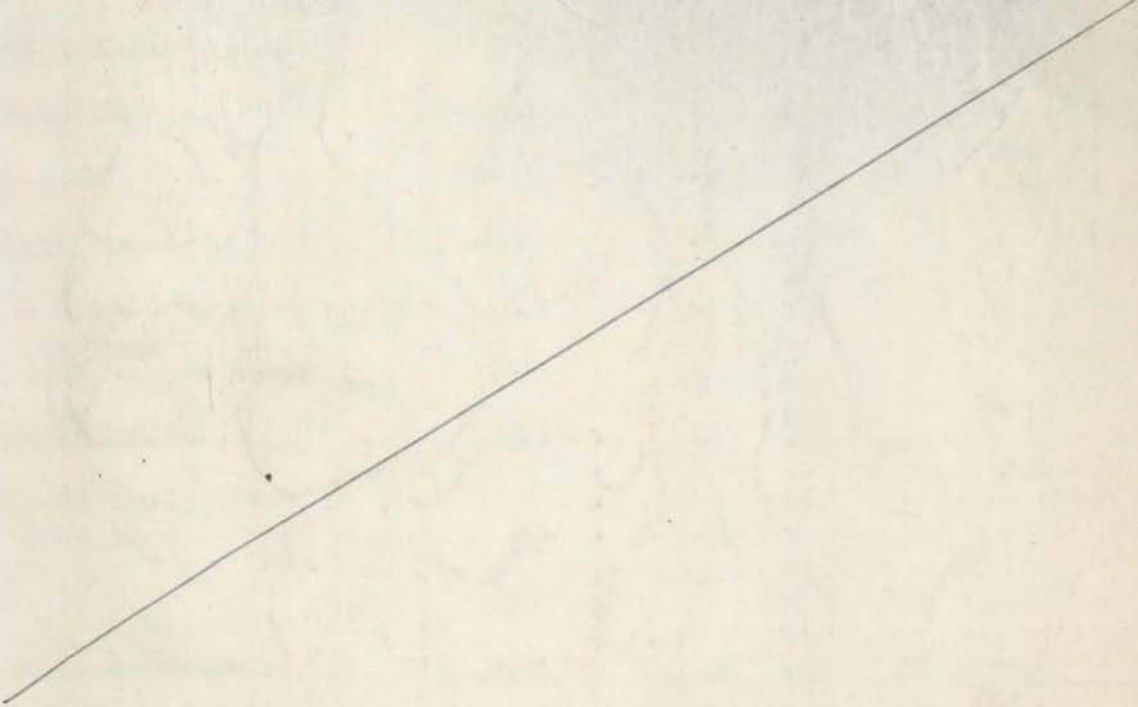
Enniscorthy	£2497.	19.	2
New Ross	£854.	11.	7
Wexford	<u>£4297.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	£7649.	17.	9.

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

"The Finance Committee are not prepared to recommend to the County Council the acceptance of the offer of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council to clear off arrears of demands within five years. They suggest the County Council should inform the Enniscorthy Urban District Council and Wexford Urban Council they should make application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for permission to obtain a special loan to clear off all arrears due on foot of County Council demands."

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES YEAR 1938/39

The following estimate of expenditure for County Services for next financial year was submitted:-





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1938/39

TO BE CONSIDERED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON

FRIDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1938.

	1938/39	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Co. Meddical Officer of Health (part of)	500	500		
Salarices: Secretary's Office	2351	2565		214
Salarities: other Co. Officers) Analysit, Lamplighters, etc.)	420	420		
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities	278	202	76	
Cost of Rate Collection, viz. Poundage & Rate Clerks' Wages	4081	3775	306	
Stamps on Rate Receipts & Rate Collectors' fees for checking Abatement Forms.	210	210		
Travelling Exs. Rate Inspector	100	100		
Irrecoverable & Temporary Uncollectable Rates	5250	5250		
Printing in connection with Registration Act. Postage & Office Requisites and Stamp Duty on Paying Orders.	1019	1082		63
Franchise and Jurors	1546	1575		29
Valuation	208	208		
Members' Travelling Expenses	172	172		
University Scholarships	910	910		
Primary Scholarships	1520	1375	145	
Legal Expenses	320	320		
Coroners and Inquests	595	595		
Printing & Stationery(General)	315	315		
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	418	416	2	
Other Advertisements	425	335	90	
Contribution County Council's General Council	20	20		
Elections	1280		1280	
Conveyance of Prisoners	109	90	19	
FORWARD	22047	20435	1918	306



	1938/39	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	22047	20435	1918	306
W Weights and Measures	120	190		70
F Food and Drugs	130	140		10
S Salaries: Court Officials etc.	156	156		
R Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	865	796	69	
L Library Scheme	1045	1040	5	
do. do. Extra Allocation 1936/7	-	60		60
R Reformatories & Industrial Schools	3230	3299		69
C Courtown Harbour	87	84	3	
I Instalment Loan Purchase Ground Rent (Old Jail)	443	207	236	
W West Wing County Hall Loan	371	380		9
R Refund to Wexford Urban - adjustment I Financial Relations	45	45		
D Diseases of Animals Acts, Salaries Veterinary & Sheep Dipping Inspectors	619	642		23
W Warble Fly Scheme - net cost to Rates	373	373		
D Diseases of Animals Acts, Assessment	836	832	4	
do. do. (Other Expenses)	204	204		
A Audit Fee	85	85		
I Debit Interest	470	800		330
S Superannuation allowances - Ex-Union Officers	1032	1032		
S Superannuation allowances - Ex-R.D. Council Officers	217	217		
I Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	181	162	19	
I Local Authorities (Combined Purchas- ing) Act	175	147	28	
I Expenses Collection Motor Duty (Amount recouped by L.G.D.)	360	360		
Advances Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses	440	111	329	
Contingencies	850	-	850	
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture	3232	2977	255	
FORWARD	37613	34774	3716	877



	1938/39	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	37613	34774	3716	877
Money supplied to Co. Vocational Education Committee	4727	3920	807	
Gratuities ex-officials Co. Vocational Education Committee)				
Moiety payable by Co. Council )	92	-	92	
Loan Gorey Vocational School	84	84		
Loan 3 Rural Vocational Schools	115	105	10	
Loan Enniscorthy Technical School	220	220		
Public Works (already agreed to by the County Council)	1000	1000		
To provide for part of deduction from Government Grants	5000	-	5000	
Money supplied Mental Hospital	26130	22870	3260	
TOTALS	74981	62973	12885	877
Gross Increase County Services			12008	



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

DEMANDS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

	1938/39	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£:	£.	£.	£.
Board of Assistance	70520	65350	5170	
Health District Charges	16865	21510		4645
Joint District Charges	3948	4191		243
Separate Charges	4516	4073	443	
Fund under Public Health (Special Expenses) Act 1931.		1488		1488
TOTALS	95849	96612	5613	6376
Net Decrease County Board of Health Demands.				763



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The Chairman and Miss O'Ryan pointed out that if an election for President was held it was only remotely possible that a County Council election would also be held. It appeared from what information they had at hand that there would be a contest for the election of President. Owing to this, it was decided to strike out of Estimate £1280 brought in for expenses of County Council elections.

It was also agreed that as repayment of loan for Enniscorthy Technical School would not mature until probably in financial year 1939/40 the £220 repayment instalment of loan be struck out. The £5,000 suggested to provide for part of deductions from Government Grants was not approved. The meeting agreed that a sum of £150 should be included for repair of Ancient Monuments, amount to be administered on the recommendation of the Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee.

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

"That Estimate of expenditure for COUNTY services as agreed to at this meeting be reported to County Council for approval."

#### VILLAGE SCHEMES IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Corish suggested that the County Surveyor make further application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) in connection with the scheme of improvement of village streets submitted some time ago, more particularly as conditions had changed since this Scheme was first agreed to.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOANS: Under date 29th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. H.3860/38 Loch Garman) approving of advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to



Edward Hawkins, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy. £170, and  
Robert Kavanagh, Attendant, Mental Hospital,  
Enniscorthy. £130.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS: Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane,  
Gorey, applied for loan of £120 for house estimated to cost  
£200.

Agreed to, subject to production of certificate of  
approval of Government Grant and to the County Surveyor  
being satisfied as to location and site, etc.

Mrs. Kate Granger, Raheen, Clonroche, applied for loan  
of £100 on house valued at £250.

Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy,  
acting for Mrs. Granger, wrote she had instructed Mr. Gerald  
Flood, Castleboro, to prepare map of the house, and she  
understood Mr. Flood had sent this to the County Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Cullimore,  
it was decided to approve of the application subject to  
approval of County Surveyor regarding site, etc., and to  
the other conditions governing loans.

Sean Butler, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, applied for  
loan of £200 on house valued at £375.

The Secretary said that according to Regulations, the  
maximum amount of loan which Mr. Butler could receive was  
50% of £375 or £187. 10s. - amount to nearest £5 being £190.

It was decided to approve of the loan of £190 subject  
to Certificate of Approval of Government Grant being  
supplied and to the County Surveyor being satisfied as to  
location, site, etc.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following  
letter from William Hosey, Garryhaston, Clonbegal, under  
date 10th February, 1938, as to obtaining approval from Mr.  
Dormer of Buncloody (who had judgment Mortgage registered  
against Hosey's land) to consent to the mortgage of the  
County Council for house under Small Dwellings Acts



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receiving priority to Dormer's mortgage:-

"I received your letter. You asked me to see my Solicitor. I had no Solicitor on that case of Dormer's as he gave me no chance and did not have it tried in the Courts around here but took it to Dublin. I knew nothing about it until it was over. Dormer is dead a good many years, and it is over 17 years since that happened. I am not going to bring it to light again - if you do not like to give me the Loan the way I stand you can keep it. I am not going to pay Rates anymore until they will put up a House for me. I see it is only a cod to pay and be living in a Cattle House!"

Mr. Elgee pointed out that it was impossible to certify Hosey's title to the land as being in order in view of this letter.

Under date 9th February, 1938, in connection with Mortgage on holding of George Black, Corah, Bunclody, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that the Mortgage registered on the 22nd February 1934, in favour of the National Bank, had been cancelled, but there was still a subsisting mortgage registered on the 21st February, 1935, also for the sum of £100 in favour of the National Bank. While this charge obtained on the lands, he could not certify Mr. Black's title was in order.

The Finance Committee considered that, in the circumstances, they were not in a position at present to do anything further to facilitate Mr. Black to obtain loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was instructed to consider if any further steps could be taken to assist Messrs. Hosey and Black regarding titles so that they would be eligible for loans under the Small Dwellings Acts.



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## OVERDRAFT COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction an extension of the period of County Council overdraft with their Treasurer up to a maximum of £35,000 from 1st March 1938 to 30th June 1938."

### REPAIR OF LANES

APPLICATION FOR REPAIR: Applications were received for the repair of the following lanes:-

Owenstown Lane, Ballycogley.

Killybegs Lane, Inch.

Coole Avenue, Campile.

Johnstown Lane, Castlebridge.

Glynn Lane, Effernogogue.

Ruanmore Lane, Kilmuckridge.

It was decided that these lanes be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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

"That, = applications for repairs of lanes etc., as they reach Secretary, be transmitted to the County Surveyor for inclusion in lists to be forwarded to the Office of Public Works, for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

CLEARING OF WATER COURSE: Miss E. Beauman, Hyde Park, Inch, made application for cleaning of water course from Larch Hill to Hyde Park.

. Referred to County Surveyor for inclusion in lists of application for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Correspondence was read from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, as to the erection of public swim bath, plans of which he submitted, for the dipping of sheep at Tomatee,



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Ballindaggin. Mr. Martin Dillon had offered a piece of land free.

Several members pointed out that the question of public baths resolved itself into the appointment of bath attendants, who would expect to be paid for their services. It would also mean arranging for the dipping of all sheep in the district. The Finance Committee believed it would be more advisable that baths such as suggested by Mr. Ringwood were erected by private persons, the County Council to agree to the sheep of the locality being dipped at a capital charge which would afford reasonable compensation to the owner of the bath and at the same time be an inducement to sheep owners to utilise it.

#### RENTS COUNTY HALL

The following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, under date 14th February, 1938:-

"I hope to have the Conveyances of the above rents executed by all the parties this week, so I will be glad if you would obtain paying orders for the amounts of the purchase moneys of the Premises as under, viz.:-

Mrs. Magdalene Johns	3310.	0.	0
Mrs. Winifred Welte	307.	0.	0
Miss Christina Richards	400.	0.	0
Francis B. Jacob, Esq.	<u>134.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Purchase Money	£4151.	0.	0."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay rent on County Hall premises up to the date of next meeting of the Council."



### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following was received from Mr. Thomas Dwyer, Caretaker, Gorey Courthouse:-

"I would be grateful if you would bring to the notice of your Council the fact that I have to come three miles each day to Courthouse, as I have to get ready the flower beds for the Spring to plant bulbs and flowers in them, besides cleaning up generally. Owing to the fact that I am not residing there I find it expensive to carry on. In your advertisement for position it was stated that I was to get free house, fuel and light, none of which I enjoy at present. I would be thankful if members of Council could see their way to make me some allowance in lieu of same."

The Secretary explained that the County Council Solicitor was endeavouring to obtain possession of the premises from Mr. R. Valentine and expected that Court proceedings would be held immediately.

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

"That, subject to sanction of the Minister, Thomas Dwyer, Caretaker, Gorey Courthouse, be allowed a sum of 7/6d per week until he obtains possession of Caretaker's premises at Gorey Courthouse."

### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with the application of Patrick Isidore Carty, 1 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, to compete for Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, the Secretary mentioned that Mr. Martin Carty, father of the applicant, had not furnished particulars of his income in time for the meeting of the County Council held on 14th instant. A letter had since been received from Mr. Carty stating that his income was £150 per year.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to declare Patrick Isidore Carty, 1 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, as eligible to compete for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship 1938."

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The question of employment of an expert engineer to examine and report on the existing timber bridge at Wexford was referred from County Council meeting of 14th February to the Finance Committee.

The Chairman considered it would be advisable to employ an Engineer who would be unlikely to be appointed Engineer for the new bridge if it was decided to erect same.

The Department would be very much influenced by report from such a man as to whether the Council should get a Grant at all or be allowed to erect a new bridge.

After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor issue a special questionnaire to other County Surveyors asking if they could recommend an expert who would be thoroughly up to date in connection with the proposal to report on the present condition of Wexford Bridge and on the following points:-

(1) What is the maximum weight this bridge is able to carry with safety?

(2) Is it possible to put the Bridge into such a state of repair as will allow of its crossing with safety by present day lorry traffic and if so, what would be the cost of carrying out such repairs?

The County Surveyor was also directed to communicate with Mr. Joseph Mallagh, Richview, Palmerston Park, Rathmines, late engineer to the Dublin Port and Docks Board, and ask him if he would be kind enough to suggest the name of an Engineer who would be suitable to carry out the inspection of Wexford bridge as desired by the Finance Committee.



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SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

DUNCANNON HARBOUR: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter No. W.5/11/35, from the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) under date 11th February 1938:

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of 27th January, 1938, relative to the need for dredging at Duncannon Harbour, Co. Wexford, and to state that before the matter is further considered information would be required on the following points, viz. (a) whether the clearance of the inner harbour at Duncannon could be satisfactorily carried out by hand dredging, or whether the services of a dredger would be necessary, and (b) what proportion of the cost, estimated by you at £300, the Wexford County Council would be prepared to bear in the event of it being found possible to provide a grant from State Funds towards the cost of the work."

FETHARD HARBOUR: The following letter under date 11th February, 1938, No. W.5/5/35 was read from the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of 27th January, 1938, relative to the need for dredging at Fethard Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to inquire if the necessary clearance could be effected by hand dredging or whether the services of a dredger would be essential. The Minister would also be glad to learn what contribution the Wexford County Council would be prepared to make should it be found possible to secure a grant from State funds towards the cost of the work estimated by you at £200."

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

"That the County Surveyor inform the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to provide 25% of the cost of



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improvement at Duncannon and Fethard Harbours in accordance with their letters of 11th February 1938 (W.5/11/35) and (W.5/5/35)."

#### PROPOSED ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEER FOR COUNTY

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that as a large amount of public money was being spent on building sewerage works, water works etc. and the County Council were considerably hampered by not having an expert to deal with these matters, she believed the appointment of such an Official would mean economy and suggested that the appointment of a whole time Engineer who would hold architectural qualifications, and who would be attached to the Survey staff of the Council under the County Surveyor, be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan's suggestion was agreed to.

#### DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That duplicate Pay Order for £6. 17. 1d be issued Messrs. J. Donohoe & Co. Ltd., Enniscorthy, in lieu of Pay Order No. 859 issued on 8th March 1937 lost or mislaid by Payee. That estoppel be placed on original with the Treasurer of the Council."

The Secretary stated that intimation to this effect, had been already conveyed to their Treasurer.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from Mr. J. Leacy, Inspector National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Wexford Branch) of application for the committal of Mary Duggan, illegitimate child of Mary Duggan, Rosslare Harbour, and Shiela McEvoy and Francis McEvoy, 15 Monck Street, Wexford, children of Nicholas McEvoy to Industrial



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Schools.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS.

Application was received on behalf of Patrick Morris and Patrick Ryan, Castlebridge, relative to injury to motor boat, amounting to £35, and also on behalf of William Fitzgerald, Ballinroad, Oulart, for £206, for burning of Dwelling house, out offices, etc.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th February 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

PAYMENT URBAN DEMANDS: The Secretary stated that the following represented the position to date as regards the payment of the Urban Demands by the three Urban Districts of the County:-

	<u>Demand</u> £	<u>Paid</u> £	<u>Due</u> £
Enniscorthy Urban	3396	49	3347 (practically a year).
New Ross Urban	3193	2395	798 (a quarter).
Wexford Urban	6876	1720	5156 ( $\frac{3}{4}$ due).
	<u>£13465</u>	<u>£4164</u>	<u>£9301.</u>

Mr. T. Redmond asked was there any reason why Enniscorthy and Wexford could not pay up the same as New Ross was doing.

Col. Quin - Not at all.

Mr. Corish said Wexford Urban had not rate collector for four months.

Col. Quin said it was very rough on the County Council to have to pay Interest on an overdraft while the Urban Councils owed them such large sums. It appeared the more lenient the County Council were, the more advantage was taken by the Urban Districts.

Mr. T. Redmond considered they should ask the Rate Collectors in the Urban Districts to make a special effort to get in money, and in the meantime, allow the matter to remain over for another month.

The Chairman pointed out that the County Council had no control over the Urban Rate Collectors who were the



servants of the Urban Councils.

Mr. Corish said that new Rate Collector in Wexford Urban had not been sanctioned until after Christmas. Since then, they had paid £1700 and another £1700 odd would be forthcoming immediately.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that the Enniscorthy Urban Council had been refused sanction to a loan or Overdraft as the Local Government Department contended payments for which these were sought, should be met out of current rate. If they could get permission to raise £2000, they would pay off the County Council at once. The Town Clerk had gone to the Department. but the proposal to provide an overdraft had been definitely refused.

Mr. Corish said that some persons were under the impression that the Urban Councils had collected the money and were retaining it, but that was not the case. As the money came to hand the Urban Councils paid it over to the County Council. He believed the recommendation of the Finance Committee should be adjourned for a further month.

The Chairman said the position was very serious. For instance, in Enniscorthy if any Rate Collecting at all had been done for the financial year a sum of more than £49, the amount paid to the County Council, should have been realised. The County Council had chivvied and screwed the rural ratepayers and their Collectors had brought them into Court. If the Urban Councils did not make a better effort to clear off their indebtedness it would be impossible for the County Council not to take action against them.

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

"That consideration of the recommendation of Finance Committee as to payment of County Council Demand by Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy and Wexford be adjourned to next monthly meeting of the County Council, and that



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these Councils be informed that if substantial sums are not paid over in the meantime the Finance Committee will be obliged to take drastic action in the matter. The two Urban Councils concerned should take the requisite steps to compel their Rate Collectors to proceed as actively as possible with their collections."

DUNCANNON AND FETHARD HARBOURS: Mr. Colfer asked what did they intend to do at Duncannon. The people there appeared to think that the pier would want to be extended. The same thing applied to Fethard.

The County Surveyor said he did not hear that they wanted the pier extended at Duncannon, but he understood they wanted the face of the pier made so that the gunwales of the boats would not catch under it. He proposed to do that.

Mr. Colfer said he thought they wanted the pier extended at Duncannon.

County Surveyor - You are not getting an extension of the pier at Duncannon. I can tell you that.

Mr. T. Redmond mentioned that the harbour at Duncannon was under the control of Waterford Harbour Commissioners.

Chairman - And they pay nothing.

The Secretary said they had reams of correspondence with Waterford Harbour Commissioners. Under the Waterford Harbour Act, the Waterford Commissioners had power over the harbour, but the County Council were bound to maintain the pier.

Mr. T. Redmond supposed that £300 would be all right as far as Duncannon was concerned, but what was £200 going to do in Fethard? If they cleaned the place out they would make it worse. As far as he could see there was no use in spending money on the little dock in Fethard. They would have to make a new dock further out.



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The Chairman remarked that that would be a big day's work.

Mr. Redmond said that when there was some rough weather all the boats had to be taken out of the dock, and brought half a mile away.

The County Surveyor said that the first request from the local people was to have the dock cleared out. Then they put it up to the Council that that would do more harm than good, and wanted the pier extended. Undoubtedly, a cushion of sand on the rock bottom was an advantage, but there was too much there at present. He did not believe the work would hold for any great length if they did clear it out. £200 was the maximum expenditure agreed to, but he did not know that they would spend this amount.

In reply to Mr. T. Redmond the County Surveyor said he would prefer to spend the £200 on a great many other jobs in the County but it was a question of providing relief work in the area.

Mr. Redmond said the work would not be relief to the fishermen; it would be a death-trap for their boats.

The County Surveyor said it would cost £3,000 or £4,000 to provide for the extension of the pier and he regarded the amount as out of question.

Mr. Redmond believed any money spent, unless sufficient for the extension of the pier, would <sup>mean</sup> money thrown away. The dock was built for a revenue cutter, and was never intended for fishing boats.

The Chairman said they were concerned for the moment, only with the Government offer as regards dredging the two harbours and he would rule out of order any discussion as to extension of piers.

The County Surveyor said he would not clean the dock absolutely down to the rock, particularly where it was standing up in little points and pinnacles. They would



knock those off and level them.

Mr. M. Redmond suggested that the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, should be approached by Messrs. Allen & Corish, T.D.s, and in view of the statement of the County Surveyor as to the poor result to be expected particularly at Fethard, from the expenditure, endeavour to interest the Government officials as to the necessity for an extension of the pier.

Mr. T. Redmond asked if it were really worth while spending £200 on the cleaning up of Fethard dock, more especially in view of the statements of the County Surveyor.

The Chairman suggested they should keep what they had in repair until they got something better. The harbour had served the people fairly well for a hundred years, probably, and it might have to serve them for another hundred years, for all they knew.

Mr. Redmond said it was never intended as a refuge for fishing boats. It was more of a trap than a refuge.

The matter dropped.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Lawlor, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th February 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except ~~wherein~~ wherein same have been varied or amended by resolution of the County Council."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4th MARCH 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th March 1938, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th March, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council (presiding); also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, William 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 and Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Engineering Inspector, Department of Local Government and Public Health, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6299. 1. 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

J. Curtis	67.4
S. Gannon	67.2
E. Murphy	66.9
D. Kenny	65.6
J. Cummins	63.6
P. Nolan	62.4
J. J. O'Reilly	62.3
J. Deegan	61.0
P. Doyle	60.8
A. Dunne	59.6
J. Quirke	58.7
M. Kehoe	58.5
W. Doyle	57.8
J. Flood	56.8
W. Cummins	56.3
P. Carty	56.1
M. McCarthy	55.3
J. J. Sinnott	52.1

Average 60.4

RATE COLLECTORS' APPLICATION: Under date 28th February, 1938, the following was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Council Rate Collectors:-



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"At a meeting of Collectors held in Wexford on the 16th instant, I was instructed to ask your Council for £1 each expenses for attendance at Wexford on the 16th February to meet Local Government Board Inspector. Thanking you in return."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, we recommend the County Council to allow the Rate Collectors their actual rail or bus fare in connection with their attendance at County Council offices for interview with Mr. Seumas Murphy, Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the 16th February, 1938."

Passed.

PERMANENT ALLOCATION OF NO. 11 DISTRICT: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Miss O'Ryan, seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to allocate No. 11 District as follows:-

Collector J. Cummins - Bolaboy.

Collector W. Cummins - Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and  
Castle Talbot.

Remuneration 7d in £.

These Collectors have had temporary charge of the electoral divisions mentioned and satisfactorily attended to their duties therein."

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES: Application was made on behalf of John Curran, Wellingtonbridge, for refund of rates paid on vacant buildings, on his holding at Arklow, Wellingtonbridge. Mr. Curran stated the buildings had been vacant for the past three years.



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Letter was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Rate Collector, that the buildings on this holding had not been occupied for a number of years past.

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

"That Mr. Curran be informed the Finance Committee consider they are not empowered to make refunds in cases such as his and acting on advice they are obliged to refuse his application."

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision as to amount of deduction from the poundage fees of Collectors W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott, who did not lodge the required amounts until 16th February 1938. We would point out that a deduction of 5% would, in the case of Collector W. Cummins mean a loss of £6. 12. 9d and in Collector Sinnott's case £5. 5. 0."

#### EXAMINATION OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

At the meeting of Finance Committee on 18th February 1938, the County Surveyor was instructed to issue a questionnaire to other County Surveyors asking if they could recommend an engineering expert who would be thoroughly up to date in connection with the proposal to report on the present condition of Wexford Timber Bridge and particularly on the following points:-

(1) What is the maximum weight this bridge is able to carry with safety?

(2) Is it possible to put the Bridge into such a state of repair as will allow of its crossing with safety by present day lorry traffic and if so, what would be the cost of carrying out such repairs?



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The County Surveyor was also directed to communicate with Mr. Joseph Mallagh, Richview, Palmerston Park, Rathmines, late engineer to the Dublin Port and Docks Board, and ask him if he would be good enough to suggest the name of an Engineer who would be suitable to carry out the inspection of Wexford bridge.

The County Surveyor stated he had issued the questionnaire to his confreres in other Counties but, though he pointed out that what the Council required was an Expert who would report on the existing structure and the name of any such Expert who might have been employed for a similar purpose, most of the Surveyors believed the query dealt with appointment of an Engineer in connection with the erection of a new bridge. However, there appeared to be three suitable names submitted, viz:-

Messrs. Delap & Waller,  
Mr. Nicholas O'Dwyer, and  
Professor Purcell.

He (County Surveyor) believed that their local man, Mr. Beauchamp Harvey, B.E., would be equal to any other Engineer for this work. He had had a great deal of experience in the erection of timber bridges in Flanders, was resident engineer for Mountgarrett Bridge and for the reconstruction of the bridge head at Ferrycarrig.

The Chairman said it was absolutely necessary to secure the services of a man who would be acceptable to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and who would deal with the matter in the most practical manner.

Miss O'Ryan said she was sure that the appointment of Mr. Harvey would receive due consideration from the County Council if the Department of Local Government and Public Health would accept him. The County Board of Health had been very well satisfied with work which had been carried



out for them by Mr. Thomas O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, Dame Street, Dublin.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that the under water portion of the piles of the bridge were sound and in good alignment. If it had not been for the knowledge of the bridge he had obtained during the past 25 years in dealing with the repairs, and by his observations of the weights of vehicles crossing it, he would have hesitated to give his consent to the four ton maximum.

After further discussion it was decided to leave the selection of Engineer in the hands of County Surveyor who was asked to consult Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPLICATION FOR SALE OF HOUSE: Under date 28th February, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter from Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, on behalf of John and Mary E. Fortune, Gorey, asking for permission to sell dwelling house which they had erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of application on behalf of John and Mary E. Fortune, Gorey, for sale of house erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts on the understanding that the outstanding amount of loan be paid off."

MORTGAGE ON PLOT: Under date 23rd February, 1938, the County Solicitor submitted letter from the Manager, National Bank, Buncloody, that the Bank were not prepared to allow the County Council charge on the holding of George Black,



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Corah, Buncloody, on which it was proposed to erect house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to rank in priority to the bank's mortgage of £100.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee inform Mr. Black that, in the circumstances, it was not possible for the Finance Committee to recommend loan to him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as he was not in a position to submit clear title to the plot on which it was proposed to erect house.

TITLE TO PLOT: Under date 8th February, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that Maurice Clifford, Hayestown, Taghmon, had called on him as to erection of house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and stated that his Deed of Conveyance to the lands on which it was proposed to erect house had been forwarded to Mr. Corish, T.D.

Mr. Corish mentioned that the Deed in question had been lodged by him with the Land Commission in order to obtain their consent for the division of land to obtain plot in connection with the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He would make further inquiries at the Land Commission in the matter.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED LOAN: Under date 3rd March, 1938, the County Solicitor submitted letter from Mr. Jordan, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, asking that loan to Michael Kirwan, Attendant, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, which had been sanctioned to him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, could be increased from £130 to £175, as this was the smallest possible sum under which he could proceed with the erection of the building.

The Secretary pointed out that in his original application Mr. Kirwan had applied for £160 loan. According to Mr. Jordan's letter, Kirwan had received a tender for the erection of the house at £230 and according to regulations the highest amount of loan he could receive for this



amount was £137.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, be asked to report as to what in his opinion, is value of house which Michael Kirwan proposes to erect, and that the application for increased loan be adjourned pending receipt and consideration of this report.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, applied for loan of £160.

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

"That loan of £160 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be provisionally agreed to be advanced to Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, on condition that the value of the house which she proposes to erect allows of this amount and also that the other regulations regarding erection of buildings under the Acts are complied with."

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS AND INSPECTION OF HOUSES: Under date 1st March, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.7987/38 Loch Garman) that regarding the proposal of Wexford County Council to increase the fees to Assistant Surveyors as Valuers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from £1. 1. 0 to £2. 2. 0, for each house valued, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated he had nothing to add to his letter of the 20th February, 1938, in the matter. (The letter in question stated that the Minister was not prepared to approve of the increase from £1. 1. 0 to £2. 2. 0).

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

"That, in view of the number of inspections of houses erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts which must be made by Assistant Surveyors, the Minister be again asked



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to reconsider his decision in this matter and allow inspection fee to be increased from £1. 1. 0 to £2. 2. 0."

COMMITTEE FOR SELECTION OF TEMPORARY RATE BOOK STAFF

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that the name of Mr. Thomas Redmond for New Ross District be added to the above Committee vice Mr. John Cummins, resigned.

UNIFIED COUNTY ENGINEERING SCHEME

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of 18th February, 1938, was read:-

"Miss O'Ryan mentioned that as a large amount of public money was being spent on building, sewerage works, water works, etc., and the County Council were considerably hampered by not having an expert to deal with these matters, She believed the appointment of such an Official would mean economy and suggested that the appointment of a whole time Engineer who would hold architectural qualifications and who would be attached to the Surveyor staff of the Council under the County Surveyor, be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan's suggestion was agreed to."

Miss O'Ryan said that in her opinion they should have all housing, sewerage and water works dealt with from the County Councils Survey Department.

The Chairman pointed out that the Mental Hospital had no one of Engineering training except the mechanical Engineer who looked after the machinery. They had past expenditure and proposed expenditure in the future running into millions and no one official responsible. They should try and bring all the County Engineering activities under the control of the County Surveyor, and where possible, amalgamate the engineering services of County Council and County Board of Health, etc.



Miss O'Ryan said that a big building programme was in operation and this would be extended. At the same time, none of their buildings from the greatest to the smallest, was inspected by or built under an engineer with any architectural knowledge. To safeguard the ratepayers, if they could not immediately provide for the amalgamation of the services, they should have an Engineer in whom the County Council had confidence and who would be responsible for general supervision.

Mr. Courtney said the Department had been in favour, for several years past, of amalgamation of the services. The Engineers of the Board of Health in the beginning came on from the old District Councils at a time when work was confined to the maintenance of labourers' cottages and pumps. Many of them did not possess any qualification. On the Road side, while the County Surveyor had always to be a highly qualified official many of the Assistants had qualified through a simple examination conducted by the Local Government Board and their chief business was the measuring of road material. But, since the change from the British regime, they were getting a better type of Assistant Surveyor, and in recent years the standard had very much increased. They had the County Council concerned in the main - with roads and bridges and the Board of Health with cottages (erection and repair), pumps, sewerage, water, repairs to buildings, etc. Very frequently, there was an overlap in the work of the two sets of Engineers. The County Surveyor, in passing some cottage building by the Board of Health, might see something which he knew could be improved, but as he was not an official of the Board of Health it was difficult for him to interfere. The result was that a Board of Health which was spending *more* on work, in which an Engineer was more concerned than the work of the County Council, were not in a position to call on



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expert local advice from the County or Assistant Surveyors. Some years ago, the Department tried to have the services amalgamated with one Chief Engineer - generally the County Surveyor - always available to advise the County Council and the Subsidiary bodies. He should have a staff capable of dealing with existing works and projected schemes. Where amalgamation was possible the size of the districts was reduced. In some instances, it was found that some of the Surveyors did not fit into an amalgamated Scheme, and it would be a hardship to throw them out of their posts. As the offices of these men became vacant the new men employed took on a unified district and eventually the County had a combined Engineering unit covering the whole field. When the matter was last discussed in Wexford, the Assistant Surveyors were to consider how far they could work into an amalgamated scheme. Two of their Surveyors might come in, but he understood the three others preferred to remain out of it. There was no use in pushing an amalgamated scheme on persons who do not want it. For this reason, they would not be able to get in Wexford an amalgamated scheme on the lines of other Counties, but there was no reason why the subsidiary bodies should not have the advice of the County Surveyor and of his control over the Engineers of the Board of Health as well as over the Assistant Surveyors, giving him what staff he would need. They could leave the line of amalgamation still open.

The County Surveyor considered it would be necessary, if he was to take over control of the County, he should have as Chief Assistant, a qualified architect with building surveyor's qualifications.

Mr. Courtney considered it would be more advisable to employ an Engineer rather than an Architect as Chief Assistant. They would be able to use an Engineer to a far



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greater extent than an architect. A good Engineer would be quite able to do all the architectural work required, as it would be to a very large extent of the maintenance type. If the Council put up a decent salary there would be keen competition. The Chief Assistant to the County Surveyor would not alone do the necessary maintenance work, but would check up all the work of the Board of Health Engineers as all work in future would go through the County Surveyor's office. A good type of Engineer would have all the knowledge and experience necessary for the work. He might not be able to deal with new buildings but this would be a special job. They found in other Counties, that these Chief Assistants were likely to be the future County Surveyors and acting under the County Surveyor they would receive a much better training than it had been possible to afford up to now.

Mr. Keegan said he was agreeable to the proposition that the County Surveyor should take over control of all the Engineering in the County, but he would not agree to the creation of the new post of Chief Assistant. The Assistant Surveyors with eight or ten gangers under each of them were well paid and he could not see why the County Council could not carry on as they are. He believed the people were already overloaded with officials.

Mr. O'Byrne expressed his regret that it did not appear possible to carry out the original scheme of amalgamation. It was, in his opinion, most desirable there should be more supervision of the work of erection of labourers' cottages. If this were done, far better work could have been counted upon.

Miss O'Ryan said it did not need any argument to prove that the lack of co-ordination between the County Council and the Board of Health gave them an imperfect system of control. Where it was possible as in the Wexford District



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with a temporary Engineer for the Board of Health to have a unified system they should adopt it.

Mr. Courtney held that time would eventually give them a unified system. The whole thing was to make a beginning and keeping all the time working on a definite plan, filling in the gaps for amalgamation as they arose. No one would then suffer any hardship and no one would be forced into a new position. Mr. Courtney then instanced how amalgamation had been brought about in some other Counties.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, as County Engineer, to take charge of all engineering services of the County Council and of their Subsidiary Bodies."

Mr. Colfer dissented.

The County Surveyor said that there would be a tremendous amount of responsibility in the position for the first couple of years in getting things into working order, and the scheme would not show any great benefit for that period. Personally, he would not look for the new post, but, if the Council thought they wanted him he would take it provided the amount of remuneration offered for the increased work was satisfactory, and that he was provided with the assistance he regarded as necessary.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Courtney said that in other Counties such as Westmeath, Kilkenny, Leix and Mayo, the County Surveyor was allocated £200 per annum for the increased work. Chief Assistants were appointed on a salary of from £400 to £500, and the Assistant Surveyors in amalgamated districts on a salary of from £300 to £400, each of the Surveyors coming on to the scale in accordance



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with the length of their service.

It was decided that if the County Council approve the proposal made by the Finance Committee each of the Subsidiary bodies concerned be furnished with copy.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Under date 23rd February, 1938, the following letter (No. S.25) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state for the information of your Local Authority, that about the 22nd December last Mr. W. Goodall, Maytown, Tagoat, notified Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Local Authority Veterinary Inspector for the Wexford district, that he suspected the existence of sheep scab among his sheep. The Veterinary Inspector examined the suspected sheep on that date and found 5 out of a lot of eleven sheep affected with scab. Mr. Goodall informed the Inspector that the affected sheep were purchased at a public sale at Enniscorthy on the 22nd October last from Mr. Martin Dillon, Tomatee, Templeshambo, Ferns. On the 24th ultimo, Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Local Authority Veterinary Inspector for the Enniscorthy district, examined 78 sheep on Mr. Martin Dillon's farm at Coolgarrow, 30 of which he found affected with sheep scab. Furthermore, Mr. Ringwood examined 9 sheep on the farm of Mr. Patrick Donohue, Crane, Ferns, on the 8th instant and found one affected with sheep scab. Mr. Ringwood reported that these sheep were also purchased from Mr. Dillon at the sale held at Enniscorthy on the 22nd October last.

It would, therefore, appear from the reports of the Veterinary Inspectors that the disease on the farms of Messrs. Goodall and Donohue originated on Mr. Dillon's farm, and it is suggested that legal proceedings should be instituted by your Local Authority against Mr. Dillon for failure to report the existence of sheep scab in his flock."

Mr. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, wrote that as directed by the Department of Agriculture he had inspected all sheep on the lands of John Conway, Coolroe, Ballycullane, on 23rd February, 1938. Four of the wethers showed evidence of having suffered from sheep scab. These, with 21 others, were purchased at Mr. Warren's sale in Enniscorthy, but Conway was unable to supply the date. Nine of these wethers were bought from Mr. Martin Dillon, Tomatee, and the balance from men named Deacon and Wheelock. Some days after the purchase Conway noticed that the wool on some of the sheep purchased from Dillon was loose. He dipped them three times in a bath and once by hand. If this statement



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was correct (and Mr. Lynch was inclined to think it was) Dillon was the culprit.

The Secretary stated that Martin Dillon was the farmer at whose premises Mr. Ringwood had recommended the erection of a public swim bath.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to take proceedings against Martin Dillon, Tomatee, Temple-shambo, for breach of the Sheep Dipping Order."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Letter from Patrick Rossiter, Slevoy, Foulksmills, Inspector for No. 12 Area under the above Order was read asking if the Council would agree to his attendance at Wexford, Taghmon and Wellingtonbridge Fairs, which were outside his area, Taghmon  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and Wellingtonbridge 100 yards. He attended these fairs last year as he found all the larger stock owners in his area offered their cattle there.

The Secretary stated the Department had been asked for their advice in the matter.

It was decided that the advice of the Veterinary Surgeon for the district be asked as to the advisability of complying with Mr. Rossiter's request.

Under date 26th February, 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote (No. 1.1180-38) approving of the appointment of John Walsh and John Morrissey as temporary Inspectors under the above Order for district Nos. 3 and 9, respectively, remuneration in each case being at the inclusive rate of £2. 10. 0 per week. The Minister was also prepared to sanction the arrangements as to the supervising work by the County Veterinary Inspectors on the same terms and conditions as obtained last season.



#### TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT 1934

Letter under date 16th February, 1938, (No. S.18/38 Ilgh (Pc)) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, forwarding copy of Model Clauses prepared for the information and guidance of Planning Authorities in the preparation of Planning Schemes was read.

The Secretary also submitted replies to questionnaire sent to County Councils as to what steps had been taken by County Councils to put the Act in force. From replies it appeared that 23 Councils had taken no steps in the matter, two were considering partial adoption and no reply had been received from Tipperary South.

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

"That the Finance Committee recommend the Council to defer action as to implementing of schemes under Town and Regional Planning Act 1934 until a decision has been taken regarding the appointment of Chief Engineering Assistant to the County Surveyor."

#### COUNTY HALL - HEAD RENTS

Under date 23rd February, 1938, the County Solicitor submitted letter from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, acting for Miss Christina Richards, one of the recipients of Annuities for County Hall Head Rents. Messrs. O'Connor & Co., pointed out that Miss Richards would sell for £400, only on the distinct understanding that her costs amounting to £14. 5s. were paid by the County Council.

A similar letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, re Mrs. Welte. In this case, the costs amounted to £12.

The County Solicitor recommended that the costs in both cases be paid by the County Council, as this was the usual procedure.



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Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That, in connection with the purchase of Head Rents, County Hall, the County Council be recommended to pay legal costs of Miss Richards amounting to £14. 5. 0, and of Mrs. Welte amounting to £12, as we are informed by the County Solicitor it is the usual practice for purchaser in such cases to be responsible for the payment of costs."

#### INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit the quotations received by him for the Insurances of County Council to the general meeting of the Council to be held on 14th March 1938, and that he inform the firms tendering that canvassing of members will lead to the non-consideration of their proposals.

#### OLD AGE PENSION UNITS

The Secretary submitted Scheme for re-adjustment of areas of Old Age Pension Units.

It was decided to adjourn consideration to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### BALLYMONEY (GOREY) ROAD

The following under date 2nd March, 1938, was received from Richard O'Brien, Ballymoney:-

"I have been requested to bring to the notice of the members of the County Council, at their next financial meeting, the condition of part of the road at Ballymoney Lower; that portion which leads to the North Strand.

It is in a very dangerous condition owing to the bank being undermined by recent high tides.

Hoping the matter will receive your kind consideration.  
Referred to County Surveyor.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following, under date 1st March, 1938, was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-



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"With reference to your letter of the 17th January, we would suggest that the County Surveyor arrange to meet Captain Kearon regarding the fitting of baulks to act as break-water and the removal of the boulders from the harbour mouth.

As we have been notified that the vessel Joy P. is ready to start trading right away, we would be much obliged if this matter would be dealt with without delay."

Referred to County Surveyor.

#### APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for £14 compensation for malicious injury to bullock was received from James Webster, Finchogue, Enniscorthy, and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

The Secretary stated that Richard Murphy, Corbally, agricultural labourer, formerly in Mr. Webster's employment, had pleaded guilty in Enniscorthy to the charge of injuring bullock and had been bound over.

#### PRINTING ABSTRACTS OF COUNTY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The following quotations for printing 60 copies each of Abstract of Accounts of County Council for the six half years ended 30th September 1930 was submitted:-

Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy	£30
The Echo, Enniscorthy	£45. 15. 0
The People, Wexford.	£60. 9. 6.

The tender of Redmond Brothers was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Secretary.

#### PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS

Quotation of Messrs. J. Sloper & Co., 22 Bridge Row, Cannon Street, London, E.C.4, for supply of machine for perforation of insurance stamps with horizontal press down lever to perforate ten stamps in a line, four thick, at £8. 10. 0d was accepted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan.



#### SALE OF LAND BONDS

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

"That the Finance Committee recommend the Council to affix their Seal to the request to the National City Bank Ltd. to transmit by post to the Secretary of the Council of the Certificate for the sum of £78, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Land Bonds representing a payment made by the Land Commission on account of Rates due by Peter O'Brien for Poor Rates, out of Ballyhire And that when the County Secretary receives the certificate for these Bonds that same be sold, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Transfer of the Bonds to the Purchaser thereof."

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF SHED

With reference to the application of John Moynihan, Ferns, for permission to erect shed the County Surveyor reported that the building would be within 30 feet of the road centre and accordingly he recommended that "no action" be taken.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the County Council be recommended to take <sup>no</sup> action regarding this application.

#### APPLICATION RE EXTENSION OF SHOP

With reference to the application of John Pitt, Kil-rang, for permission of the County Council to extend his shop the <sup>Co.</sup> Surveyor stated he had no objection to the extension, but as the premises lie between other existing premises and in the same line <sup>and</sup> were within 30 feet of the road centre he considered the Finance Committee should take no action in the matter.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to take no action relative to the application of John Pitt, Kilrane, for permission to extend his shop."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from Inspector of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Wexford Branch, as to application to be made at District Court, Gorey, for committal to Industrial School of:-

1. Edward Burke, Banntown, Gorey; born 26th May, 1930 (legitimate child of Charles and Elizabeth Burke).
2. Thomas Burke, born 21st July 1934.
3. Anne Burke, born 25th July 1932.

Vacancies have been offered for 1 and 2 in Rathdrum Industrial School and for No. 3 in St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on 4th March 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

TRAVELLING EXPENSES RATE COLLECTORS - INTERVIEW WITH

INSPECTOR: Under date 8th April 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.11386/38 - Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to recoupment to Rate Collectors of the actual amount of travelling expenses as proposed by the County Council in connection with their attendance at County Council Office for interview with the Inspector of the Department on 16th February last.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936: Col. Quin said he understood that more warbles were now found in cattle than in previous years.

Mr. T. Redmond said he disagreed with the statement. Local tanneries agreed there was a great improvement in hides for the past two years.

The Secretary said that the Finance Committee and the Council were doing the best they could to make the Warble Fly Order really effective. They were after the Inspectors as closely as they were after the Rate Collectors, and whenever there was any complaint or question they investigated it fully. They had had Inspectors in and told them what to do, and he had not heard anything contrary to their doing their best to have the Order carried out. There was a certain section of people not inclined to carry it out, and wherever they found that, they were making the Inspectors serve a detention notice on them to have the cattle dressed.



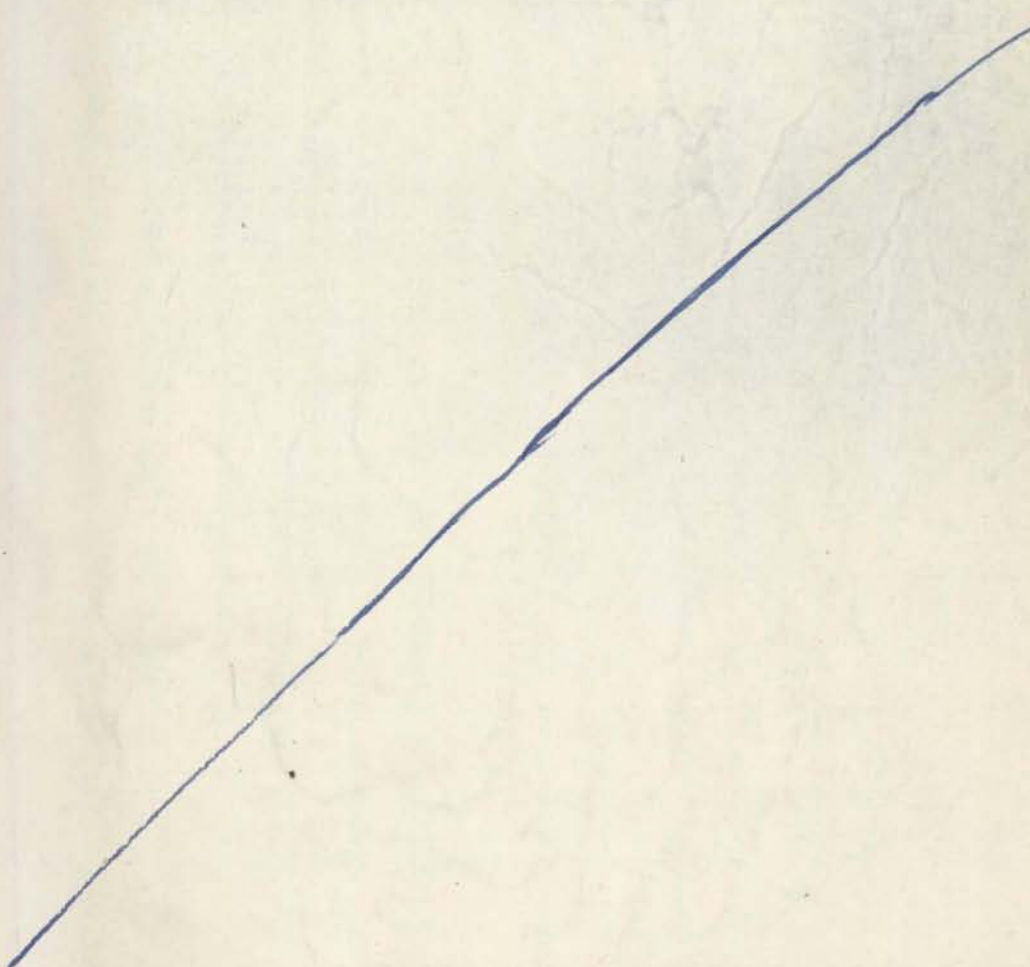
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The Chairman said it should be made known that the Council would enforce the law in the matter.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, it was pointed out that the Secretary had authority from the Council to have notices served for the dressing of cattle on any report made by an Inspector.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th March 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 18th MARCH 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th March 1938, were submitted as follows:-





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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th March, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, William 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.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6159. 0. 1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of the collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and two years' Arrears.</u>
1. J. Curtis	77.7
2. E. J. Murphy	76.2
3. S. Gannon	75.7
4. J. Cummins	71.2
5. J. J. O'Reilly	70.0
6. D. Kenny	69.1
7. P. Nolan	66.6
8. J. Deegan	65.6
9. A. Dunne	65.5
10. M. Kehoe	65.5
11. P. Doyle	64.9
12. P. Carty	64.2
13. J. Flood	62.6
14. J. Quirke	61.6
15. W. Cummins	61.2
16. M. McCarthy	61.0
17. W. Doyle	59.5
18. J. J. Sinnott	59.5

Average 66.5

The Secretary stated that at the corresponding period last year the amount of warrant and of all arrears which had been collected was 59 per cent. Collector Sinnott had been ill for a short time, but had now resumed duty.



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POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: The following under date 10th March 1938 (G. 3043/4/38 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant regarding payment of poundage fees to Rate Collectors J.J. Sinnott, Walter Cummins, Patrick Carty and Michael McCarthy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the arrears in question may be taken as the arrears appropriate to the year 1936/37, i.e. excluding all arrears for years previous to 1936/37."

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

"That the third interim payment of poundage (80%) be made to Rate Collectors Curtis, Gannon and Murphy, as they have lodged by 15th March 1938, sums equivalent to 75% of their current warrants plus arrears for 1936-37 assessment. This will cover 80% of available poundage less amounts already paid."

APPLICATION INCREASED REMUNERATION: The following under date 16th March 1938 was read from Patrick Beary, Charge Hand for Rate Book Staff:-

"Please ask your Council to again review my present wages as Charge hand of the Rate Clerks, which at the moment, after deducting Insurance, amounts to £2. 9. 11d per full week. As I pointed out in my last application, I find it very hard to make ends meet owing to my being married with a family of four."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the Secretary stated that Mr. Beary's remuneration was 1s. 2d per hour.

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

"That remuneration of Patrick Beary, Charge hand Rate Book Staff, be increased from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d per hour."



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

"That the increase of 1d per hour to Rate Clerks be paid as from the day after date of Finance Committee of 4th February 1938, when amount was approved and recommended."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY

The following application under date 7th March 1938 was read from Mr. D. C. Radford, Senior Clerk, County Surveyor's Department:-

"I beg to make application for an increase in my salary in respect of very much increased work, due to Relief Grants etc.

I base my claim on the following facts:-

1934 When appointed Chief Clerk - Expenditure	
on Rural Relief Grants was	£200
1935/36 Relief Vote was also	£200
1936/37 Relief Vote jumped to £10,000 approximately.	
1937/38 Relief Vote was practically the same. For	
the coming year the figures are likely to remain the same	
as the present year's.	

In addition to all the Relief Work, I have to do all the clerical work accounts etc., in connection with New Ross Streets. Grants amounting to approximately £9000 have been administered in this area.

I think you will agree that there are just grounds for my application. In view of the number of Forms, Returns, etc., that must be made I find that it is necessary to work at least six hours each week outside my normal working hours.

I would be glad if you bring this application before next meeting of the Finance Committee."

Under date 8th March, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Radford:-



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"In connection with my application for salary increase of the 7th instant, I wish to point out that the Relief Vote figures for 1936 to 1938 also include Grants and Loans outside of the Ordinary Road Works Scheme figures, but excluding Improvement Grant Expenditure."

In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary stated that Mr. Radford was on a scale of £200 - £10 to £312. His present salary was £220 and an increment of £10 was due in a short time.

After discussion, the following Order was made:-

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend approval of the application of Mr. Denis Radford for increase of salary."

#### CHARGES FOR MACHINERY AND MATERIAL

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of the following charges for 1938/39 as suggested by the County Surveyor:-

Steam Drill.....	£3:	0:	0d	per day
Engine and Granulator (large).....	£3:	10:	0d	per day
Engine & Granulator (small).....	£2:	15:	0d	per day
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3:	0:	0d	per day
Large Compressor, Drill Plant and Lorry...	£4:	0:	0d	per day
Small do. do. do. ....	£3:	0:	0d	per day
Roller.....	£2:	2:	0d	per day
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1:	5:	0d	per week
Ballybrennan Plant.....	£4:	0:	0d	per day
Concrete Mixer.....	£1:	10:	0d	per week

#### FOR MATERIAL - FLAT RATE AS UNDER

Rubble Stone.....	3/6d	per c.y.
Broken Stone.....	6/6d	per c.y.
Chippings screened from B.S.....	6/6d	per c.y.
Granulated Chippings.....	9/6d	per c.y.



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The Rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in their Specifications."

#### DANGEROUS CORNERS

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of the Agreements entered into for compensation for transfer of land to County Council for widening of dangerous corners, with the following:-

Daniel O'Connor, Ballykerogue, Campile - Corner at  
Tinnock, Campile 10s.

Clement Power, Ballinamona, Campile - Corner at  
Ballinamona, Campile. £1.

Philip Murphy, Ballykerogue, Campile - Corner at  
Ballinamona, Campile. £2. 10s.

Catherine O'Brien, Ballinamona, Campile - Corner at  
Ballinamona. £1."

#### BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. D. Lennon, Hon. Secretary, St. Aidan's Hall, Buncloody:-

"Your letter to hand re St. Aidan's Hall. I was speaking to Father Murphy, and we have agreed to let you have the use of the Hall for the Petty Sessions, Court to be held every month, for the sum of £20 per year. You supplying portable furniture. We have chairs and benches which you can have the use of."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to offer to Buncloody Parochial Hall Committee a rent of £12 for use of Hall for District Court purposes."



### TAGHMON STREETS

The following under date 9th March 1938 was read from Mr. P. J. Cullen:-

"At a meeting of the above Association held on Monday night, March 7th, I was directed to call your attention once again to the deplorable condition of some of the streets of the village - particularly the one leading from the Square to the Catholic Church. The condition of this thoroughfare, in the opinion of our Association, is, to say the least of it, deplorable, and we have no hesitation in saying that it is really a disgrace to the public body responsible. Numerous complaints are reaching us, time after time, re same from ratepayers and others.

Being a body elected by the people, we deem it our duty to call your attention once again to the scandalous condition of this street. Taghmon and District, as a ratepaying centre, can compare favourably with any other district in the County, and the thoroughfare afforded to the majority who wend their way in this direction, particularly on Sundays, speaks sorely of neglect.

We ask you to send your Surveyor or a responsible officer for examination of same without delay."

It was decided to refer this communication to the County Surveyor for report.

### ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT

The Secretary stated that the following firms had been asked to tender for the Annual Printing Contract:-

The People Newspapers Ltd.

The Free Press.

Messrs. J. English & Co.

Messrs. Redmond Bros.

The Echo.

Only one tender had been received, that of the Echo at £115. 19. 0d. This was an increase of £4. 1. 6d over last year's figures.

The tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Thomas Kenny, 7 Grattan Terrace, Gorey, wrote under date 11th March 1938, that he was in communication with the Housing Department of Department of



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Local Government and Public Health as to certificate of appointed officer re Government Grant. Perhaps the Finance Committee would deal with the matter subject to the production of this certificate and as to amount of grant at a later date.

The Chairman said he understood the Government Grant in this case would be £45.

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

"That County Council be recommended to advance to Thomas Kenny, 7 Grattan Terrace, Gorey, loan of £130 which is maximum amount that can be advanced, this being conditional on the production of any relevant documents required by the regulations governing these loans.

Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, to whom the County Council agreed to advance loan of £130, wrote under date 16th March, 1938, that when the loan was agreed to 15 months ago, he had been unable to find a contractor, as all were employed. When one was available the cost of building materials had gone up to a very considerable extent, with the result that he could not proceed with the erection of the house. On the loan of £130 he would require an extra £40.

It was pointed out that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, estimated the cost of erection of proposed house for Hiney at £200, and site value at £25. The Department of Local Government and Public Health would allow a maximum of £20 for site value. Taking this into consideration and the Government Grant of £70, the total amount of loan Mr. Hiney could receive under the regulations was £135.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That it be pointed out to Mr. Hiney, Rectory Road,



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Enniscorthy, that the full amount of loan which the County Council can agree to advance him, under the regulations, taking into consideration, the value of his house, <sup>and</sup> Government Grant, is £135. That he be asked to inform the County Council if he is prepared to proceed with the erection of his house with a loan for this amount."

If Mr. Hiney accepts this proposal it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to approve loan in this case being increased from £130 to £135.

#### OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES' AREAS

Arising out of a request from Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 5 for an adjustment of areas to meet public convenience the County Council referred the matter to the Secretary for submission of draft scheme.

The Secretary submitted the following:-

"The Old Age Pension Areas when the Act was passed in 1908 were made up of the old County Council County Electoral areas as follows:-

No. 1 Sub-Committee: County Electoral Divisions of Bannow, Rosslare and Bridgetown.

Bannow area covered the District Electoral Divisions of Ballymitt, Bannow, Clongeen, Duncormack, Harperstown, Harristown, Horetown and Newbawn.

Bridgetown area comprised the District Electoral divisions of Aughwilliam, Bridgetown, Kilcowan, Killag, Kilmore, Mayglass, Newcastle and Rathaspeck.

Rosslare area comprised District Electoral Divisions of Drinagh, Killinick, Kilsoran, Lady's Island, Rosslare, St. Helen's, Tacumshane and Tomhaggard.

No. 2. County Electoral Divisions of Fethard and Tintern.

Fethard area comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ballyhack, Fethard, Kilmokea, Rathroe and Templetown.

Tintern area comprises the District Electoral Divisions



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of Carnagh, Dunmain, Inch Killesk, Oldcourt, Rochestown, Tintern and Whitechurch (New Ross).

NO. 3. County Electoral Divisions of Killurin and Taghmon.

Killurin comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Artramon, Ballyhoge, Bree, Edermine, Killurin, Kilpatrick and The Leap.

Taghmon comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Adamstown, Garrick, Forth, Glynn, Kilbride, Kilgarvan, Taghmon, Wexford Rural and Whitechurch (Glynn).

NO. 4. County Electoral Divisions of Coolgreaney and Gorey.

Coolgreaney comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreaney, Gorey Rural, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Gorey area comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballygarrett, Cahore, Courtown, Gorey Urban and Killenagh.

NO. 5. County Electoral Divisions of Enniscorthy and Killealy.

Enniscorthy comprises Enniscorthy Rural and Enniscorthy Urban.

Killealy area comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Castleboro, Killanne, Killough-tim, Killealy, Marshallstown and Rossard.

NO. 6. County Electoral Divisions of Bunclody and Ferns.

Bunclody - Ballybeg, Ballyellis, Bunclody, Castledockrell, Kilrush, Moyacomb, St. Mary's and Tombrack.

Ferns - Ballyoughter, Ballycanew, Ballycarney, Ballymore, Ferns, Huntingtown, Kilbora, Kilcomb, Rossminge, The Harrow and Tinnacross.

NO. 7. County Divisions of Old Ross and New Ross.

Old Ross comprises District Electoral Divisions of



Ballyanne, Barrackvillage, Barronstown, Carrigbyrne, Clonleigh, Clonroche, Old Ross, Templeudigan and Whitemoor.

New Ross - District Electoral Divisions of New Ross Rural, New Ross Urban and Rosbercon Urban.

NO. 8. County Electoral Divisions of Ballyhuskard and Monamolin.

Ballyhuskard comprises District Electoral Divisions of Ardavan, Ardcolm, Ballyhuskard, Castle Ellis and Kilmallock.

Monamolin comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Castle Talbot, Ford, Kilcormack, Killincooley, Monamolin and Wells.

The following is recommended:-

- NO. 1. Transfer of Horetown and Newbawn to No. 3.  
(Meetings to be held in Bridgetown and Wellingtonbridge).
- NO. 2. Transfer Carnagh, Dunmain and Oldcourt to No. 7.
- NO. 3. Transfer of Bree, Edermine, The Leap and Ballyhuskard to No. 5. (Meetings should be held in Taghmon and Wexford).
- NO. 4. Transfer of Cahore to No. 8.
- NO. 5. Transfer of Rossard to No. 6. (Meetings for this Committee should be held in Ferns and Bunclody).
- NO. 6. Transfer Ballycanew, Huntingtown and Rosminogue to No. 4.
- NO. 7. No transfer.
- NO. 8. Ardavan, Ardcolm ~~and Ballyhuskard~~ to No. 3.

It was decided that the proposed transfers of District Electoral Divisions be brought to the notice of Old Age Pension Committees affected and that they be asked for their observations thereon.



EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS URBAN) 1938-39

Under date 16th March 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU(205/5)) stating that a provisional grant for road and footpath works to be undertaken in New Ross Urban area, had been fixed at £2795 for a scheme costing £3180, the balance of £385 being provided out of revenue by New Ross Urban District Council. The grant was subject to the usual conditions.

The Secretary stated that copy of the communication from the Department had been forwarded to the Town Clerk, New Ross Urban District, whose attention had been specially drawn to the decision that the local contribution of £385 could not be raised by way of loan or by overdraft.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Letter under date 4th March 1938 (G.448/38) from Department of Agriculture, gave the amounts lodged to the credit of Wexford County Council from above Fund for the three years up to 1937-38.

The Secretary said the following appeared to be the financial transactions for the Council for the three past financial years:-

	<u>Paid by Council.</u>	<u>Paid out by Department.</u>
1935-36	£415. 18. 3d	£634. 13. 10d
1936-37	£416. 7. 0d	£727. 17. 3d
1937-38	£836. 3. 1d	£766. 12. 0d
	£1668. 8. 4d	£2127. 3. 1d.

WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT AND MAIN ROAD ALLOCATION

The following under date 3rd March 1938 was read from Town Clerk, Wexford Urban District:-

"I am directed by the Finance Committee of Wexford Corporation to enclose, herewith, copy of a report received from the Borough Surveyor on the surface dressing of William Street and Distillery Road.



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I am also to point out that a sum of £300 is only allowed for the maintenance of the Borough Main Roads during 1938/39, and this amount would not permit of the expenditure estimated by the Borough Surveyor on these two roads in the current year.

The Committee would be glad, therefore, if the County Council could make some provision for the surfacing of these roads during 1938."

The following is the report of Mr. P. K. McNally, Borough Surveyor:-

"I wish to point out that it is absolutely essential that the portion of William Street resurfaced in 1935/36 should be surface dressed during the coming year. Similarly, the Distillery Road, which was surfaced in 1936/37 should also be surface dressed during the coming year. Due to the unsuitable nature of the local stone for bituminous macadam work, it is very necessary that a sealing coat be provided as soon as possible after the surfacing work has finished.

I estimate the cost of this work as follows:-

Surface dressing 3000 sup. yards at	
William Street at 4d .....	£50: 0: 0d
Surface dressing 5700 sup. yards at	
Distillery Road at 4d .....	£95: 0: 0d

Total Estimate..£145: 0: 0d."

Mr. Corish said that William Street and Distillery Road were steamrolled within the last two years and now required a "sealing coat".

The County Surveyor said that when it came to apportion the allocation for main roads for 1938/39 he gave the Urbans an amount somewhat higher in proportion to their mileage than the rural area. The amount allocated to Wexford Urban was as high as was possible. If a supplemental allocation was to be made it would be at the expense of the rural districts. On a strict allocation, Wexford Urban should receive £248 instead of the £300 allowed.

Mr. Corish said it was not possible to maintain the main roads in Wexford Urban District for a year for £300.

After further discussion, it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter for the present.



### BUNCLODY SQUARE

In connection with application of Mr. R. W. Hall Dare have the square at Bunclody, his property, steamrolled at his expense, the following under date 11th March 1938 was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant-Surveyor:-

"I do not think we would be wise to undertake the doing of Mr. Hall-Dare's Square at Bunclody for the present year at any rate. We really have more work on hands than our machinery is able to cope with.

I do not think we would be able to supply any stones from Ryland for this job. We have taken over 2,000 cubic yards out for relief jobs alone this year as well as 1100 or so for ordinary work. It is probable that we will want as much next year. For a quarry which is getting more difficult to work every year this is quite a lot of stone, and is about the limit of its capacity.

The cost of doing this Square in Tar-Macadam would be about 3/2d to 3/6d per square yard."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of application for the present, the County Surveyor being requested to deal favourably with the matter when a suitable opportunity presents itself.

### INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

In connection with the Insurances of the County Council as from the 26th March 1938 to 25th March, 1939, tenders were received from the following firms:-

Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., 1, 2 and 3 Westmoreland Street, Dublin.

Messrs. Kehoe & Co., 55 Dawson Street, Dublin.

Consolidated Brokers, 67 Dame Street, Dublin.

Messrs. Coyle & Co. (Brokers), 7 Anglesea St., Dublin.



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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION: McDonagh & Boland tendered at 35/- % and for Common Law Liability for officials in receipt of £350 and over 1s. 6d per cent.

The Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company, and Kehoe & Co. tendered at the same figures as those submitted by McDonagh & Boland.

Consolidated Brokers tendered at £1189. 18s.

Coyle & Co. tendered at £1219.

PUBLIC LIABILITY: Messrs. McDonagh & Boland tendered at 3/6d % on Wages and Salaries, indemnity £1000 on any one accident.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company tendered at the same figure.

Kehoe & Co. quoted at 5/- % indemnity on any one accident £2000.

Coyle & Co. did not quote.

Consolidated Brokers quoted at £118. 18. 3d.

In regard to other items of Insurances including Boilers, Fire, Motors etc., Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Messrs. Kehoe & Co., and Coyle & Co. did not quote.

Consolidated Brokers quoted at £85. 16. 3d and Irish Public Bodies £64. 5. 9d.

The following paragraph appeared in the circular letter issued to tendering Companies by the County Surveyor:

"The County Council is anxious, if possible, to consider a comprehensive policy dealing with all their Insurances, and if you find it convenient it would be well to submit Tender for such policy."

The County Surveyor mentioned that the only Company tendering ~~on~~ a Comprehensive Policy was the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., amount £1078. 15. 3d. McDonagh & Boland had quoted for part of the Insurances, not all, and their total figures were higher than those of



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the Irish Public Bodies for all the Insurances, the amounts being as follows:-

McDonagh & Boland £1109. 8. 0

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances £1078. 15. 3.

It was decided to take a poll as to whether the Finance Committee would consider only tenders which quoted for a comprehensive Policy.

For: Messrs. Cullimore and O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan.(3).

Against: Messrs. Corish, Keegan, Kelly and  
Chairman. (4).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee should be careful to select the lowest reliable quotation for their Insurances, as otherwise, they might run the risk of surcharge.

The figures submitted by Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Kehoe & Co., and the Irish Public Bodies were re-examined after which a vote was taken on the acceptance of the quotation of Messrs. McDonagh & Boland and the Irish Public Bodies Company for the Insurances quoted in their tenders.

For Messrs. McDonagh & Boland: Messrs. Colfer,  
Corish, Keegan and Kelly. (4).

For Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company:  
Messrs. Cullimore, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Chairman. (4).

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company and declared them accepted.

The following is the resolution of reference from County Council Meeting of 14th March 1938 to the Finance Committee:-

"That the Finance Committee on the 18th March 1938 be and are hereby empowered to deal with the consideration and acceptance of quotations for Insurances of County Council for year 26th March 1938 to 25th March 1939."



#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted under date 10th March 1938 (61912-13) letter from Messrs. Delap & Waller, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin, re inspection and report as to condition of Wexford Bridge. They were prepared to undertake the work for a net fee of 100 guineas, the County Council supplying men, boats and gear, and paying all out-of-pocket expenses.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to offer Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, the sum of 100 guineas to cover all expenses in connection with inspection and report as to condition of Wexford Bridge."

#### RUBBISH ON ROAD NO. 280 (BLACKSTOOPS - ENNISCORTHY)

Under date 11th March 1938, Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported he was informed that Mr. Michael Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, had dumped two or three loads of building rubbish on the sides of above by-road at Blackstoops near the former Urban District Council Depot. This was very unsightly and Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, should move in the matter with the view to getting the stuff removed.

The following order was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elgee ascertain if Michael Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, is responsible for depositing building rubbish on Road 280, and in the event of satisfactory information to this effect being forthcoming, that he call on Mr. Roban to remove this rubbish forthwith and that should he neglect or refuse to do so that he be proceeded against."

#### SWEETMAN'S CORNER - BUNCLODY

The following report under date 11th March 1938 was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-



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"The corner which Mr. O'Dempsey writes about is the junction of Roads No. 167 and 157 near Clohamon House on the back road from Clohamon to Bunclody. It is a corner at which a certain amount of care is required. There is not, however, a great deal of traffic on this road.

There are a number of other places, particularly where by-roads abut on main roads which would require to be done more urgently. I put in a number of these in the road proposals. They were, however, cut out for lack of funds."

It was decided that copy of report of Mr. Ennis be furnished Bunclody Development Association.

#### PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS

Under date 28th February 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Fund.206/G.14) that the Minister approved of the proposed perforation of Health and Pensions Insurance Stamps with the design agreed upon, and subject to the conditions in his letter of the 24th November last.

#### SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd March 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.8195/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister consented to period of overdraft of £35,000 being extended to 31st March 1938.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following applications for committal to Industrial School were received from J. Leacy, Inspector N.S.P.C.C. and Superintendent W. Ryan, Enniscorthy:-

John Fintan Doyle, Edwardstown, Co. Wexford.

(Born 2nd April, 1926).

Anastasia Doyle, Edwardstown, Co. Wexford.

(Born 10th November, 1930).



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Annie Connors, The Moyne, Enniscorthy. (Born 13th  
June, 1924).

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th March 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

TAGHMON STREETS: The County Surveyor said that what he would call the "regular" road was not bad at all, and the Main Street had been steamrolled. There was a narrow lane which furnished what was considered a short cut to the Catholic Church and this was undoubtedly bad. However, he would do what was possible to have it levelled up, although he regarded it as of second rate importance.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS/WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT: The Secretary said that the County Surveyor had gone into the matter very closely, and he believed that Wexford had a claim to a certain amount. He would be satisfied if the County Council agreed to find another £100 for them.

The County Surveyor said the main thing was that the Urban Council had undoubtedly done a lot of footpath work on their main roads, and they might have applied for an allocation on that.

The proposal of the County Surveyor to provide the additional £100 was approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer.

BUNCLODY SQUARE: The County Surveyor said he would like to do this work if they could reach on it, but they had so much use for their machinery on County Council work that he could not promise when he would be in a position to deal with it.

Chairman - Stretch a point, if possible.

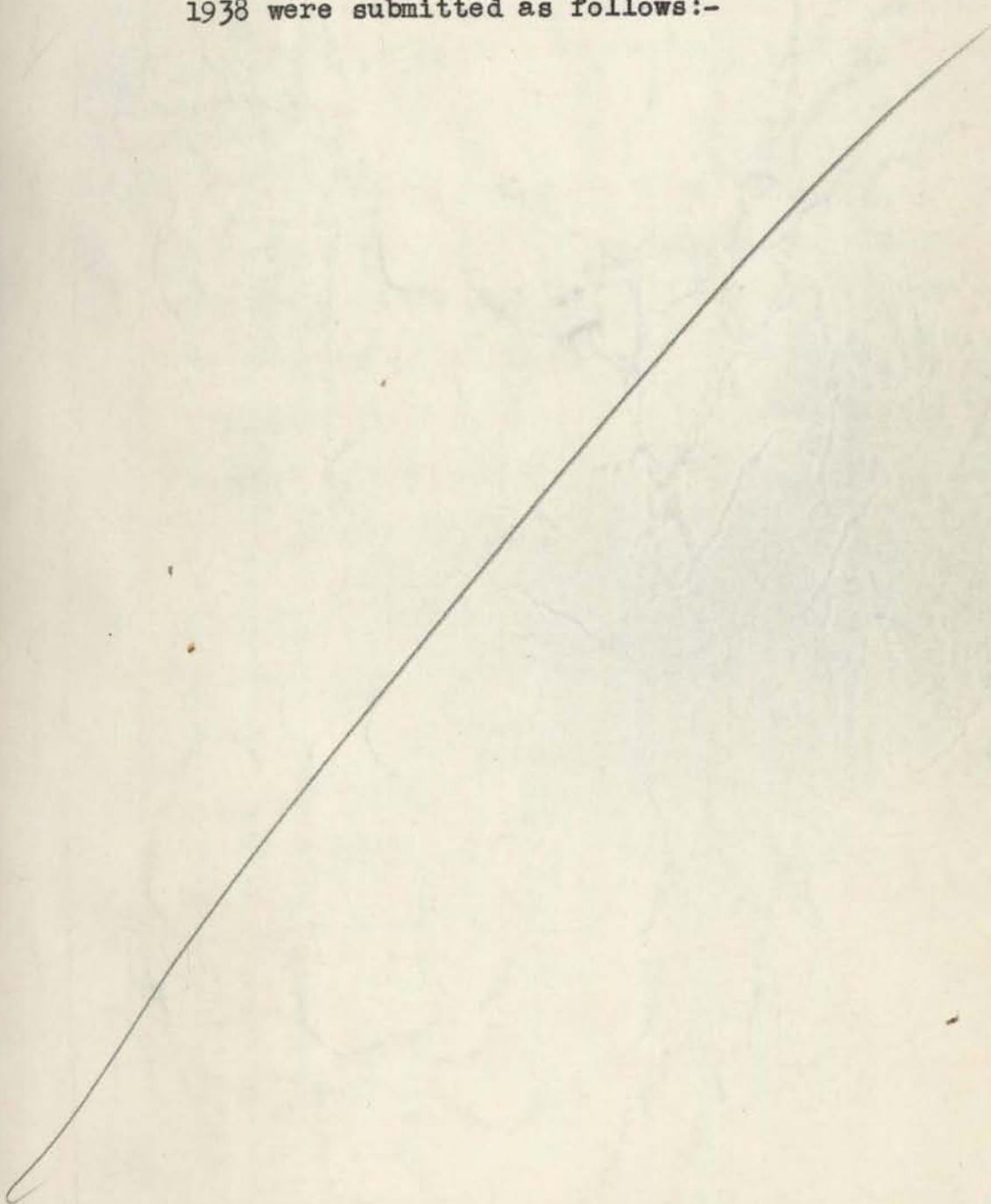


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On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th March 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 1st APRIL, 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st April 1938 were submitted as follows:-





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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st April 1938.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish, Vice-Chairman County Council (presiding), also, Messrs. P. Colfer, 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 £5434. 6. 2d was examined and signed.

#### NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

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

"That, as the date for next meeting of the Finance Committee falls on Good Friday, the meeting of Committee be held on the previous day - 14th April."

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

Percentage collected on  
Warrant for 1937/38 plus  
two years' arrears.

E. J. Murphy	85.9
J. Curtis	85.9
S. Gannon	83.8
J. Cummins	82.0
M. Kehoe	80.7
J. Deegan	78.7
D. Kenny	78.2
J. J. O'Reilly	77.7
P. Nolan	77.3
J. Flood	76.5
P. Carty	76.4
P. Doyle	75.9
A. Dunne	73.9
M. McCarthy	71.3
W. Cummins	70.8
J. Quirke	70.5
W. Doyle	69.5
J. J. Sinnott	68.0
Average	76.5



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The percentage collected at corresponding period last year on current Warrant, plus total arrears was 67.8%.

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: The following under date 8th March 1938 (G.3043/3/38 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 refer to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, and to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at the rate of 7d less 5% to Collectors Carty and McCarthy, in respect of the lodgment of the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of their warrants for the current financial year.

In regard to Collectors Sinnott and Cummins, I am to state that the dates on which the moiety and arrears were closed is later than in the other cases, and the Council should, therefore, reconsider their decision in regard to the reduction made. Pending further consideration of this matter, the Minister sanctions payment at the rate of 6d only in these cases."

It was decided to await the result of representations being made to the Minister on behalf of Collectors Sinnott and W. Cummins, as recommended at last meeting of the Committee.

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES: Two tenders were received for printing Receipt and Demand Notes:-

English & Co., Wexford, at £37, and

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, at £26. 17. 6d.

The lower tender - Redmond Bros. - was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The following firms had also been asked to tender:-  
The Echo, Free Press and People.

#### INCREMENTS OF COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the *annual* increments be granted to the following members of the staff of the County Council as follows:-



Increment

J. H. Cadogan	£5. 6. 8d. (3rd March, 1938).
S. Hayes	£10. 0. 0d. (10th February, 1938).
J. Maloney	£10. 0. 0d. (10th February, 1938).
P. M. Donohoe	£7. 10. 0d. (12th April, 1938).
Miss Tobin	£5. 0. 0d. (13th September 1937).
J. J. A. Masterson	£10. 0. 0d. (13th December 1937).
Miss Moran	£6. 10. 0d. (9th August, 1938).

County Surveyor's Office:

D. C. Radford	£10. 0. 0d. (10th February 1938.)
J. O'Kennedy	£7. 10. 0d. (13th August 1938).
Miss Norton	At her maximum.

CARETAKER GOREY COURTHOUSE

In connection with the allowance of 7s. 6d per week agreed to at Finance Committee meeting of the 18th February last, to be paid Thomas Dwyer, Caretaker, in lieu of caretaker's premises at Courthouse, which were still occupied by the previous Caretaker, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister this payment date as from the 13th December 1937, date on which Thomas Dwyer took up duty."

DANGEROUS CORNERS- ROAD AT KILCLOHAN FROM CAMOLIN TO BALLYDUFF.

Memorial signed by 26 ratepayers asking for easement of dangerous corners on above road was received. This pointed out that motor traffic had increased considerably on this road for the past two years. One of the turns was considered a death-trap.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.



### FLOODING AT BALLINDAGGIN SCHOOL

The following under date 26th March was read from Mr. James Lawler, County Councillor:-

"I am asked to again bring the matter of the flooding of the road near Ballindaggin School before the Council.

The last time I brought the matter forward Mr. Barry was to see Father O'Byrne over the matter, but it seems nothing was done. The water was flowing over the ditch for the greater part of the day last Monday when a very heavy shower fell there. Please bring the matter before the Finance Committee at next meeting."

The County Surveyor stated that at the place complained there were two parallel roads with a tremendous "drop" from one to the other.

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

"That the County Surveyor arrange to meet Rev. M. O'Byrne, P.P. and Mr. James Lawler, M.C.C., at Ballindaggin in connection with flooded road near the local School and report result of interview to next meeting of Finance Committee."

### OULART STREETS

Under date 21st March 1938, the following was read from Shelmalier District Committee '98 Commemoration Association:-

"I have been instructed by my Committee to forward you, for submission to your Council at its next meeting, the following resolution, adopted at a meeting held at Oulart, on Sunday, March 20th 1938:-

"That we, the members of the Shelmalier District Committee of the '98 Commemoration Association, hereby protest against the delay of the County Council, despite repeated applications from other local bodies, in having the necessary repairs carried out to Oulart village streets, and in view of the forthcoming '98 Celebrations at this centre, we request the Council to have the work undertaken without further delay."

The County Surveyor said he intended to have the work



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carried out but money was not available until 1st April. He would arrange for its execution as soon as possible.

#### OLD AGE PENSION ACTS

Under date 31st March, 1938, the following was read from Mr. P. J. Cullen, Clerk of Sub-Committee No. 3, Local Pensions Pensions Committee:-

"In reply to yours of the 23rd March re the adjustments of districts I am directed by my Committee to seek further information from you regarding same.

(1) Do you mean that my Committee are to sit in Wexford occasionally.

(2) My Committee approve of the transfer of Horetown and Newbawn to Taghmon, but not Ardcolm, as they think it too far distant, more so than any of our present outlying districts.

(3) My Committee are seemingly in favour of all their meetings to be held at Taghmon as it being most central."

It was decided to inform Mr. Cullen that when the Sub-Committees were first established, meetings of No. 3 Sub-Committee had been held in Wexford and Taghmon alternately. The Finance Committee considered that it would be advisable that the District Electoral Division of Ardcolm should be transferred to No. 3 Sub-Committee and meetings could be held occasionally in Wexford to deal with applicants from that area.

#### SUPPLY OF TWO EXPENDITURE BOOKS

Tenders were received from Messrs. Dollard Ltd., Wellington Quay, Dublin, at £9 and John English & Co., Printers, Wexford, at £10. 10s.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded that the tender of Messrs. Dollard be agreed to.



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WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Minister be requested to sanction payment of 10/- per week to Mr. J. O'Kennedy for work in connection with writing up machinery records at Machinery Yard, Ennis-corthy, for a further six months as from the 1st April 1938"

PROPOSED EXAMINATION OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

Under date 24th March, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Alfred D. Delap of Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin:-

"We are this morning in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and we note and appreciate the resolution adopted by your Finance Committee.

We are quite satisfied to make the examination of the bridge, and to determine what load it is at present able to carry, what it can be made to carry with reasonable repairs and what such repairs might be expected to cost - and to do this for £105, which will cover all our personal and travelling expenses.

But we shall certainly want a boat, a substantial steady boat from which ladders or staging can be erected (possibly two painters ladders and planks between would be best) with 2 or 3 men to handle it, and the necessary ropes, and we shall probably want a carpenter for some of the time spent on the inspection, and further we shall almost certainly want a diver for a few days.

All this gear and all this assistance will be necessary if we are to do what you want, i.e., make a really thorough inspection and examination of the bridge.

We submit that it is not reasonable or usual to ask us to provide this gear and assistance, such gear and assistance must be frequently in use by the County who can provide it for much less than we could.

We submit that our function is to make the examination of the bridge with the help of gear and men skilled and unskilled, supplied by the County, and to report on what the examination reveals.

We are ready to waive any claim to personal or travelling expenses, but we think that the County should supply us with all the assistance we find necessary in the shape of gear or men to enable us to do the job properly."

The County Surveyor stated he had written to Mr. Delap that the Finance Committee had recommended payment of 105 guineas to cover all expenses in connection with



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inspection of bridge. He had written to Mr. Delap that as regards a diver, the County Council could supply a pump and diving suit, but would not make themselves responsible for the payment of a diver, as his remuneration would be £4 per day, which meant very often only a half hour's work for that period. It was possible that the County Surveyor would also be able to secure a boat to help in the inspection. In reply to this Mr. Delap wrote the following under date 30th March 1938:-

"It is difficult to discuss this question of expenses in connection with the proposed examination of your bridge, as until we have actually begun the work it will not be possible to determine what the expenses will be. I quite understand your Committee objecting to pay an unknown figure for expenses, but is it quite fair that we should have to pay the same unknown sum out of our fee which we had computed to be a reasonable one for the work involved without deducting for expenses?

However, we want to do the job, and as from what you tell us in your letter it does not seem likely that the expenses will be a very serious matter, we will be ready to do the work for the £105, and leave the question of expenses to be decided by the Committee when our report is in your hands. We will keep an account of all we spend, and leave it to the Committee to say how far they can meet us in the matter at the final settlement."

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

"That Mr. Delap of Messrs. Delap & Waller be informed that as regards their inspection of Wexford Bridge, the County Surveyor would be prepared to provide them with a small boat and diving plant but not a diver. In the opinion of the Finance Committee, with this concession Messrs. Delap & Waller may see their way to accept the fee offered by the Finance Committee for inspection and report, viz., £105."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Secretary submitted five cases of applications for loans for review as follows:-

Patrick Byrne, Kilcavan, Gorey: Farm Labourer and Carter.

"works occasionally with Farmers and carts"; does not



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appear to be in permanent employment; gives income as £2. 6. 0 per week, but is that only for the time during which he is employed.

Loan £200. Rent 4/10d per week. Will be able to meet it. Annual amount £12. 11. 0d.

Richard Murphy, Carrigabruise, Enniscorthy, appears to be only in intermittent employment. Income of £91 per annum offers a very poor prospect of being able to pay anything. The rent of 4/4d per week - £11. 5. 11d per annum - for loan of £180, does not seem producible out of the Income. In permanent employment.

Mrs. Wallace, Coleman, Arthurstown. Don't know what is meant by Income £15. Loan in this case is £150 and rent would be 3/8d per week. Area of her land 22a. Or. 11p. valuation £9. 15. 0.

John Redmond, Ballyclemock, Newbawn, states he is in permanent work. Described on Application Form as Labourer and on Solicitor's Certificate as Mason. Rent 1/2½d per week for loan of £50.

Daniel Sullivan, Ballyeland, Davidstown, Farmer. Income £70. Loan £130. Area of his holding 26a. Or. 20p. Valuation on land £8. 15s; Buildings 10/-. Total £9. 5s. Amount of Annual Repayment £8. 3. 2d. Weekly rent 3/2d.

The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee should satisfy themselves that each of these persons and all others who were selected for loans would be able to keep up the annual repayments for 35 years and in addition pay rates, insurances and cost of repairs.

The meeting then considered the circumstances of the five applicants referred to.

Mr. O'Byrne contended that in his view Patrick Byrne was well able to meet the repayments of his loan and the



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Finance Committee accepted this statement.

As regards Murphy, Mr. Kelly pointed out that he was at present paying 3/- for a house and he certainly would be able to pay ~~the~~ small increase necessary to meet the loan repayment more particularly when he knew that the house would be his property at the end of the repayment period.

In connection with the application of Mrs. Wallace, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that she be asked for further particulars as regards her income and that the Secretary communicate with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in the matter.

As regards John Redmond, Mr. Colfer said there could be no doubt that this man would be able to pay a rent of 1s. 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per week and the meeting accepted this statement.

Mr. Kelly assured the meeting that he believed Sullivan would have no difficulty in providing his weekly rent and the meeting agreed with this view.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS:

1. Joseph Kavanagh, Cronecribbon, Inch, applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £300. Assuming site value to be £20 most he can get will be £225.

2. James Dempsey, Piercestown, applied for loan of £220 for house valued at £275. Taking site value as £20 he would be entitled only to £185.

3. William Furlong, Tullabards, Kilmore, applied for loan of £100 for house value £250. If site value be taken at £20 applicant would be entitled to loan of £180. House already completed.

4. Thomas Flynn, Tullibards, Bridgetown. Loan £100. House already completed.

5. James Kent, Rochestown, Foulksmills. Loan £170.

6. Thomas McGrath, N.T., Grattan Terrace, Gorey. Loan £230.



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1. Joseph Kavanagh: It was decided that this man who described himself as a farm labourer be requested to state the amount of his income and also why he did not apply for a labourer's cottage.

2. James Dempsey: On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the application be adjourned for further particulars as to income.

3 & 4. William Furlong and Thomas Flynn: It was decided to point out to these applicants that houses erected under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts must be built under the supervision of one of the officers of the County Council, and no evidence has been submitted to the Finance Committee as regards any inspection of these buildings by officers of the Council.

5. James Kent: Adjourned for particulars as to income.

6. Thomas McGrath, N.T.: Loan of £230 maximum agreed to, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer.

#### ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of James Kehoe, Slievenagorea, The Ballagh, for £20 for the burning of furze on night of 11th or 12th March.

Referred to County Solicitor.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

Notification was received from Inspector of National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as to application under Section 58 (1)(B) Children Act 1908 for committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mabel Moorhouse, 9 years old, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy. The child was homeless and was living with her mother in a house which was dangerous and insanitary. The mother was



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Under date 30th March, 1938, the Inspector of the Garda Síochána, Wexford, notified his intention to make application under Section 58 (1)(g) of the Children's Act 1908, for the committal to Industrial School of Mary Condren (13 years), Bridget Condren (12 years) and Margaret Condren (10 years) children of Michael Condren, Ballykelly, Drinagh. The application would be heard before the District Court, Wexford, on 20th April 1938.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on 1st April 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

DANGEROUS CORNERS: Referring to the corners at Camolin, Mr. Connors said that if there was no money available at present to have those corners removed, some plashing of boughs and skeoughs should be done.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought there was a general order that all corners be cut from time to time.

The Chairman said that if necessary they would renew that order. He thought that hedges should be cut on all corners.

Secretary - On all corners on which they obscure the view.

Col. Quin referred to what he described as a very dangerous corner on the Ferns-Buncloody road, about a half-mile outside Ferns.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he had had some trouble with the owner of the land on which the corner was situate years ago in regard to other corners, and might have to bring him to Court. It was a dangerous corner. If they liked, next November, he would put it on the list for easement.

Mr. Walsh referred to a corner at Mount Hanover, near New Ross, and asked the County Surveyor to have a look at it. It was, he said, a very dangerous corner, and he had some narrow escapes there himself. If the scrub were cut away there, one would have a view.

In regard to boughs overhanging roads, Mr. Bowe referred to hay being torn off loads.



The Chairman said he thought there was a tendency to allow the road fences to grow up stronger, and come out over the roads more than in the past.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st April 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

TENDERS COMMITTEES MINUTES

Minutes of Tenders Committees were submitted as follows:-



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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

GOREY: A Meeting of Gorey Tenders Committee was held in Courthouse, Gorey, on 12th February, 1938.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman of the County Council), W. P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Assistant Surveyors T. Treanor and R. J. Ennis were also in attendance.

Road Contracts: The following tenders for roads were accepted, the period running from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1941:-

84. Amount allowed £5.

Thomas Gaynor, Cumber, Co. Wexford, who gave as his Sureties, Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, Gorey, and William Kinsella, Castlewhite, tendered at £5 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

85. Amount allowed £15.

Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, giving as his Sureties, James Graham, Croghan, Inch and Andrew Kinsella, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

86. Amount allowed £15.

Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, who gave same Sureties as for No. 85, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

88. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Michael Fanning, Ahullen, and Terence Dunne, Tomathone, Gorey, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

89. Amount allowed £16.

Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Michael J. Fanning, Ahullen, and Terence Dunne,



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Tomathone, Kilanerin, Gorey, ~~giving as his Sureties,~~  
~~Michael J. Fanning, Ahullen, and Terence Dunne, Tomathone,~~  
Gorey, tendered at £16 and was accepted. This was the only  
tender.

102. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

104. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

105. Amount allowed £10.

James Mills, Clone, Castletown, who gave as his  
Sureties Michael Purcell, Barogue, and Richard Mills, Clone,  
tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

106. Amount allowed £13.

James Mills, Clone, Castletown, giving as his Sureties,  
Michael Purcell, Barogue and Richard Mills, Clone, tendered  
at £13 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

107. Amount allowed £6.

Patrick Bergin, Clone, Castletown, giving as his  
Sureties, John Kinsella, Kilgorman and Joseph Bergin,  
Clone, Castletown, tendered at £5. 15. 0 and was accepted.  
This was the only tender.

108. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

109. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Bergin, Clone, Castletown, who gave same  
Sureties as for No. 107, tendered at £6. 15. 0 and was  
accepted. This was the only tender.

123. Amount allowed £11.

James Gethings, Cummer, Tinahely, giving as his Sureties,  
Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, Gorey and Richard Brown,



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Clounamona, Gorey, tendered at £11 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

124. Amount allowed £11.

Michael Kilty, Ballinabarney, Tinahely, giving as his Sureties, Joshua Kilty, Custodium, and Thomas Woodbyrne, Pallas, Inch, tendered at £16 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

142. Amount allowed £20.

William Walsh, Knockbrandon, giving as his Sureties, Richard Browne, Clounamona and Myles Byrne, Senior, Knockbrandon, tendered at £19.

Daniel Kinsella, Clonsilla, Gorey, tendered at £20.

The tender of William Walsh was accepted.

143. Amount allowed £9.

John Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Byrne, Main Street, Gorey, and John Nolan, Main Street, Gorey, tendered at £9.

Thomas Sheehan, Ballymanane, Gorey, tendered at £9.

The tender of John Byrne was accepted.

144. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Keane, Moor, Killena, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Keane, Tomduff, Killena, and Thomas Whelan, Ballyduff, Killena, tendered at £9. 9. 0.

John Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey, tendered at £9. 10. 0; Denis Redmond, Tomsilla Lower, Gorey, at £10; and James Dunne, Ballydane, Courtown Harbour, at £11. 10s.

The tender of Michael Keane was accepted.

182. Amount allowed £32.

Michael Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew, giving as his Sureties, William Kinsella, Castlewhite and Thaddeus Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew, tendered at £32.

William Walsh, Knockbrandon, tendered at £31. William



Walsh's Sureties were not in attendance.

The tender of Michael Loughlin was accepted.

184. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

187. Amount allowed £20.

Patrick Fox, Knockbrandon, Craanford, giving as his Sureties, Richard Browne, Clounamona and Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, tendered at £20.

William Walsh, Knockbrandon, tendered at £19. William Walsh's Sureties were not in attendance.

The tender of Patrick Fox was accepted.

203. Amount allowed £12.

John Donohoe, Ballyconran, Craanford, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Donohoe, Ballyconran, and Thaddeus Loughlin, Ballyellis, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

218. Amount allowed £13.

Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Francis Carty, Coolnastud and Patrick Bolger, Coolnaveigh, tendered at £13.

Daniel Kinsella, Clonsilla, and John Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey, also tendered at £13.

Thomas Sheehan's tender was accepted.

334. Amount allowed £30.

Nicholas Redmond, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, giving as his Sureties, John Murphy, Ballygarron, Kilmuckridge, and George H. Steacy, Mount Forrest, Ballycanew, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

354. Amount allowed £10.

John Corrigan, Clounmore, Ballycanew, giving as his Sureties, George Steacy, Mount Forrest, and Aidan Kehoe,



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Mount Howard, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

355. Amount allowed £10.

David Doyle, Ballinagam, Clonevan, giving as his Sureties, John P. Sinnott, Cahore, and Thomas Doyle, Ballygarrett, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

356. Amount allowed £8.

Myles Ennis, Cahore, giving as his Sureties, John P. Sinnott, Cahore, and Thomas Doyle, Ballygarrett, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1016. Amount allowed £30.

William Murphy, Monasootha, Camolin, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Funge, 17 Main Street, Gorey, and James Gleeson, Esmonde Street, Gorey, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1024. Amount allowed £12.

Thomas Sheehan, Ballymanane, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Francis Carty, Coolnastud and Patrick Bolger, Coolnaleigh, tendered at £8. 10. 0.

Michael Keane, Moor, Killena, tendered at £9. 9. 0;  
James Dunne, Ballydeane, Courtown Harbour, at £10 and  
Patrick Kinsella, Ramsfort Park, at £11. 15. 0.

The tender of Thomas Sheehan was accepted.

1025. Amount allowed £15.

Patrick Kinsella, Ramsfort Park, giving as his Sureties, James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey, and John Kinsella, Kilgorman, tendered at £15.

John Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey tendered at £14. 15. 0. Contract unsigned.

The tender of Patrick Kinsella was accepted.



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1026. Amount allowed £10.

Thomas Gaynor, Cummer, giving as his Sureties, Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, Gorey, and William Kinsella, Castlewhite, tendered at £8.

John Donohoe, Ballyconran, tendered at £8. 18. 0.

Patrick Nolan, Drummond and William Walsh, Knockbrandan, tendered at £9. 10. 0.

The tender of Thomas Gaynor was accepted.

Haulage Contracts: A large number of contracts were accepted for haulage of material, preference, taking into account the difference in price, was given to horse haulage.

ENNISCORTHY: A Meeting of Enniscorthy Tenders Committee was held in Courthouse, Enniscorthy, on 15th February 1938.

Present: Messrs. J. J. Bowe, John P. Kelly, and James Lawler, and P. Ronan.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle, Cullen and Ennis were also in attendance.

Road Contracts: The following tenders for roads were accepted, the period running from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1941:-

167. Amount allowed £40.

Michael Doyle, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, giving as his Sureties, Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus and Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshal, tendered at £39 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

235. Amount allowed £15.

John Connors, Mandoran Lower, Bunclody, giving as his Sureties, Matthew Breen, Mandoran, and John Connors, Glasslacken, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



238. Amount allowed £33.

James Finn, Ryland, Clohamon, giving as his Sureties, Martin Kearns and Patrick McClean, both of Coorduff, tendered at £33 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

239. Amount allowed £48.

Patrick Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, giving as his Sureties, Peter Byrne, Cloroguemore, and Michael Murphy, Cloroguemore, tendered at £48 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

242. Amount allowed £30.

Peter Murphy, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, Michael Murphy, Cloroguemore, and Peter Byrne, Cloroguemore, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

243. Amount allowed £30.

Owen Doyle, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, giving as his Sureties, Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus and Hugh Byrne, Kilmyskal, tendered at £24.

James Kehoe, Kyle, Bunclody, tendered at £24. 15. 0 and John Nolan, Ballycrystal, at £28.

The tender of Owen Doyle was accepted.

244. Amount allowed £50.

James Farrell, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, James Foley, Wheelagower, and John Delaney, Wheelagower, tendered at £47. 10. 0.

James Carroll, Boolenadurragh, tendered at £24, but on investigation it was found figure was given in error.

Michael Kearns, Ballycrystal, tendered at £42.  
(Unsatisfactory Contractor).

The tender of James Farrell was accepted.



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245. Amount allowed £55.

Michael A. Doyle, Ballyprecus, giving as his Sureties, Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus and Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshal, tendered at £46. 10. 0.

James Kearns, Coorduff, tendered at £49. 17. 0d.

The tender of Michael A. Doyle was accepted.

261. Amount allowed £22.

William Doran, Tomona, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin and James Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, tendered at £18. 17. 6d.

Edward O'Connor, Coolree, Ballindaggin, tendered at £21.

The tender of William Doran was accepted.

265. Amount allowed £19.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

266. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

267. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

281. Amount allowed £23.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

282. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

294. Amount allowed £60.

Owen Doyle, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, who gave same Sureties as for No. 243, tendered at £60, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

296. Amount allowed £22.

John Breen, Tombrack, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, John Doyle, Tombrack and Denis Kinsella, Bolachoir, Ferns, tendered at £21 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



297. Amount allowed £50.

John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Michael McGuire, Junior, Ballinakill, and Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, tendered at £49.

Robert Kinsella, Kiltomas, tendered at £50.

The tender of John Kavanagh was accepted.

298. Amount allowed £26.

Brian McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, giving as his Sureties, Denis Sinnott, Kilbora and James Kelly, Bayview, Camolin, tendered at £24. 10. 0.

John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, tendered at £25.

The tender of Brian McDonald was accepted.

315. Amount allowed £26.

Patrick J. Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Michael McGuire, Ballinakill and Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, tendered at £25, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

316. Amount allowed £19.

John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Michael McGuire, Ballinakill, and Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, tendered at £18.

Brian McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, tendered at £19.

The tender of John Kavanagh was accepted.

317. Amount allowed £42.

James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Art Sinnott, Clone, Ferns, and John Donohoe, Effernogue, tendered at £41. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

366. Amount allowed £13.

Aidan Pendergast, Cullentra, Kiltaly, giving as his Sureties, James Forrestal, Grange, Killanne, and Martin



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Kearns, Coorduff, Clohamon, tendered at £10. 19. 6d.

Edward Leary, Cullentra, Kilttealy, tendered at £13.

The tender of Aidan Pendergast was accepted.

367. Amount allowed £22.

Edward Leary, Cullentra, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, William Corcoran, Kilttealy and Denis Murphy, Cullentra, Kilttealy, tendered at £22 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

368. Amount allowed £20.

James Morrissey, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, Denis Murphy, Cullentra, Kilttealy, and William Corcoran, Kilttealy, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

369. Amount allowed £15.

Martin Doyle, Rathduff, Killanne, giving as his Sureties Patrick Brennan and John O'Leary, both of Springmount, Killanne, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

370. Amount allowed £29.

Bertie Rowe, Grange, Newtown, giving as his Sureties, George Rowe, Grange, Newtown, and James Forrestal, Newtown, tendered at £29 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

371. Amount allowed £14.

Bertie Rowe, Grange, Newtown, who gave same Sureties as for No. 370, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

372. Amount allowed £13.

Martin Cooney, Corrigeen, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Doolan, Corrigeen, Rathnure and Thomas Pender, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, tendered at £12. 15. 0d.

Bertie Rowe, Grange, Newtown, tendered at £12. 18. 0.

The tender of Martin Cooney was accepted.



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374. Amount allowed £48.

John Cahill, Grange, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, John Kealy, Grange, and Walter Furlong, Grange, tendered at £48 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

375. Amount allowed £27.

Bertie Rowe, Grange, Newtown, who gave same Sureties as for Nos. 370 and 371, tendered at £27 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

376. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Doran, Glenglass, Killanne, giving as his Sureties, R. Rackard, Killanne and J. Breen, Aughnacappa, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

396. Amount allowed £16.

Laurence Dunne, Greenane, Killanne, giving as his Sureties, Nicholas Carty, Ballinlug and William Beattie, Greenane, tendered at £16 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

397. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

398. Amount allowed £26.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

399. Amount allowed £29.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

419. Amount allowed £20.

John Doran, Kilcotty, giving as his Sureties, Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy and John Stamp, Garrymoyle tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

420. Amount allowed £10.

Thomas Murphy, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, giving as his Sureties, Joseph Breen, Coolgarrow and John Stamp, Garry-



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moyle, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

421. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

423. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

424. Amount allowed £30.

John Doran, Kilcotty, who gave same Sureties as for No. 419 tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

441. Amount allowed £15.

Luke Mythen, Ballytarsna, Oulart, giving as his Sureties, Denis Lyndon and Martin Dempsey, both of Killagowan, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

442. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

443. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

444. Amount allowed £15.

William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Edward O'Brien, Tubberlamina, Oulart, and Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, Kilmuckridge, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

445. Amount allowed £10.

William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, who gave same Sureties as for No. 444 tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

446. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



447. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

450. Amount allowed £30.

Michael Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Michael Murphy, Ballinamonabeg and Michael Stamp, Ballinacarrig, tendered at £30, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

490. Amount allowed £28.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

491. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

515. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

516. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

517. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

518. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

533. Amount allowed £30.

John Redmond, Junior, Crannrue, Edermine, giving as his Sureties, Philip Harris and James Harris, both of Brownswood, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

534. Amount allowed £12.

John Doran, Kilcotty, giving as his Sureties, Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy, and John Stamp, Garrymoyle, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



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537. Amount allowed £30.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, giving as his Sureties, Michael Redmond, Ballinaslaney, and Michael Stamp, Ballinacarrig, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

538. Amount allowed £35.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, who gave same Sureties as for No. 537, tendered at £34. 10. 0, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

559. Amount allowed £20.

Charles Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Samuel A. Earle, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy, and Daniel Bolger, Castle Street, Enniscorthy, tendered at £20, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

560. Amount allowed £10.

Charles Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater, who gave same Sureties as for No. 559, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

561. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1014. Amount allowed £14.

No. tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1017. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1018. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1019. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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1020. Amount allowed £8.

Thomas Pender, Askinvillar, Kiltale, giving as his Sureties, Martin Morrissey and Thomas Cowman, both of Askinvillar, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

Haulage Contracts: In connection with haulage contracts, preference where possible, in view of the discrepancy in price, was given to horse haulage in distinction to mechanical haulage.

NEW ROSS: Meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee was held in Courthouse, New Ross, on 17th February, 1938.

Present: Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Kennedy, Michael Redmond and Thomas Redmond.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle, Cullen and O'Neill were in attendance.

Road Contracts: The following tenders for roads were accepted, the period running from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1941:-

472. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

473. Amount allowed £24.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

574. Amount allowed £12.

James Blake, Ballinabanogue, Ballywilliam, giving as his Sureties, Timothy J. Murray, Mary Street, New Ross and Richard Audley, Ballinabanogue, tendered at £11. 17. 6d and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

575. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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576. Amount allowed £23.

John Doran, Gobbinstown, giving as his Sureties, James Gladney, John Street, New Ross and Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross, tendered at £23 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

580. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

598. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

602. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

603. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

604. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

605. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

661. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

662. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

663. Amount allowed £36.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

664. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

666. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

668. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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690. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

691. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

692. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

721. Amount allowed £13.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

722. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

723. Amount allowed £10.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving as his Sureties, Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, and William Bohanna, Loughnageer, tendered at £9. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

724. Amount allowed £15.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Kinsella, and William Bohanna, both of Loughnageer, tendered at £13.

William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £14. 17. 6d.

The tender of James Kinsella was accepted.

727. Amount allowed £9.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 723 and 751, tendered at £8. 8. 0d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

742. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

744. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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746. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

747. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

748. Amount allowed £15.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for No. 724, tendered at £14. 10. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

749. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

751. Amount allowed £5.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 723 and 727, tendered at £4. 18. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

801. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

804. Amount allowed £8.

John Murphy, Nook, Arthurstown, giving as his Sureties, John Redmond and Peter Foran, both of Nook, tendered at £7. 19. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

806. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

808. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

Amount allowed £21.

809. A John Slator, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, giving as his Sureties, Philip Conway, South Street, New Ross, and Joseph Ahearne, Quay Street, New Ross, tendered at £21 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

828. Amount allowed £12.

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No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



831. Amount allowed £12.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for 723, 727 and 751, tendered at £11. 12. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

847. Amount allowed £6.

Thomas Walsh, Tintern, Saltmills, giving as his Sureties Patrick Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, and Maurice Fitzgerald, St. Kearns, tendered at £6 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

850. Amount allowed £12.

John Slator, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, giving as his Sureties, Philip Conway, South Street, New Ross and Joseph Ahearne, Quay Street, New Ross, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

851. Amount allowed £20.

Thomas Phelan, Junior, Ballinphile, Duncannon, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Phelan, Senior, Ballinphile and Michael Neville, Haggard, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

852. Amount allowed £6.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

855. Amount allowed £12.

Andrew Power, Boley's Hill, Fethard-on-Sea, giving as his Sureties, Robert Foley, Newtown, Fethard-on-Sea, and John Power, Auldrige, Duncannon, tendered at £11 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

856. Amount allowed £12.

Andrew Power, Boley's Hill, who gave same Sureties as for No. 855, tendered at £11 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



869. Amount allowed £18.

Edward Mallon, Auldridge, Duncannon, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Whelan, Ballinphile and John Power, Auldridge, tendered at £18 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

871. Amount allowed £9.

Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, giving as his Sureties, John Power, Aldridge, Duncannon, and Robert Foley, Newtown, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

874. Amount allowed £15.

Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, who gave same Sureties as for No. 871, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

875. Amount allowed £8.

Daniel Grace, Lambstown, Fethard-on-Sea, giving as his Sureties, Walter Byrne, and William Devereux, both of Lambstown, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1023. Amount allowed £12.

Mrs. Annie Hendrick, Rathfardon, Clonroche, giving as her Sureties, John Flynn, Ballindoney, and Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathnure, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

Contracts for Haulage: Haulage contracts were allotted to horse haulage wherever possible, taking into consideration, the difference in price between it and mechanical haulage.

WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE met on 19th February, 1938, in Courthouse, County Hall, Wexford.

Present: Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman County Council), presiding, also, Messrs. C. Culleton, John Day and Miss O'Brien



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The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle and Cullen were in attendance.

Road Contracts: The following tenders for roads were accepted, the period running from 1st April, 1938, to 31st March, 1941:-

622. Amount allowed £26.

John Furlong, Ballinclay, Killurin, giving as his Sureties, Joseph Doyle, Lambstown, and Timothy Connors, Ballinclay, tendered at £26 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

623. Amount allowed £15.

Thomas Walsh, Kereight, Kyle, giving as his Sureties, William Gaynor, North Main Street, Wexford, and Edward Foley, Crossabeg, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

624. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

625. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

626. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

627. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

628. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

762. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

763. Amount allowed £13.

Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown, giving as his Sureties,



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William Wright, Sea View, Murrintown and Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £13 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

764. Amount allowed £17.

Patrick Cullen, Forest, Taghmon, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Boggan, Growtown, and Michael O'Ryan, Tomcoole, tendered at £17 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

766. Amount allowed £9.

Richard Cleary, Dirr, Cleariestown, giving as his Sureties, James Roche, Dirr, Cleariestown and Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

778. Amount allowed £15.

Peter Long, Kingsford, Barntown, giving same Sureties as for No. 763, tendered at £13. 19. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

779. Amount allowed £17.

Peter Long, Kingsford, Barntown, who gave same Sureties as for Nos. 763 and 778, tendered at £15. 19. 0d.

James Dowd, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £16.

The tender of Peter Long was accepted.

781. Amount allowed £6.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

782. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

783. Amount allowed £7.

James Dowd, Kingsford, Barntown, giving as his Sureties John Stafford, Greenlake and William Wright, Trinity, tendered at £6. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



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785. Amount allowed £7.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

786. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

889. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

890. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

893. Amount allowed £13.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, giving as his Sureties, James Davey, Moor and Patrick Kehoe, Gibberpatrick, tendered at £11. 18. 6d.

James Doyle, Graigeen, tendered at £13.

The tender of John Davey was accepted.

910. Amount allowed £19.

John Davey, Balloughton, who gave same Sureties as for No. 893, tendered at £17. 18. 6d.

William Waters, Vernegley, tendered at £18. 15. 0.

James Doyle, Graigeen, Bannow, tendered at £20.

The tender of John Davey was accepted.

911. Amount allowed £7.

William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Whelan, 26 North Main Street, Wexford, and Patrick Kelly, Cornmarket, Wexford, tendered at £6. 9. 0d.

James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, tendered at £6. 14. 0.

The tender of William Waters was accepted.

913. Amount allowed £5.

William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge, who gave same Sureties as for No. 911, tendered at £4. 17. 0.

James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, tendered at £5.

The tender of William Waters was accepted.



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937. Amount allowed £14.

Thomas Pitt, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, giving as his Sureties, William Delaney, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, and Philip Furlong, Tullibards, tendered at £12. 19. Od.

Philip Connick, Bridgetown, tendered at £13.

The tender of Thomas Pitt was accepted.

954. Amount allowed £10.

James Jordan, Redhouse, Duncormick, giving as his Sureties, Stephen Coady, Cull, Duncormick, and Patrick Kehoe, Gibberpatrick, Duncormick, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

956. Amount allowed £18.

Patrick Kielty, Sweetmount, Bridgetown, giving as his Sureties, Edward Mernagh, Tullibards and Philip Furlong, Tullibards, tendered at £18 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

957. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Kielty, Sweetmount, Bridgetown, who gave same Sureties as for No. 956, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

972. Amount allowed £9.

Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Rossieter, Ballykilliane, and James Hore, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

973. Amount allowed £30.

Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, who gave same Sureties as for No. 972, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

974. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, who gave same



Sureties as for Nos. 972 and 973, tendered at £7 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

975. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

977. Amount allowed £21.

William Boggan, Hilltown, Ballycogley, giving as his Sureties, James Boggan, Walshestown, and William Devereux, Gurteenminogue, tendered at £20. 10. 0.

John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, tendered at £21.

The tender of William Boggan was accepted.

978. Amount allowed £18.

John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, giving as his Sureties, William Sheill, Newtown, Kilmore, and Patrick Newport, Woodtown, tendered at £18 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1010. Amount allowed £17.

Peter Barry, Woodtown, Rosslare, giving as his Sureties, Thomas O'Connor and Peter Bolger, both of Woodtown, Rosslare, tendered at £17 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1011. Amount allowed £11.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1012. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1022. Amount allowed £20.

John Furlong, Ballinclay, Killurin, giving as his Sureties, Joseph Doyle, Lambstown, Killurin and Timothy Connors, Ballinclay, Killurin, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



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Haulage Contracts: Mr. Culleton said he had been asked to raise the question as to what was the policy of the County Council as to the employment of lorries and carters. It seemed that a system of employing lorries to the detriment of owners of horses had been brought in. He did not think it fair to employ the lorries of monopolists such as the Great Southern Railway Company, which did not pay rates, to do away with the employment of horses. He had been asked to put this matter before the meeting and he certainly thought ordinary carters had a decided grievance as they were depending on their horses to earn a livelihood.

The Chairman said it was not the policy of the County Council to give preference to lorries for haulage of material. There was a preference of 2d per yard, for horses as compared with lorries.

Mr. Culleton wished to know why the lorries of the Railway Company were employed. If lorries were necessary why should not local lorry owners be employed.

The County Surveyor said that with pre-mixed tar material it was a great convenience. They had trailers with tractors and saved a good deal by that, as while one was on the road the second was being filled. Unfortunately, time was lost waiting for ordinary lorries to be filled.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that when it was a question of keeping machinery and large squads of men going regularly the ordinary lorry failed badly. They were mainly employed by farmers and when required by the latter they disappointed as regards County Council work. This had happened time and time again. Lorries had to remain constantly on the job if road work was to be efficiently carried out.

Mr. Culleton said he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the County Council.

Where there was a difference of 2d per yard or less horse haulage was accepted as against mechanical haulage and in the case of tenders for the latter class quotations from lorry owners in rural districts were accepted.



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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Michael Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, under date 21st March, 1938, relative to Contract for Road No. 244 and which had been forwarded to the County Surveyor from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) for his observations:-

"I tendered for a contract for the upkeep of a road Enniscorthy meeting on the 15th day of February, for the sum of £42: 0: 0d. Mr. Barry, the County Surveyor, handed this Contract over to a Blue shirt because I had no influence, as being a supporter of the Government. This contract was handed to this Blue shirt for the handsome sum of £47: 10: 0d from me at £42: 0: 0d. Have your Board any say in the matter, so if you can give me any redress I would be very much obliged to you for the same and help a supporter of the Government."

The County Surveyor said that in the first instance, he absolutely repudiated any suggestion that he would be influenced by personality or by any colour. The only matter by which he was influenced was in regard to whether a man was fit or willing to do the work. In this particular case, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, objected to Kearns as being a bad contractor. He (County Surveyor) had looked up the records, and found that he had a contract on that same road from 1932 to 1935, and every single quarter of the period he was behind and he had various sums of money stopped. For the three subsequent years, Farrell, who had the contract now, though he did not get his pay in full every quarter, the amounts that were held back were small. The other man - Kearns - would have been in court if they had been in a position to get some other one to do the work.

Chairman - I think the Tenders Committee were satisfied that this man should not get the work.

Mr. Walsh - He has the remedy in his own hands. All he has to do, according to himself, is become a Blue-shirt and he will get the job.



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Mr. Corish said he had been Chairman of meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee, and, after the statement of Mr. Culleton he ruled the discussion out of order and said the matter should be brought before the County Council. As regards the remarks concerning the Railways they should remember what the position was when the Government took over office about five years ago, when the Railways were in a wretched way. The action of the Government was the means of keeping on a large number of men who would have, otherwise, been unemployed. The shareholders (a number of whom were not in very affluent circumstances) were not getting any dividend. They should not forget when the Transport Bill was brought in, it provided that lorries, the property of the Railway, should, in certain areas, be used to feed the Railways. He would be very sorry that anything should be done to interfere with the Railway lorries. The Railways were paying reasonable wages to their lorry drivers and this could not be said for all private lorry owners.

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

"That, in the opinion of this Council, the Railway Company should pay Road Tax in respect of their transport vehicles used in the Wexford service to Wexford County Council."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of the various Tenders Committee meetings in Gorey, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."



ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st April 1938, were submitted:-

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A Meeting of the County Wexford Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st April, 1938.

Present:- Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P. (Chairman) presiding; also, Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., and Miss Kathleen A. Browne.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

Letter was received from Mr. E. R. Richards Orpen, regretting he was unable to attend the meeting.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

Miss Browne proposed a vote of condolence to the Clergy of the Diocese on the death of His Lordship, Most Reverend Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns. Miss Browne said that the late Bishop took a deep interest in the history and antiquities of the County. He was Patron of the local Historical Society while it existed, and member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries. She was now able to say that the plaque to the memory of the mother of the poet, Tom Moore, which was inserted in the front wall of the house in Cornmarket, Wexford, in which she was born, was put up at the expense of His Lordship, who requested that no reference should be made to the matter during his lifetime. The Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee voiced the opinion of the whole community in their expression of regret at Dr. Codd's death.

Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., seconded.

The vote was passed in the usual way.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss Browne, a vote of condolence was adopted to Rev. Mark O'Byrne, P.P., Ballindaggin, in the death of his brother, Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, a valued member of the Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee.



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NEW MEMBER

The Committee recommended the appointment, as successor to the late Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., of Rev. Joseph Ranson, C.C., Enniscorthy, on the motion of Miss Browne, seconded by Rev. P. Murphy, P.P.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS

The Committee desire to return their best thanks to the County Council for allocating £150 for the repair and preservation of the ancient and historical monuments of the County. The taking over of three of these, viz., Clonmines, Ferrycarrig, and Mountgarrett Castle, was considered by the meeting.

In connection with Clonmines, letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the County Board of Health, under date 1st October, 1937 (No.P.H. 79181-Loch Garman Pa) stated that the Board of Health are owners of the buildings and are empowered by Section 12 of the National Monuments Act 1930, to maintain them, and the Local Authority under Section 3(3) of the Act to strike a rate for the expenses of repair.

The meeting, after considerable discussion, decided to make a beginning of their practical work by taking steps for the preservation of the ruins of Clonmines, and, for this purpose, it was decided that the three members present should make an inspection on 6th April 1938, and, as a result, present a report as to what they believed was necessary for preservation.

The meeting wish to point out it would not be possible to make any recommendation for any extensive repairs for any old buildings and believe that if they can, with the least outlay, preserve what are considered the most important of the Ancient Monuments of the County it will be as far as they can be expected to go.



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

"That the Minutes of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st April 1938, and as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

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

"That, as recommended by Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee, Rev. J. Ranson, C.C., Enniscorthy, be appointed member of this Committee, vice Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., deceased."

#### FILLING VACANCY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr. McCarthy moved and Mr. Day seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That, in accordance with Notice of Motion already served by Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Raymond Doyle, Merchant and Farmer, Broadway, be co-opted a member of this County Council, vice Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, whose appointment as County Councillor in succession to the late Col. Gibbon, was ruled to be invalid."

#### BALLINDAGGIN WATER SUPPLY

The following motion, which was circulated to the members of the County Council on the 26th February, 1938, stood in the name of Councillor James Lawlor:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 11th April 1938 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, that the said Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £720 (Seven Hundred and Twenty Pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for the village of Ballindaggin."



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In moving his motion, Mr. Lawlor said that the matter of provision of this water supply had been before the Board of Health for quite a long time. It would benefit 20 families, and at least nine or ten would be prepared to take in the water. They expected to receive from the Government a third of the total cost and on this basis, the redemption of the loan would be £78 per annum. If the nine or ten people who stated they would take in a supply carried out their promises the redemption would, of course, be still less.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Bowe said he was not against the proposal, but there were other villages to his mind which required just as much attention as Ballindaggin. There was Rathnure, for instance, and in Boladurragh not a drop of water could be obtained for months.

The Chairman said the water supply for Rathnure was under consideration by the Board of Health.

Miss O'Ryan (Chairman of the County Health Board), pointed out that Rathnure would not be forgotten. There were only four families living in that village. The present policy of the Board of Health was not only to erect houses but also to instal water and sewerage systems in their villages. This was necessary if they were to keep in step with modern progress. Ballindaggin was an important village with a Church and School and a number of houses. When the bigger villages were furnished with sewerage and water systems Rathnure and all the other secondary villages would be considered.

Mr. Bowe said the Board of Education were erecting a new school in Kiltale where there was 130 pupils, and he considered before any new building of that description was proceeded with, some co-operation should be made between the Board of Health and Board of Education so that the



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school would be erected within a convenient distance of the water supply.

Mr. Corish agreed and pointed out that the new school which was being erected in Oylegate was not within convenient reach of water supply and the Board of Health found it was not possible to bring it into their sewerage scheme as the fall of ground was the wrong way. This was a very serious state of affairs and could have been avoided if there had been a consultation by the Board of Health and the Board of Education in the first instance.

Col. Quin said that it did not appear to be an economic proposition to proceed with the proposal for Ballindaggin if only half of the number of families affected were prepared to take in the water supply.

In reply, the Chairman said, of course, people who were unable to pay for water supply to their houses were entitled to a public supply from the Board of Health.

The motion was then adopted.

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

"That the attention of the Office of Public Works be called to the necessity, when this body is about to erect a school or any other public building in the County, for co-operation between them and the Board of Health so that water supply and sewerage system could be installed at the minimum "cost"."

#### RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT - COUNTY HOME, ENNISCORTHY

The following notice of motion, circulated to the members of the County Council on the 9th March, 1938, stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 11th April, 1938, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, that



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the said Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health of £3,000 (Three Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of carrying out renovation and improvement work at the County Home, Enniscorthy."

In moving this motion, Miss O'Ryan said that the repayment of the loan would be £440 per annum, practically equivalent to  $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ and, of course, the instalments would be reduced annually. The expenditure was absolutely unavoidable.

Col. Quin, in seconding, said that in his opinion, not a farthing of this money would be wasted and in fact, if the amount were ten times what was proposed he would support it.

The motion was then put and passed without dissent.

RESIGNATION OF MR. CULLIMORE, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following, under date 22nd March 1938, was read from Mr. William Cullimore, County Councillor, Pearse Street, Wexford:-

"I regret having to ask you to place my resignation before the County Council. Owing to indifferent health and other private reasons, I find it impossible to give the attention to public duties which they require.

Please convey to the Chairman and the Members, my regret at having to sever an association which was pleasant and harmonious."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That the resignation of Mr. William Cullimore as County Councillor, be accepted with great regret and that the necessary steps be taken to fill the vacancy thus created at the meeting of County Council on 9th May 1938."



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REPORT OF AUDITOR - COUNTY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The following report of Auditor of Local Government and Public Health under date 3rd February 1938 (A.6583/1938) was read:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council, including the County Library Committee, for the half-year ended 30th September, 1937, and for the preceding five half-years. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

Following is a comparative table of the rates made for the three financial years 1935/36; 1936/37; and 1937/38.

	<u>1935/36</u>	<u>1936/37</u>	<u>1937/38</u>
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
In respect of Roads	2. 6½	2. 3½	2. 7
" County Services	2. 9¼	2. 10½	2. 11¼
" Poor Relief	3. 0½	3. 1¼	3. 2
" Health District Charges including expenses under Labourers Acts. }	1. 2¼	1. 3¾	1. 5¾
	<u>9. 6½</u>	<u>9. 7½</u>	<u>10. 2</u>

It will be observed that the rate remained nearly stationary over these three years and that the slight increase which did occur in 1937/38 was spread over the four services included. In each of the three years an amount of 1d in the £ was included under Health District Charges with a view to a contribution as provided in Section 2 of the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931. A portion of this allocation is not required by the Board of Health and I am informed by the County Secretary that a credit for the unused portion will be given to the Health District in the Estimate for 1938/39.

The table below shows the amount of rates outstanding, with the percentage of the relative warrant at the close of each of the half-years indicated.

	<u>Half-year ended</u>				
	<u>30/9/1935</u>	<u>31/3/1936</u>	<u>30/9/1936</u>	<u>31/3/1937</u>	<u>30/9/1937</u>
Amount of Rates out-standing.	£. s. d. 98790.13.11	£. s. d. 39529.4.7	£. s. d. 93636.15.10	£. s. d. 36870.18.2	£. s. d. 99267.0.5
Percentage of Warrant.	85.3	34.1	81.6	32.1	78.6

The percentage of uncollected rates at 31/3/1937, was 2.0% lower than at the corresponding previous year and similarly the amounts outstanding at the close of the September half-years showed a tendency to decline.

The amounts now due to the County Council from the Urban Districts are:-



	£.	s.	d.
Enniscorthy	2,497.	19.	2
New Ross	854.	11.	8
Wexford	6,738.	15.	9.

The amount due by New Ross represents one quarter of the current year's Demand; the amount due by Enniscorthy two quarters approximately; and the amount due by Wexford three quarters of the current year's Demand and one quarter of the Demand for 1936/37.

The total loans made to borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as at 30th September, 1937, amounted to £17,517. 12. 0. The instalments unpaid by borrowers at the same date amounted to £249. 6. 1, but included in this amount are arrears which in a few cases cover an extended period, and legal action is desirable in these cases failing some immediate improvement.

Mortgages to the Council in respect of dwellings erected by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, bind the borrowers to effect fire insurances in the joint names of the borrower and the County Council up to the amount advanced as a minimum.

The County Council having considered the possibility of a borrower failing to renew the insurance at due date have thought it advisable to duplicate this insurance and have effected a general policy up to the total amount advanced, for which they pay an annual premium of £12. 10s.

The Commissioners of Public Works agreed to make a Grant to the Council of £230 for improvement works at Ballyhack Harbour, on condition that the County Council contributed a sum of £114. The County Council accepted this proposal and expenditure amounting to £344 on this scheme was incurred between October, 1936 and September 1937.

The Contractor who carried out the sewerage works at Rosslare for the Wexford Board of Health was obliged under the terms of his contract to restore the public road where opened, but the County Council undertook to carry out the restoration work themselves agreeing with the Contractor that he should pay them a sum of £200. The Council have made a claim on the Contractor for this amount.

In the March, 1936, half-year the Council made a special grant of £60 to the Library Committee to enable them to continue the services of an additional temporary assistant.

All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date."

The Secretary stated that as regards the duplication of Insurance policies under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts the Finance Committee had given the matter very close consideration and believed it essential that the County Council should have protection against any delay or neglect of the tenants in regard to insurance of the buildings.

He read the following letter from the Branch Manager of the



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Union Insurance Society (Ltd), 55 Dawson Street, Dublin,  
to explain the reason which actuated the Finance Committee  
to move in the matter:-

"We beg to advise you that though we duly made application to Mrs. Pender for payment of the premium for the renewal of the above Policy which became due on the 17th January last we have not yet received her remittance. It is essential if the property is to be covered, the premium for the renewal of the insurance should be paid at once, and we trust, therefore, you can arrange for remittance to be sent us immediately. The policy covered the building of the private dwellinghouse situated at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, in the sum of £250."

The meeting approved of the action of the Finance Committee.

The Secretary stated that the £200 due by the Contractor who carried out the sewerage works at Rosslare had been paid.

#### AUDIT ACCOUNTS OF ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

Under date 21st February 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded letter (No. A.4187-78) copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the above Institution in respect of half year ended 30th September 1937.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Committee of Management.

#### MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT

Under date 25th February 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGM/201/38) that a grant of £11918 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of main roads in the County for the year 1938-39, this amount being 40% of £29797 the sum passed by the Council for the upkeep of the main roads.



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MACHINERY OVERSEER AND PERMANENT STAFF OF THE COUNCIL

Under date 11th February 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RM/32) that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal of the County Council to place Mr. William Murphy, Overseer, on the permanent staff of the Council.

GRANTS URBAN ROADS

The Secretary said that no letter had yet come to hand from New Ross Urban District as to whether they would avail of the Government Grant of £2795 by putting up a local contribution from revenue of £385.

Mr. T. Redmond said the matter would be discussed that evening by the Finance Committee of New Ross Urban Council. He (Mr. Redmond) saw by the Press the Chairman had raised the point that these Unemployment Grants should be given without compelling the local bodies to provide a sum which imposed a very heavy burden on ratepayers.

The County Surveyor said that, in his opinion, there would be justification for a local contribution if the Local Authority was allowed to procure through loan the necessary amount. But, to have to find the total amount in one year did not appear to be equitable.

The Chairman said there was a possibility there might be an alteration as to the local contribution, but it would not apply to the present year if it was adopted.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS RURAL) 1938/39

Under date 8th March, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote RU/205/4, stating it was proposed to allocate grants for road and footpath works for rural areas during the forthcoming financial year. The grant provisionally determined for allocation to Wexford County Council was £5,000, subject to local contribution of £1750 towards works estimated to cost



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£6,750. The usual condition<sup>d</sup> attached to this Grant.

The Secretary stated that the Council would be able to provide the local contribution of £1750 out of revenue.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1937/38

Under date 9th March 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (SGQ/32) wrote stating that the Minister had approved of Road Improvement Grant of £13,500 under the terms of his letter SGQ/201, 13th November 1937.

#### GOREY SEWERAGE SCHEME

Under date 9th April, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote P.H.4838/4/38 Loch Garman (Pd) forwarding copy of Sealed Order fixing the Area of Charge for the expenses of providing a sewerage system and maintaining same at Gorey on the County Health District of Wexford as existed on the date of the Order.

#### REMOVAL OF BEACH MATERIAL

Under date 2nd April, 1938, the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) wrote (M.S.5110) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that on investigation of a complaint concerning removals of beach material from the foreshore adjoining the townlands of Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun, near Kilmore Co. Wexford, he has learned that large quantities of the material removed have been sold to your Council for use for road works.

The Minister is informed that removals at this place are likely to result in injury to the adjoining lands and it is feared that the removals, if continued, would be followed by breaches in the sea embankment with resultant encroachment of the sea. Arrangements have, therefore,



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been made to serve Prohibitory Notices under section 7 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 on the persons engaged in removals.

As a further preventive measure, I am to request that your Council will, as it did in a similar case at Blackwater, make the necessary arrangement with the County Surveyor to ensure that beach material from the foreshore in question will not, in future, be accepted for any of their road or other works. The Council's co-operation in this way will be much appreciated, as the continuance of the removals would apparently be indefensible in the circumstances.

I may add for the information of your Council that the removal of materials from State foreshore is not allowed except under licence from the Minister."

The County Surveyor stated that, in view of the proposal to serve Prohibitory Notices under Section 7 of the Foreshore Act, 1933, persons engaged in removing beach material from the townlands referred to in the letter of the Department of Industry and Commerce including, including, of course, the County Council, could not draw any more material of this description from the foreshore indicated.

Mr. Day believed that the removal of material from the beaches referred to was not the cause of any erosion and he regarded it as a hardship on people who had been in the habit of taking away this material for their own use. The prohibition should not apply to them.

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

"That, as regards the proposal of the Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) to issue Prohibitory Notices relative to the removal of material from the beaches at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun, this Council is of opinion that permission should be given to persons who have been in the habit of securing material



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from these foreshores and who require same for use on their holdings or in connection with the erection of buildings on same."

REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY COUNCIL ON IRISH PUBLIC  
BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

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

"That Miss O'Ryan be re-appointed as Representative of Wexford County Council to attend and vote at General meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. and to exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership."

Subsequently, Miss O'Ryan stated she had been already appointed to represent the County Board of Health and proposed the appointment of Mr. John P. Kelly.

This was seconded by Mr. Culleton and agreed to.

MEETING GENERAL COUNCIL COUNTY COUNCILS

Notification was received from the Secretary to above that the next meeting of the County Councils' General Council would be held during Spring Show Week - May 3rd to 7th. Notice of any matters which the Council desire to have placed on agenda should be furnished by Friday, 22nd April.

Referred to Finance Committee.

LORRIES CROSSING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

Mr. Walsh said that New Ross Bridge was being repaired and only one line of traffic could now cross it. Big lorries were racing over it at a tremendous pace. The bridge was built sixty years ago, and was not suitable for heavy traffic. There was a notice on it prohibiting traffic crossing at more than three miles an hour. There would be serious trouble and heavy expenditure to the County Council unless they prevented heavy lorries speeding



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on it. He also asked that something be done to safeguard traffic on the approaches to the town from Cherry's Road, Ely Walks and Knockmullen, which were becoming slippery.

The County Surveyor said he checked the speed of lorries across the bridge, but as the drivers were responsible for the speed he could do nothing as he could not hold up the drivers.

Chairman - You told us in connection with the Wexford bridge, that you had a redress under the Road Traffic Act.

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

"That the County Surveyor in conjunction with the County Solicitor issue the necessary notices under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1933 which will ensure that all mechanically propelled vehicles will cross the <sup>New Ross</sup> Bridge at a reasonable speed and that said vehicles shall not exceed an "all-in" weight considered by the County Surveyor essential to secure the stability of the structure."

#### DIFFERENT RATES OF PAY FOR QUARRY WORK

Mr. Corish, referring to work in Brownswood quarry, said he knew the Council had not much control over the matter, but his information was that there were two gangs of men there doing the same kind of work, and that the members of one gang were paid 4s. a day, and the others 5s. a day. He had taken the matter up with the County Surveyor, and had received a letter from him. Having read the letter, which was to the effect that the gangs were working at the provision of material for different schemes, and that one of them was working in connection with minor employment schemes, Mr. Corish said he could see the County Surveyor's position in a general way, but he thought that when those minor relief schemes were dis-



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cussed in the Dail from time to time the Parliamentary Secretary laid it down very definitely that the work for which 24s. a week was to be paid was to be work analogous to that of agricultural labourers. He (Mr. Corish) suggested that having two gangs working opposite each other at different rates of pay on work analogous to County Council work, led to discontent. He thought that when men were doing the same kind of work the Council ought to make special representations to the Minister concerned with a view to securing that the men would be paid the same rate of wages. It was laid down that 4s. a day was to be paid to men doing work analogous to that of a farm labourer.

The County Surveyor said that in regard to the question of farm work, of course, Minor Relief workers were employed in the quarry. If the Council were to employ their own men it would mean less wages for relief workers. If, for instance, he had to spend £50 out of £100 on material, and if he employed the Council's men to get that material, it would mean £50 from the relief. He personally thought that one scale of wages for one gang, and another scale for another, was wrong. He would prefer to have them all getting 5s.

Mr. Corish asked the County Surveyor to make special representations to the Department to the effect that men doing the same kind of work in the same quarry get the same wages.

The Chairman said he thought the County Surveyor would be justified in paying the same rate.

Secretary - If he makes those representations to the Minister the point will be cleared up.

Mr. Corish - Without making formal representations couldn't you say that the Council are of opinion that this money should be paid - not to ask permission, so to speak.

Mr. Corish's suggestion was adopted and the County



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Surveyor was instructed to communicate with the Office of Public Works on the lines mentioned by him.

APPLICATION INCREASED WAGES

The following application, addressed to the County Surveyor, was submitted:-

"We, the undermentioned employees on Rock Drilling Plant, hereby apply for increase in our wages owing to increase in cost of living and the responsibility of our work, also to keep clean and in proper order our machines, we have to work during our dinner hour, and after hours, therefore, we feel we are entitled to an increase.

We respectfully ask your Council for increase of 15/- per week, and trust our application will be favourably considered.

(Signed) Thomas Stafford, Ballyhine, Barntown.  
Patrick Doyle, Clohamon, Ferns.  
John Kinsella, Killown, Kyle.  
Nicholas Carroll, Killown, Kyle."

It was stated that the applicants received weekly wages of £3 each.

The County Surveyor said it was not really the fact that the men had to work during their dinner hour. There might be a few minutes of the dinner period utilised by them in looking after the machinery, but this was not compulsory. As for the statement that they worked "after hours" they were paid at the rate of time and a quarter for overtime. He (County Surveyor) admitted that the men were compelled to work hard and he would have no objection to see them receiving an increase in their wages if the Council agreed.

Mr. Colfer gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the application of the four County Council employees engaged on Rock Drilling plant for an increase of 15/- per week in their remuneration be favourably considered



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at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 9th May, 1938."

WORK AT KILTREA QUARRY

The following, under date 6th March 1938, was read from Jeremiah Freeman, Ballyhyland, Killanne, on behalf of the unemployed men of Kiltrea quarry:-

"On behalf of the unemployed in the Kiltrea area, I am requested to ask you to receive a deputation for hand breaking of stones at Kiltrea quarry. A large number of men were employed there before, and the work was discontinued. I do not know for what reason, and it provided much needed employment for a large number of persons.

The deputation will be at the County Hall about 12 o'clock."

The following statement was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

(1) This quarry supplies stone to Sections 10 and 17. We work it with the regular staff ~~drawn~~ from these sections. These men get reasonably constant work and some of them work also in Cherryorchard quarry.

(2) We formerly broke stones in this quarry by hand. I found, however, that the hand-broken stones were too <sup>a</sup> coarse for the roads, specially since motor traffic has so much increased. We now break with the breaker. This gives a much better grade of stone for the road, and also chips for tar-work. We never can have enough of these chips.

(3) We get about 600 cubic yards per year out of this quarry. Breaking 50 cubic yards per day at £3 the cost of the machinery would be 1/2 per cubic yard or £35 per year. Taking the wages of the engine men into account the actual machine cost would be under £30. The cost of the 600 yards would be about £200. Consequently, the



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labour-content of the cost of the stones is not very much changed by the fact of breaking by machine. We do not carry out any machine-drilling or heavy blasting in this quarry."

Daniel Brien, Kiltrea, came before the meeting and said the other members of the deputation were unable to attend. He had been working in the quarry at Kiltrea at hand-breaking stones for thirteen years, and this year the work was discontinued. Except for a couple of months, he generally got a year's work every year, along with four or five more men. They were idle this year.

Mr. Kelly - Are there stones to be broken there now?

Mr. Brien - Yes. About 800 yards.

County Surveyor - I had men engaged there on a Minor Relief Scheme and I thought they were the men who were applying for the work now, and if they got it it would mean ousting our regular staff.

Mr. Corish - Are they going to get any employment in the quarry this year?

Mr. Ennis - These men did not work in that quarry for me this four years. We really have only work for our own Council men in the quarry. For every 60 yards that we put on bye-roads ten years ago, we can only put 45 yards now. These men were never regular employees of the County Council. While the road was being steam rolled a lot of extra men were brought into the quarry, but that is seven or eight years ago.

Mr. Keegan said he would like to find out where they were. Mr. Brien had said they worked ten months a year for thirteen years until last year and Mr. Ennis said they had not worked there for four years. There was some confusion.

Mr. Ennis - You can only take my word for it.

Mr. Kelly - Is it four years since you worked in



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Mr. Brien - It would be twelve months next May. We were sent out to Rathfyllane to patch the road owing to shortness of quarry work and/<sup>we</sup>were not called back. There were Aidan Martin, Freeman and two others.

Mr. Bowe - Aidan Martin was in the Board of Health sandpits last year and not in the quarry. That is definitely the case.

Mr. Brien said the names of the men were Aidan Martin, Jerh. Freeman, Paddy Buckley, William Cooper and himself.

County Surveyor - Four men working for twelve months would ~~hand~~-break three times the material we get out of that quarry.

Mr. Kelly - Is it cheaper to break by hand or by machinery?

Mr. Ennis - Cheaper out and out by machinery. You may take it we won't break stones in that quarry any more by hand.

It was decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further investigation.

#### BALLYBRO ROAD (ROSSLARE)

Mr. Culleton asked what position was the County Surveyor in about doing anything to improve the road from Ballybro, or further over nearer to Rosslare. There were complaints coming from all quarters about that road. It had been explained to him that the road was cut to pieces.

The County Surveyor said they would do the best they could with the small money they had, but a few weeks ago he was over that spot with Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor), and he had to say that unless it had cut to pieces in the interval, it was not cut then. It was a bad road. The traffic on it was equivalent to main road traffic. It was bad, but not exceptionally bad.



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Mr. Culleton said that the road would really want to be rolled.

The County Surveyor said the only way they could get a grant on that road would be as a tourist road. It was used by lorries, and used extensively in the Summer.

Mr. Corish said he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Tourist Association.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the County Surveyor bring the matter to the attention of the Tourist Association to apply to the Government for a Tourist road Grant, as the road in question was but a short distance from Rosslare strand, a very popular seaside resort.

#### TINACREE QUARRY

The following resolution was submitted from Mr. R. J. Hughes, Hon. Secretary, Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Club:-

"That the Council be asked to put the Tinacree Road, leading to the quarry, there, in proper repair, so as to give carters a chance to get up stones to the main road without any trouble. And further that all roads be done in the district out of this quarry. That the work should commence at once."

The following under date 6th April, 1938, was read from Mr. M. Doyle, Hon. Secretary, Irish Labour Party Branch, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, on the same subject:-

"At a meeting of the Kilmuckridge branch of the I.L.P. held on March, the 29th, a resolution was unanimously passed asking the County Council to restart work in Tinnacree quarry and repair lane leading thereto, as this lane is in a very bad state of repair and the people living in Tinnacree and Dundrum find great difficulty getting in and out of their places. This resolution also asks the Council to complete the work on Kilmuckridge Street by



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surfacing it. These works would relieve the unemployed in this district which is badly needed."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that at present there was 500 or 600 cubic yards of material in Tinacree and which so far, he had not been able to utilise.

The County Surveyor said if they required to re-open the quarry he would repair the lane.

#### BALLYMONEY (GOREY) ROAD

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that there was a very bad section on Ballymoney (Gorey) Road. He had inspected the place but would go there again.

The Chairman said the position was serious and the County Council had the responsibility.

#### BALLYMURRIN VILLAGE STREETS

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Corish, said that Ballymurrin streets had not been included in the Scheme for the improvement of village streets. He had seen the place recently and he did not think the streets were particularly bad. The road leading from Ballymurrin to Enniscorthy was in poor condition.

#### REPAIR OF GOREY ROADWAY

Referring to a roadway in Gorey as not having been properly repaired after excavations, Col. Quin said it should be put in order.

Mr. Keegan said the Health Board was responsible.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said there were trenches made by the Contractor for the sewerage scheme for the Health Board. He was negotiating with the Contractor in regard to getting the repair work done.

#### APPROACHES TO VINEGAR HILL, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor said he had been notified that the Government were providing a grant of £175 for repair of lane



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and approaches to Vinegar Hill Windmill.

#### COMPLAINT BY WORKMAN

Mr. Corish submitted the following letter which he had received from Edward Anglim, Saltmills, as to haulage of material:-

"I beg to ask you if you could do anything for me as there is a grant job started just at my door, and I have a horse and cart. I applied to the Surveyor for a job; he told me there was no cart wanting for a few days. He now has three farmers carting at this job, one of them has 40 acres of land and the other does mason work along with his farm and he has men employed himself. I am a labourer living in a Labourer's Cottage. My mother is an invalid. I will be obliged if you would speak to Mr. O'Neill, the Surveyor, to know why does he employ farmers before labourers. I have not worked for the past ten months as the farmers around here won't pay the high wages now. I applied for the dole, but got nothing yet."

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, gave an explanation but it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton that Mr. O'Neill should submit a written statement in the matter to the Finance Committee meeting on 14th April, 1938.

#### ACCIDENT TO WORKMAN

Mr. Corish brought before the meeting the case of a County Council worker - Patrick Mahony, Clonard, Wexford - who sustained an accident through a motor car when proceeding to his work close to 8 o'clock a.m. The Insurance Company had turned down the claim for compensation in this case. The County Surveyor should make further representations to them.

The County Surveyor said he would do this though he was afraid they would not agree to the payment. Mahony had been in his (County Surveyor's) office and had been promised re-employment when he was fit which was about all he (County Surveyor) could do. In reply to further representations already made he had a letter from the Insurance Company again turning down the claim. It



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appeared that a man could not obtain benefit until he had actually started work. In the case of a ganger who was injured after working hours the claim was allowed as it was considered he should be more or less on duty watching out for the condition of the road. But, it had not been found possible to get this principle applied to an ordinary road worker.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided that County Surveyor again communicate with the Insurance Company.

#### CAHORE PIER

The following under date 6th April 1938 was read from Mr. Philip Crowe, Ballygarrett, Clonevan, Gorey, as to extension of pier:-

"I am directed by my branch to write the Council and ask what has become of the scheme concerning the extension of Cahore pier. It is hoped by this branch that the Council will speed it up and try and start the work as soon as possible, as it would be a great help to the fishermen of Cahore and also it would give much needed employment. I enclose a list of the unemployed of the Cahore and Ballygarrett Districts. I wish you to read this letter at Council meeting of the 11th instant."

The County Surveyor said that as regards improvement of this pier he had had a letter from the Office of Works on 9th instant in which they stated they required further particulars as to the amount of unskilled labour the work would entail. He also had an interview in Dublin with the officials of the Public Works Department when they raised the question as to the small amount of unemployment in the area according to the Government records. The list given with the letter of Mr. Crowe appeared to upset the Government figures. He would do what he could in making



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out a case as to the unskilled labour content in the district and would report further to the Council in the matter.

#### WEXFORD AND NEW CEMENT FACTORY

Mr. Culleton said the County Council, as the premier body of the County should do everything possible to secure the third Cement Factory for Wexford County, and if possible for Drinagh at which centre the manufacture of cement had been successfully carried on for years. He proposed the following:-

"That the Minister for Industry and Commerce and Cement Ltd. be requested to favourably consider the claims of Wexford County for the establishment of the Third Cement Factory with special regard to Drinagh where a cement factory had been in existence for years."

Miss O'Ryan, in seconding the resolution, said it would have the hearty support of every one in the County.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT (1908) LICENCES

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

"That Licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued as follows:-

New: Doyle Patrick, (Buttle Bros., Enniscorthy) Blackwater  
Kehoe Joseph, Blackwater.

Kehoe Owen, Raheenduff, Oulart.

O'Dwyer Simon R., Ballygow, Bannow.

Civic Guards wrote they have no objection to these.

Renewal: Lennon Denis, Bunclody.

#### EASTER COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Mr. George Molloy, Hon. Secretary to above, wrote asking the County Council to take part in the Easter Sunday



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Commemoration Ceremony to Crosstown Cemetery on 17th April 1938. Procession would assemble at Crescent Quay at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman said that any member who wished could take part in the demonstration.

#### RESOLUTIONS

MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS - GOVERNMENT GRANT-IN-AID: Resolutions as to increasing this Grant were received from Sligo District Mental Hospital and from Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital Committees. Resolution from the latter which is as follows was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That, with the view to the General Council of County Councils appointing a deputation to wait on the Minister for Local Government, the County Council be asked to bring under the notice of the General Council of County Councils the urgent necessity, in the interests of the ratepaying community, there is of increasing the Government Grant-in-Aid towards the maintenance of Mental Patients to a sum equal to half the cost of maintenance as this was the relative amount of relief given when the Grant in question was instituted."

ANTI-PARTITIONIST RESOLUTION: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Redmond:- "That we approve of the resolution adopted at the United Convention of the Anti-Partitionists for the Constituencies of South Armagh, South Down and Mourne, held at Newry on the 28th February last, protesting against the partition of Ireland."

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Under date 16th March letter was received from Cork County Council stating it was understood the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intended



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summoning a Conference of County Surveyors for the purpose of hearing their views on the incidence of road costs as between the State and Local Authorities. As Cork County Council considered that as the County Councils generally were more interested in the financial side of road costs than the County Surveyors, the Minister should be requested to permit a deputation from the General Council of County Councils to attend the proposed Conference, for the purpose of making further representations relative to the allocation of the cost of road maintenance as between Local and Central Authorities.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to take no action on this resolution.

UNITED NATIONAL LEASEHOLDERS' ORGANISATION: On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this County Council approves of the provisions outlined in the Leaseholders new Bill presented to the Dail and would be glad if same were passed into law."

*Denis Kelly*

*4th May 38*