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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 10th AUGUST, 1936.

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th August, 1936.

Present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

After confirmation of Minutes Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £18199. 11. 9d were examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS CULLIMORE, WEXFORD.

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

"That we offer our esteemed colleague, Mr. William Cullimore, our sincere sympathy in the death of his brother, Mr. T. Cullimore."

The Secretary also expressed his sympathy and the resolution was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE SIR OSMOND GRATTAN ESMONDE, T.D.

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

"That we offer our sincere condolence to Sir Laurence Esmonde and other relatives in the tragic death of Sir

Osmond Grattan Esmonde, T.D., who represented Wexford in An Dail for many years and who proved at all times that the interests of Wexford County and of Ireland were close to his heart."

THE LATE REV. THOMAS HORE, P.P.

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

"That we offer our deepest sympathy to the Rev. David Hore, P.P., Rathnure, in the death of his brother, Rev. T. Hore, P.P., Monageer, who was a great Churchman beloved by all who had the happiness of his acquaintance."

The Secretary expressed his personal sympathy in the death of Fr. Hore who had been Administrator in Wexford town (where he had made hosts of friends) for many years.

THE LATE MICHAEL KAVANAGH, ROAD GANGER

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

"That we offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Michael Kavanagh, Barntown, Wexford, Road Ganger, a valued servant of this Council."

DEATH OF COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEE

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted in the usual manner:-

"That this Council offers its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dempsey, wife of the late John Dempsey, ^{road worker,} Corish's Cross, Kilmore, who died suddenly on 8th August, 1936, leaving his wife and nine children."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 3rd JULY 1936:- The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd July, 1936.

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

The 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 £4740. 18. 2 was examined and signed.

PERSONAL BOND, RATE COLLECTOR GANNON

Collector Sean Gannon submitted the name of Myles Kehoe, Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, as surety in place of Miss M. Gannon, who had been previously approved.

Mr. Elgee stated he had obtained banker's reference from Mr. Kehoe.

Mr. Gannon's second surety is Patrick Murray, Ballinacarrig, Gorey.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to accept Mr. Myles Kehoe as surety in this case.

SAFE FOR DISTRICT COURT OFFICE, WEXFORD

The following requisition from Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar, was read:-

"The District Court Clerk, Wexford, requires a safe for the safe-keeping of his books and documents. I am directed by the Minister for Justice to requisition same."

The County Surveyor was instructed to advertise for a suitable safe.

COURTHOUSES AT ENNISCORTHY, GOREY AND BUNCLODY

The Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded reports received from the Department of Justice relative to Courthouse accommodation at Enniscorthy, Gorey and Bunclody.

The report relating to Enniscorthy Courthouse stated:-

"In perfect order except outside walls which require plastering."

The following is the report regarding Gorey Courthouse:-

"Back wall of Court Room and end wall of D.J.'s room require plastering. Gulleys require looking after, as rain leaks through."

The report regarding Bunclody Courthouse stated:-

"The place is totally unfit for a Courthouse, and new accommodation is desirable. What used to be a robing room for the D.J. is now an Engineering room for Technical Education. There are no proper sanitary arrangements, not even a wash-up basin. There is no office for the clerk."

It was decided that the County Surveyor carry out the necessary repairs in Enniscorthy and Gorey Courthouses, and that the memorandum regarding the condition of Bunclody Courthouse be referred to the County Surveyor for report. In view of the fact that Court is held at this centre only once a month, it was also decided that the County Surveyor ascertain if more suitable premises were available in Bunclody for use as a Courthouse.

MALICIOUS INJURY APPLICATION

Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, submitted notice of application to Circuit Court for compensation for malicious injury to bullock, the property of Miss Elizabeth A. Poole, Ballyowen Bridge, Gorey, the amount claimed being £30.

The following report from Superintendent Joseph Murray, Garda Siochana, Gorey was read:-

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"With reference to the Preliminary Notice of application for Compensation to Miss E. Poole, Ballyowen, Gorey, Co. Wexford, copy of which you received, I have to make the following report for your information:-

On the 17th instant Miss Poole called to the Garda Station at Gorey and stated that her prize bullock had been shot in the leg a couple of nights before, and she wanted several local respectable farmers arrested for the outrage. When questioned she stated that the farmers are all I.R.A. men and that if the Gardai did not arrest them they would shoot her.

As Miss Poole has on several occasions made similar complaints and the Gardai knowing Miss Poole so well she was advised to sell her bullock and not have it suffering. She refused to do this but later had it destroyed and buried. She informed the Sergeant i/c at Gorey that Mr. Ringwood, V.S., of Enniscorthy, had inspected the animal and had given her a Certificate to the effect that it had been badly injured. The Sergeant later got in touch with Mr. Ringwood and was informed that the latter found the animal suffering from a broken leg. He also informed the Sergeant that the owner Miss Poole had insisted that the animal had been shot and that she showed him a hole in the door where the shot had been fired. He had examined the animal but found no marks of any kind and in his opinion the animal had broken its leg in the field before being put into the house. The Certificate he had given to Miss Poole simply stated that the animal's leg was broken.

On receipt of notice that Miss Poole intended making a claim Sergeant McGee, 1835, Gorey, visited Miss Poole and endeavoured to obtain a statement from her but she refused to make any statement. She showed the Sergeant the cowhouse in which the animal had been put on the 14th instant after it had slipped in the field and fell on its neck. She stated that she got help from two local youths named Timothy and James Breen to lift the animal and that they had helped her to drive it into the cowhouse. She locked the cowhouse door on Monday night the 15th instant, and during the night she heard a noise which she now believes was a shot. When she went to the cowhouse door on Tuesday Morning she found it still locked, but on entering found the bullock unable to rise. She then knew that it had been shot during the night and she showed the Sergeant an air hole in the door through which she believed the shot had been fired.

A man named Joseph Breen (father of the two youths who helped Miss Poole with the bullock) who lives convenient to Miss Poole informed the Sergeant that the Bullock had been going around the field apparently unwell for about six weeks.

Miss Poole has on several occasions stated that Bullocks her property have been maliciously shot, their necks broken, throats cut, stoned to death, and so on, but never has any examination by a V.S. or other person revealed other than natural causes. About 12 months ago she claimed compensation in respect of a Bullock maliciously destroyed and the claim was disallowed on the evidence of the V.S. who certified that the animal had died from Black Murrin.

There is no doubt whatever, but that in the present case the animal accidentally broke its leg probably on Sunday the 14th when it slipped in the field. Statements can be procured if required and the fact that Miss Poole informed

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Sergeant J. J. McGee, Gorey, that her Cowhouse door was locked on the night of the 15th and found intact on the following morning will prove that no person could interfere with the Bullock during the night.

The farmers who reside near Miss Poole are all respectable men who would on no condition interfere with her property.

Miss Poole is mentally unbalanced and has caused considerable annoyance to the Church and other Public Bodies and also to private persons. She is usually to be found making ridiculous complaints. Amongst others she has accused the local Station Master, Postmaster, Sub-Agent Bank of Ireland and Archdeacon Willis of fraud, etc. The local Solicitors will not act for her and in this case she has gone as far as Wexford to obtain the services of a Solicitor. Her relatives refuse to have anything to do with her. I suggest that her Solicitor, Mr. Brennan, be informed of her mental condition with a view to having claim cancelled.

Mr. Brennan was informed of facts set out above on 26th June 1936."

It was decided that copy of report from Superintendent Murray be furnished Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Mr. Martin J. Doyle, Upper Rosbercon, New Ross, who had completed First Year's Arts as holder of University Scholarship, wrote as follows:-

"I have decided to relinquish my claim to the County Council Scholarship in Wexford as I have lately received a post in England to my satisfaction."

No order.

REPORTS OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

It was decided that Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector be asked for an explanation of his failure to submit weekly reports for the past three weeks.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ADVANCE FOR PAUL MURPHY, BROWNSWOOD, ENNISCORTHY: The following report from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, respecting application from Mr. Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, was read:-

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"I am in receipt of your letter of today including copy of letter from Mr. Jordan, Solicitor.

On receipt of your instructions in this matter, I interviewed Mr. Murphy to inspect Plans and Specifications for valuation purposes. Mr. Murphy had no Plan or Specification, and, accordingly, I could not furnish Certificate of Valuation until I received same from him some days ago."

Noted.

NEW SCHEME: It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly, to allocate the first £5,000 of the third loan of £10,000 which the Council decided to obtain for the making of advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

It was also decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to recommend the County Council to add the following conditions to the existing Scheme:-

"Location of House must be at least one mile distant from an Urban Boundary."

"Persons working in an Urban District not to be eligible for loans under the Scheme which is to be confined to applicants ~~who~~ earn their livelihood in the rural area of County Wexford."

"Location and site of proposed house to be approved by the County Surveyor."

"Sketch plan showing location of house to be furnished by each applicant to the County Surveyor."

"Intending borrowers to be informed that approval will not be granted for the erection of a house on a site which will render any Local Authority liable for any expenditure in connection with sewerage or water supply."

It was decided that the question of the amount of loans to be granted be adjourned until reply has been received from Department of Local Government and Public

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Health as to what they consider would be a reasonable sum for the Council to advance to applicants for loans.

INSURANCE MATTERS

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the County Surveyor was authorised to arrange for cover in connection with extension of insurance policies on County and Assistant Surveyors' motor cars to include carriage of goods connected with the business of the Council.

The County Surveyor stated it was essential Surveyors' cars should be covered by a class 2 policy. At present, all these cars were insured by the Surveyors under Class 1 policy only.

The question of potential liability policy to cover damage caused by carters hauling material for the County Council was adjourned until the County Surveyor had quotations from the Insurance Companies in the matter.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd July 1936, be received and considered."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee in respect of regulations governing advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval and that on receipt of this applications for loans be invited as soon as possible."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd July 1936, be and the same are hereby adopted and approved."

MEETING 17th JULY 1936: The following Minutes of this Meeting were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 17th July, 1936.

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

The 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 £5715. 2. 3d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. T. CULLIMORE.

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

"That we offer our deep sympathy to our colleague, Alderman W. Cullimore, in the lamented death of his brother, Mr. T. Cullimore."

The other members and the officials present associated themselves with the resolution which was passed in the usual manner.

RATE COLLECTION

COLLECTION 1936/37: The following circular letter which had been issued to Rate Collectors on 7th July 1936, was submitted:-

"In connection with collection of 1936/37 Warrants, Collectors are requested to note the following:-

Demand Notes should be served immediately Collector has his books. In addition, the actual collection should proceed with all due diligence from the time Collector takes up his warrant.

It has been noted in the past that certain Collectors made very small lodgments in the early stages of the Collection and the Finance Committee consider it essential that each Collector should make a special effort in July and August to collect as large an amount of the first moiety and arrears as possible. Serious notice will be taken in

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the case of Collectors whose collections are backward on 31st July and 31st August.

The Finance Committee are anxious that a special effort should be made by the Collectors in the early stages of the present collection to collect outstanding amount in any case in which one half year's rate remained outstanding at the close of the 1935/36 warrant. If the outstanding half year's rate is collected early in July Collectors should be able to collect a year's rate in addition before the close of the current warrant, and thus bring the collection for 1936/37 up to date in such cases. This is a most important matter which should receive immediate attention from Collectors.

It was noted last year that many Collectors did not take legal steps to recover the first moiety in due time. The Finance Committee expect the first moiety to be closed by the 31st October next. Collectors should take active legal steps on 30th September to recover outstanding items of first moiety, so that on the 31st October all recoverable items will be lodged. Collectors will be called upon on the 31st October to give a satisfactory explanation in respect of each item of first moiety outstanding on that date.

It is essential that Collectors make separate lodgments for first and second moieties. In addition, the summary at the back of Abstract Book must be kept written up. Inspector will check the summary fortnightly. This form is prescribed by the Public Bodies Order and it must be kept written up for each checking in future.

During the 1935/36 Collection the issue of receipts to ratepayers making part payments was unduly delayed in a number of districts. This is most unsatisfactory. The part payment scheme, which is applicable to Wexford County only, is sanctioned only on the strict understanding that receipts will be issued to ratepayers without delay. Rate Collectors are requested to be particularly careful in the matter during 1936/37.

Collectors who have not yet furnished renewal receipts for Fidelity Guarantee Bonds should do so at once. Collecting Books are ready and will be issued as soon as renewal receipts have been received. Half the amount of premium will be refunded to Collectors on 17th instant, when Poundage Fees will be paid to Collectors provided sanction is received from the Local Government Department in the meantime."

COLLECTION OF ARREARS: Under date 15th July 1936,

(G.109382/36 - Loch Garman) the following letter 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 the proposal of the Wexford County Council to carry forward for collection with the 1936/37 assessments the arrears applicable to the immediately preceding two years only and to state that an examination of the position of the collection in the various districts as disclosed in the final return for 1935/36 raises grave doubt as to whether the segregation of the collectable rate (entered in Column 18 thereof) into two separate warrants would

serve any useful purpose. In seven districts the amount in Column 18 referred to represents less than 10 per cent of the total warrant, and the Minister considers that the inclusion of portions of those amounts in separate warrants is neither necessary nor desirable. In the remaining cases the excessiveness of the amount to be carried forward is attributable as much to the dilatoriness of the Collectors as to any cause which the suggested creation of two warrants might eradicate, and the Minister is not disposed to accept the Council's proposal until it is supported by a convincing statement to show that the unsatisfactory state of the collection would be thereby appreciably remedied.

The collectors in County Wexford have had in recent years the benefit of a concession (granted as a temporary measure only in two other counties) of being allowed to accept part-payment of rates. It would be expected in the circumstances that the temporarily uncollectable rates would be substantially lessened from year to year, but it is observed that, notwithstanding the all round decrease in the 1935-36 warrants and their issue in July as compared with the 1934-35 warrants issued almost two months later in the financial year, the amounts carried forward from the 1935-36 warrants have increased in eleven of the twenty districts.

In view of the foregoing, the Minister wishes to have precise statements of what practical advantages the Council consider will accrue from their proposal, whether it is desired to continue the part-payment system and, if so, on what conditions and to what extent. The Council should, at the same time, indicate what special steps are to be taken in regard to the recovery of rates applicable to 1933-34 and previous years. It should be clearly understood that in the event of the arrangement being sanctioned, the Collectors would be required to lodge the collectable amount of their main warrants by the 31st March, 1937, and that poundage would be sanctioned with the strictest regard to compliance with this condition. The Council should, at the same time, intimate if it is the intention that a similar segregation would take place so far as the arrears at the end of the current and future financial years are concerned."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be informed that, as the County Council have carried forward for collection with 1936/37 warrants the full arrears outstanding at the close of the 1935/36 collection the proposal to segregate these arrears into two warrants will not be proceeded with during the present year.

The Council are aware that in certain collection districts, a large proportion of the arrears is represented by rates due for a number of years on certain holdings. The Finance Committee estimate that, approximately, £10,000 of the temporarily uncollectible rate can be regarded as

irrecoverable. The Council now propose to obtain from Rate Collectors irrecoverable rate lists in respect of rates on holdings on which Collectors have found it impossible to collect arrears with the aid of Court decrees and other legal machinery. The Council intend to hold a special meeting of the Finance Committee to investigate these lists, and the Committee will, after examining the lists, submit recommendations to the County Council as regards the striking off of arrears which they believe cannot possibly be collected.

If this procedure can be adopted the Council believe it will strengthen their hands in insisting on Collectors closing their warrants within the prescribed periods.

The Council are in favour of the system approved for the acceptance of part payments of rates in respect of 1935/36 warrant being applied to the 1936/37 collection and request the Minister to sanction its continuance.

POUNDAGE: The following letter under date 15th July 1936, No. G.13976/36 - Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 1st instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the payment of poundage at the rate of 7d, on the second moiety, to each Collector who lodged to the credit of the Council an amount equivalent to 87½ per cent of the assessment for the financial year 1935-36, plus the full arrears applicable to the financial year 1934-35.

I am to add that the cases of any Collectors who do not qualify for poundage in accordance with the foregoing, should be specially submitted to this Department, with details in the following form:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Name of :	1935/36	1934/35	Total of:	Amount:
Collector:	Assessment:	Arrears:	Cols. 2:	lodged:
:	:	:	and 3.:	percentage
:	:	:	:	of Col. 4."
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:

The following Collectors qualified for payment of poundage fees in accordance with the terms of the Department's communication:-

J. Quirke, W. Doyle, Philip Doyle, M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, Sean Gannon (No. 6), John Deegan, Joseph Cummins, John Flood, Sean Gannon (No. 10), J. J. O'Reilly, D. Kenny, Art Dunne, J. J. Sinnott, E. J. Murphy, Maurice Kehoe, John Curtis and P. Carthy.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly that Paying Orders for balance of poundage on lodgments to the close of the warrant be made to the above-mentioned Collectors at present meeting of the Committee.

It was also decided that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be furnished with the particulars asked for regarding Collectors W. Cummins and M. Murphy who did not qualify for payment.

The meeting decided to request the Minister to sanction payment to both these Collectors as their lodgments were very little under the amount required to qualify for payment.

SANCTION APPOINTMENT COLLECTOR J. DEEGAN: Under date 16th July 1936, (G.145731/36 Loch Garman) the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 8th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the appointment of Mr. John Deegan as Poor Rate Collector under the Wexford County Council on the terms and conditions set out in reply to Queries furnished, one copy of which is returned herewith."

AMALGAMATION OF DISTRICTS NOS. 6 & 10 - COLLECTOR SEAN GANNON: Under date 16th July 1936, the following letter (G.145730/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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"Adverting to your letter of the 8th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Article 92 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned the amalgamation of Districts Nos. 6 and 10 and the assignment thereof to Collector J. Gannon on the same terms and conditions on which he holds his appointment as Rate Collector in District No. 6."

ABATEMENT FORMS - QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE NUMBERS: Under date 8th July 1936, the following letter (G.141277/36 - 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 acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, and to state that the examination of employment claim forms is altogether a matter for the County Council, who have the responsibility of seeing that relief from rates goes only to those land occupiers for whom it is intended. No part of the Grant has been earmarked for the payment of rate collectors."

The rate of remuneration to be allowed to rate collectors for this work has not been altered; in every county it is within the limit laid down in Circular Letter of 19th September, 1934, No. 24/18/34."

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that as abatement forms had already been verified by Collectors, not to require qualification certificate numbers in the present year.

HOLDING AT BALLYBRENNAN: The following report, under date 8th July 1936 from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, was submitted:-

"As directed, I wrote to Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey for the information as set out in your letter, and I this morning received a reply from them giving the following particulars, viz:-

- (a) Mr. Walker purchased the Holding from John Redmond on the 26th May 1936.
- (b) The Purchase Price paid by Mr. Walker was £20.
- (c) Redmond's Address is 4, Kenmare Terrace, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

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(d) Mr. Walker did not pay any Land Purchase Annuity for the Holding, as the place was formerly held by John Pitt who was a Tenant to Mr. Walker. Pitt died on the 11th January 1930 when Mr. Redmond took over the Premises from him.

(e) No rent has been paid to Mr. Walker for the Holding from the date of Pitt's death.

I have nothing to show what the Poor Law Valuation of the Premises is, but if the Holding came under the Small Rates Act, then, Mr. Walker would be liable for same for the full term."

It was decided that, as a former occupier was a tenant of Mr. Walker, the Finance Committee were not empowered to strike off as irrecoverable any of the rates on this holding which should be collected from Mr. Walker, the present occupier.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 29th June, 1936, the following letter (G.116671/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, he has consented to the Wexford County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft, for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses, a sum not exceeding in the aggregate thirty-five thousand pounds.

This sanction extends to the period ending the 31st August 1936.

The enclosed duplicate of this letter may be transmitted to the Treasurer."

URBAN DEMANDS

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to request the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, to lodge balance of Demands to 31st March last, before the date of the next meeting of the County Council on 10th August 1936.

The amounts outstanding are as follows:-

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	£.	S.	D.	
Enniscorthy	1627.	0.	9	(One half).
New Ross	1491.	10.	3	(One half).
Wexford	4028.	6.	5	(Five-eighths).
Total	£7146.	17.	5d.	

POUNDS (PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE) ACT 1935.

The following letter, under date 8th July, 1936, No. G.137910/36 - 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 state that he has been informed by the Department of Justice that the County Registrar for Wexford issued on the 7th November last a direction to the Council, pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, to provide pounds at the following places:- Wexford, Gorey, Bunclody and Ballycullane.

The provision of the pounds is a matter of urgency and I am to request you to be good enough to state the present position in the matter."

The County Surveyor stated that he interviewed Mr. Dwyer, County Registrar, who informed him that the Wexford Corporation were making arrangements to provide a pound in Wexford Town. He (County Surveyor) had advertised in the local newspapers for offers for Pounds in Bunclody and Ballycullane. He would submit any offers received to next meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he had not yet obtained from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, particulars of the title to Gorey Pound which John Valentine, Courtkeeper, Gorey, claims to own.

The matter of the suitability of Gorey Pound was referred to a Committee of members for Gorey District, Committee to meet on Tuesday, 21st July 1936 at 11.30 am., and report of Committee to be submitted to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

MOTOR INSURANCE BY OFFICIALS

Under date 6th July 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RV/221/16 - Cir. MT.246) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that his attention has been drawn to the fact that some officers employed in the Motor Tax Offices of local authorities are availing of the knowledge gained by their service in those offices to solicit motor vehicle insurance business. The practice is open to serious objection from several points of view. It is, in the first place, taking an unfair advantage of persons whose main livelihood consists in acting as Insurance Agents. In the second place, it involves, in some cases, the loss of existing business of some of the agents, and, finally, it must lead to one or more serious forms of abuse. The Minister has accordingly directed that no officer of a local authority - whether employed in the Motor Tax Office or not - may carry on the business of agent for motor vehicle insurance, whether by himself alone or in collaboration with others. Serious disciplinary action, including loss of official emoluments, will follow any breach of this direction.

I am to request that you will be good enough to acknowledge receipt of this circular and inform the Minister that it has been brought to the notice of the officials employed by your Council."

It was decided that copy of the Department's circular letter be furnished to each official of the County Council as directed by the Department.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Miss O'Ryan stated that a man named John Carr, Ballywitch, Kilrane, was anxious that sanction be obtained to loan provisionally approved for him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. There was some difficulty about the title to the plot on which Carr proposes to erect the house.

Mr. Elgee stated that this was a sub-division case and title could not be certified until Mr. J. Kennan Cooper, Mr. Carr's solicitor, had obtained the consent of the Land Commission to the sub-division.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee give particulars of the case to the Chairman and Alderman Corish who would interview the Land Commission in the matter.

Under date 3rd July 1936 the following letter (H.126

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415/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo relative to the amount of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he considers that the advances should be limited to a figure which would require applicants to bear a reasonable proportion of the cost of the property. The advance proposed plus the Government grant should, therefore, be less than the estimated value of the house (excluding site value)."

After discussion it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan, to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the following proposal in the case of houses valued up to £200:-

The County Council to be authorised to advance 90 per cent of the value of the house excluding value of site, less half the amount of the Government Grant, that is, for a house valued at £200 per se for which a Government Grant of £70 was payable, the amount of the loan from the County Council would be £145, i.e., 90 per cent of £200 = £180; £180 minus £35 (half Government Grant) = £145.

This arrangement, if sanctioned, to be embodied in proposed new scheme.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936.

The following report under date 10th July, 1936, from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, was read:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and now enclose copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Ringwood as to the Sample of Powder obtained by the Inspector from No. 4 District, from which you will see, that he states it does not comply with the Order (he does not say in what respect) and he further states, that the Powder was purchased from Mr. Thornton, Chemist, Enniscorthy."

The following is copy of Mr. Ringwood's letter:-

"In reply to yours of 4th instant the powder in question was given to me on June 12th by Wm. Brien (Inspec-

tor). It does not comply with the Order see page II Article 12. I sent the powder to the Secretary of the County Council. It was purchased by H. Masterson, Garrybrit, Ferns from Thornton, Chemist, Enniscorthy."

It was decided that Mr. Elgee ascertain the date on which this powder was purchased by Mr. Masterson, Garrybrit, and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee as to whether the sale took place subsequent to the date on which Mr. Thornton had previously been warned by Mr. Elgee in respect of a previous complaint from Mr. Ringwood.

The following reports were submitted:-

REPORT OF MR. F. STAPLES, V.S., WEXFORD: "In reply to your letter of the 4th instant (Warble Fly Order) the work under the Order was carried out to my entire satisfaction by the three Inspectors (Messrs. Druhan, Rossiter and Woods). At first, the stockowners were rather dubious of the results of the Act, but, after a second dressing practically all owners were loud in their praise of the benefit to the stock and no objections were offered to carrying out the work,."

Of course, as usual, many negligent owners failed to carry out the orders and the Inspectors and myself had to pay frequent visits to these people to try and get them to do the work.

If the Act is to be worked again next year, the Inspectors now knowing the owners who caused trouble this year should pay special attention to the same owners next year.

A few animals were reported to me as having been injured by the dressing.

One animal died two days after dressing, and myself and a veterinary surgeon from the Department investigated the case, and I believe the owner in this case will be compensated."

REPORT OF MR. T. A. MERNAGH, V.S., GOREY: "Herewith my report on the working of Warble Fly Order in my district (Gorey). The work has been carried out to my satisfaction.

At the outset there seemed to be an impression amongst the farmers that the Inspectors appointed under the Act should visit them before the dressings were carried out, and that they should also carry out the work in the presence of the Inspectors - This impression delayed the early working of the Order. Once this was explained the work was carried out to my satisfaction.

Very few exceptions or objections to the carrying out of the Order occurred, and in these few cases, when such persons were informed of their responsibilities in the matter they acquiesced and carried out the order.

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As time progressed the work of the Inspectors became more difficult, this was due to the fact that in some cases cattle were sent to grass a distance from their owners' place and often into another Inspector's district. With few exceptions, I found the farmers ready and willing to co-operate with me and the Inspectors in the carrying out of their duties. In accordance with the Order I had daily reports from the various Inspectors in my district, and also made periodic visits to where they were carrying out their duties. In all cases I found that the Inspectors carried out their work to my entire satisfaction in every detail."

REPORT OF MR. F. S. RINGWOOD, V.S., ENNISCORTHY: "As arranged by the County Council the working of the above order was carried out in this district by Four Inspectors under me as Supervisor.

On March 16th, I interviewed the Inspectors, and explained the Order to them and gave detailed instructions as regards squeezing out the Warble Fly larvae and preparation of the Cattle Washes, also the clerical work in connection with the Order.

Being the first year the Order was in force there was some difficulty and delay at first in getting cattle dressed but it was realized by farmers that it had got to be done and after the first week, the working of the Order was being satisfactorily carried out.

I had not to serve the Detention Notice on any owner.

Early in April as the result of my examination of some animals that had been dressed, I formed the opinion that too strong a brush was being used by some people, or that the brush was being used with too much force (this had the effect of hardening the skin and making the back tender). The Inspectors were notified by me to explain this fact to owners and it was carried out.

I had to inform the Inspectors that the two methods of treatment should not be carried out on the same day on same animal, i.e., either squeeze out all the warbles, or apply the wash and it was recommended that unless an animal had very few warbles, it was better to apply the Wash.

A complaint was made by one farmer that the Wash was the cause of death of two animals and illness of a third. I visited the farm and reported to the County Council and Department of Agriculture. The latter then investigated the matter.

On another farm one animal became very ill eight hours after being dressed and collapsed, but recovered on treatment I supplied.

From 16th March to June 30th I made nineteen surprise visits into the areas in which Inspectors were working, and generally found everything satisfactory. I also had numerous interviews with the Inspectors and kept in touch with them during the period that the Order was in force.

The Inspectors posted the Daily Forms each evening to me and these were checked by me and posted to the Secretary, County Council each Monday."

REPORT OF MR. J. LYNCH, V.S., NEW ROSS: "We started the campaign on 19th March with a demonstration of both forms of treatment on my farm at Milltown, Campile. The three Inspectors for New Ross area, viz., Messrs. Flynn, Furlong and Carty were present, also Mr. Taylor, V.S. and myself. There were also a few local farmers in attendance.

The working of the Order was fairly satisfactory. Many farmers were sceptical at the outset and there was some difficulty getting them started. The great majority of those who dressed are now satisfied they have done good work and the idea has spread rapidly that the dressing is effective.

There was, however, a scare created by publicity of cattle having died after dressing, also unscrupulous talk in Dail re same. The effect of this is dying without an effort.

I am convinced the work will be done much more thoroughly next season.

I would say that 65% of the cattle were dressed three or four times, 30% twice and 5% once.

It will be necessary to use what powers we possess more stringently next season wherever a case demands same, viz., serving of Detention Notice and removal of cattle from Fairs and Markets when provisions of Order have not been complied with.

The two Inspectors who worked under my supervision did their work very well. (Messrs. Furlong and Carthy)."

REPORT OF MR. F. S. TAYLOR, V.S., NEW ROSS:

16th March. In conjunction with Mr. Lynch, we held a demonstration of the two methods of treating affected cattle. The demonstration was held at Mr. Lynch's farm at Ballykelly and the three lay Inspectors for our areas were present.

27th March. I paid a surprise visit to Mr. J. Fogarty's at Ballybanoge and found the cattle being treated in a satisfactory manner under the supervision of the Local Inspector.

3rd April. Surprise visit to Mrs. Tyndall's, Ballyanne. The Inspector had left shortly before my arrival and the cattle had been treated correctly.

16th April. Visit to Mr. Sutton's, The Modlins. The Inspector had left, after having examined cattle in which he found no warbles. I examined these cattle and confirmed his judgment.

17th April. Attended at Mr. Ronan's, Knockmullen and found the Inspector having cattle treated, also, went to Mr. Hickey's, Knockmullen and saw cattle dressed.

18th April. The Local Inspector finished his first round in my area on the 11th of April; and has now started on the second round of inspection of dressing the affected cattle.

30th April. I attended the dressing of cattle at Mr. Thorpe's of Knockroe and found everything going on satisfactorily under the supervision of the Local Inspector.

3rd May. Called on J. Butler, Newtown, who had dressed cattle on the 1st of May on the 1st ultimo.

11th May. Called on Jim Roche, Larkin's Mills, who was dressing the following day.

28th May. Attended at Nicholas Power's, Newtown, who was dressing his cattle that day under supervision of the Inspector.

28th May. Attended at farm of P. Hickey, Knockmullen, whose cattle were being treated under the supervision of the Inspector.

28th May. Mrs. Travers, Arnestown, who was dressing her cattle on the following day.

This finished the second treatment of cattle under the Order in my area, and so far as I can judge the dressing seems to have a very beneficial effect so far as the number of mature warbles in affected animals is greatly reduced. The maggots seem to be arrested in their development.

16th June. Called on the following farmers in Adamstown area:-

Mrs. Madden, Palace, who has only dressed once, and who was under the impression that the one dressing was all that was required. She sent into town at once for the wash and undertook to apply the dressing that day and again before the end of the month.

James McDonald, Templenachro, who was applying the dressing to-day. Third application.

Patrick Cloney, Templenachro, who was applying the dressing for the third time on the next day and again before the end of the month.

James Whitty, third dressing today and again by end of the month.

Michael Cloney, Ballagh. The third dressing today and again in the end of the month.

Patrick Delaney, Broccorragh. The third dressing today and again in the end of the month.

Sylvester Barron, Coonogue, has dressed his cattle three times and will do them again next week.

John Barron, Coonogue, has dressed three times. Will treat again next week.

Aidan Furlong, Coonogue. I could not see Mr. Furlong who had only treated his cattle twice. I left instructions to have the cattle dressed at once and again in end of the month.

Philip Murphy, Knockree. Mr. Murphy had dressed his cattle three times and was applying the fourth dressing today.

William Ronan, Oldcourt. Mr. Ronan had only treated once and was not dressing again as there were no warbles in the cattle.

Mr. Laurence French, Oldcourt. These cattle had been dressed three times and will apply the fourth dressing before the end of the month.

The Lay Inspector carried out his duties in a very satisfactory manner. The principal difficulty being to get the owners in a locality to all dress the cattle on the same day. This entailed on the Inspector an unnecessary amount of trouble as he had often to pay three or four visits to an owner before getting the Order carried out. In spite of this difficulty I think the great majority of the cattle in this area have been treated to the four dressings as required by the Order.

Almost without exception the stock owners appear to approve of the treatment and try to carry out the regulations to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

As to the method of treatment adopted by the owners the application of an approved wash was universal, as the squeezing method was not found satisfactory and not easy to carry out."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

REQUISITION FOR EQUIPMENT: Under date 2nd July 1936 the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, with letter No.2988/35 submitted requisition for equipment for eight ex-officio Inspectors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That requisition for equipment under Food and Drugs Acts submitted by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, to this meeting, be agreed to and that the necessary equipment for Inspectors be supplied, the County Secretary to supply from County Council stock any articles in requisition that may be available, and small articles to be purchased locally."

TAKING OF SAMPLES: In connection with the taking of samples under Food and Drugs Acts it was decided that Mr. Elgee interview the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in connection with the procedure for the taking of samples.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Reports from the Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the two weeks ended 11th July 1936 were presented.

It was decided to inform Mr. T. Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, that the Committee did not consider he was

carrying out his duties in an energetic manner as they noted from his reports that he visited only one farm per day.

The following explanation was read from Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector, regarding delay in submitting weekly reports:-

"In reply to your letter of 23rd June also yours of 11th July, I am very sorry for any trouble I have caused you re report forms. I am sorry to say the report forms you sent me at the commencement of the year got mislaid and I had none to report on. This is the cause of my not reporting as requested.

I am very much obliged for the supply of forms you sent. I am sending copy to Veterinary Inspector also.

Hoping to be pardoned for this time."

CLIFF ROAD, ROSSLARE

The following report from the County Surveyor regarding Cliff Road, Rosslare, was submitted:-

"It has been reported to me that an accident took place on the Cliff Road, Rosslare, during last week, and I have notified the Insurance Company regarding same. Up to the present no claim has been put in, but possibly we may have such later. It will be in the knowledge of the Council the very dangerous condition of this road which has fallen away to such an extent as to be now impassable for through traffic. I have, for some time, maintained a barricade with warning notices at each end, and the Council has made application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to have the road closed. This does not now appear to be possible except as a temporary measure."

Mr. Elgee stated he had communicated with the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the year 1935 regarding the closing of this road and had been informed that the power to stop up a road under Section 82(2) of the

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 was repealed by the 7th Schedule of the Local Government Act, 1925, and, so far, had not been replaced.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the County Surveyor submit a report to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the present position in the matter.

EXTENSION OF MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The following report from the County Surveyor regarding extension of Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy was submitted:-

"I have to report that the space available in the workshop at the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy is insufficient for the proper carrying out of the work there. I have had a discussion with the Manager of the Co-Operative ^{Society} from whom we have our present premises leased with a view to obtaining further area. I do not think there will be any difficulty about this, and the rental for any extra premises will be very small, not more than £2 or £3, I believe. I shall be glad for the Council's authority to make arrangements with the Co-operative Society for taking over this additional premises."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to recommend the County Council to agree to the extension which the County Surveyor considered necessary.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 17th July 1936 be received and considered."

APPOINTMENT J. DEEGAN, RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 31st July 1936 Collector John Deegan wrote thanking the Council for his appointment to the position and stating that the only way he could show his gratitude was by carrying out his duties in the future as he had done while acting as temporary collector for a number of years.

AMALGAMATION OF RATE DISTRICTS NOS. 6 AND 10: Under date 29th July 1936 Rate Collector Gannon wrote expressing his gratitude to the Council for having amalgamated the two districts Nos. 6 and 10 and stating he would endeavour to carry out his duties in the future as he had tried to do in the past.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 17th July 1936, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 31st JULY 1936: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 31st July 1936.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5029. 18. 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

D. Kenny	4.2
J. Curtis	3.2
J. J. O'Reilly	3.0
J. Deegan	2.9
J. Cummins	2.9
W. Cummins	2.9
J. Quirke	2.7
S. Gannon	2.2
J. J. Sinnott	2.2
W. Doyle	1.9
A. Dunne	1.7
P. Doyle	1.0
M. Murphy	.7
J. Flood	.2
P. Nolan	.1
E. J. Murphy	-
M. McCarthy	-
M. Kehoe	-
P. Carty	-

It was decided to inform Rate Collectors that the Finance Committee will take particular note of Collectors who do not start collection with a keen perception of their duties and with real energy, and that they have decided that such officials will not receive any concession in the way of extension of time to close their warrants.

SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTOR GANNON: Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, submitted letter from Rate Collector Sean Gannon that owing to the illness of one of his sureties Patrick Murray - it had not been possible to have personal bond executed. He saw Mr. Murray on Saturday last and found he was an invalid confined to bed, and therefore asked that the name of Mr. Edmund Crean, Ballyelland, Davids-town, should be accepted in substitution for Mr. Murray.

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

"That Edmund Crean, Ballyelland, Davidstown, be accepted as personal surety for Rate Collector Sean Gannon vice Mr. Patrick Murray provided County Council Solicitor finds that banker's references for Mr. Crean are satisfactory."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 17th July 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.140613-1936 Wexford) approving of the following advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:- Edward Dempsey, Middletown, Riverchapel £117; Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy £140.

Under date 28th July 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.150251-1936 Loch Garman) approving of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the following:-

John Eustace, Clonleigh, Palace East £100.

Mrs. Mary Murphy, Dranagh, Caim £45.

John Hempenstall, Island Upper, Craanford, Gorey £90.

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

"We recommend that in the case of houses valued at from £200 to £300 the amount of advance by County Council of house excluding value of site less half the amount of Government grant and for houses be 90% of the value ~~for~~ from £300 to £500 the advance be not

more than 50% of the value of house.

That a clause to the following effect be inserted in regulations issued to govern future advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

The County Council reserve the right to themselves to refuse any advance in any particular case in which they believe such action desirable, and also to reduce the amount applied for when they are of opinion this step is necessary in view of attendant circumstances."

RESULTS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

Under date 15th July 1936 the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"The following are the results of the recent examinations of Students holding scholarships from your Council in this College in Session 1935-36:-

William G. Lambert	Rejected at the First University Examination in Agricultural Science, Part I. but obtained exemption from further examination in Mathematics and Irish.
Johanna I. Cooney	Passed In Irish Subsidiary Subject for the B.Comm. Degree. Further report after the Autumn Examinations.
James J. Donnelly	Passed in Mathematics Subsidiary Subject for the B.A. (Honours) Degree. Further report after the Autumn Examinations.
Thomas Walsh	Passed the B.Agr.Sc. Degree Examination Part I.
James M. Kenny) William A. Meyler)	Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.
John J. Murphy	Passed the Third University Examination in Medicine Part II with Second Class Honours, Spring 1936.
William A. Murphy	Completed Part I and passed Part II with Second Class Honours in Zoology and Geology of the First University Examination in Agricultural Science.

A report for Thomas Cullimore, James G. Delaney and Patrick Doyle will be forwarded in Autumn.

Martin J. Doyle ceased to attend lectures in this College on the 10th May 1936."

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The action of the Secretary in requesting Martin J. Doyle to refund amount paid him on foot of his Scholarship from the date he ceased to attend lectures, viz., 10th May 1936 to the end of the Academic Year was approved.

The Secretary stated that this student had written quite recently and subsequent to the close of the Academic Year that he had secured a position in England.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to invite the observations of William G. Lambert University student, on the statement from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, that he had been rejected at the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Part I.

HAULAGE WORK ETC. KILLINICK-CARNE ROAD

Under date 22nd July 1936 Mr. Nicholas B. Doyle, Ballyfane, Broadway, wrote asking the Finance Committee to receive on behalf of the Broadway-Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann a deputation relative to the haulage work on Killinick-Carne Road and in respect of which the Cumann had adopted a resolution protesting against the action of the County Council in giving the haulage contract to the Great Southern Railway Company as there were sufficient lorries and carters in the district to do the work.

The following attended as the deputation from Broadway-Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann:- Messrs. N. B. Doyle (Hon. Secretary) William Pierce and James Browne.

Mr. Doyle acted as spokesman and said their contention was that as local lorries were available the Railway tractors should not have been employed. Also that the road material should not be tarcoated by a Mixer in the quarry but treated with tar on the road as was done on the section from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour which had been reconditioned. There were four local lorries available but he could

not say if the owners would be able to place these vehicles for an entire defined period at the service of the Council. Two of the lorry owners, Messrs. Pierce and Parle, would be able to give the lorries "whole-time". If these two lorries were employed the County Surveyor could always count on them.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Keegan, said the draft in this case was six or seven miles which knocked out horse haulage.

Mr. Keegan considered it unfair that the Railway Company should be employed for haulage work over local labour. The Company were doing nothing only bleeding the public by their high fares and freights. The local man who purchased a lorry put his money into it to try and make a living and he should be encouraged and not discouraged by the Council. The money paid the Railway Company was sent out of the County but when local people were employed the money was spent in Wexford.

The County Surveyor said that if it were hauling ordinary road material a case could be made for the use of local lorry owners and their claims would receive favourable consideration from the Survey staff but in this case the stuff was fed to the tractor wagon ready mixed in the quarry and thus secured a certain stiffness in transit which made it most suitable for spreading. The tractor wagon could be tipped up on to the road thus securing an amount of spreading. To employ local lorries for haulage would mean an extra £3 per week for labour in this instance.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the local lorry owners were satisfactory and he would like to employ them, but there was only a small amount allowed for the work and in consequence they had to see it was carried out with as much economy as was possible with

efficiency. He (Mr. Birthistle) had been let down before by lorry owners taking up other jobs and leaving road workmen at a standstill. He was on other jobs supposed to have the services of four lorries but in reality had two only.

Mr. Keegan said the Finance Committee recognised that Mr. Birthistle gave all possible work to the local people and to local lorry owners. In this case it was also recognised that the local lorries were not adapted for the peculiar class of work which was being carried out. He proposed that for the coming six months the Survey Staff give all the work possible to the local people and local lorries.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Birthistle said that there were two other jobs to be carried out in the district which though not as important as the work under discussion would give a great deal of employment and local lorries could be employed for them.

Mr. Doyle (of the deputation) thought the haulage of the lower section from the Cross of Lough to Carne Harbour could be carried out by local lorries.

Mr. Birthistle said this could only be done at enhanced cost for which money had not been allocated.

Mr. Doyle thanked the meeting for the attention with which the views of the deputation had been considered.

DAMAGE TO RAILWAY COTTAGE ETC.

Under date 30th July 1936 the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Westland Row, Dublin, wrote (P214-55813) it had been reported to him that on 8th July last the Company's Cottage No. 2362 at Palace East and their Cattle Truck No. 7700 had been damaged by blasting operations at Palace Quarry. He would forward account of cost of repair in a few days and meantime he wished to know if the Council

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

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Under date 21st July 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (S.G.P-201-36) that a sum of £11064 had been provisionally allocated to the Council for 1936-37 from the Road Improvement Grant as follows:-

	£.
1. T.8 Enniscorthy-Wexford - Road diversion and concrete surface.	1,500
2. L.29 Gorey-Wexford - Three Sections strengthen and surface in bitumastic macadam.	4,014
3. L.30 Enniscorthy-Kiltealy. Strengthen and surface in bitumastic macadam.	1,000
4. L128 Bridgetown-Baldwinstown - Widen, strengthen and surface in bitumastic macadam	1,564
5. L159A New Ross-Fethard - Widen, strengthen and surface in bitumastic macadam.	1,900
6. L159 Wexford Urban District - Surface in bitumastic macadam.	1,000
7. Railway Bridge No. 373 - Contribution towards cost of reconstruction.	86
	<u>£11,064.</u>

Conditions as to supply of tar and bitumen, payment of Grant, and employment were set out in this letter.

In connection with work No. 7 in the above List:-
Repair of Railway Bridge No. 373 Rathurtin, amount £86, letter under date 9th July 1936 (P.470/27037) was read from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, stating the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) had agreed in their letter of 26th February 1936 (TR/96) to provide the cost of reconstruction on the same lines as had been carried out at Sparrowsland Railway Bridge ten years ago.

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

"That we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to take steps to endeavour to be in a position to notify County Council early in the year of the amount which they can count on as grant for Road Improvement."

CLIFF ROAD, ROSSLARE STRAND

Under date 21st July 1936 the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report, for the information of the County Council, that this roadway is now almost entirely carried away. Some time ago application was made to the Local Government Department for permission to abandon this road, but there appears to be some difficulty in regard to same. The road has now practically ceased to exist for a large portion along the Cliff, and I am having permanent fences put up at each end of this very dangerous place - closing it completely to traffic. Some time ago (at each end of this section) I erected barricades and notices stating the roadway was closed, and put up also at barricades double triangle reflecting signs. I allowed a narrow passway for such local traffic as might require to use portion of the road, but the centre part was not completely fenced off which I am now doing.

I consider that it will be well now for the County Council to consider the advisability of carrying out some groining work on the foreshore so as to prevent further wastage of the coast, and subsequent damage to Rosslare Strand Village.

I am putting Notice in the local papers regarding permanent fencing of the road."

The County Surveyor called attention to letter received by him from County Council Solicitor under date 29th November 1935 in which it was stated that the latter had been advised by the Department of Local Government and Public

Health (Roads) that the power to stop up a road under Section 82(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 had been repealed by the Seventh Schedule of the Local Government Act 1925 and, so far, had not been replaced.

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

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in shutting off from traffic (owing to its dangerous condition) of Rosslare Strand Cliff Road. And that application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a Relief Grant of £500 in order to construct and lay groins on the foreshore to arrest further erosion on this part of Wexford coast, County Surveyor to supply engineering details to accompany application."

LORRIES PASSING OVER WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted report from Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford under date 31st July 1936 as to two over-weight motor lorries crossing Wexford Bridge - one the property of Messrs. J. J. Stafford and Sons, Paul Quay, Wexford, and the second owned by Michael O'Gorman, Tomhaggard. In regard to first mentioned lorry, the driver, James Byrne, 4 Upper King Street, Wexford, when informed by Garda P. Quin that he would be reported left the bridge and turned the lorry on ~~the~~ the main road to Gorey and Enniscorthy.

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

"That report of Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford, as to overweight lorries crossing Wexford Bridge be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to furnish advice as to the probable success of the Council should they decide to institute proceedings against the two lorry owners concerned."

ADDITION TO MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted under date 29th July 1936 offer from Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society to let the ground floor of their building at back of forge in Sawmill premises, Enniscorthy with small annexe to provide an extension for County Council's machinery yard at £3 per annum.

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

"That as advised by County Surveyor the County Council be recommended to rent additional premises for machinery yard at Enniscorthy at £3 per annum in accordance with quotation from Manager, Co-Operative Agricultural Society, Enniscorthy, under date 29th July 1936."

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE NUMBERS OF WORKMEN

Under date 25th July 1936, the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote (E.B.199659) that this Department could not undertake to verify whether or not a person had been in receipt of Unemployment Assistance during any particular period unless the qualification certificate number of the person to whom the enquiry related was made available for reference in the first instance.

The examination of the records of any particular Local Office of the Department could not be regarded as a reliable means of ascertaining information in respect of any particular person inasmuch as it may occur that the person mentioned may have registered at a Local Office other than that at which the examination of records was made. In such an instance the examination of the records would not alone be futile and a waste of time but would also tend to be misleading. Having regard to this it was regretted that the request of the County Council could not be acceded to.

No order as it had been decided the information referred to was not needed for the present year.

COMPLAINT BY WORKMAN

W. Doyle, Drinagh, Wexford, road-workman, wrote complaining he had been dismissed from the services of the Council without adequate cause.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, stated he had gone very carefully into the circumstances and was quite satisfied this man's discharge from work was quite justified.

No order.

LIVE STOCK POUNDS

The County Surveyor, as regards the establishment of Pound in Ballycullane submitted the following proposal under date 29th July 1936 from Patrick Power, Ballycullane, and which he recommended should be accepted:-

"With regard to our recent interview in Ballycullane re Pound I am prepared to erect a suitable one alongside Courthouse with ample supply of water in same at a yearly rent of Ten Pounds (£10)."

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

"We recommend the County Council to accept the offer of Mr. Patrick Power, Ballycullane, to erect and maintain Pound at Ballycullane (including the provision of an adequate water supply) at £10 per annum."

In connection with Gorey Pound, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported that, so far, Mr. Valentine who claimed to be the owner of Gorey Live Stock Pound had not furnished title to same.

Members of the Committee pointed out that this Pound had been erected by the Grand Jury and neither Mr. Valentine nor his father, both of whom had acted as pound keepers had any legal claim to the premises.

The following motion was adopted on the motion of the

Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"We recommend the County Council to instruct the County Surveyor to take possession of Gorey Pound and carry out such repairs to same as may be required."

ANALYST'S REPORT

Copy of Analyst's Report for quarter ended 30th June 1936 was submitted and from which appeared that the total number of analyses was 278, viz., 209 Foods, 66 Drugs and 3 Waters. Ten samples of new milk were found to be adulterated.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Reports of six Sheep Dipping Inspectors for fortnight ended 25th July 1936 were submitted and were considered satisfactory.

Referring to the reports of Mr. Hennessy, Inspector for New Ross district, Mr. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, wrote:- "In a great many areas there are no baths and the services of the watering can are requisitioned. Public baths in suitable places would be the first essential if there is to be efficient dipping."

It was decided to ask the Instructor in Agriculture if he would inquire in districts in which sheep are generally kept, from suitable farmers, if they would be prepared to erect permanent concrete swim baths under Sheep Dipping Order provided the County Council would provide a subsidy for erection of baths and fix a reasonable charge for use of same.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for compensation for £50 for alleged malicious injury to dwellinghouse and furniture was received from Christopher Moorhouse, Tomfarney, Bree, and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

DAIL ELECTION 1936

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

"That the request of County Registrar for the use of County Council Chamber for Counting of Votes re above Election and for the use of Rate Clerks' Office for preparation of Ballot Boxes be granted."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 31st July 1936 be received and considered."

PERSONAL SECURITY OF RATE COLLECTOR GANNON: Under date 4th August, 1936, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote as regards the financial standing of Mr. Edmund Crean, Ballyeland, Davidstown (proposed by Mr. Gannon as one of his personal sureties) that he would be seriously embarrassed if he had to meet the liability under personal bond.

In view of statement in letter from Bank as to position of Mr. Edmond Crean, Ballyeland, Davidstown, proposed personal surety for Rate Collector Gannon, it was decided that the matter be referred back to the Finance Committee.

HAULAGE KILLINICK-CARNE ROAD: The following resolution was read from Ballymore Branch of Irish Labour Party:-

"That we desire to enter our strongest protest against the action of the Wexford County Council in giving the haulage on the Killinick-Carne Road to a big wealthy Company while there are adequate means of transport available in the district, thereby depriving the lorry owners, and the workers of the district as well, of a share of the money which we understood was to help to relieve depression in the district."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: University Authorities, Cork University, reported that Miss Nora O'Sullivan had passed in second Arts with First Class Honours in Irish, and Second Class Honours in English.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER: Under date 5th August, 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.6111-35) referring to the existing Sheep Dipping and market periods, and pointed out it had been suggested to the Minister it would be desirable

to modify the existing regulations by replacing the two prescribed dipping periods by one double-dipping period extending from 1st July to 15th November in each year, and substituting for the present "market periods" one period extending from 1st August to 15th November. It was considered that this suggested change might generally operate to the greater convenience of the different classes of sheep owners and lead to a more extensive and willing compliance with the legal requirements in regard to dipping. It was proposed to include in the new Order provisions empowering Local Authorities to take special measures when considered necessary as regards the dipping of sheep in particular areas in their districts.

Mr. Meyler proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was passed nem. con.:-

"That in the opinion of this Council it is undesirable to make any change in the present regulations governing the dipping and marketing of sheep."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 31st July 1936, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That the present system of remunerating Rate Collectors be altered and that a Scheme be formulated whereby a sum as annual salary payable in monthly instalments be fixed, said sum to be in addition to a maximum poundage payable in the event of a full collection within the dates

laid down, the combined total salary and poundage to be based on average earnings of the past three years."

In moving his motion, Mr. McCarthy said that Collectors had a grievance in the matter of remuneration as they received only two payments in the year and as long as nine months intervened between one payment and another. This fact did not tend to improve the Collection particularly in cases in which Collectors had no other source of income. It was very trying on Collectors to wait such long periods for payment and was to an extent putting a premium on dishonesty. The Minister for Local Government and Public Health writing to Killarney Urban Council had said that the system which he would favour would be to fix a sum as annual salary payable in monthly instalments, an additional fixed sum to be regarded as the maximum poundage payable in the event of a full collection within the various dates prescribed by the Public Bodies Orders. Where the collection fell short of the maximum the latter sum would be correspondingly reduced and the inducement to efficient collection would thus be preserved.

Col. Gibbon, in seconding, said that the Local Government Department should let the Council have a copy of the Scheme in accordance with the suggestions of Mr. McCarthy, and which would meet with their wishes.

Mr. McCarthy said he was in favour of 60% of the remuneration being paid by way of salary and the balance as poundage fees, the actual amount to be determined by the manner in which the warrant had been closed.

The Chairman, who strongly supported the proposal, said that it would be advisable for the Finance Committee to consider the proposal and go into the matter with the Rate Collectors. The payment of remuneration as arranged at present was unsatisfactory and unfair. But the Council had

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really no facts and figures before that day's meeting. It would be well that the scheme should be considered in detail and the views of the Rate Collectors could be put forward through a small deputation. He moved a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Mr. Corish. This was passed, Mr. McCarthy agreeing that action in his motion be deferred for the present.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr. Kelly:-

"That about six miles of road from Tomnafinchogue turn to Gorey Main Road at CastleEllis through Ballagh be reconstructed at a cost of £6,000 half to be provided by State Grant and the second moiety to be borrowed by the County Council."

He understood that the motion would have to be considered at annual meeting at which Road Works Scheme would be dealt with, and he proposed that the motion be referred to that meeting.

Mr. Corish seconded and the motion was passed.

The Chairman said that in his opinion the main road from Castle Ellis Cross to Blackwater was in a worse condition than the portion referred to in Mr. Kelly's motion.

The County Surveyor said that if one considered endings and twists and turns the Chairman's statement was correct, but the surface was not so bad as the road from Tomnafinchogue referred to in Mr. Kelly's motion. Both roads needed improvement.

The Chairman said that at the Annual Roads Meeting something should be done to provide money for the improvement of the road to which he had referred.

THE POSITION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 7th August, 1936, the following letter (P.H.151906/36 - Loch Garman Ae) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the grant by the Wexford County Council on the 30th June last of two months' leave of absence to Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, in view of his being medically certified as suffering from Nervous Debility, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for your information, that Dr. Bastible visited this Office on yesterday evening, the 6th instant, and made a verbal statement in reply to a communication addressed to him on the 10th June last, regarding a routine matter in connection with a case of Puerperal Sepsis which occurred in Gorey.

In view of Dr. Bastible's action in attending at this Office for the abovementioned purpose, the Minister would be glad to be furnished at the earliest possible moment with particulars of the present position regarding the question of the discharge by Dr. Bastible of the duties of County Medical Officer of Health."

After a long discussion in Committee the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That in reply to their letter of 7th August, 1936, (P.H.151906-36 - Loch Garman (Ae)), the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed that Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, was granted two months' sick leave on medical certificate furnished by Dr. O'Sullivan that he was suffering from nervous debility. The Council understood that Dr. Bastible's relatives were arranging for his treatment in a nursing home.

Before the expiration of the period for which leave was granted, Dr. Bastible attended at the Offices of the County Board of Health for the purpose, he stated, of resuming duty.

The Council wish to point out that Dr. Bastible did not give any prior notice that he intended to resume duty before the expiration of the period for which Dr. O'Sullivan certified that leave was necessary.

In view of the fact that Dr. Bastible according to medical certificate would require two months' leave in order

to recover, the Council are of opinion that he should avail of the full period of leave unless a certificate be furnished that he is fit to resume duty.

That the return of County Medical Officer of Health to duty be subject to Departmental sanction.

That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked, if, in view of all the circumstances, they are of opinion a medical certificate as to the fitness of the County Medical Officer of Health to return to duty should be furnished.

That the Department be asked for a reply to this resolution as soon as possible as the leave of County Medical Officer of Health will expire on 27th August, 1936."

DRAINAGE RATES

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

"We hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of year ending 1st March, 1937, in accordance with amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January, 1927, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May, 1934, No. 9/94/34, amount £83. 7. 10, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended, or their Successors in title."

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

"We hereby strike rate for Sow Drainage Area for year ending 1st March, 1937, in accordance with Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 16th January, 1929, and amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 22nd March, 1933, No. 4672.31, amount £263. 4. 4d to be

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levied on the persons named in Charging Order, or their successors in title. In addition, that a sum of £120 be raised towards cost of maintenance of Sow Drainage Area, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the abovementioned Charging Order or their successors in title, in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the Charging Order."

Under date 24th June 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (F.130103/36 Wexford Co.) that the Minister would not raise any objection to the proposals of the County Council with respect to the collection of the annuity payable under the Charging Order for Kilman-nock Drainage District regarding the "spread-over" of arrears on the understanding that the sums due and paid the Commissioners of Public Works out of County Fund would be collected in full and lodged to credit.

The Secretary stated that the Minister had consented to a similar arrangement for Sow Drainage District.

AUDIT COUNTY WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Under date 17th July 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (A.13714-36) forwarded report of their Auditor on his report of accounts of above Committee for year ended 31st March 1936 with copies of attested abstracts of accounts.

No order.

MILK FATS AND MILK SOLIDS

The Regulations of Milk (Percentage of Milk-fat and Milk Solids) 1936 which accompanied the letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 8th July 1936 (P.H.Circ.89/36) were explained to the meeting by the Secretary.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD

Under date 4th July 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) forwarded (T.R./107/1) Sealed Order authorising the closing of road No. 504 from main road at Edermine to the turn at Borrmount Bridge to enable repairs to be carried out at Edermine Bridge.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - BUTTER SAMPLES

Under date 27th July 1936 the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637-35) that 12 samples of butter taken up - 4 at Enniscorthy, 4 at Bunclody and 4 at Gorey - were certified by County Analyst to be genuine.

HOLIDAYS OF MR. LYNCH, M.R.C.V.S.

Under date, 15th July 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.580436) that no objection would be offered to the temporary employment of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector in South New Ross District during the absence of Mr. Lynch from 1st to 12th July provided the rate of remuneration allowed to him will not exceed that normally payable to Mr. Lynch.

Approved.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1937

Under date 8th July, 1936, (Trg.2/45474) the following was read from the Department of National Education:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo, in which you referred to the proposal that marks for one optional subject only should be counted in respect of the examination for the award of Scholarships, I am directed to state that the Department has given careful consideration to the question and regrets that it is not in a position to modify the arrangements introduced for 1936.

Having regard to the course which successful candidates will normally follow in Secondary Schools, it would be undesirable to limit the scope of the examination by restricting

candidates to one optional subject. If the Council wish to make special provision for the pupils of the smaller schools, it is open to them to submit proposals for the insertion in their scheme of a clause reserving an equitable number of scholarships for such schools; the Department has always been favourable to a proposal of this kind and is, if desired, willing to assist the Council in the formulation of a suitable clause."

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

"That the Department of Education be requested in accordance with the terms of their letter of 8th July 1936 (Trg.2/45474) to submit draft clause to this County Council and which would have the effect of reserving a number of scholarships for smaller schools which are at present unduly handicapped. The Council would be prepared to consider this draft at an early date and to notify their decision as to its acceptance by them or otherwise, without delay."

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

"That in accordance with results of examination of 1936 furnished by Department of Education, Scholarships under Secondary & Vocational Scheme be awarded the following:-

1. John Albert O'Brien, Ballycowan, Tagoat (856 marks).
2. William F. Doyle Drimmagh, Rosslare (746).
3. Elizabeth Devereux, Grange, Broadway (686).
4. Annie Foley, Rathimney, Gusserane (682).
5. Peter Lawless, Camolin (654).
6. Maire O'Brien, Ballymoney, Gorey (640).

and also that Bursaries be awarded the following:-

1. Samuel Jordan, Market Square, Enniscorthy (844 marks).
2. Thomas P. Cullen, 61 South Main Street, Wexford (706).
3. Edward Rutledge, 5 Parnell Street, Wexford (668).
4. Maurice Tracey, 2 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy (660).

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5. Michael A. O'Hanlon, 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy (642).
 6. Timothy T. O'Leary, 31 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford (636)!"

In reply to query the Secretary stated that of the 47 applicants declared by the County Council eligible to compete under the Scheme, 23 passed examination; 18 failed and 6 did not present themselves for examination.

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

"That continuing scholarships for academic year be awarded (subject to the approval of Department of Education) to the following under Secondary and Vocational Scholarships Scheme:-

SCHOLARSHIPS:-

- John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche.
- Laurence Jordan, Ballyvelig, Campile.
- Elizabeth Carty, Donard, Clonroche.
- Mary A. Carroll, Streamstown, Tagoat.
- Margaret O'Leary, Lady's Island.
- Mary Anne O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat.
- Mary T. Mulligan, Craan, Craanford.
- Bridget T. Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.
- Patrick Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway.
- Edward Kavangh, Ballane, Broadway.
- Edwin F. Todd, The Bungalow, Kilrane.
- Gerald W. Fenelon, Church View, Tagoat.
- Katherine O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat.
- Eily O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat.
- Thomas Butler, Mountainmuck, Glynn.
- Patrick Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.
- Alice M. Devereux, Grange, Broadway.

BURSARIES:-

- James A. Leeson, Parnell Street, Wexford.
- Richard McConville, Station House, Enniscorthy.
- Matthew Tracey, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.
- Edward Carty, Bride Street, Wexford.
- John Breen, Coolishal, Gorey.
- Margaret Donovan, High Street, Wexford.
- Patrick J. Byrne, 12 Pearse Street, Gorey.
- Joseph Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey.
- James P. Brennan, 3 Pearse Street, Gorey.
- Edward Kelly, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.
- Hubert Sheil, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.
- Peter Doran, 73 Main Street, Gorey.
- James Doran, do. do. do.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

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

"That Continuing Scholarships under University Scholarship Scheme for 1936-37 be awarded the following:-

W. A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.

Norah O'Sullivan, Camolin.

Thomas Cullimore, Wexford.

James G. Delaney, Parnell Street, Wexford.

William J. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, provided he submits satisfactory explanation in connection with his failure to pass his examination for Agricultural Science."

The Secretary stated that the County Council, at their meeting on 11th May, 1936, had agreed to extend University Scholarship awarded to Miss Johanna Cooney for a fourth year to enable her to secure the Higher Diploma in Education provided she furnished evidence of having secured the degree of B. Comm.

KILMORE LIFE BOAT STATION

Under date 6th August 1936 the Assistant Secretary, Royal National Life Boat Institution, Life Boat House, 42, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1, wrote (FG.T/S) that the Committee of Management of the Institution had decided to provide a 35 foot 6 inch Motor Life Boat for Kilmore station and asked the consent of the Council to put in hands the work at the harbour which was necessary for the efficient handling of the Boat. A drawing showing what they desired to carry out was enclosed.

The County Surveyor said that the proposed work would not interfere with navigation of the harbour in any way.

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

"That, in view of the recommendation of County Surveyor, the request of Royal National Life Boat Institution to carry out work as set out on drawing which accompanied their letter of 6th August 1936 (FG.T/S) in connection with the installa-

tion of Motor Life Boat for Kilmore station be agreed to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT

Under date 4th August, 1936 (RW/203) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that provided a scheme to meet the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health was formulated a Grant of £460 would be available for works for relief of unemployment in New Ross Urban District if a second £460 was contributed from local funds.

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

"That in the event of New Ross Urban District Council agreeing to raise £420 for the relief of unemployment in said district, the County Council will be prepared to direct the County Surveyor to submit a Scheme for the expenditure of £920 to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval. That the New Ross Urban Council be requested to offer recommendations to the County Surveyor as to what reconstruction work they desire to see carried out."

Mr. Thomas Redmond said the New Ross Urban Council would, at their meeting to be held during the week, consider the question of raising the £420 by way of loan and it was almost certain the necessary resolution to do so would be adopted.

NEW ROSS UNEMPLOYED

Under date 25th July 1936, representations as to work for Unemployed in New Ross Urban District at Road Work in the town were received. There were roughly 200 men out of work in the district and only seven were employed on the £4000 improvement job. They considered this was neither

fair nor just and asked the County Council to direct the County Surveyor to push forward the work. They believed that the work of obtaining material in the quarry was at a stand-still. They could not see why townsmen were not employed at the quarry as the town was putting up £2000 of the cost of the reconstruction. They claimed the work as their right and that single men should get equal share with the married, as in some cases, single men had as many dependants as married men. They also asked for a fortnight's shift which was the only way most of the unemployed could secure a share of the work. The manner in which it was being carried out at present was in their opinion, a waste of public money as having no material ready for finishing, the bottoming with the traffic would break up. They strongly objected to have the road metalling tarred in the quarry and then brought to the town, as neither labourers nor carters in the Urban District would get a day's work.

Mr. Corish contended that as New Ross Urban Council were putting up the money for the road improvement, men from the Urban District should be employed in the quarry, and that the material should be mixed with tar on the road and not in the quarry. The estimate for this work was prepared by Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, and it should be assumed he contemplated employing urban labour.

The County Surveyor said if the request regarding the material was agreed to it would mean double handling of all the material and increased cost for cartage.

Mr. Walsh did not like to intervene as he had voted against New Ross Urban Council handing over to the County Council the maintenance and improvements of their streets, but, at the same time, he considered it only just that the labourers in New Ross should get at least as much work as if the Urban Council was still in control seeing that the Urban

Council had to provide £2000 of the money.

Mr. T. Redmond said that New Ross Urban Council, finding they were unable to put the streets in proper condition, asked for a Grant for the purpose. They were told if they were not able to deal with their streets they should hand them over to the County Council. There was no Urban Councillor in favour of that step. A deputation from the Urban Council went to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and were told that unless the Roads were under the supervision of the County Surveyor they would get no Grant. Up to that point the Urban Council had not done anything relative to preparing a Scheme. The Town Surveyor then prepared a Scheme for £5600, but the Department would have nothing to say to it unless the work was under the control of the County Surveyor. When final word came from the Department they were informed that a Grant of £2000 would be forthcoming provided the Urban Council would put up a similar amount and were prepared to hand over the management of all the streets to the County Surveyor. Faced with this alternative, the Urban Council, with the exception of Mr. Walsh, agreed to hand over the streets to the County Surveyor and to raise the money. This being the situation, he did not see how anyone could now interfere with the County Surveyor in the matter. There was no use now in bringing in new conditions and new matters. With regard to the objection as to the manner in which the work was carried out, where in the past did the material come from for the Urban Council:- from County Wicklow, Ballykelly and Carrigbyrne. No one regretted more than he (Mr. Redmond) that there was a single unemployed man in New Ross town, but, once the work was handed over to the County Surveyor he questioned any interference with him by New Ross Urban Council or anyone else. It was a serious matter if the County Surveyor considered that the employment of extra men or changing the procedure of carrying

out the work would mean waste of money.

The County Surveyor agreed with the statement of Mr. Redmond. In the past the Urban District Council obtained their road material from Ballece in County Wicklow and from Ballykelly and Carrigbyrne in County Wexford. He (County Surveyor) was obtaining the bottoming from Ballykelly and the surfacing material from Carrigbyrne, as these were the only suitable quarries within reasonable range of the work. If, as he explained, the mixing with tar was to be carried out on roads it would mean double handling and extra charge for cartage. This would run to an increase of 1/- per yard or 12% in the cost of the material. He joined issue with the last paragraph in the letter. If they did the work piece meal it would cost a great deal more. There were eight or nine men and five carters employed and he contended that the manner in which the work was being dealt with at present was the most efficient and most economical. He also pointed out that when New Ross Urban Council employed a Contractor to provide material from Carrigbyrne, he (County Surveyor) hired the County Council road plant to him in order to facilitate the Urban Council. The proposed fortnight's shift would add to the cost and the work would not be as efficient.

After further discussion, Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Ml. Redmond seconded the following:-

"That in the opinion of the County Council, the County Surveyor is carrying out the Road Work in New Ross Urban district to the best advantage, and is exercising all possible economy coupled with efficiency in this matter."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following which was subsequently withdrawn:-

"That road material for repair of New Ross streets be carted to New Ross town and there mixed with tar."

The County Surveyor in reply to the Chairman said if this proposal was adopted the amount of work would have to

be curtailed by one-eighth.

The resolution of Col. Quin was then put and passed.

SLADE AND FETHARD ROADS

Mr. Michael J. Fortune, Chairman Fethard Fianna Fail Cumann wrote calling attention to the discontent existing amongst ratepayers and the public in general owing to the neglect of the County Council to keep the roads in Slade and Fethard Districts in a better condition. They were a mass of potholes and covered with loose stones and the Cumann requested surface repair should be carried out with as little delay as possible. The road from Campile to the Hook should be seen to first as it was in a shocking state particularly the Hook end. Every other area in the County was far ahead as regards having good road conditions. The Cumann also called attention to the bad state of the Harbours at Fethard and Slade and suggested that the time was opportune to apply to the Government for a grant for them.

The County Surveyor said he was doing all that could be done for these roads with allocation given for them. The Fethard end had been done and a further extension would be dealt with when another improvement grant was available. The only way to carry out satisfactory improvement was by a special proposal in the Road Works Scheme for next financial year.

The question of repair of harbours at Slade and Fethard was referred to the Finance Committee.

CAMPILE TO HOOK ROAD

Mr. Thomas Redmond complained of the condition of the road through Campile to Ramsgrange and on to the Hook. It had to carry heavier lorry and general motor traffic than many main roads and it was most essential that, - in the interests of the travelling public - it should be improved.

It was decided that the repair of this road be the sub-

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ject of a special proposal in next Road Works Scheme.

DUNCANNON ROADS

Mr. P. Sullivan and 12 other residents of Duncannon wrote asking that the road leading along the Strand from Heery's Corner in Duncannon to Ballystraw Hill be put into proper repair and the approach from the village to strand cleaned up, also the road from Garda Barracks to the Strand so that visitors and tourists might have a favourable impression of an out-of-the-way seaside resort in Ireland. It was four years since they had asked any repairs to be done.

The County Surveyor said he was doing what was possible with the money available for the repair of the roads in question. If improvement was to be made an increased allocation should be provided next year.

ROADWAY TO KILLILLA GRAVEYARD

The Blackwater Branch of Fine Gael wrote asking the County Council to have the right-of-way to Killilla graveyard put in such a way that the relatives of deceased persons about to be interred there would have a decent road to the graveyard, as at present people had to walk kneedeep in mud and vehicles could be brought only a certain distance. The outlay would not be great and it would relieve unemployment.

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

"That provided the County Council are legally empowered the repair of laneway at Killilla graveyard be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available. And that copy of letter relative to this matter be furnished the County Board of Health for their consideration."

BALLYGOMAN (BARNTOWN) LANE

Seven ratepayers wrote applying for the repair of about quarter of a mile of laneway at Ballygoman, Barntown, under

Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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

"That application for repair of Ballygoman Lane, Barn-town, be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money is available."

ROADS ETC. IN BALLYMORE DISTRICT

Under date 26th July, 1936, the Secretary of Ballymore branch of the Irish Labour Party called attention to the dangerous state of some of the roads of the district, and also asking for some improvement to be made at the corners of Yoletown and Montfield.

It was decided to point out that no money was available for improvement of corners at the moment and to refer the complaint as to roads to the County Surveyor.

BALLYRANNELL LANE

A memorial numerously signed was submitted by Mr. John Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, for repair of Ballyrannell Lane, which leads from one public road to another, and which Mr. Cullen described as the worst in the County.

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

"That Ballyrannell Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available."

PROPOSED MOTOR PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY.

Mr. Richard O'Brien, Hon. Secretary to Association of Residents and visitors to Ballymoney Sea-side resort forwarded representations to convert an unused strip of commonage into a turning and parking place for Motor cars. The memorialists also mentioned the desirability of providing some rough shelter on the strand.

The Secretary pointed out that the County Council had

no legal power to spend money on the provision of a shelter on strands at seaside places.

The County Surveyor said the ownership of the proposed parking place was in dispute. It would cost a very small sum to widen the road there, but the Council would have to be sure they were safe from legal proceedings if they did so.

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

UNSATISFACTORY ROAD CONTRACTOR

Under date 6th August, 1936, the County Surveyor reported that John Butler, Newbawn, who had been prosecuted and fined for removal of road material from his road, had not attended to any of the following four roads for which he was contractor, viz.:— 602, 603, 604 and 605. In consequence the County Surveyor recommended that the Contracts be cancelled and Butler "black-listed" and given no further employment under the Council. The County Surveyor also asked for directions to determine any arrangements for haulage work made with Butler.

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Michael Redmond seconded the following which was adopted:—

"That the recommendation of the County Surveyor as regards cancellation of the four road contracts and also of haulage contracts held by John Butler, Newbawn, be agreed to. That the neglect of his Road Contracts by this contractor be called to the special attention of next meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee."

LICENCES UNDER POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan:—

"That licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued as follows:—

NEW LICENCE:-

Raymond Doyle, Broadway.

RENEWALS:-

S. Murphy, Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society.

Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

Gerald Murphy, Tacumshane.

Edward Connolly, Bunclody.

F. Daly, Enniscorthy Co-operative Society.

Michael Lacy, Monamolin and

W. J. Haughton, Ferns.

CLEANING UP OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS

The following resolution was received from Mayo County Council:-

"That we, the Mayo County Council, request the Department of Education to make arrangements to have the cleaning of National Schools done by labour otherwise than that of school children, the cost to be borne by the State."

The above resolution was approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish.

Signed... *D. Allen* ... *North Sept. 36* ...