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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 14th DECEMBER 1936.

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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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 Monday, 14th December 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thos. Redmond, P. Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman.

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 £11,541. 3. 11. were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

THE LATE MRS. AGNES SWEETMAN: The Chairman in proposing a vote of sympathy with Mr. M. Sweetman, County Councillor, in the death of his mother said that Mr. Sweetman had suffered the loss of his father lately and he had now to mourn the death of his mother. The sympathy of every member of the Council went out to him.

Col. Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Corish supporting the motion on behalf of the Labour Party said that it was very sad that Mr. Sweetman should lose his father and mother within a few months.

The Secretary associated himself with the vote. Mr. Sweetman had the deep sympathy of every member of the Council and of their staff.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, also offered his sympathy to Mr. Sweetman.



THE LATE MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR: Col. Gibbon proposed a vote of sympathy with Miss Kehoe, sister of the late Mr. John Kehoe who had been Assistant Surveyor with the County Council for very many years and who was respected everywhere throughout the County.

Miss O'Ryran seconded.

Mr. Culleton in support said that he was associated with Mr. Kehoe in the days of the old Wexford District Council and he always found deceased a most courteous official.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Kehoe was a member of the Survey Staff when he (County Surveyor) came to the County and was quite satisfactory. He was well thought of by everyone with whom he came in contact.

The Secretary added his expression of condolence in the death of Mr. Kehoe.

Mr. Colfer proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. Patrick Carty, Rate Collector, on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. O'Hanlon, Gusserane.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

The three motions were adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE MRS. STAFFORD, CROMWELLSFORT, WEXFORD: On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that the following from Mr. James Stafford in reply to vote of sympathy to him on the death of his wife be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

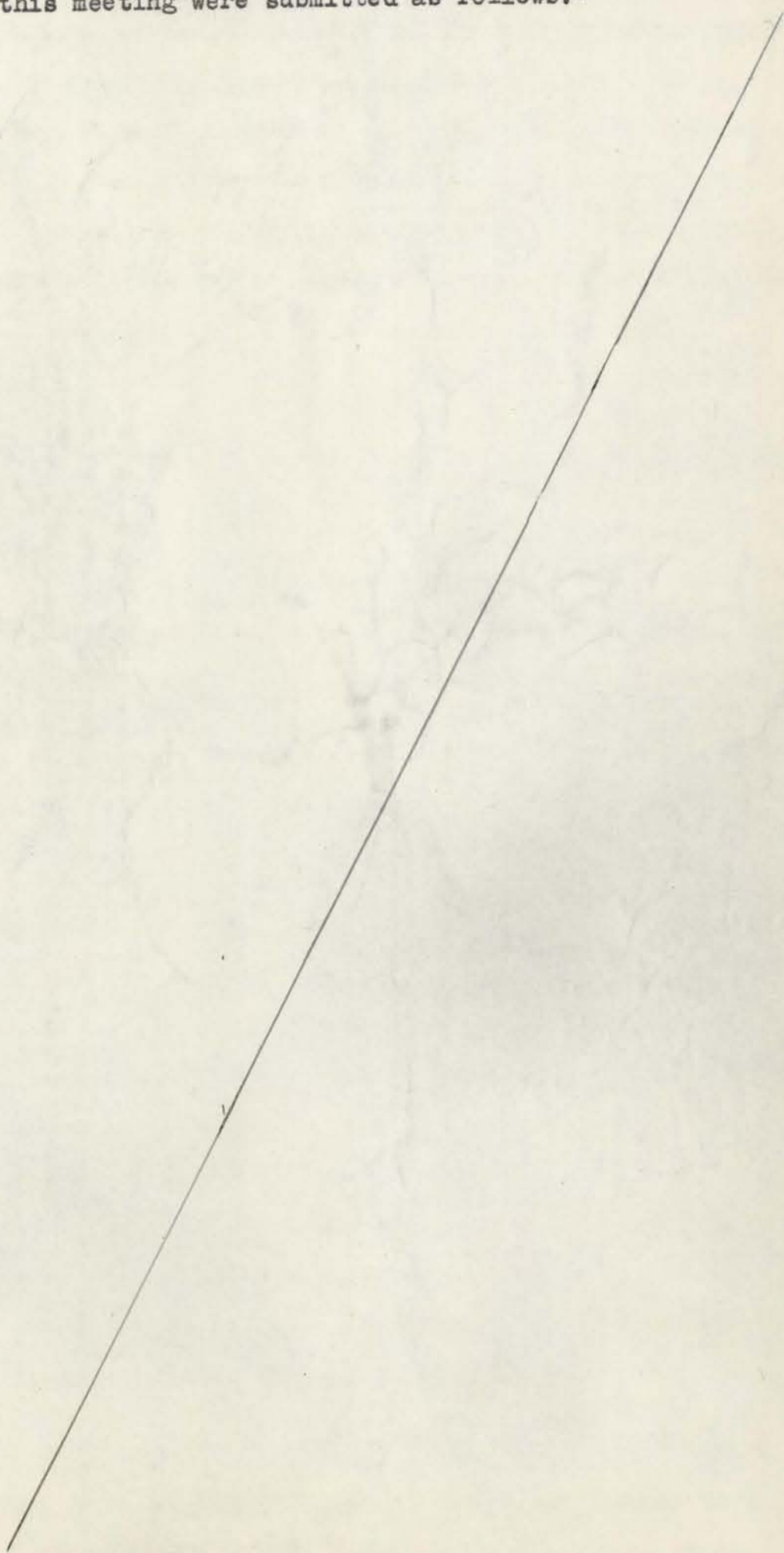
"Please accept my apologies for the delay in acknowledging your kind letter. It was very kind of the County Council to sympathise with us in our bereavement.

I am joined by my family in deep appreciation of the sympathy extended to us. Kindly accept and convey our sincere thanks."



CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING 20th NOVEMBER 1936: Minutes  
of this meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th November 1936.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,645. 8. Od was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection, the percentage collected being calculated on the net warrant excluding arrears:-

E. J. Murphy	53.2
P. Nolan	50.7
S. Gannon	50.5
D. Kenny	49.0
J. Cummins	48.9
A. Dunne	47.4
M. Kehoe	47.2
W. Cummins	46.9
J. Curtis	46.6
J. J. O'Reilly	46.2
W. Doyle	46.2
J. Deegan	44.6
M. McCarthy	43.6
J. Flood	43.4
M. Murphy	40.7
P. Doyle	40.6
P. Carty	39.6
J. Quirke	39.4
J. J. Sinnott	<u>38.3</u>

Average 45.5

The percentage of the Gross Warrant collected was 38.7 as compared with 36.9 at the corresponding period last year.

ILLNESS OF RATE INSPECTOR: Under date 19th November 1936, the Rate Inspector wrote that owing to illness he was unable to attend to his duties for the two previous days. Conse-



quently, he was unable to make a full report on any collection district this fortnight.

#### ROAD WORKS SCHEME

A long discussion took place in connection with the allocations under the Road Works Scheme for financial year 1937/38.

It was pointed out by the County Surveyor that loan charges had increased by £500 in consequence of loan for reconstruction of Carne and Campile Roads.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to allocate £55,755, the same amount as was agreed to for year 1935/36, including £1000 for improvements to be divided so far as was possible equally between the four rural districts.

A direction was given to the County Surveyor to apply extra allocation for next year over the current financial year on improving Third Class roads. In regard to unemployment it was mentioned that road men had secured 10 months work which was an increase contrasted with a long period.

#### TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 14th April last they adopted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to prepare a memorandum which will afford the requisite information to the Council as to the necessary steps to take to put into effect provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Act in so far as same may affect the rural portion of the County Wexford."

In connection with the proposal to consider notice of motion for the adoption of this Act, at next meeting of the County Council, a discussion took place as to various points in its provisions. The Committee decided that the Act, as



regards rural areas, was cumbersome and would be expensive to put into operation, technical officers having to be appointed in order to carry out its provisions.

The meeting also recognised its efficacy so far as Urban districts were concerned, but believed that a much simpler procedure could be adopted in order to secure substantially the carrying out of the provisions of the Act in the rural districts. The Committee also desire to point out to the Council that once a Scheme of Town Planning has been adopted it cannot be revoked and hence, they stress the need for care and caution before any final step in this matter be taken.

The following recommendation was finally decided upon the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That while recognising the necessity and utility of the Town and Regional Planning Act the Committee believe it is not applicable in its present form to rural areas and consider that a much simpler procedure to that set forth in the Act should be adopted. We direct the County Surveyor and County Secretary to consider this situation and submit a draft Scheme which would provide for the erection of suitable buildings in rural areas."

Under date 16th November 1936 the following was submitted from Mr. Elgee:-

"Some time since, I was directed to make a report as to the procedure to be adopted in order to bring the Town Planning Act into Force at Rosslare Strand.

Shortly after I received the instructions to report, Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, attended a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin, when the question of Town Planning was under discussion; and he was then informed that the Department were not disposed to approve of schemes for small districts, such as Rosslare Strand, but would require a scheme to be prepared for the whole County, and then from



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time to time the different districts under that Scheme could be dealt with. The Surveyors were also given to understand that the Department were having a Draft Scheme prepared, which would serve as a precedent for schemes for the different counties.

Mr. Barry informed the next meeting of the Finance Committee as to this.

Having regard to these facts I did not do anything as to making a detailed report on the matter, as I did not consider anything could be done until the Draft Scheme had been issued by the Department; and the Council, if they considered it advisable, passed a resolution putting the Act in force for the entire County."

#### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT. WAGES AGREEMENT.

Under date 12th November 1936, the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade & Industries Branch), Lord Edward Street, Dublin, wrote (T.I.E.310) calling attention to the provisions of Section 50 of the Conditions of Employment Act 1936, governing registration in the Wages Agreement Register of wages agreements under that Section.

This communication explained in detail the nature of the agreements which were suitable and necessary for Registration.

Mr. Kelly said that as no new agreement had been made since the passing of the Act it was not necessary to take any steps.

No order.

#### OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of the period of overdraft for a further three months from the 30th November, 1936 at £35,000."



### EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

In connection with the proposal of the County Council to raise a loan of £2520 - their share of the cost of the Scheme under the above Vote - letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 18th November 1936 (RU/203/32) asking that a resolution of the Council relative to the raising of the loan should be passed, in the terms set out in their communication. It also pointed out that redemption of the loan would have to be made in three years.

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

"That in connection with Loan under Employment Relief Schemes Vote 1936/37 (Road Works) the draft resolution submitted by the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be recommended to the next meeting of the County Council for adoption and we also recommend the Council to agree to repay this loan within three years as requested by the Department."

The following is the resolution which the Finance Committee recommended to the County Council for adoption:-

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



SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision as conveyed in letter of 12th October 1936 (H.198115/36 Loch Garman) refusing to allow relative to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts the value of site of house up to a maximum of £20 to be taken into consideration when fixing amount of loan. If this concession be not approved, the operation of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in the County will be seriously hampered and accordingly we would request favourable reconsideration for this proposal to include this small amount in making advances to applicants."

RETURN OF THE COLLECTION OF INSTALMENT OF LOANS: Amount outstanding on above is £206. 18. 5d to 30th September 1936.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, should proceed for the recovery of rent in three cases in which, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, the arrears to 30th September 1936 were in excess:-

James Sexton, Boolabawn, Glynn.  
12 months at £1. 0. 8d = £12. 8. 0d.

James Murphy, New Road, Gorey.  
9 months at 15/6d = £6. 19. 6d.

Mrs. B. Mangan, Glenbough, Screen.  
6 months at 16/10d = £5. 1. 10d.

FUTURE MORTGAGES: It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that future mortgages should contain a provision to have rents paid monthly and not six-monthly as obtained up to the present.

LOAN FOR HOUSE: In connection with proposed loan of £100 to Joseph O'Leary, 5 St. John Street, Enniscorthy, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That owing to the fact that the full amount of money



allocated for the districts of New Ross and Wexford has not been taken up, any balance of loan to Mr. O'Leary<sup>not</sup> available from Enniscorthy district be taken from credit balance in any of the three districts viz., Gorey, New Ross and Wexford."

#### OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES

Under date 11th November 1936, the County Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, wrote that so far as he could see, nothing further could be done to compel the owners of the Head Rents, payable out of the old courthouse premises to show Title to them.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the Secretary stated that the Council had purchased interests representing £77. 6. 6d per annum at a cost of £1599. 11. 0. There remained an additional ground rent of £103. 9. 6d which at 20 years purchase should be redeemed for £2067.

#### GROUND RENTS COUNTY HALL

In connection with the ground rents of County Hall, Wexford, which housed practically all the County offices, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, furnish to next meeting of the County Council a list of the holders of ground rents for County Hall and ascertain if they are willing to dispose of same to the Council."

#### PROPOSED STOREROOM FOR COUNTY WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Under date 6th November 1936 the following resolution was submitted from the above Committee:-

"That we, the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, request the County Council to provide a store room and thereby obviate the necessity for our storing equipment in the passages of the County Hall."

This matter was referred to County Surveyor who stated that extra storage accommodation was also required by the



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County Council for accumulated files and documents. He would submit a report in the matter to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### BALLYCULLANE POUND

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that there were negotiations still to be concluded with the Land Commission by Mr. P. Power, owner of above Pound let to the County Council. When these had been concluded the agreement as to the letting of the Pound could be signed by the County Council and Mr. Power.

#### BUNCLODY POUND

Letter (undated) was read from George Cuffe, Pound-keeper, Bunclody, that the pound wall had fallen and until it had been repaired the place could not be utilised for impounding stock.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee should communicate with the Agents for Mr. Hall-Dare, the reputed owner of the Pound, and ascertain exactly the position as regards the use of the Pound by the County Council, when occasion arose. Also, if Mr. Hall-Dare will be prepared to hand over the premises to the County Council in the event of their carrying out the necessary repairs to the wall.

#### COUNTY GUIDE

Under date 6th November 1936, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, wrote asking for the sole rights from the Council to issue an official Guide of the County Wexford, if possible, covering the years 1937 to 1940 inclusive.

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

"That application of the Irish Tourist Association for the sole rights to publish official Guide of the County



Wexford for years 1937/40 (inclusive) be recommended to the Council for adoption, provided that copy of Guide is submitted to the Council for approval before publication."

#### COMPLAINT OF FLOODING OF PREMISES

Mrs. Eliza Forrestal, Newtown, Grange, wrote under date 6th November 1936 complaining of her land being, she stated, flooded by Newtown lane shores which were illegally cut in adjoining lands without her authority.

She had complained to the Surveyors and Road Ganger without effect.

The County Surveyor said he had seen the place and did not think the County Council had any liability in the matter. However, he would obtain a detailed report from the Assistant Surveyor.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter for this report.

#### WORKMENS' RECORD CARDS

The County Surveyor stated that the County Secretary and himself agreed it would take a clerk two days per fortnight to keep workmens' record cards up to date and that extra clerical assistance to cover this work in the County Surveyor's Department should be provided.

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

"That, in order to allow of Workmens' Yearly Record Cards to be written up after each Finance Committee meeting the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction an allocation for this work of £3 up to 31st December and £26 for year from 1st January 1937 to 31st December 1937. This will allow of two or (occasionally) three days for clerical Assistant engaged at this work. That the usual allocation of £50 per annum for clerical assistant required from the date on which Separate Paying Orders were issued to individual road and quarry workers be also agreed to."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th November 1936 be received and considered."

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

Col. Gibbon said that last year they cut down the Road Estimate as it was understood there would be an increase in the County Board of Health and of other Public Bodies so as not to increase the rate on farmers. He hoped that the figures of increase for Roads suggested by the Finance Committee would be balanced by reductions in other services so that the rates for the coming year should not show any increase.

Their roads were being improved every year and no one wanted to see enormous improvements at very big expense. There had been no tar spraying this year and he wished to know how this item stood for next year.

The County Surveyor said that so far as money would allow tar spraying would be carried out.

Col. Gibbon continuing hoped sufficient money would be allocated for the repair of roads which had been so badly damaged by beet traffic. He believed, seeing they were improving roads every year there should be no increase in the road rate this year. They should not try to do too much as this could only be effected at the expense of the ratepayers. He hoped the Chairman and Mr. Corish who were T.Ds. would be able to tell the Council if Wexford was getting its full share of Road Tax fund.

The Chairman said he could assure Col. Gibbon that they were certainly receiving all they were entitled to from the Road Fund.

Mr. M. Redmond said that the roads in his district were deteriorating and unless some increase was provided



they would deteriorate further with the result that considerable hardship would be inflicted on ratepayers and the travelling public.

The Chairman said that when the finance committee had the matter before them they felt that owing to the demands for improvement on roads in the county they should allocate something more this year and what they recommended was the standard rate for the six years previous to last year. They cut the amount last year because they knew that the other public services had gone up, and in order to tide, as far as possible the ratepayers over a difficult period. He did not think they could give any guarantee that the cost of other public services would fall; he hoped they would not increase much. The County Council would agree that a big number of roads in the County needed more material if at all possible, so they thought they would be justified this year in putting up the road estimate to what it was in years previous to last year.

Mr. T. Redmond asked if the County Surveyor could hold out any hope or promise that the third and fourth class roads in the New Ross area could be dealt with a little more generously than in the last three or four years. If any roads in the county were worse, they must be in a terrible state. He was bringing forward the matter in the interests of farmers that they heard so much about and who were using these roads. In reply to their demand he asked if they were satisfied to pay a little more rates and they said they were perfectly satisfied.

The County Surveyor said that the amount *recommended* by Finance Committee viz. £55,755 was made up as follows:-



<u>MAIN ROADS:</u>				£
Maintenance.	.	.	.	32,615.
Contingencies	.	.	.	980.
Relief Grant repayment loan	.			941.
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TOTAL				£34,536.

<u>COUNTY ROADS:</u>				
Maintenance.	.	.	.	19,299
Improvement.	.	.	.	1,000
Contingencies	.	.	.	920
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TOTAL				£21,219

GROSS TOTAL £55,755.

The following exclusive of the £941 repayment for Relief Grant were the annual amounts of instalments on loans:- Rosslare Road £224; Camblin Road £448; Gorey-Courtown Road £696; Carne & Killinick Road £309; Campile Road £251; Kiltelaly Road £350 (no sanction for this has yet been received from the Department of Local Government & Public Health); Mountgarrett Bridge £665; Waterford Bridge £435 and Deeps Bridge £278. Total £3,656.

The allocation for main roads was the same as for last year; third class roads showed an increase of £1,800. and fourth class roads an increase of £1,038. There was no allocation for Improvement last year and the Finance Committee recommended £1,000 for this year. None of this would be spent on main roads. He estimated that what be described as the Mens' Holiday Fund as provided by the provisions of the Conditions of Employment Act would cost about £600. As far as work was concerned they would have nothing to show for this money but it would probably result in more efficiency being displayed and the men would be more content. They would have to pay about £800 for Insurance - an enormous figure. He could not see how the meeting could reduce



the allocation. Any reduction in the main roads' estimate would mean a reduction in the Government's Maintenance Grant.

The Chairman said it was for the Council to decide whether they would adopt or adjourn the scheme. If they adopted it they could at a subsequent meeting allocate the amounts to be spent on the individual roads and works.

Mr. Corish complained of the reduction for Wexford Urban Roads by 75% of amount allowed last year. Seeing that the general estimate had increased he believed Wexford Urban would not be fairly treated unless it received the same amount as last year £420. The allocation of £300 for these urban roads seemed to him to be ridiculous.

Col. Gibbon thought the best thing to do would be to pass the total amount and refer the estimate back to the County Surveyor as they did for several years past and let him submit to the Council at the next meeting detailed suggestions for each road.

Mr. Corish said he felt inclined to vote against the motion suggested by Col. Gibbon unless Wexford Urban got the same amount as last year. There was no greater cut in any part of the County and he ( Mr. Corish ) did not consider it reasonable.

The Co. Surveyor having explained how he arrived at the various figures said that so far as Wexford Urban was concerned he was tied down for the main roads as the same amount as last year had been estimated so that the County Council would not lose their 40% Maintenance Grant. The roads in this urban district had been dealt with in the allocation in the same way as other similar roads in the County.



Mr. Corish said he could understand the County Surveyor's action if Wexford Corporation had ever received a sufficient allocation to keep their streets in a proper state. However, he would not stand in the way of any resolution as he would reserve his right to raise the question of the allocation to Wexford Urban at a future meeting.

Col. Gibbon then proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That this meeting approves of a total road estimate of £55,755. for next financial year in accordance with the recommendations submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor. That the latter present for examination detailed figures for expenditure on each individual road at the January meeting of the Council."

The Chairman said that at next meeting any particular item could be raised and discussed.

Mr. Corish said he would look for more money for Wexford Urban and the Chairman said if it were granted it would have to come out of the "pool".

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT: The Secretary said that Mr. Corish had given notice of motion for the adoption of the Act but when informed of the decision of the Finance Committee he allowed his motion to hold over for the present.

Mr. Corish said he quite realised the difficulties which confronted the Finance Committee and their reluctance to put the Act into operation as once it was adopted the Council would have to proceed with it. He also realised that it would involve certain appointments of officials which the Council were not at present prepared to make. It was a splendid measure so far as Urban areas were concerned. He wondered when future consideration was to be given to the matter if



they could induce the Minister to permit of the Act being put into operation piecemeal in rural districts especially in seaside resorts such as Rosslare and Courtown which were visited by cross-channel tourists so that suitable buildings be erected and no "ribbon" building allowed. That he believed was as far as the County Council should be asked to go. It would be a colossal job to put the Act as it stood into force in all Rural areas of the County. Besides, the Act would not be applicable or suitable for some rural areas. If something on the lines he suggested could be done the requirements of the Act would be fulfilled so far as their seaside resorts were concerned. Apart from every-  
~~th~~ thing else the Act in its present form might cause hardship to farmers - a result which the County Council did not want.

Mr. Culleton said that something to regulate the erection of buildings in seaside resorts was necessary. Some of the buildings put up recently - in one of them at least - were really an eyesore.

The Chairman said it was important something should be done and he suggested that a resolution be adopted asking the Minister to bring in amending legislation which would make the Act applicable to such rural areas as County Councils considered advisable.

Miss O'Ryan proposed a resolution on the lines suggested by the Chairman.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion was adopted.

The County Surveyor said the Act was most complicated and unless there was some simplification of its provisions he would require specific instructions as to what he should do.



OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES: Miss O'Ryan said this matter had been under consideration over and over again and it was vexatious to have to pay heavy ground rents on property from which they derived no advantage. There certainly should be some legislation by which they could secure title to the place.

The Chairman suggested that they should raise the matter with the Auditor. He might surcharge the Council for paying rent without title.

Mr. Corish said as the Circuit Judge had given a decree against the County Council when they refused to pay the rents they could hardly raise the question of title now.

He proposed that the facts be laid before the Minister for Justice and that he be asked for his advice.

Mr. O'Byrne who seconded said before the Council received compensation for the burning of the old courthouse they had to give a guarantee that they would redeem the rents. Now, they were prevented carrying out the undertaking in the matter and did not know who the holders of these ground rents were.

The resolution was put and passed.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th November 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved.

MEETING - 4th December 1936: The Minutes of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th December 1936.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4371. 5. 2d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

P. Nolan	56.7
S. Gannon	54.0
J. Cummins	54.0
E. J. Murphy	53.6
J. Curtis	53.0
A. Dunne	51.6
W. Doyle	51.5
J. Flood	51.5
W. Cummins	51.2
D. Kenny	50.8
J. J. O'Reilly	50.0
M. McCarthy	49.9
M. Kehoe	49.7
J. Deegan	49.2
P. Doyle	48.8
P. Carty	46.1
M. Murphy	46.0
J. J. Sinnott	43.9
J. Quirke	43.7

The percentage of the Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 42.8, an improvement of 3.5% on the corresponding period last year.

The Secretary stated that lists in respect of first moiety rate outstanding were being furnished by the Rate Collectors. He intended interviewing four or five of the most backward Collectors.

The Meeting approved the course suggested by the



ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 4th December 1936 Collector Quirke (District No. 1) wrote that owing to serious illness he had been unable to attend to his duties for the past four weeks. If the Committee required he would furnish medical certificate.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said to his knowledge Mr. Quirke had been ill for the period mentioned.

REPORT RATES INSPECTOR: The Rates Inspector reported that during the past fortnight he had visited Collection District No. 16 (Collector J. J. Sinnott). There were a number of ratepayers in the area who had not paid the first moiety, but the majority of these had late threshings and the Collector was confident he would secure payment in all these cases. Except for the derelict holdings small payments had been made on most of the other backward cases. Many of these holdings were let each year by Auctioneers and the proceeds divided between Rates and Annuities. Some of these lettings had yet to take place. Better progress had been made in these cases than at this time last year.

Details of the arrears were submitted.

POUNDAGE OF COLLECTORS: The following under date 19th November 1936 (G.228962/36 - 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 refer to your letter of the 14th instant, and to state that he will raise no objection to the application to the current year's collection of the following portion of the resolution passed by the Council on the 9th instant, viz.

"That 75% of poundage to Collectors be paid when a sum equivalent to 40% of the first moiety along with arrears applicable to the 1935/36 Warrant has been collected, provided the requisite amount be lodged by 15th November, 1936. That Collectors who lodge a sum equivalent to the first moiety and the arrears applicable to the 1935/6 assessment by the 15th December, 1936 be paid full poundage. That Collectors who by 15th March, 1937, lodge a sum representing 75% of the current warrant and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment be paid 80% of poundage."



It should be understood, however, that final payment in any cases where the warrants are not closed by the 31st March must be submitted for prior sanction. In submitting proposals for final payment a Schedule might be furnished showing how far the Collectors have complied with the interim conditions, the payments already made and the amounts of the final payments proposed."

It was decided that three Collectors, P. Nolan, E. J. Murphy and John M. Curtis, who had made the stipulated lodgments be paid full poundage on the sum represented by the equivalent of the first moiety of the current rate and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment.

FLOODED LANDS: In connection with application of several land holders in the townlands of Fisherstown and Great Island (through Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross) for refund of rates on lands owned by them and which had become completely submerged during the past year as result of several breaches having been made in the banks of the river Barrow.

Mr. Kelly had pointed out "Constant representations had been made to the proper authority to have the breaches repaired, but so far nothing had been done and, consequently it is a great hardship having to pay for lands in their occupation rendered useless as a result of the banks of the river being ineffective in keeping out the tide".

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, who had been instructed to communicate with the Kilkenny County Council as to what had been done by them with regard to flooding under similar circumstances in County Kilkenny, submitted letter from the Secretary Kilkenny County Council who, under date 1st December 1936, wrote that certain tenants of the lands at Aylwardstown had been allowed a reduction in their rates on an apportionment basis covering valuation of holdings. For instance a man held 100 acres and if it were found on the following survey that 25 acres were under water one fourth of the assessment on the land was allowed. For some years



with the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health - similar allowances had been made in respect of lands at Ballylogue, The Rower.

The Finance Committee decided it would not be advisable to recommend the County Council to remit rates on these flooded lands as the Council were not in any way responsible for the flooding.

Under date 30th November 1936 Mr. Vincent A. Doyle, Brandon, New Ross, wrote that he had refused to pay rates on his land at Marsh Meadows owing to it being flooded for the past twelve months every 14 days, the water remaining on it for from four to six days each time, so that it was derelict. He wished to know why the Irish Land Commission repaired the breaches in Karney Bay, County Kilkenny, if they were not prepared to do the same for the people at Camblin, County Wexford. He had kept his bank drains and sluices in perfect order but this expenditure was no use owing to the breaches in the banks further out. There were about 1000 acres involved in this area.

The County Surveyor said the main embankment had been repaired when a heavy storm and spring tide breached it again. He was applying to the Office of Public Works for the money to make a new repair. When the Inspector of the Office of Public Works was down there money was not available but he (County Surveyor) expected it would be obtained soon. Inside of the main section there was a subsidiary embankment. He did not know who owned the land affected by this; there appeared to be some "mix-up" in the title but nothing could be done on any such schemes unless the signatures of owners of the land were forthcoming. The money which repaired the main embankment had been furnished by Minor Relief Scheme and the County Council had no responsibility in the matter.

It was decided that the Rate Collector be instructed to collect the rates in this case.



ABATEMENT FORMS - AGRICULTURAL GRANT: It was decided that the following be employed for the purpose of bringing amalgamated Rate Lists up to date and issuing forms of abatement in connection with relief of rates on agricultural land for Agricultural Grant:- Thomas O'Rourke, 16 John Street, Enniscorthy; James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross and John Warner, Slaney Street, Wexford.

GROUND RENTS COUNTY HALL

Under date 30th November 1936, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had investigated the Title to the above Rents and found they were in order. The different owners are prepared to sell their respective Interests in the property to the County Council at the sum proposed, viz.: - twenty years' purchase in each case.

Miss O'Ryan gave notice of motion in connection with loan of £4151 to cover amount required to redeem the above rents. This will be considered at meeting of County Council on 11th January 1936.

BUNCLODY POUND

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter under date 2nd December 1936 from Messrs. Stopford and Turner, agents for Mr. R. W. Hall Dare, relative to above Pound. They stated that Mr. Hall Dare did not see his way to disturb the existing arrangements at present as Michael Cuffe, the Pound Keeper, had been in his employment for a great number of years. As regards the condition of the wall, Mr. Hall Dare would make an examination of this.

It was decided that the County Surveyor and County Solicitor interview Mr. Hall Dare and explain that the County Council were concerned only with having the Pound put into repair and had no intention of disturbing the present Pound Keeper.



GOREY POUND

In reply to query Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor said he had had two interviews with Messrs. Huggard Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors for John Valentine, who claimed to be the owner of Gorey Pound, but they were unable to produce any title for Mr. Valentine. Neither could he find any conveyance of the premises to the Grand Jury or to Valentine. It appeared as an item only on the rental of the Kirk estate. He would, however, have a further examination made of the old Grand Jury Abstracts and make a supplemental report.

BALLYCULLANE POUND

Under date 30th November 1936, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had seen Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors for the owner of this Pound. They informed him they were selling a plot adjoining the Pound to the Office of Public Works for the purpose of a Garda Barracks, and when these proceedings were closed (which they expected would be early in the New Year) they would be able to deal with the County Council.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS

The Secretary reported that in reply to advertisement for quotations for printing Rate Books for next financial year only one tender had been received, that of Redmond Bros. Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, at £33, the same amount as last year.

This tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

J. Kent, Rochestown, Foulksmills, wrote applying for transfer of loan of £205 provisionally awarded to William Colfer, Coolboy, Foulksmills as Mr. Colfer was not in a position to proceed at present with the erection of house. If loan were granted to him he would begin work in the near future.



Mr. Colfer, who said he had seen both men and the facts were as stated in Kent's application proposed that the transfer be agreed to.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion was adopted.

CLAIM BY MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

The following under date 28th November 1936 was read from Messrs. Stephen Hayes (Clerk County Council Offices), Thomas Cullen (Assistant Surveyor) and Denis Radford (Senior Clerk in County Surveyor's Office):-

"In accordance with the Resolution of the County Council of 30th July 1934, we, the undersigned, make application for amounts due under Section 2, Sub-Sections 1 and 5 of Local Government Act 1936.

The amount in case of T. Cullen is for the period from 30th January 1923 to 15th March 1923 is £25. 3. 0; S. Hayes for period 6th July 1922 to 17th September 1923 at £3 per week; D. Radford for period 9th July 1922 to 19th January 1924 at £2 per week.

The periods mentioned in all cases have been sanctioned by Department of Local Government and Public Health in their circular letter No. G.19629/1933 date 17th July 1933."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Hayes was absent for 62 weeks at £3 per week so that the amount forfeited was £186.

According to period furnished by Department of Defence Mr. Radford was released on Christmas Eve 1923. Mr. Radford returned to duty after reinstatement on 20th January 1924. Amount payable to Mr. Radford (£2 per week) up to date of release was £152. 11. 5. If the amount were calculated to date of resumption of duty it would be £160.

Mr. T. Cullen was entitled to £25. 3. 0d for  $6\frac{2}{7}$  weeks at £4 per week. At the County Council meeting on 9th October 1933 the following motion was lost by 14 votes to 9:-  
"That Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be paid £25. 3s.



amount to which he is entitled under Section of Local Government Act 1933".

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

"That the amounts claimed by Messrs. Hayes, Radford and Cullen, viz., £186, £160 and £25. 3. Od respectively, be allowed subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under Local Government Act 1936"

#### COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

In connection with resolution of County Council asking sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for grant of £60 to provide an extra Assistant for a period of six months, the following under date 1st December 1936 (G.232338/36 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 refer to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of a Library Assistant, and to state that the procedure for the filling of posts of this kind is by way of advertisement and competitive examination. It is not, therefore, considered that the Library Committee should be committed to make an appointment for which there would appear to be a permanent need, unless the arrangements for the future were settled on such a definite basis as would enable the expenditure on staff to be met without affecting the amounts available for development and book supply. The method of financing the Council's Library Service adopted in the past does not appear to have worked satisfactorily, either from the point of view of the Council or the Library Committee. The Minister considers that the more satisfactory course from the view point of both would be to place at the disposal of the Committee in each year the produce of a definite rate in the £ sufficient to meet reasonable staff and supply services.

If this course were adopted and an understanding reached to cover a definite period of years, the Committee would be obliged to keep development within such limits as would forestall any question of supplemental grants and if such a question did subsequently arise the Council, in the Minister's view, would be fully justified in rejecting an application.

The present position appears to be one in which further discussions might, with advantage, take place between the bodies concerned. It might be considered, having regard to the present development of the Library Service, whether an additional assistant, not necessarily permanent in status to render continuous service from year to year, is necessary and if so, whether an alteration is necessary in the financial arrangements so as to guarantee a steady and uninterrupted supply of funds for the service within the limits permissible.



by a revised rate."

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

"We recommend the County Council to allocate for the next five years as from 1st April 1937 to County Library Committee the produce of  $\frac{5}{8}$  of a penny Rate on County at Large, this amount to replace the present grant of Rate produced by one halfpenny in £ on County at Large plus extra grant of £100 voted for this service for years past. The new allocation must be regarded in the opinion of this Committee as covering all commitments of the Library Committee for the five years referred to in this resolution."

#### BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 28th November 1936 Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, wrote on behalf of Mrs. Mary A. Cheevers, Ballyhack, Arthurstown, that a wall which was being erected by the County Council, would prevent his client having access to a small quarry, her property, which she used, and also from drawing seaweed from the strand. Unless the matter was rectified, proceedings for damages would be taken against the County Council.

The County Surveyor said he would be able to meet the wishes of Mrs. Cheevers in this matter.

#### REMOVAL BEACH MATERIAL

Under date 27th November 1936 the following was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch, 14 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letters of the 24th ultimo and 14th instant regarding the removal of beach material from the foreshore between Ballynaclash and Ballynamona and to point out that as the foreshore in question is State property no person is entitled to remove beach material therefrom



I am to add that the Minister, in view of the existing condition of the foreshore, is unable to entertain applications for the removal of large quantities of material such as would be required for building purposes and the repair of Council roads but is prepared to consider applications for the removal of limited quantities for use by adjoining landowners for their own purposes."

The County Surveyor said he had arranged that no further material for maintenance of roads would be taken from the section of the foreshore referred to in the letter of the Department as he had made other arrangements for supply of road metal. He would establish a dump for material from the Ballagh quarry at Blackwater and would have stone prepared there. He would employ horse haulage for drawing if at all possible.

It was decided to inform the Department of Industry and Commerce that the County Council would not take any further material for repair of roads from the section of beach referred to in letter of Department of Industry and Commerce.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

MOORING POSTS: Letter under date 1st December 1936 was read from the Courtown Harbour Committee asking for erection of five mooring posts without delay. A vessel, the "Ivy P" had arrived with a cargo of coal and if weather went bad, she was liable to suffer serious damage.

The County Surveyor said he was waiting for the rails from the Railway Company and had been informed they would not be available till the New Year. He could not put down the mooring posts until the rails were first laid.

It was decided to inform the Courtown Harbour Committee accordingly.



DREDGING OF BASIN: Mr. W. H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, wrote stating that the harbour had silted between the piers for want of a chain for the crane. The inner harbour had not been dredged as promised and it was a trap for vessels between the piers for loading and discharging in Winter. No chains had been provided for the safety of a vessel mooring.

The County Surveyor said he had been in Courtown recently and found the Channel was in good order.

It was decided to inform Mr. Kearon that he should in future address his representations to the Courtown Harbour Committee.

#### GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Under date 23rd November 1936 Mr. T. Powell, Principal, Gorey Technical School, wrote asking the County Surveyor to inspect the side walk fronting the building for the purpose of getting advice, on the arrangements which would be acceptable to the County Council for the erection of temporary fencing on fair days only, to prevent the soiling of walls and railings by cattle.

The County Surveyor said that in January last a resolution had been adopted that no barriers should be erected on the footpath opposite the Technical School without the special permission of the Council and objection was taken to having holes let in to the footpath for posts.

The Chairman suggested that it was possible to have an efficient barrier without putting holes in the path.

After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor should have a further consultation with the Principal of Gorey Technical School in the matter.

#### PROPOSED SALE OF BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, under date 1st



December 1936 that the owners of above quarry for whom they were acting would be glad to know if the County Council were prepared to make an offer for its purchase and at what price.

The County Surveyor said the Council paid a royalty for the material taken out of the quarry and it would be advisable to purchase if it could be obtained at a reasonable figure. They could not, however, think of paying at the same rate as for St. Helen's quarry as in that case they had to pay for the removal of a house.

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Messrs. Sinnott & Co., and inform them the Finance Committee recommend the Council not to entertain the proposal for the purchase of Ballybrennan quarry unless the price was reasonable. That Messrs. Sinnott & Co. be asked to name a figure acceptable to their clients."

#### INSURANCE - POTENTIAL LIABILITY - HORSE HAULAGE

Under date 28th November 1936 the County Surveyor wrote that in May last the Finance Committee directed him to arrange about insurance for horse hauliers working under the Council and obtained temporary cover pending final settlement. Subsequently, the Council decided that the cost of the insurance was too high for such a remote risk, and, accordingly cancelled the cover. The insurance company had now furnished a claim for £10. 9. 0d for the three months while cover was in force.

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

"That the sum of £10. 9. 0 be paid Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, for three months' cover for insurance of potential liability for horse hauliers."



### SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 2nd December 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.238823/36 Loch Garman) sanctioning overdraft with County Treasurer at £35,000 up to 31st January 1936.

### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

James Hayden, Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford District, furnished the names of 26 persons who, he believed, had not carried out the dipping of their sheep for the Autumn period.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the names be submitted by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, and that the latter be asked if he can furnish any information in regard to the report.

### RECORDS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT 1936 ETC.

Under date 30th November 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RM/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the arrangement proposed by the Finance Committee for the provision of clerical assistance in connection with the compilation of records under the Conditions of Employment Act and preparation of Paying Orders for road workers up to 31st December 1937.

### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 2nd December 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (MT.209/32) offering no objection to the proposal to pay additional remuneration at the rate of £1 per week to Mr. P. M. Donohoe, whilst acting as substitute for the Local Taxation Officer during the latter's three weeks' annual holiday.

Under date 1st December 1936, Mr. John J. O'Leary, 1 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, wrote asking for employment for the month of January 1937 as Clerical Assistant in the office of



Local Taxation Officer. He was married with a wife and seven children and was at present unemployed.

The Finance Committee decided to make no order as requisition for extra assistance had not been received to the present from Local Taxation Officer.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to application to be made at Enniscorthy District Court on the 10th December 1936 for admission to an industrial school of Mary Fortune, Ballincash, Oulart, aged 12. Both parents were alive, the father being a labourer in receipt of 8/- per week wages, which had to support a family of seven.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 3rd December 1936 Miss Nancy Hickey, University Scholar, wrote that she had taken up residence in Loreto Hall, Stephen's Green, Dublin, as directed by the County Council.

#### ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME - ROAD FENCING

The County Surveyor reported that in connection with Rosslare Sewerage Scheme the contractor was bound to restore the road which was very bad at present. He considered that the road would be restored in a better manner by the County Council than by the Sewerage Contractor and he asked to be empowered to make an arrangement in the matter with the contractor.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to arrange with the contractor for the laying of sewerage pipes etc. in Rosslare Strand for the restoration of the road which was opened for the purposes of the Scheme."



The County Surveyor said that as regards the fencing of the widened roadway and footpath at Rosslare Strand made in connection with the Rosslare Strand Sewerage Scheme, he had intended to have standardized fencing put down, but he had changed his mind and considered it would be more advisable to allow the people concerned to erect their own boundary walls, subject to the work being carried out to his satisfaction. He intended advertising the matter and allowing the people to put up their own fencing when they had satisfied him. The cost would be arranged at a standard figure.

The meeting approved of the County Surveyor's suggestion.

#### KILMORE QUAY LIFE BOAT STATION

The County Surveyor was empowered to arrange regarding plans, etc. in connection with extra portion of land required by the Lifeboat Institution in connection with installation of new motor lifeboat on Kilmore Quay Station.

#### STORAGE ACCOMMODATION AT COUNTY HALL

The County Surveyor said that storage accommodation was required for accumulated records of the County Council and for the County Vocational Education Committee, and he proposed to provide two store rooms 18 feet by 16 feet at a cost of £60.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the County Surveyor's proposals in the matter were approved.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 4th December 1936 as submitted by the Secretary be received and considered.

RATE COLLECTION.- COLLECTORS POUNDAGE: The Secretary in reply to query said that under the concession given by the Department of Local Government and Public Health three collectors, P. Nolan, J. M. Curtis and E. J. Murphy had been paid and all others who reached the standard set by the Department by the 15th December would also be paid.

The Chairman said that the Collectors were satisfied with the new arrangements regarding their remuneration and the Council also appreciated the concession which had been made by the Department.

FLOODED LANDS AND PREMISES: It was decided this matter should be considered in Committee.

In connection with the flooding at Great Island and Fisherstown the Land Commission wrote under date 5th December 1936 (P.A. 74629/36) that they had no liability for the repair or maintenance of the drainage works. The tenants at Great Island whose lands were affected by the embankment entered into an agreement with the former landlord on 20th May 1908 to be responsible for the up-keep and repair of the embankment. A similar agreement in respect of the embankments at Fisherstown was entered into by the tenants when they purchased their holdings under the Land Act 1903. In view of these agreements the question did not arise in connection with the sale proceedings of the estates of retaining any sums from the purchase monies for the maintenance of the embankments, etc, in these townlands. On consideration of the damage recently sustained by the works on these estates the Land



Commission had sanctioned towards the necessary repairs an expenditure of £250., of which £150 only would be repayable by means of additional annuities charged on the lands benefited. The offer was not accepted as the tenants maintained that necessary repairs would cost considerably in excess of the amount which had been sanctioned and had also declined to give an undertaking to maintain the works when repaired, in good repair for the future, which was the condition on which the money would be made available.

The Chairman said that the people concerned could bring the Land Commission into court if they thought they were liable. The County Council had no responsibility whatever in the matter. If they remitted the rates the people would have no further interest in maintaining the banks and the place would be worse than ever. They had no actual legal power to remit the rates but might probably get it from the Local Government Department. If they set this precedent they would have a great many claims from all over the county for flooded lands.

Mr. Thos. Redmond said the damage had been caused by a high tide and an abnormal storm. This swept away the road and the County Council had to incur heavy expenditure for its repair. The tenants contended they should not be held responsible for this storm damage. Tenants on the other side of the River Barrow in Kilkenny County had their banks repaired and the tenants on the Wexford side of the river cannot understand why this same treatment was not given to them. He understood from the tenants that if an adequate amount was spent on the repair they would be prepared to give an undertaking for future maintenance so far as Great Island was concerned. As regards Mr. Doyle's case he went to a certain amount



of expense last Summer and Sutumnn in repairing the bank opposite his marsh but he might as well have thrown the money into the river as the tide came in on both sides. The money allotted for the repair of the breach at Camblin was not sufficient but if £60 or £70 more had been provided it would have made a perfect job and the flooding of a huge area would have been obviated. As the Co. Surveyor had informed them the money spent was wasted as the abnormally high tide carried the place away. £200 or £300 would have to be spent on the wall and road if another abnormal tide occurred as the new work would also be swept away. The County Council should try and bring pressure to bear on somebody to have the breaches in the bank repaired, otherwise the property of the County Council would be in great danger.

The Chairman said the unfortunate phase of the situation was that the tenants put themselves out of court by entering into the agreements to maintain the banks when purchasing their lands. The Land Commission if these agreements had not been made would have withheld sufficient money to keep the banks in repair but in the circumstances the Land Commission washed their hands out of it.

Mr. Redmond said if the breaches at Camblin are not repaired the road would have to be diverted.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the County Surveyor interview the officials of the Land Commission and point out the damage which has been done to County Council roads and the expenditure incurred by the Council owing to flooding from the



River Barrow. That he be accompanied by Mr. Thos. Redmond, County Councillor, Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmakea, Campile and Mr. Vincent Doyle and raise with them the general question of the repair of the defective banks of this river below New Ross town.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendation and referred to the excellent work done by the Library, but after discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the proposal of the County Council to allocate an extra £60 Grant to the County Library Committee to provide for additional assistance up to 31st March 1937. That the question of the contribution to the Library Committee from Rates for the five years as from 1st April 1937 be adjourned for consideration until the receipt of Library Committee's Estimate for next financial year.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME: Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote under date 4th December 1936. wrote that when the sewerage pipes were being laid last summer, the road through the principal portion of Rosslare was widened by approximately nine feet, and the Cumann understood that it was the intention of the council to erect a wall and lay a foot-path on to widened portion. The Cumann requested the immediate commencement of the work. The condition of the road was terrible, and if Rosslare were to have a presentable appearance when the tourist season opened next spring, the sooner a commencement was made the better. The present condition of the road was undoubtedly dangerous to users. At several points telegraph poles



almost touched the concrete, and considering that there was almost nine feet of an open space between them and the fence the danger of those and other obstruction to motors and other vehicles at night would be imagined. The sandy nature of the soil also made it particularly dangerous to cyclists who might have to keep in off the concrete when passing traffic. The filling up of the waterways had resulted in a more serious flooding of the road than formerly.

Mr. Culleton urged that the work be started as soon as possible. There was a number of men who got a short spell of work on the sewerage contract who were now unemployed, and were in bad circumstances, as they had no stamps. A rumour was current that the work in Rosslare was being delayed so that men engaged on the Killinick-Carne road could be transferred to it. The latter men could go to the Labour Exchange for a long time. He was not stating definitely that the rumour was correct.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the Rosslare job could not be rushed, and before it was undertaken he suggested that all existing houses should be connected with the sewerage so that the concrete would not be torn up later to make the connection. Something final would have to be done about the matter. Rosslare was much worse than it was at the present time. Until the sewerage work was finished they should not start the other work. There was no intention and there never had been any idea of transferring men from the Killinick-Carne road to the Rosslare work. A couple of the men on the Killinick-Carne road were absolutely indispensable.

Mr. Culleton - I take exception to the statement. If the men died you would have to get somebody else.

Mr. Birthistle stated that the splendid job being



done on the Killinick-Carne road was due to the workmen and the ganger. The council would not get better value than they were getting. There was nothing in those wild rumours and if attention were paid to them they would find the work of the council being run for them.

Mr. Culleton replied that any member of the Council when his attention was directed to such matters, was entitled to raise them at the meeting of the Council. He was not attacking the County Surveyor or Assistant Surveyor. He knew other men equally capable of being employed. He took exception to people with animals being given lengthy periods of work while others who had not similar advantages were not being given employment.

Chairman - There is no foundation for these statements.

Col. Quin - We don't want to turn away good workmen.

Mr. Birthistle said there was no bad case of unemployment in that area except one, who was a near neighbour of Mr. Culleton.

The meeting approved the recommendation of the County Surveyor 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 4th December 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved.



ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee were submitted and approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

A meeting of above Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th November 1936.

Present:- Very Rev. Cannon Cloney, P.P., (presiding), Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Miss K. A. Browne and Mr. E.R. Richards Orpen.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

Letter of resignation from the Committee was received from Mr. Seumas Doyle, Ballyrankin, Strahart, Ferns.

This was accepted with regret and the Committee recommended the appointment of Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn.

The state of many of the graveyards in the County was considered and the following resolution was adopted:-

"This Committee takes a serious view of the neglect of many County graveyards. We request the County Board of Health to - if possible - take more energetic measures in connection with the cemeteries in their charge. The Committee recognise that the small fee paid caretakers cannot ensure proper attention and suggest the establishment of parochial Committees to assist in having the graveyards kept in an appropriate manner. This Committee feels that, with a little organization, an efficient parochial Committee could be got together. They recognise the willingness of the people to do their part if someone in the parish would be prepared to give a lead. They call the attention of Right Rev. Mr. Day, Protestant



Bishop, to the graveyards under the control of the Church Body and would feel grateful to him if he would take steps to see that they are fittingly kept.

CHANCEL ARCH OF BANNOW CHURCH: It was stated that this arch, which was unique, was in danger of falling. Mr. Boyce, Bannow, whose relatives were interred there was, it was understood, prepared to contribute up to a maximum of £50 towards its repair.

In this connection members of the Committee referred to several monuments which were rapidly deteriorating for the lack of a small expenditure. If the County Council would set aside a small amount to carry out immediately necessary repairs the monuments in question could be preserved. Many of them will disappear unless some repair be effected in the near future.

The Committee decided to request the Office of Public Works to arrange for Mr. Leask to meet the Committee and discuss with them the present situation as regards the Ancient Monuments of the County generally, and if considered advisable to inspect those looked upon as most important. The Committee would arrange to meet Mr. Leask in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, notice of the meeting to be issued in good time.

The Committee would be glad to have Mr. Lynch, Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, attend this meeting as they are anxious to ascertain if he could arrange for the display of notices (to be supplied by the Committee) on Barracks Notice Boards, and, if it be possible, to have more active assistance from the Garda Síochána.



The Committee also cordially invite Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman of the County Council to be present at the Conference with Mr. Leask.

Many monuments would be handed over to the County Council if money was available.

The Committee again appeal to teachers and pupils of vocational schools and Irish classes to furnish a list of everything in their parish considered of historic interest - castles, wells, dolmens, etc. - and if possible, to supply the names in our native language.

The Committee consider it would be advisable to have a small portion of State money for Minor Relief Schemes applied to cleaning up graveyards and carrying out small repairs to Monuments.

Mr. Orpen said he would supply a list of ancient monuments in Wexford which, though not complete, might form the foundation of a list that would cover every object of historic interest in Wexford."

It was decided to refer the recommendation of the Committee as to the provision of a small fund for the purpose of carrying out some simple repairs to ancient monuments which were deteriorating, to the Finance Committee.

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

"That we accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Seumas Doyle, a member of Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee, and that Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, be appointed to the vacancy.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing of £2,520. their proportion of expenditure



under the Scheme of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with Employment Schemes Vote 1936/37."

In moving the motion Mr. Corish said that all arrangements in connection with the Employment Schemes Vote had been made and it was only to comply with the legal provision to give a month's notice to Councillors in regard to borrowing that he now brought it forward.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which passed nem. con.

The following resolution which was recommended for adoption on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

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

LOAN - TOMNAFINCHOGUE TURN TO GOREY MAIN ROAD.

The following motion (of which he had given previous notice) stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Wexford County Council provide loan of £3,000 for the purpose of reconstructing road from Tomnafinchogue turn to Gorey Main Road at Castle Ellis through the Ballagh, a similar amount to be provided by State Grant."

(Above was circulated to members of Wexford County Council on 24th October, 1936.)



In moving his motion Mr. Kelly said the County Council had already agreed to the amount at their meeting on 10th August last, and the present motion was to comply with the provisions of the Act of Parliament which provided that Councillors should receive a month's notice of all applications for loans. This was the main road from Enniscorthy to Blackwater and it bore a good deal of through traffic. It would be impossible to have it put in repair out of the Maintenance Grant.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The Chairman said that there was a link road from Enniscorthy to Blackwater, though the road referred to in Mr. Kelly's motion was shorter.

The County Surveyor said that every one going to Blackwater went through the Ballagh. The matter was before the County Council previously, and was brought before the Local Government Department with a view to obtaining a grant for the road. They were not in a position to give a grant but they suggested it should be considered at the time the improvement grants were given. The improvement grant was about £10,000, and the cost of the reconstruction of the road was £6,000, and they could hardly do the work out of the amount. In the allocation of money suggested by the Finance Committee he had put a small extra sum on that road, which would do a little in the immediate neighbourhood of the Ballagh, but, of course, would not do the road in its entirety by any means. If they adopted Mr. Kelly's motion, the money he had allocated would cover the repayment of the loan.

Col. Quin said that he was against the loan. This road was only two miles shorter than the link road and he did not think they would be justified in spending £6,000 in the circumstances.



The Chairman said that there was no doubt but the road referred to in Mr. Kelly's motion was the one which was generally used.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said the road which was very bad carried a great deal of all descriptions of vehicular traffic.

Col. Gibbon suggested that some effort should be made in conjunction with the Tourist Association to have the road moved into the link class.

The Chairman said that a new classification would not put the road in order. They could not put the road into decent repair without the loan.

After some further discussion the motion was put and passed.

The County Surveyor said that if the Council could get the loan it was a good proposal.

#### PROPOSED PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY.

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

"That the decision of Wexford County Council at meeting held on 12th October 1936. to widen road and provide a motor parking place at Ballymoney, Gorey, be rescinded."

In moving his motion the Chairman said there was some friction about the matter among the local people and he thought the best thing for the Council would be to wash their hands clear of it.

Col. Quin seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

#### SEALING ETC. OF MORTGAGES.

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



"That pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 23rd May 1936 the sum of £4,000. be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd. Wexford for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Road reconstruction works to be repaid by half yearly instalments within 10 years with Interest at one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith, but, at no time, to be less than £4%. AND it is hereby further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgagee over the rates to secure said loan."

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

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1908 etc."

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

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for such advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for time being, countersigned by the County Secretary And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the Said Commissioners and that all such



advances shall be lodged to Our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

LORRIES PASSING OVER WEXFORD BRIDGE.

Col. Gibbon said, in reference to Wexford Bridge, he understood that lorries had been had up for exceeding the speed limit on it. Had anything been done about it.

The Co. Surveyor said that at his request the Civic Guard authorities took note of lorries, and he thought that two or three were mentioned.

Col. Gibbon said that the Council were responsible for seeing that the regulations which they considered necessary for the safety of the bridge were strictly enforced.

The Co. Surveyor said that in regard to heavy lorries going over the bridge, they had notices up about a speed limit, but the limit was not regarded. In any case these heavy lorries had no right to go over the bridge at all.

Chairman - But they are going over it.

Miss O'Ryan - What's the use of our regulations then.

The Co. Surveyor said that he asked the Civic Guard authorities to take note of the people evading the regulations, because he had no power to hold up any lorry. He could simply take the number, but that was not sufficient - the name of the driver was necessary. The Civic Guard authorities pulled up people and gave the names of two or three.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. He said he had asked the Co. Surveyor to put a heavy lorry over the bridge to see what was happening, and the Co. Surveyor would not take the responsibility.



Mr. Corish - What's the maximum weight.

Co. Surveyor - Two tons.

Mr. Corish - It's extraordinary to see the town of Wexford depending on a bridge like that.

The Co. Surveyor said that Col. Gibbon had information from a gentleman who had watched lorries going over the bridge. He (Co. Surveyor) knew that there was a good deal of vibration going over it. He could hardly understand how the conditions that were stated to be there could be present without the bridge collapsing.

Chairman - Could you not make an investigation.

Co. Surveyor - I intend to.

Mr. Kelly seconded Col. Gibbon's proposition that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, and it was passed.

#### CARPENTERS AND CONCRETE SCREEDS, ETC.

Mr. James Warren, Branch Hon. Secretary, New Ross Branch of the Irish National Union of Woodworkers, wrote it was understood that an effort was about to be made by the County and Deputy Surveyors to employ a mason for the laying of concrete, screeds and moulds in connection with the street improvement scheme in New Ross. This work was always done in New Ross by carpenters for works carried out by the Urban Council and by private contractors. The Branch rules had been accepted by all Builders and by the Town Surveyor in New Ross. Rule 10 stated "all concrete screeds, casings, moulds, etc., for all building purposes including buildings, roadways and footpaths and channels, shall be placed in position by our members and that they shall be supplied by same."



The Co. Surveyor said the work at the footpaths was simply putting planking in the channel and they were surely were not going to get a carpenter to do this for half an hour and then turn him away, and then to employ him next day for about the same period to put the planking another few yards. There was no carpenter's work in it. It was work for a labourer. Where work called for the employment of a mason or carpenter they were always employed. Where casings and built up screeds for walls were required the work was carried out by a carpenter.

After further discussion it was proposed by Mr. Bowe, seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted, that the matter be left in the hands of the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Keegan said that in Gorey a mason was not employed in laying down footpaths although on his initiative a resolution to this effect was adopted by the Council a considerable time back.

Mr. Corish held that a mason or plasterer certainly should be employed in the laying of footpaths.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said there was no mason available in Gorey and the men who did this work laid the paths perfectly.

Mr. Culleton said there were masons from Gorey working in Wexford, but Mr. Treanor pointed out they would not leave the work in Wexford to get a couple of days employment now and then in Gorey.

It was decided that in future that the resolution of the Council to have a mason or plasterer employed in connection with the laying of footpaths in Gorey, be carried out.



REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS EXHIBITION & CONGRESS IN LONDON.

The County Surveyor presented report re above in which he pointed out that the opportunity of inspecting various types of machines, etc., and discussing their merits with the Representatives of the Makers and with other Surveyors was of the greatest advantage. The final report of the Congress with the Papers and discussions thereon provided a most useful book for reference.

The report was approved.

ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR 1937.

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

"That the quotations from the Managers of "The People", "The Free Press", and "The Echo", for the insertion of advertisements of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture at £110 for year 1937 - 1st January to 31st December - for each of said newspapers be accepted.

The Secretary said this was the same figure as obtained for the current year.

PRINTING ABATEMENT FORMS - RELIEF OF RATES AGRICULTURAL LAND.

The following tenders were received for providing and printing of 7,000 abatement forms and 5,500 Postcards:

"The Echo", Enniscorthy. - £6.; Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy. - £9. 15. 0. and "The People", Wexford - £16. 5. 6.

The tender of "The Echo" at £6 was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly.



TELEPHONE ATTENDANT.

The Secretary reported that Miss B. Moran, Temporary Telephone Attendant, took up duty on 7th December, 1936.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936.

Circular letters from the Department of Agriculture under date 23rd November 1936 (E.8599/36) and 8th December 1936 (E.9078/36) as to appointment of Inspectors under above Order, their duties, and how they should be carried out were read.

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

"That the thirteen Inspectors, who acted last year under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, if available, be re-appointed for the forthcoming season. Remuneration £2. 10. 0. Period of employment from 1st March to 7th July.

Conditions of Employment to be the same as obtained in 1936 with any additions which the Department of Agriculture may consider essential and desirable.

That in the event of any of these officials not being available the County Council fill the vacancy at their meeting in January next.

That the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council be appointed to supervise the work of Inspectors at the same amount of remuneration as they received last season!

The following is list of the Inspectors with their districts:-

David Creane, Ballyphilip, Kilmayshal.  
AREA NO. 1 consisting of the following District Electoral Divisions; Moyacomb, Kilrush, Buncloody, Castledockrill, St. Mary's, Tombrack, Kilbora, Ferns, Ballycarney and Ballymore. (10).

ENNISCORTHY  
AREA.



James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin.

AREA NO. 2: Electoral Divisions of Rossard, Ballindaggin, Killealy, Killanne, Castleboro, Clonroche, The Leap, Killoughrim and Marshalstown. (9).

Michael J. O'Connor, Spring Farm, Enniscorthy.

AREA NO. 3: Electoral Divisions of the Harrow, Tinnacross, Enniscorthy Rural and Urban, Bree, Ballyhogue, Ballyhussard. (7).

William Brien, Glentnigue, Edermine.

AREA NO. 4: Electoral Divisions of Kilcormack, Bolaboy, Castle Talbot, Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis, Kilmallock and Edermine. (7).

#### GOREY DISTRICT.

Thomas Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew.

AREA NO. 5: Electoral Divisions of Wingfield, Coolgreaney, Limerick, Ballylarkin, Kilgorman, Ballynastragh, Monaseed, Ballyellis and Ballybeg. (9).

Patrick Lawlor, Camolin.

AREA NO. 6: Electoral Divisions of Kilcomb, Kilnahue, Rossmenogue, Huntingtown, Ballyoughter, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Courtown and Ardamine. (9).

Patrick Ryan, Newtown, Kilmuckridge.

AREA NO. 7: Electoral Divisions of Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Killena, Monamolin, Wells, Killincooley, Ford and Cahore. (8).

#### NEW ROSS DISTRICT.

John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.

AREA NO. 8: Electoral Divisions of Barrackvillage, Templeugigan, Clonleigh, Ballyanne, New Ross Urban, New Ross Rural, Whitemoor, Barronstown, Adamstown and Old Ross. (10).

James Furlong, Raheenkenedy, Adamstown.

AREA NO. 9: Electoral Divisions of Old Court, Rochestown, Carnagh, Carrigbyrne, Kilgarvan, Whitechurch, Dunmain Newbawn and Horetown. (9).

William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane.

AREA NO. 10: Electoral Divisions of Kilmokea, Killesk, Inch, Clongeen, Tintern, Rathroe, Ballyhack, Fethard and Templetown. (9).

#### WEXFORD DISTRICT.

Edward Woods, Barntown, Wexford.

AREA NO. 11: Electoral Divisions of Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Kilpatrick, Artramon, Ardavan, Ardcorm, Forth Carrick, Taghmon and Whitechurch (Glynn). (11).

Patrick Rossitter, Slevoy, Foulksmills.

AREA NO. 12: Electoral Divisions of Ballymitty, Harristown, Bannow, Harpurstown, Duncormack, Aughwilliam, Kilcowan, Killag, Bridgetown, Newcastle and Rathaspeck. (11).



Dermot S. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway.  
AREA NO. 13: Electoral Divisions of Wexford Rural, Wexford Urban, Drinagh, Rosslare, Killinick, Mayglass, Kilmore, Tomhaggard, Tacumshane, Kilsoran, St. Helen's and Lady's Island. (12).

HIGH TENSION ELECTRIC CABLE - GOREY.

Under date 10th December<sup>1936</sup> the Secretary Electricity Supply Board wrote (A.220/1/1/a.s.2) that they proposed to lay the high tension Underground Cable at Gorey as indicated on enclosed drawing. This would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths but care had been taken in the route selected to cause the minimum amount of disturbance and to avoid damage to road users and to the property of the County Council and Gorey Town Commissioners. The work would be carried out under the supervision of the Board's District Engineer, Waterford, who had been instructed to get into communication with the County Surveyor and to meet his requirements as far as possible.

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

"That this County Council will make no objection to the laying of a High Tension underground Electricity Cable at Gorey Town, provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

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WEXFORD-KILTEALY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. Lawlor proposed that the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be called to the proposal of the Council adopted at their meeting on 12th October 1936. to expend £2,500 by way of loan on the reconstruction of Enniscorthy-Kiltealy road, provided a similar amount was furnished by Government Grant.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.



The Chairman said the amount would have to come out of next year's allocation for grants.

HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE AT COURTTOWN.

Under date 1st December 1936. request was received from Courtown Harbour Committee for the repair of the Harbour Master's house.

The Chairman said that the County Council did not own this house and as the lease of the place was expiring he did not see why they should repair it. The County Surveyor had made provision for a new house.

It was decided that Courtown Harbour Committee be informed accordingly.

TACUMSHANE LAKE.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the matter of Tacumshane Lake be again raised with the Government and that an Employment Grant be sought. He did not care whether the grant was administered by the council or the work set by contract to farmers, the work to be carried out by the unemployed of the district.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the chief engineer of the Department was not favourably disposed to it. He was seeing Mr. McLoughlin, who was in charge of the relief schemes, on the 16th December.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion that the matter be re-opened with the Department but said he disagreed with the suggestion that the work be done by contract.

Representations were read from 16 Ratepayers protesting against payment of rates for the portion of their lands which they contended were rendered useless by the flooding at Tacumshane Lake.



Consideration was adjourned pending result of interview between Mr. McLaughlin of the Office of Public Works and the County Surveyor.

ROAD AND KINDRED MATTERS.

ROAD GRANT: The Secretary reported that £5,696 had been received on foot of Road Maintenance Grant for 1936-

RIGHT-OF-WAY BALLYCONNIGAR GAP: The following which was signed by 34 residents of the vicinity of Blackwater was submitted:-

"We, the Ratepayers of Blackwater District, call upon the Wexford County Council to provide a suitable right of way to the seashore at Ballyconnigar Lower."

Mr. E. Walsh who attended, in support of the application said the road was cut away by the storms of last year. The Council made it passable for the summer but it was now dangerous.

The Co. Surveyor stated the whole place was damaged by erosion. The Council spent a good deal of money in an endeavour to protect the place and to make any alterations now would necessitate a regular diversion of the road. It would cost between £400 and £500. The only thing that could be done would be to divert the road through a dumping ground there.

Mr. Walsh said he believed Mr. Keating, the owner, would facilitate the Council in providing a way for the road diversion. They were under the impression the new work could be carried out for £100.

The Co. Surveyor stated that it would necessitate concreting, and as they were debarred from removing material from the foreshore it would mean having to remove the material from Ballymurray quarry.

Mr. Walsh suggested that a small Committee should visit the place and report.



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

"That the County Surveyor interview Mr. Keating and ascertain from him if he will agree to a satisfactory arrangement regarding road diversion proposed at Ballyconnigar Lower.

CUSH GAP: Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, wrote asking what steps the County Council proposed taking to have the work at Cush Gap started so as to have it completed by the summer months. As there was no Government Grant available this year would the Council deal with it out of their own funds?

The County Surveyor said a Committee was appointed to see the place but Mr. Kinsella was the only Councillor who attended. The Parish Priest and a number of other interested people walked over the whole place and they arrived at the conclusion that the proposal was feasible if a Government Grant was forthcoming. When the matter came before the Council he was directed to apply to the Board of Works for a Grant for this new road which would cost between £500 and £600.

Mr. Corish suggested that the Council should wait and see what the Office of Public Works was going to do in the matter and this was agreed to.

ROSSLARE ROADS: Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary, Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote directing attention to the serious condition of the public road from the turn at the coast-guard station to Hopelands Bank, and urging that immediate attention be given to it by the Council.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said the road was not good but was no worse than it used to be, in fact it was something better, but it was a good example of a third class road being called upon to bear first class traffic.



The County Surveyor said he did not see much prospect of dealing in a satisfactory way with the Hopelands end unless the Council were prepared to spend a lot of money, but as far as the turn beyond the Golf Links it could be made fairly right.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

Mr. Murphy also wrote on behalf of the Cumann referring to the condition of the road between Barrett's Cross, Rosslare and Tagoat Church, and requesting to have it surfaced in a manner similar to the Killinick-Carne road.

The County Surveyor said he was in correspondence with Mr. Cullen, Architect, in connection with the railing on the road at Tagoat Catholic Church. He (Mr. Cullen) wanted an alteration at the corner and the work was subject to his approval at the instance of Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns.

Referred to County Surveyor for further report.

ROAD LEADING THROUGH OULART VILLAGE: Mr. M. O'Leary (Garrybran, Oulart) Hon. Secretary, Oulart Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote asking the Council to do some repairs to the road leading through Oulart Village, which was in a deplorable condition at present.

It was decided to refer the matter to County Surveyor for report.

BROADWAY-ST. MARGARETS ROAD: Representations from a number of ratepayers as to making road giving access to their houses from the Broadway-St. Margarets Road ~~and~~ on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish ~~was~~ referred to the County Surveyor for detailed report.



FLOODED ROADS: Mr. Richard Donnelly, Secretary, Glynn Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote stating he was instructed to submit a complaint about the bad condition of the road between Cornwall Cross and Killurin Civic Guard barracks. It was flooded after every heavy rainfall. The matter had been put before the Council before and nothing had been done yet. Mr. Donnelly also referred to dangerous turns at Ballyeaton Cross and between Carrigmannon bridge and Glynn.

Miss O'Ryan stated the place was constantly flooded.

The Co. Surveyor stated he did not think anything could be done unless legal proceedings were taken. A drain had been closed.

The matter was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Complaint of flooding of Road 875R. in the neighbourhood of Lambstown, Fethard-on-Sea, by a large number of Ratepayers was referred to County Surveyor for report.

CAMOLIN PARK ROADS.

Rev. T. R. Furlong, C.C., Camolin, wrote stating the tenants of Camolin Park requested him to bring under the notice of the Council the wretched state of the road leading through the Park. It was much frequented and in a shocking state during the winter and spring, and he suggested that when the Council were allotting money for minor relief schemes they would include the road in the scheme. It would serve a dual purpose, as it would absorb the local unemployed who were idle since the block-making ceased.

James Hendrick, Camolin Park, wrote directing attention to the condition of the road leading into Camolin Park. It was now in a vey bad condition, he stated, and people could scarcely travel it. The road ran from Kilcloran to Ballyduff. The ratepayers on



the road were anxious to get it done as soon as possible. Twenty-six families were concerned.

Mr. Corish stated Camolin Park road was a private thoroughfare and when it was being previously discussed by the Council the County Surveyor and he approached the Government who offered to advance £600 provided the Council allocated £400. The snag in the proposal was that after the expenditure of that money the Council would be liable for the maintenance of the road. Fencing and maintenance appeared to be the crux. The position had not altered since.

It was decided to request the County Surveyor to forward a statement on the position to Father Furlong.

ROAD- BALLINABARNEY THROUGH BALLYTHOMAS TO COUNTY BOUNDS:)

The Hon. Secretary of Ballythomas Cumann wrote, as to the "deplorable" condition of the above road and asked the Council to give favourable consideration to increasing the allocation when the Road Works Scheme was under consideration. The road was unsafe for horse traffic. He also called attention to Logganlane as suitable for repair under Minor Relief Scheme and asked to have the old road leading from the cross at Clonroe through Annagh Gap similarly dealt with.

The Co. Surveyor said the road from the cross of Ballinabarney was an ordinary County road no worse than many others.

It was decided that Loggan Lane and Old road from the cross at Clonroe be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

KILCORKEY LANE: Messrs. Wm. Tomkins, Curratubbin and Arthur Hughes, Kilcorkey, Kallenagh, came before the meeting relative to repair of above lane.

The Co. Surveyor said that a proposal had been agreed to by the Office of Works for repair of a lane at



Seamount near Courtown. One of the adjoining land holders would not sign the usual agreement in connection with the repair and the project had to be dropped. He suggested that the money should be applied to Kilcorkey Lane.

The suggestion of the County Surveyor was approved on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. O'Ryne.

CUMMERDUFF LANE: Mr. R. Graham, Hon. Secretary, Ballythomas Cumann wrote, that the four families resident in this lane leading to the County road asked for its inclusion for repair in Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

This was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan.

BALLYKILLANE LANE: A number of ratepayers wrote asking to have this lane repaired.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton that the lane be placed on list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

GLENDoyNE LANE- COURTOWN: Robert Hobbs applied for repair of above lane under Minor Relief Schemes vote.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer to refer the application for report to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district and should this be favourable the application to be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

NEWTOWN-(CLONEVAN) LANE: Four ratepayers wrote calling attention to the bad state of the lane leading through the townlands of Newtown, Oldtown and Templederry. They considered the lane should be repaired under Relief Grant.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Bowe that the lane be placed on list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when funds were available.



LANE AT SHRULE, CLONEVAN: Four ratepayers wrote calling attention to the deplorable state of the above land and asked the Council to carry out necessary repairs. They pointed out there was a number of unemployed in the locality and the writers found it almost impossible to approach their holdings owing to the wretched condition of the lane.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Smyth that the lane be placed on Minor Relief Schemes List for repair when money becomes available.

REPAIR OF OLD BRIDGE: Mr. Denis Davis, Cullenogue, Inch, wrote asking that an old bridge broken down at the entrance of the laneway to his holding off the County Road should be repaired. This bridge, he contended, was built by the Grand Jury.

The Co. Surveyor said the bridge was about 20 yards on a private entrance made by Mr. Davis from the main road. He (Co. Surveyor) was doubtful if it had been built by the Grand Jury.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided that the work be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money became available.

#### LEASEHOLDERS AND THEIR GRIEVANCES.

The following resolution was received from Cork County Council:-

"That we, the Cork County Council hereby request the Government to introduce legislation for the alleviation of the present condition of leaseholders in the Free State."

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

"That consideration of resolution from Cork County Council relative to grievances of leaseholders be adjourned, the Cork County Council to be asked in the



meantime to furnish in detail the most pressing grievances of leaseholders which in their opinion require alleviation.

IMPORTED ALES.

The Rathdowney Industrial and Development Association forwarded resolution relative to public meeting of Deputies from all parties representing Constituencies in which Brewing was carried on for the purpose of calling on the Minister for Industry and Commerce, to place a quota on all imported ales in order to foster the native Brewing Industry and thereby create considerably more employment and provide a more remunerative market for barley producing farmers.

Mr. Corish moved that the resolution be marked read. There would be a danger that the policy as outlined might provoke retaliatory tariffs which would injure Guinnesses and other firms.

Mr. Colfer seconded and the proposal was adopted.

Signed ... *D. Allen* ... *11/1/37*