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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 13th DECEMBER 1937

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th December 1937.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following amounts were examined and signed:- £16039. 13. 6d, Transfers to Subsidiary A/c etc.; £1281. 10. 2d, quarterly salaries, and £153. 5. 0d transfer of amount of loan to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

#### THE LATE COL. GIBBON, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a vote of condolence with Mrs. Gibbon and relatives in the sudden death of her husband - Col. Gibbon - who had been a member of the Council for a number of years.

Mr. McCarthy seconded, and pointed out that Col. Gibbon had given great attention to the work of the County Council. He fought his point of view in a considerate and honourable way and never behind any bitterness or resentment. They all respected the opinions of Col. Gibbon and the manner in which they were put forward while Col. Gibbon respected the opinions of those who differed from him.

Miss O'Ryan associated herself with the motion. They should pay tribute to the great public spirit displayed by



Col. Gibbon who at the conclusion of his Army career, came back to Wexford and took his part like a man in the life of the country working as a farmer and trying to solve all the problems confronting agriculture. The farmers were proud of him and of the way he identified himself in their concerns. Col. Gibbon was popular with all classes and sections of the community. He was always most anxious to do a good turn particularly for the plain people. As an employer and a good citizen it would be difficult to replace him.

Mr. Corish joined in the tribute to the late Col. Gibbon's many good qualities. He came back to Ireland and settled in the country. He was a good employer, and greatly interested in the people of his own district. He possessed great ability and respected the views of others. The Council was the poorer by his loss.

The Chairman said that the death of Col. Gibbon was a great loss to his family and to the public administration of the county. He was always kind and courteous and brought a highly intelligent view to every matter which the Council discussed. The Council deeply mourned his loss.

Col. Quin said that the death of Col. Gibbon was to him a very great blow. Col. Gibbon was a magnificent officer and a very great friend of his. He was a man whom they all respected and admired and his death was a great loss to Ireland.

The Secretary said the death of Col. Gibbon - which we all deeply regret - was a great shock to us all. Since his election to the Council he took the keenest interest in its work and examined in great detail and with considerable ability all sections of County Council business, particularly the Annual Budget and the Road Works Scheme. He possessed dynamic energy, was a good and generous employer and deeply concerned for the welfare of the people of his



own district and the fishermen of Kilmore.

He respected the opinions of those who differed from him and in debate was most tolerant and courteous. We all deeply mourn his loss and sympathise most heartily with Mr. and Miss Gibbon and the other relatives.

The County Surveyor also expressed his sympathy with the family of Col. Gibbon who, in discussing any section of the engineering work of County business, displayed a broad and open mind and though he (speaker) might differ from the views of Col. Gibbon, there was generally in them something that assisted him in securing a fuller view of his problems.

The motion was then put and adopted in the usual way.

It was decided that Col. Gibbon's successor on the Council should be elected at meeting of 10th January 1937.

THE LATE MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

The following under date 8th November 1937 was read from Miss Mary Malone, Coolree, Wexford:-

"Will you please convey our most sincere thanks and those of my family to the members of your Council for their very kind remembrance of us and for their expression of sympathy in our recent bereavement and in particular to Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Culleton for moving the adoption of the vote of condolence, as also to the Chairman for his kind remarks, all of which we greatly appreciate. And also for the marked way in which you spoke of my father. I know how courteous and helpful he always found you during the many years of his association with you and I send you my thanks for your co-operation. I regret the delay in acknowledging due to my illness."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Day, it was decided that the above reply to vote of condolence should be inserted in the minutes of the day.



RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN CUMMINS

Under date 10th December 1937 the following was read from Mr. J. Cummins:-

"I regret having to tender my resignation from the Wexford County Council.

Please convey to the Chairman and all the members my regret at having to sever my connection with them and my very good wishes to them all.

Thanking yourself for your past help over a great many years and your courtesy at all times."

Miss O'Ryan said that they had been all anxious that Mr. Cummins should continue to act as County Councillor, but they understood it was the wish of his medical adviser he should now retire and accordingly, they were reluctantly obliged to accept his resignation. Every member of the Council would be sorry to know that an end had come to the service in public life of a great big-hearted gentleman who never made an enemy. She was sure he would appreciate the good wishes of the Council and she hoped he would be spared for long to enjoy his retirement. She then proposed the following resolution:-

"That we accept with deep regret the resignation of Mr. John Cummins as a member of this County Council and place on record our appreciation of his services to the Council and to the National cause.

In accordance with the Provisions of Article 10 (2) of the (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, we hereby declare vacant the office of County Councillor held by Mr. John Cummins and will proceed to the appointment of his successor as County Councillor and also to the appointment of his successor to the Board of Health, Mental Hospital Committee, County Committee of Agriculture and County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th day of January, 1938.



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That we direct the following to appear as an advertisement in two insertions of the next issue of the three local papers:-

'Notice is hereby given that the County Council of the County Wexford in pursuance of Article 10, Sub-Article 2 of the Local Government (Application of Enactments Order) 1898 DO HEREBY DECLARE the Office as Member of the County Council held by John Cummins of Ballyhack in the County Wexford to be vacant, consequent upon his resignation of said office owing to ill health.

And the County Council further declare that they will proceed to the Election of a Successor to the vacant office at their meeting to be held on the 10th day of January 1938.

D. ALLEN	)	Three members
	)	of the County
N. O'RYAN	)	Council of
	)	the County
R. CORISH	)	Wexford.

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

Mr. Colfer seconded this resolution and regretted the loss of a good County Councillor and a good friend.

Mr. Keegan said the poor would miss Mr. Cummins more than anyone as he endeavoured at all meetings of the Boards of which he was a member to support their claims and to help them in every way.

Mr. McCarthy, who said he was associated with Mr. Cummins for over 20 years also joined in the expression of regret at his resignation.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Cummins was always to the fore when the affairs of his country needed help and he was head and shoulders in every movement for the country's good. In the Land League days with the late Canon Doyle of Ramsgrange he did Trojan work for the National Cause.

Mr. M. Redmond said that Mr. Cummins had spent his life and his money in the service of the people.

Expressions of appreciation were also spoken by Mr.



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O'Byrne, Mr. Kinsella, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Ronan, Mr. T. Redmond, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Bowe and the County Surveyor.

The Chairman associated himself with the views expressed by the members as to the resignation of Mr. Cummins who had been prominent in the national and social life of Wexford for the past 60 years. He had been always in the forefront of every national movement, and on one occasion fought an election single hand. No man in the County had given more worthy and free service to the people than Mr. Cummins. At the public boards they looked upon him as a leader and friend and by his severance from public life he had left it poorer. He hoped Mr. Cummins would be spared many years to enjoy his well earned rest.

Secretary.- The resignation of Mr. Cummins marks the break of a connection with public life for over half a century. I know Mr. Cummins for that period. I met him first as the Secretary to the local Land League Branch and of the famous Hook 200, which played a prominent part in the National movement of the period. All through the Land League, the National League and the Sinn Fein activities, Mr. Cummins was in the forefront. He spent his time, his money and his ability in the National Cause. He can honestly be described as an unselfish pure-souled patriot. He is deservedly one of the most popular men in the County, and his retirement from public life will be regretted by a very wide circle.

We, his friends, hope he will be spared for many a long year. We hold him in deep affection and will not forget his kindness, his enthusiasm, and his work for his country and for his fellow Irishmen.

The resolution was then put and declared passed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 12th NOVEMBER 1937: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th November, 1937.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5222. 7. 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Percentage of Warrant</u> <u>and two years' arrears.</u>		
1.	S. Gannon	48.0
2.	E. J. Murphy	46.8
3.	J. Cummins	43.5
4.	D. Kenny	43.3
5.	J. J. O'Reilly	43.1
6.	J. Curtis	43.1
7.	A. Dunne	42.0
8.	M. Kehoe	41.6
9.	J. Deegan	41.3
10.	P. Nolan	40.3
11.	P. Carty	37.5
12.	P. Doyle	37.1
13.	M. McCarthy	36.9
14.	W. Cummins	36.8
15.	J. Flood	36.4
16.	W. Doyle	36.2
17.	J. Quirke	36.0
18.	J. J. Sinnott	33.5
Average		40.2.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 1st November 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.89760/37 Loch Garman (Fa)) that the Minister would not be averse to the scheme of remuneration for Poundage approved last year, being continued for the current financial year subject to the amendment that 60% of the first



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moiety and the whole of the previous year's warrant should be lodged by the 15th November 1937, as a condition for payment of interim poundage. "This condition", the letter stated "is not unreasonable by comparison with the schemes in other Counties and as the Warrants have been in the hands of the Collectors since July last, should by now have been complied with".

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

"That in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 1st November, 1937, (No. 89760/37 Loch Garman (Fa)) 75% poundage fees be paid to the Rate Collectors on lodgments equivalent to 60% of first moiety of current year's rate plus the arrears applicable to 1936/37 assessment."

POUNDAGE - DRAINAGE RATE: Under date 4th November, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (F.90450-1937 Wexford County) that no objection would be raised to the payment of poundage at the rate of 7d in the £ to Rate Collector Walter Cummins in respect of drainage rates collected and lodged by him. He should take steps to collect the outstanding amounts without delay.

With regard to Collector Matthew Murphy, the Minister would not feel justified in sanctioning the payment proposed in view of the relatively small amount of rate collected.

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

"That amount of poundage for Drainage Rate collected and lodged by Collector W. Cummins be paid to this Collector in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health 4th November 1937 - (F.90450-37 Wexford Co.)."



### MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS

Under date 1st November, 1937, letter was read from the Secretary County Councils' General Council that the next meeting of the General Council would be held on 7th December 1937 and notice of any matters which the Council wished to raise should reach the Secretary by 27th November 1937. It was decided that the question of the State paying in full for the maintenance of all Main Roads be considered and a resolution to this effect adopted by the General Council, and forwarded the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Since the Main Road Declaration was adopted, the traffic of heavy lorries and other motor traffic on Main and Trunk Roads had increased beyond conception. But, in addition the County Council were faced with very grave financial responsibility for the upkeep of important third-class roads on which buses and lorries were causing considerable damage. These roads were not built for such traffic, and to keep them even in fair order would saddle the Council with an outlay which had never been contemplated. If the State would pay the full cost of the maintenance of the Main Roads it would be a source of great help in allowing Councils to deal with third-class motor roads.

### ROSSLARE ROADS

Under date 6th November 1937, the following letter (which had been referred from County Council meeting to Finance Committee) was read from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am instructed by the Committee of the above to ask you to bring the following before the next meeting of your Council:-

(1) The roadway, for 50 yards South of Hopelands Bank, has sunk below sea level and since the bursting of the Bank is subject to flooding, as the tide rises thereby causing serious hardships and inconvenience to residents. The Cumann respectfully suggests that this matter should have immediate attention.

(2) The Cumann on numerous occasions has asked that something should be done for those residents of the Burrow



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who live below Hopelands Bank, by way of providing a road or footway to and from their homes. The conditions under which these people have to get about their business are appalling and are not unknown to members of the Council. The position is steadily becoming worse and it is an urgent necessity that this question should receive the consideration it so justly deserves.

(3) The Cumann also wishes to draw the attention of the County Council to the deplorable condition of the important road linking Rosslare and Tagoat. This road which joins the two fine Rosslare Strand and Rosslare Pier roads is without doubt one of the worst in County Wexford. It is little over a mile in length, and considering the amount of tourist traffic that passes over it in Summer and the large amount of local traffic all the year it is absolutely necessary that it be re-surfaced at the earliest opportunity. The Cumann hopes that the County Council will not delay the repairing of this road any longer.

Hoping that you will see your way to bring these matters forward and thanking you in anticipation."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### ROAD GOREY BRIDGE - TARA HILL

The following memorial as to repair of above road was read, signed by 15 ratepayers:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers, desire to draw the attention of your Council to the deplorable condition of the road leading from Gorey Bridge to Tara Hill School. This road is easily becoming more important by reason of the growing tourist traffic in the district and it detracts in no small measure from the ideal surroundings. In our opinion, the amount of rates we pay certainly entitles us to a better road to and from our market town."

The matter was referred to County Surveyor who stated that in his opinion the road was not bad. It was open to improvement, but it was by no means in very poor condition.

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 11th November 1937, the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Bunclody Town Improvements Committee:-

"My Committee have received complaints as to the dilapidated condition of the steps leading from the road to



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the houses in the upper portion of Irish Street. They are at present very dangerous for ascent or descent especially for children.

I am to ask that the Council will be good enough to direct their Surveyor to inspect them with a view to their repair."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### ERECTION OF OUT-HOUSE

Under date 9th November 1937, James Fortune, Tenacre, Kilrane, wrote that he was about to erect an out-house at his premises adjoining the public road. At present, there was a wall 6 feet from the grass margin and 5' 6" high, which he intended to raise by about 15 to 18 inches and erect thereon a shed up to the end of an out-office. Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, examined the place and made no objection. He wished the Council would accede to his application.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

The following under date 6th November 1937, (L.4090 - 37) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letters of the 11th and 12th ultimo, embodying respectively (a) a resolution of the Finance Committee regarding the payment of remuneration to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors and (b) a resolution relative to the adoption of Regulations under Article 22 of the above Order, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that no objection will be offered to the payment to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors of £20 each provided the Local Authority are satisfied that the work of each Inspector was carried out in a satisfactory manner having regard to the terms of this Department's letter of the 10th July last.

The Minister is glad to note that the Local Authority have decided to make Regulations under Article 22 of the Order with a view to securing the compulsory dipping of sheep under the supervision of their Inspectors, and it is requested that a copy of the proposed Regulations, which it is hoped will apply to the entire County of Wexford, may be submitted in good time before the commencement of the dipping period of next year, the dipping period for the current year having expired on the 31st ultimo. A further draft copy of specimen regulations is enclosed."



It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish, to point out to the Department that the regulations which the Wexford County Council desire to put in force do not cover a comprehensive scheme requiring compulsory dipping under the supervision of the Council's Sheep Dipping Inspectors. The Council wish to be empowered to deal with sheep owners who fail to dip their sheep on the date mentioned in the Dipping Notice and who the Sheep Dipping Inspectors suspect may not dip unless compelled to do so under the supervision of one of the Council's Inspectors. Cases under this head will be reported to the County Council who will issue appropriate directions to the Inspectors.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Edward Hudson, Tomduff, Enniscorthy, applied for loan of £208 on house valued at £270.

The Secretary stated that this man made application a considerable time back and it had been adjourned.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, loan of £175 be provisionally approved for Edward Hudson, Tomduff, Enniscorthy."

#### HUMANE KILLERS FOR VETERINARY INSPECTORS

Under date 9th November 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote that humane killers of the Greener Captive bolt type could be purchased from the following:-

Messrs. M. Garnett, & Sons, 31 Parliament St., Dublin.

Mr. Laurence Keegan, 3 Inns Quay, Dublin.

Messrs. M. W. Broderick & Co., 25 Wellington Quay, Dublin

Possibly local gunsmiths might be in a position to meet the requirements of the County Council. The cost of the instrument with a supply of cartridges would be about £5 or



It was decided to ask the three firms mentioned in the letter of Department of Agriculture for quotations for the supply of four Greener type Humane Killers with the necessary ammunition.

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following, under date 6th November, 1937, was read from Patrick O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat:-

"May I bring under notice the following facts re my daughter, Catherine, who won a County Council Scholarship in 1933. She was a boarder in Loreto Convent from September 1933 to early in year 1935 and whether from the indoor life or some other cause she got ill, rundown, and was an invalid for a full term which I understand was refunded to your Council. Her Doctor recommended more outdoor life, hence we sent her as a day pupil. Her scholarship ended last August. Owing to missing vital term she was unable to go for Intermediate in 1936 but she competed this year and passed. She also passed Loreto Grade 5 examination. She has now to undergo an examination equal to "Leaving" and is attending Loreto for that object. She intends taking up nursing as a profession and has to pass this qualifying examination to enter.

As the scholarship fees were cut to £30 per annum and the 1935 term refunded, I would humbly ask your Council to help her with a small grant, i.e., the refunded portion."

The Secretary stated that £11. 16. 6d had been refunded from this Scholarship by the Loreto Convent, Wexford, owing to the absence from School through illness of Catherine O'Regan.

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

"That subject to sanction of Department of Education the amount of Scholarship refunded by Loreto Convent,



Wexford, for Catherine O'Regan, be made available for her to complete her Secondary education."

In connection with the renewal of Scholarship of Margaret O'Leary under this Scheme the following was read from Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication of the 25th ultimo, I am to state that it is regretted that the scholarship holder, Margaret O'Leary, Loreto Convent, Wexford, should have been returned in the official letter of the 8th ultimo as having obtained "Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1937". This pupil obtained a Pass without Honours at the Examination and as her scholarship was awarded in 1935 she should obtain Honours at the Examination in 1938 in order to comply with the terms of your Council's Scheme. She should, accordingly, follow an approved Intermediate Certificate Course during the current school year."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following under date 11th November, 1937, was read from Thomas Dwyer, recently appointed caretaker Gorey Courthouse:-

"I was speaking to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, this morning in Gorey. He told me to write you and say that I should be "installed" as soon as possible as the present caretaker is wracking the courthouse."

The County Solicitor said he had given Robert Valentine, acting as Temporary Caretaker, a month in which to leave the Courthouse. He would now serve formal notice on Valentine that the Council intended to take up immediate possession.

#### DOCK AT BALLYHACK

Mr. Colfer asked how the work at Ballyhack stood.

The County Surveyor stated it was finished.

Mr. Colfer said he was informed the dock was again full of sand.



The County Surveyor said a couple of thousand loads of silt was taken from this dock. The Council could spend £500 more, if it was available, on the place.

Mr. Colfer proposed that the Council make application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a Relief Grant to continue the work at Ballyhack dock. This would relieve the unemployed of the district.

The County Surveyor said he had had in contemplation the making of a playground at Ballyhack School, and which was very badly needed. However, all the schedules for works had been returned to him from the Department with a direction to join up a number, with the result that the construction of proposed playground would have to stand over for the present. He could not do much dredging work at the dock at present as this was not suitable time of year to clear out silt. He had left a good approach to the place, but had not, owing to the limited amount of money, been able to get the stuff from the back. The fishermen were anxious to have a protection wall built on the slip.

Mr. Colfer said the place had silted up again.

After further discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor and that he be instructed to apply for State Grant to carry out further work at Ballyhack.

#### ENNISCORTHY-WEXFORD ROAD

The County Surveyor said it had been mentioned to him that if a State Grant (Rural) could be secured it would be advisable to widen the concrete road between Wexford and Enniscorthy. When cars "went off" the concrete - owing to the straight edge - they were likely to swerve and might cause accidents. The work would absorb all the unemployed men between Wexford and Enniscorthy.

The Chairman considered that owing to the length of this Road the cost of widening would be prohibitive. If



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the edge of the concrete was "splayed" it would be a great preventative of accidents and he recommended this to the County Surveyor for consideration, and it would be covered by a small amount of money.

#### ROAD IN FERNS VILLAGE

Nine residents of Ferns wrote calling attention to the bad condition of the road from Rhynhart's corner to Ferns Schoolhouse.

Referred to County Surveyor for inclusion with Minor Relief Scheme applications.

#### FLOODING AT GREAT GORTINS, CLEARIESTOWN

The following under date 29th October from Messrs. L. and A. Fortune, Great Gortins, Cleariestown, was referred to the County Surveyor for report:-

"After every storm the Road and the Farm Yard is just like the Shannon Scheme, also the Dwelling House and Castle. Would you mind having it seen to at your earliest convenience and you will oblige."

#### RATHDUFF LANE

The following under date 6th November 1937 was read from Mr. Simon Doran, Rathduff, Killanne:-

"On behalf of the Ratepayers living on Rathduff Lane, I wish to ask your Council to have the repairs to this lane finished. As you remember, this lane was repaired under the Minor Relief Scheme about three years ago. But, it was not finished at that time. And again last year I believe it was passed by the Council. But nothing has been done since. As it is a terrible hardship on the people living here, we would be very thankful to have it finished. There are some stones left over since repairs were being done before and there are plenty more stones available. Hoping the Council will do some repairs to this lane. The residents will give all the assistance possible."



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Referred to County Surveyor for report.

LANE BULLRING, KILLENA, TO TOMDUFF HOUSE

Six residents of above lane made application for repair of above out of grants for special works for relief of unemployment.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

SHRULE LANE

Under date 4th November, 1937, the following was read from Mr. James Cosgrove, Shrule, Clonevan:-

"Some time ago, I applied to have something done to the lane leading to my farm at Shrule, Clonevan.

In reply, I received an answer stating that it would be done as soon as money was available.

Owing to present weather conditions, I find it impossible to get to my home.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know if anything can be done to same to enable me to carry out the necessary duties on my farm."

A Communication urging the repair of this lane was also received from Ballygarrett Fianna Fail Cumann.

The County Surveyor said this lane had been submitted to the Office of Works for repair under Minor Relief Scheme, but was not accepted.

It was decided that the County Surveyor make a further application for repair of this lane.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. notified his intention to apply at Ballycullane District Court for the committal of Margaret Devereux, The Island, Carrig-on-Bannow, 11 years old, and illegitimate, to an Industrial School. The mother, Margaret Devereux, was destitute. Application would be made under Section 58(1)(H) Children's Act 1908-29.

Referred to County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of this meeting be received and considered"

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of the 12th November, 1937, be and the same are hereby approved."

MEETING 26th NOVEMBER 1937: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on above date were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th November, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman), <sup>P. Colfer</sup> R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) presided during the Confirmation of Minutes, after which the Chairman (Mr. Allen) attended and presided for the rest of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3776. 12. 4d was examined and signed.

#### CHRISTMAS MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

To allow of workers of County Council being paid in time for Christmas it was decided that meeting of Finance Committee be held on Wednesday, 22nd December, and that meeting of 24th December be abandoned.

#### ILLNESS OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

Under date 26th November 1937 the following certificate was read from Dr. S. A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford:-

"This is to certify that W. F. Barry, Esq. (County Surveyor) is unable to attend his office owing to influenza."

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

	<u>Percentage of current Warrant and two years' arrears.</u>
S. Gannon	50.7
J. Curtis	49.7
J. Cummins	48.9
P. Nolan	48.6
E. J. ...	47.7



D. Kenny	47.1
J. J. O'Reilly	46.1
M. Kehoe	45.4
J. Deegan	45.3
A. Dunne	44.6
P. Carty	41.9
P. Doyle	41.5
M. McCarthy	41.3
J. Flood	41.1
W. Cummins	40.6
W. Doyle	40.0
J. Quirke	38.8
J. J. Sinnott	<u>37.8</u>

Average 44.3

The Secretary stated that Collectors were being directed to make an earnest effort to collect everything possible by the 31st December next so that the published returns will indicate that the Wexford Collection is in a satisfactory position when compared with other Counties. The Collectors were directed to furnish by 18th December details as to the legal proceedings taken by them for the recovery of rates.

RATE COLLECTOR QUIRKE: The Secretary stated that as regards £6. 6. 3d collected by Collector J. Quirke on 29th September last and which was not lodged until the 2nd November 1937, the following letter was read from this Collector:

"In reply to your letter re rates Edward Larkin, I wish to state that during the last couple of days of September and the first days of October, a big amount of Rates was collected by me. In the rush, I overlooked this part-payment for a little time. When I was making up my books for the half-year, I noticed the payment and lodged it."

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

"That Collector Quirke be informed that should any other case of delay in lodgment of rates occur as has happened in the case of Edward Larkin, the County Council will be asked to take action against him."



PROPOSED WEEKLY PAYMENTS

The following under date 16th November, 1937, was read from P. Redmond, 47 Garden City, Gorey, Secretary Irish Labour Party, Gorey:-

"I wish to bring under the notice of your Council re weekly wages for Council workers. Surely it would not be too much for your Council to make weekly payments to all Council workers especially on Relief Schemes and workers who only work 3 days each week and those unfortunate poor men have no way of supporting their wives and families. I don't believe it would inconvenience Clerical Staff of your Council to make out return of weekly wages.

Trusting your Council will make change on same."

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

"That the question of weekly payments to Road and Quarry workers be referred to the County Surveyor with a recommendation that arrangements be made - if possible - for weekly payments to men engaged on Minor Relief Schemes."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

PATRICK MERRIMAN, FORTH COMMONS, MURRINTOWN: Mr.

Birthingale, Assistant Surveyor came before the meeting relative to house to be erected by above mentioned applicant.

After conferring with the members of the Committee Mr. Birthingale stated that the value he would place on the house was £130 and on the land £10.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly that an advance of £50 be recommended in this case subject to the sanction of the Minister.

SANCTION OF ADVANCES: Under date 15th November 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.91687-37-Loch Garman) sanctioning loan of £150 to W. Pierce, Knocklahaun, and £180 to W. Doyle, Gorey. In the case of John Nolan, McCurtain Street, Gorey, the



maximum advance the Minister was prepared to sanction was £220.

As regards the application of John Roche, Screen, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said he was in correspondence with Messrs. O'Connor, Solicitors, as to procuring clear title in this case.

APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF LOAN: Under date 23rd November, 1937, John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, applied for a further £30. The house was costing £400 to build.

It was explained that an advance of £175 had been agreed to in this case on an estimated value of house at £375. On a £400 house the total amount of advance according to the Scheme cannot exceed £200.

It was decided to ask Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to furnish certificate as to the market value of Mr. Byrne's house.

Mr. Keegan said that the applicant had been obliged to pay £100 for the site.

APPLICATION WILLIAM HOSEY: William Hosey, Garryhaston, Clonegal, Ferns, Farmer, applied for loan of £80 on a house valued by him at £200.

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

"That subject to approval of the Minister an advance of £80 be made to William Hosey, Clonegal, Ferns, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1937/38

Under date 19th November 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/204/32) conveying approval to the Scheme of employment on roads and works submitted by the County Council and covering an expenditure of £4125, of which the Council had agreed to contribute



£1375.

The Secretary said that the County Surveyor had the matter in hands.

In connection with New Ross Urban District, Employment Scheme covering £1450 subject to local contribution of £200 was also approved (letter under date 16th November 1937 - RU/204/109 - Department of Local Government and Public Health.)

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 22nd November 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.85758/1937) forwarding copy of Order made under above in regard to the expenses incurred in the administration of the Act during the year ended 31st March 1937.

The amount assessed on Wexford is £174. 19. 5d.

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

"That assessment of £174. 19. 5d on Wexford County Council under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing Act) 1925 be recommended to County Council for payment."

DUNCANNON HARBOUR

Under date 24th November 1937, the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) - W.5/11/37 - wrote stating that representations had been made to the Minister as to the condition of Duncannon Harbour which, it was understood, was badly silted with mud. The Minister would be glad to know what steps the County Council were taking to have the condition of the Harbour remedied.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor was carrying out some improvements at Duncannon Harbour.

KELLY V. WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

The following under date 25th November 1937 as to claim by Mr. John J. Kelly, Cedar Lodge, Rosslare V. County



Council for trespass on his lands and neglect to erect a wall in respect of the widening of the road at his premises was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I enclose copy of a letter which Messrs. John A. Sinnott & Co., have received from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan from which you will see that Mr. Kelly is prepared to accept the sum of £70 in full of all claims for damages and costs exclusive of the value of the Land proposed to be taken in connection with the widening of the Road. Messrs. Sinnott & Co. (Solicitors for County Board of Health) and I acting under instructions from the Council have agreed to these terms, and I would be glad, if you would bring the matter before the Finance Committee at their meeting tomorrow

It would be well if Mr. Barry, County Surveyor was now instructed to measure up the amount of Land taken from Mr. Kelly for the widening of the Road so that we may calculate the amount of the Purchase Money of same."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to confirm the terms of settlement of the action of John J. Kelly, Cedar Lodge, Rosslare Strand V. Wexford County Council under which Mr. Kelly is to receive a sum of £70 in full settlement of costs and damages to his property and we suggest this amount be apportioned as follows:-

To be paid by Contractor for Sewerage Works of Board of Health	£. 35
To be paid by County Wexford Board of Health	20
To be paid by Wexford County Council	15
Total	£70.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to proceed at once with the erection of the wall so as to fence off Mr. Kelly's premises from the public road.



CLAIM FOR DEATH OF MARE

Under date 16th November, 1937, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of James Sinnott, Shopkeeper, Killinick, claiming £40 and expenses with Veterinary Surgeon's fees, for loss of a mare, his property. While drawing corn into his yard the animal fell as owing to repairs made by the County Council it was alleged the place was left in a dangerous condition. The corn shifted on the load and the mare sustained injuries from which she died.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had made a detailed report in this matter to the Insurance Brokers of the County Council.

HUMANE KILLERS

The following tenders for supply of four humane killers for Veterinary Surgeons J. Lynch, Thomas A. Mernagh, F. S. Ringwood and F. Staples, were received from

L. Keegan, 3 Inns Quay, Dublin, C.12, Templecox Universal Model Captive Bolt Killers (Greener Ltd) at £5. 5. 0 each less 5% discount and cartridges at 4/3d per 100 (nett).

Messrs. M. W. Broderick & Co., 25 Wellington Quay, Dublin, tendered at £5. 5. 0 each Killer and 4/6d per 100 for Cartridges.

M. Garnett and Son, 31 Parliament Street, Dublin, tendered for "Cash" Captive Bolt at £5 each and cartridges at 4/6d per 100. They did not tender for the Greener Killer.

It was mentioned that some Veterinary Inspectors preferred to use a shot gun to kill animals and it was understood this was equally as effective as a humane killer.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of acceptance of tenders to a future meeting.



### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from the Inspector National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Wexford Branch) as to application to Wexford Court on 1st December 1937 for the committal of the following children to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford:-

Mary Anne Sinnott, Oulart, 12 years old, orphan and destitute.

Mary Patricia Murphy, no fixed residence. Three years old. Illegitimate child of Mary Kate Murphy, Churchtown, Kilrane.

Johanna Lucy Stafford, no fixed residence;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years old; illegitimate child of Josephine Stafford, whose whereabouts are unknown.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

### ADVERTISING CONTRACT

It was decided that quotations from the three local papers as to advertising contract for year 1938 be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation up to £35,000 for the period up to and including 28th February, 1938."

### ROAD MATTERS

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT: Under date 13th November 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (SGQ/201/37) that £13,500 had been provisionally allocated to the Council for Main Road Improvement Grant 1937/38.

This included work on Gorey-Wexford Road (£7,200), Wexford New Ross Road - Barntown Castle to Larkin's Cross - (£2,500); New Ross - Duncannon line Whitechurch Cross to



Horeswood (£3,400) and erection of 20 ton weighbridge (£400).

TUBBERDUFF LANE: 5 Ratepayers wrote asking to have Tubberduff Lane (Gorey)- which leads to their residences - repaired.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided to refer the application to the County Surveyor for report.

LANE AT BOLEY, BALLYCANEW: Mr. William Dowling wrote under date 25th November 1937 asking for repair of lane leading to his house under Relief Scheme.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

COMPLAINT OF NOT BEING EMPLOYED

Under date 25th November 1937, the following was read from Patrick Walsh, Portersgate, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"Is it just or fair to local unemployed men with no means to live on, willing to work, to do haulage, or other work, that Fitzpatrick, Ganger, is employing farmers of his own chosen men outside the area to haul the handy clay. He gave the nearest heaps of stones to quarry to his friends. Why not start 3 and 4 and 5 or more if required. The clay has to be picked out of the cliff off the strand or bay, banked to Road.

I trust fair play will be given to these men that is most deserving.

I asked Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for work. He told me to speak to ganger about it."

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



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th November 1937, be received and considered."

DUNCANNON HARBOUR: Mr. T. Redmond raised the question as to the maintenance of Duncannon Harbour at which dues were collected by the Waterford Harbour Board which made no contribution towards necessary repairs.

The Secretary pointed out that several years ago an attempt was made by the Council to rectify this anomaly, but it was pointed out by the Department that nothing could be done unless through legislation. Duncannon being a "scheduled" pier, the County Council were responsible for its maintenance and the Waterford Harbour Act which gave power to the Harbour Board to collect dues was silent in regard to any contribution for the upkeep of the structure.

Mr. Corish thought it might be well to ask the Minister to hold an inquiry into the whole position.

The County Surveyor said that the silting which was referred to by the Department was at the little stone boat harbour and in respect of this no dues were collected. The Finance Committee had asked him to try and secure a grant for the work and to do what he could in that direction and he was proceeding to carry out this recommendation. At this little pier the stones were overhanging so that on the rise and fall of tide vessels chafed against it and were injured to a certain extent. He had decided to do what was possible to rectify this.

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 26th November 1937 be and the same are hereby approved."



MEETING 10th DECEMBER, 1937: The Minutes of this  
meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th December, 1937,

Present:- 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 also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6382. 1. 9d was examined and signed.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Collection.</u>
1. S. Gannon	52.3
2. J. Curtis	52.2
3. E. J. Murphy	51.7
4. P. Nolan	51.5
5. J. J. O'Reilly	51.1
6. J. Cummins	50.6
7. D. Kenny	49.7
8. M. Kehoe	48.5
9. A. Dunne	47.3
10. J. Deegan	47.1
11. J. Flood	45.3
12. P. Doyle	45.2
13. P. Carty	45.2
14. M. McCarthy	44.9
15. W. Cummins	43.4
16. W. Doyle	41.1
17. J. J. Sinnott	40.8
18. J. Quirke	<u>40.5</u>
Average	47.1

It was decided to communicate with the five Collectors who are lowest on the list and inform them that the Finance Committee are not satisfied that they are performing their duties in an energetic and efficient manner.



POUNDAGE: The Secretary stated that the following Collectors had qualified for poundage:- Messrs. S. Gannon, J. Curtis, E. J. Murphy, P. Nolan and J. J. O'Reilly, and it was expected that a number of other Collectors would qualify for payment of poundage by the 15th December 1937, the specified date.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to issue Pay Orders for Poundage to all Collectors qualified to receive same.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 4th December 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.100658/37 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft by County Council of a sum up to £35,000 to 28th February 1938.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS

Only one tender, that of Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy, at £34, was received for the printing of Rate Books for 1938-39.

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

"That the tender of Messrs. Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy, for the printing of Rate Books for 1938-39 at £34 be accepted on condition that Messrs. Redmond are prepared to supply half the books within three weeks from date of receipt of copy and the balance in a fortnight later; otherwise the County Council will be compelled to make a reduction in the amount of the contract."

The Secretary stated that the quotation was £1 in advance of last year's figure.



PRINTING ABATEMENT FORMS AND POSTCARDS FOR RATEPAYERS

The following quotations were received for the printing of 7,500 abatement forms and 5,500 postcards:-

Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy	£9. 15. 0
"The Echo", Enniscorthy	£15. 15. 0
"The People", Wexford	£21. 19. 6

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

"That quotation of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for printing abatement forms and postcards at £9. 15. 0 be accepted, payment to be made on the certificate of the Secretary that the work is completed in good time and to his satisfaction."

ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR 1938

Under date 23rd November 1937 the following letter was read from the Manager, "The Echo", Enniscorthy:-

"In reply to yours of the 17th instant inviting us to let you have the usual quotation for next year's (1938) Advertising at £110, we regret that owing to the abnormal increases in price of paper, all other printing materials and the reduction of the working week to 45 hours, which is in effect an increase in wages, we are compelled to ask for a revision of the advertising arrangement that has hitherto held.

As well as the above considerations your advertising for the past few years has greatly increased, and last year, calculating it at the recognised and accepted rate, would amount to approximately £250 per newspaper.

Under the circumstances, we suggest that a new arrangement under which each paper would receive £175 per annum for your advertising, would give you a very substantial discount and would be from your point of view very fair and reasonable."

Copy of this letter was also received from "The Free Press" and "The People", Wexford.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to offer "The People", "Free Press" and "The Echo" newspapers the sum of £140 (One Hundred and Forty Pounds) each for advertising of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture for year 1938."



PROPOSED NEW COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 6th December 1937 from the County Registrar:-

"The fourth part of the Courts of Justice Act has now been put into operation by Order of the Executive Council. This means that the High Court Circuit will start sitting as provided under the Act. The date mentioned is first March 1938. In connection with the provision of Courts, you will see there is great urgency because under Section 41 of the Act the business can be adjourned to any convenient place. Hence any undue delay might cause the business to be transferred to Wicklow or Waterford. I should mention that, in the new Courts and Offices, accommodation will have to be provided for the District Court Clerk."

It was decided to consider rough sketch plan for the conversion of old Buildings at the rear of County Hall for Courthouses and Offices (to be prepared by County Surveyor) at meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 7th January 1938.

JOHN J. KELLY V. COUNTY COUNCIL

Under date 1st December 1937 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that as regards the matter of arbitration in the above case for trespass on the premises of Mr. J. J. Kelly, The Cedars, Rosslare Strand, and for neglect to build a protection wall, the Board of Health had agreed to the figures of arbitration arranged between their Solicitor, the Solicitors for Mr. Kelly and the County Solicitor. The total figure was £70 of which the Contractor for Sewerage Works under Board of Health was to contribute £35, Board of Health £20 and County Council £15. The County Solicitor asked that a Pay Order for the latter amount should be drawn in favour of Mr. Kelly.

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



"That the Council be recommended to issue Pay Order for £15 in settlement of claim (and costs) of Mr. J. J. Kelly V. The Wexford County Council."

#### PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS

Under date 24th November 1937 (Fund 206) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the Minister was prepared to agree to the perforation of combined Health and Pensions stamps for the County Council with a design such as a number of small holes arranged in a geometrical pattern subject to the following conditions:-

1. The Council must agree to take all practicable steps to prevent the disclosure to any person other than their own employees of the design approved for them, and, if they propose to have the perforation carried out by a Contractor they must obtain a similar undertaking from the Contractor.
2. Any Health and Pensions stamps marked with the approved design shall be solely for the payment of contributions in respect of persons employed by the Council, and
3. The Minister reserves the right to withdraw approval of the design at any time or to require it to be altered from time to time.

Under date 3rd December 1937, the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote (E.B.217282) that the Minister was prepared to consider authorising the Council to perforate their Unemployment Insurance Stamps as set out in the letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th November 1937 (Fund 206). A formal application for the perforation of Unemployment Stamps should be made to the Minister.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to



the Department of Industry and Commerce for permission to perforate Unemployment Insurance Stamps.

That said perforation for all Insurance and Unemployment Stamps be arranged on the terms and conditions set out in letter of Local Government and Public Health (24th November 1937) (Fund 206).

That the County Secretary submit a further report on this matter at a future date."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 3rd December 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.98664/37 Loch Garman) approving of advance of £200 under above to John and Bridget Murphy, Wexford Street, Gorey.

#### CARETAKERSHIP OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following letter from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District:-

"I called on R. Valentine to-day for the purpose of taking over premises from him as per yours of the 26th instant and he informed me he was looking for a house, having been promised one of the new houses now being built in Gorey. He said until he got this promised house he had no where else to go, as there were no vacant houses in Gorey."

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

"That County Solicitor inform R. Valentine, Gorey, he must leave Gorey Courthouse premises within a month from this date. That, if he fails to carry out this direction, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against him for overholding. That Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, be instructed to obtain the keys of the Courthouse premises proper and hand same over to Thomas Dwyer recently appointed Caretaker of the premises. That Mr. Treanor



report to the Council what amount of work Thomas Dwyer has carried out as caretaker of the premises since his appointment. Also, if he can ascertain at what date cooking range now claimed by R. Valentine was erected in caretaker's apartments."

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The Committee considered for some time notice of motion by Mr. Corish for County Council meeting for the erection of new Bridge at old Courthouse site, and also notice of motion by Mr. Kinsella for same meeting to allow present day mechanical traffic up to three tons, six cwt. unladen to utilise Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor said that people were under the impression if he (County Surveyor) was satisfied ~~that~~ everything would be all right even if he said a vehicle of six tons could be allowed to cross Wexford Bridge, but this was not the case. He had to satisfy himself as to what he considered was really feasible in the matter. The greatest weight he could agree to in respect of this bridge was four tons all in, and he did not believe the structure could be regarded as safe for any weight above that.

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

"That in accordance with Section 158 of Road Traffic Act 1933 notices be issued restricting the weight of mechanically propelled vehicles crossing Wexford Bridge to four tons "all in" and that the necessary notices as provided by said Act be issued and posted on Bridge approaches."

#### WORK AT FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

Under date 27th November, 1937, the following letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, 2 George Street, Wexford:-



"We are instructed by our client, Mrs. Nora Quaide, who is the proprietor of the premises known as Oak Tavern, Ferrycarrig, to write to you about the work which <sup>is</sup> being done by the County Council around her premises. Mrs. Quaide has asked us to point out to you that the road on two sides has been raised and is being raised to such extent that it will be a serious cause of trouble for her and those using her premises. We are instructed to inform you that the increase in the height of the road is so great and the level of the road when finished will be so much higher over Mrs. Quaide's premises that her property will be seriously reduced in value.

Our client tells us that with the new road her premises will be subject to flooding.

She also tells us that accessability to the property is seriously interfered with. Mrs. Quaide also informs us that neither motor cars nor horse drawn vehicles will be able to pull up or park in front of her premises unless such remain on the public road a danger to other traffic.

We cannot understand how there could have been any necessity for changing the level of the road.

We would be glad if you would kindly see that steps are immediately taken to reduce the road to its former level and we would be glad to hear from you by return of post that this will be done."

The County Surveyor said he understood that it was Mrs. Hegarty, mother of Mrs. Quaide, who was the owner of the Oak Tavern at Ferrycarrig. He had an interview with Mrs. Hegarty and suggested what should be done, but could not get any satisfaction. He was anxious to put up a little retaining wall at the place, fill it up and level off making a regular parking place. As a matter of fact, if he owned the premises he would ask the permission of the Council to do this. He suggested that Mr. Elgee and him-



Solicitor, and arrange what was best to be done.

The County Surveyor's suggestion was approved.

#### ROAD MATTERS

WHITEMILL ROAD: The following under date 1st December 1937 was read from Mr. Edward Kelly, Whitemill Road, Wexford:

"Some time ago a memorial signed by the ratepayers on the above road was presented to the Surveyor's Department at the County Hall. This was in an effort to have its condition improved, and so far it has not had the desired effect. During this period of the year portions of the Road are flooded with water over a foot deep, making it impossible for children to get to school or people to get to town. Even to-day as I write this letter, the road is flooded with water over a foot deep with the result the children living on this road are unable to attend school, and that occurs even after a couple of hours' rain owing to the state of the road and the drains. In fact, the road is absolutely impassable for pedestrians during wet weather.

We beg of you to use your influence to have this matter attended to before the really bad weather sets in. The part of the road affected by the flooding is only about 400 yards outside the Borough Boundary, and is causing terrible inconvenience to the people living on it."

The County Surveyor said he had been talking this matter over with Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, and they agreed they would have to raise this road and put in a bigger gullett. When the work which the Wexford Corporation were carrying out at Spawell Road, Wexford, was finished he (County Surveyor) would be able to get some material to help to raise the road.

It was decided to inform Mr. Kelly that the County Surveyor would do what he could to improve Whitemill Road as soon as the time was opportune.



MANGAN LANE, KILLENA: The following, under date 1st December 1937 was read from J. Hughes, Mangan, Killena:-

"I would be glad if you would place before meeting of your Council the condition of Mangan Lane. It is now almost impassable and is the only way of approach for four families; two of which have six young children going to school, and of a bad time it is impossible to get to school dry. The local Councillors know it's bad condition. And I hope that you and your Council will give this letter favourable consideration."

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

"That application for repair of Mangan Lane (Killena) be placed on list of applications to be dealt with under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

PARKBAWN LANE: The following under date 2nd December 1937 was read from Mr. Bernard Murphy, Parkbawn, Gorey:-

"Would you please place this letter before your Council in reference to a lane at Parkbawn, Gorey, which is used by three families, William Kavanagh, Patrick Allen, and Bernard Murphy, and which is in a very bad state of repair, almost impassable. I would be very thankful to the County Council if some repairs could be done on it through the Unemployment Relief Scheme."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer to refer this application to the County Surveyor for report.

BALLINAHORNA LANE: Mr. Murtha Kavanagh, Ballinahorna, Ballycanew, wrote that he had a very long lane, part of which led to a public well. He would be glad to have it repaired by free labour out of Special Grant for relief of Unemployment.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore,

It was decided to refer this application to County Surveyor for report.



ROAD COOLHULL TO OLD CHURCH AT BANNOW: The following under date 4th December 1937 was read from Rev. M. Keating, P.P., Bannow:-

"Please draw the attention of the County Council to the very bad state of the road from Coolhull to the Old Church at Bannow. The surface is so bad that cyclists (after dark) are in great danger and two of the crosses on it are veritable death traps."

The County Surveyor said this road was four miles long and being a sea gravel road it was bound to ravel. He was afraid they would not have money to do the corners this year.

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

BOIRA LANE: The following under date 4th December 1937 was read from Mr. James Redmond, Boira South:-

"I would be thankful if you would see about getting the lane to my house from Main Road done. The car is to the axles in muck and we can hardly get out in Winter. Hope you will give this consideration as I understand there is a lot of lanes being done here."

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

TOMNAHELY LANE: Mrs. Sarah Kinsella, Clondaragh, Inch, wrote asking for repair of lane leading to houses and lands which was nearly impassable. There was a bridge over <sup>it</sup> and unless it was repaired they would be cut off altogether. Something should be done immediately as the matter was most urgent. They were large ratepayers and entitled to a better roadway to their homes.

It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to furnish report on this application.

BALLYCULLANE LANE: The following signed by Very Rev. P. King, P.P., Ballycullane, Patrick Stafford, Catherine Power,



James Power and Patrick Reville (Junior) was read:-

"Last year we approached your Council to know if they would do something with Ballycullane Lane. One end opens out on Ballycullane - Kinnagh Main road, the other end on to Ballycullane - Taylorstown road. There are five users of this lane, two going to their homes and three to their land. We renew our application for something to be done with the lane, as it is now almost impassable. Trusting your Council will give kind consideration to this application."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cullimore that application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

KILBRIDE LANE (RAMSGRANGE): Mr. Colfer called attention to the benefit which would accrue to the people of the locality by repair of Kilbride Lane near Duncannon. He proposed that it be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Mr. Cullimore seconded and the motion was adopted.

BRACKERNAGH RIVER: Under date 26th November, 1937, the following was read from Mr. John Duffy:-

"At a meeting of Ballycanew Fianna Fail Club it was passed to ask the County Council to clean up the Brackernagh river. Between 500 and 600 acres of land are swamped every year. Also the people living in Cranscower are driven from their homes when the river floods. We also wish to congratulate Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, and his men for the splendid work done on the Ounavarra and Boira river."

Under date 30th November 1937, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that this river discharged into the Boira and the application was one which should be agreed to as he had frequently seen the adjoining land flooded.



But until work had been done at the Boira, drainage of the Brackernagh River would be of little advantage. He recommended that a grant should be applied for to carry out this work.

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

"That application for cleaning up of Brackernagh River be placed on list to be dealt with under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

TRENCH AT SHEEP WALK, DRINAGH, WEXFORD: The following under date 6th December 1937 was read from Patrick Whelan, Sheepwalk, Drinagh:-

"Will you please bring to the notice of the Council the condition of a trench opposite my house at Sheepwalk. I have reported it on several occasions. The Surveyor visited the place last May and was to see to it before the Winter. Our garden is always flooded from the trench. We have lost anything we have sown, which amounted to about ten pounds, in the way of vegetables and fruit trees, and could not sow them, as the garden was flooded at the time. I would be very grateful if it is seen to as soon as possible. Any further damage I shall hold the Council responsible."

The County Surveyor said the land at the place at Sheepwalk was very flat. The County Council had a drain there which had been in existence before he (County Surveyor) came to the County. Recently labourers' cottages had been erected by the Health Board, one of which was occupied by Patrick Whelan. It appeared that some flooding of the garden did take place. He had the matter in hands with Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, who would also confer with the Engineer for the Board of Health. They would do what they could in conjunction with the Board of Health to remedy the matter.



STREAM AT RAMSTOWN, GOREY: Under date 9th December, 1937, Mr. Thomas P. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey, wrote that the matter of cleaning up this stream was most urgent, as the owners of the surrounding lands could not put their stock on to the fields as long as the water was unfit for drinking purposes. This was causing many of those concerned inconvenience and loss.

The Secretary stated application in this matter had been referred to the County Surveyor for report. He (Secretary) explained to Mr. Forde that the work referred to could only be done by the help of money from Minor Relief Scheme and that unless his application was accepted by the Office of Works nothing could be done as the County Council had no power to spend any of their own funds on works of this description.

As regards Minor Relief Scheme Money the Finance Committee wish to inform the public that in connection with repair of lanes, cleaning of rivers and kindred work the County Council are not empowered to expend any of their own funds. Repair can only be carried out by money from the State, and out of a long list of lanes etc., scheduled by the County Council for repair a comparatively small number are selected and those in areas in which the incidence of Unemployment is highest and in which the Office of Works believe the work would make for public convenience.

#### COMPLAINT AS TO NON-EMPLOYMENT

In connection with complaint by Patrick Walsh, Portersgate, Fethard-on-Sea, that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, had refused to afford him employment, the following report was received from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"During the early part of this year there were 7 or 8 small farmers and fishermen employed hauling beach material to the road from Porter's Gate to Slade in preparation for



a relief grant. Patrick Walsh was also employed and got the same facilities as the rest. Recently, I arranged with the ganger for the haulage of clay for the same work. Patrick Walsh met me and asked me for a start, I referred him to the ganger. I later met the ganger and told him to start Walsh. The ganger sent him word to start with a few others. He did not turn up. On receipt of copy of his letter of complaint I went to see him along with the ganger. He admitted I told him to start work, and also that the ganger sent him word to start, but complained that either I should have gone to start him or that the ganger should have called on him."

The meeting regarded Mr. O'Neill's explanation as satisfactory.

#### PETROL PUMP AT FERNS

In connection with application of Philip Redmond, Station Road, Ferns, for erection of petrol pump, the following report was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district under date 4th December 1937:-

"I have seen this place. I would not see any objection to Redmond putting up this pump."

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

"That the Council be recommended to agree to the application of Philip Redmond as to erection of petrol pump provided tank of same is placed on his own premises."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 1st December 1937 the Inspector National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children forwarded notification of his application for the committal to an Industrial School of eight Daly children, William Street, Gorey, whose ages range from thirteen to three years. The father was at present undergoing six months' imprisonment and the mother was bound over for three years, both being



charged with desertion and neglect of their family.

It was decided to refer the application to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Mr. Keegan said that these Daly's were not natives of Gorey.

APPLICATIONS COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of Patrick Morris and Patrick Ryan, Castlebridge, for a claim for £35 for injury to motor boat and from William Fitzgerald, Ballineroide, Oulart, for £206 for burning of house, furniture, etc.

Both applications were referred to County Solicitor to defend.



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 10th December 1937 be received and considered."

PETROL PUMP AT FERNS: It was decided before agreeing to issue licence to await report from County Surveyor that the pump would not - in any way - inconvenience the public.

Col. Quin expressed the opinion that the Council should insist on having an overhead delivery from these pumps so as not to interfere with the travelling surface of the road.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th December 1937 be and the same are hereby approved."

ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of Local Advisory Committee under National Monuments Act 1930 in respect of meeting held on 11th November 1937 were approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY WEXFORD ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 11th November, 1937.

Present, Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., presiding, and Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn.

Mr. H. G. Leask, Inspector of Monuments, Office of Public Works and the County Secretary were in attendance.

Considerable deliberation was given to discussing the powers of the Minister, of the County Council and of County Board of Health under the National Monuments Act 1930.

The following appears to be the position:-

1. The State can take over - if they desire - National or Historic Monuments of outstanding importance in addition to those already in their control. But this, according to legal opinion, cannot apply to Monuments which are in the enclosure of vested graveyards.

2. The County Council can take over monuments which - in the opinion of the Office of Public Works and the National Advisory Committee - are worthy of preservation.

The first essential step in this direction is for the County Council through Ancient Monuments Committee to submit a schedule of what they believe should be regarded as Ancient or Historical Monuments for the consideration and advice of the above-mentioned bodies.

The Committee decided to submit in this connection the names of ten or twelve of the principal Monuments vested in graveyards.

Later, a further list will be dealt with and an attempt made to induce owners of monuments which are



outside of vested burying places to hand these over to the County Council.

The Committee feel that owing to the lack of Head-quarter Field Staff for the purpose, the submission in the first instance to the National Advisory Committee and the Office of Works, of a complete schedule, would cause considerable delay and also that as regards the inclusion in the first list to be submitted of Monuments outside of vested graveyards, the consent of their owners to hand them over to the County Council could not be obtained offhand.

A beginning, at any rate, will be made with the ten or twelve and when the procedure has become familiar the rate of progress will be accelerated.

The Committee also recognise that owing to financial considerations, their motto must be "festina lente".



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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Local Advisory Committee under National Monuments Act 1930, held on 21st September 1937 and 5th October 1937 which appear on Minutes of County Council meeting of 11th October 1937 be and the same are hereby approved."

Mr. McCarthy said he had been asked if any repairs could be carried out at the old Windmill at Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy, the site of a heroic struggle by the Insurgents in 1798.

Mr. Kelly said he understood the County Council had carried out repairs to the structure in 1910.

Mr. McCarthy said the estimate for the present repair was £12.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor who was instructed to carry out the repair if he was advised he could do so legally.

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES - DATES OF MEETINGS

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond, the meetings of Tenders Committees were arranged as follows:-

Enniscorthy (Courthouse). Tuesday, 15th February 1938 at 10.30 a.m.

Gorey (Courthouse). Saturday, 12th February 1938 at 10.30 a.m.

New Ross (Courthouse). Thursday, 17th February 1938 at 11 o'clock a.m.

Wexford (County Hall). Saturday, 19th February 1938 at 11 o'clock a.m.

#### PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE AT WEXFORD

The following resolution stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-



"That in view of the fact that Wexford Bridge is incapable of carrying present day traffic a new Bridge be constructed from the Old Wexford Courthouse to Ferrybank - the site of a former Bridge."

Mr. Corish agreed that consideration of this motion should stand over until the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 10th January, 1938.

WEXFORD BRIDGE - BUS AND LORRY TRAFFIC

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

"That the resolution adopted by Wexford County Council at their meeting of 8th November 1937 agreeing to allow buses of Great Southern Railways Company up to Three Tons to cross Wexford Bridge be varied so as to allow Buses of this Company up to three tons, six cwt., in weight to utilise said Bridge for Bus Traffic."

Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 10th December 1937 embodying the statement of the County Surveyor that he was not prepared to agree to a bus heavier than four tons "all in" utilising Wexford Bridge was referred to.

Mr. Kinsella, in moving his motion, asked the Council if they were prepared to stop buses for the sake of 6 cwt. weight and thereby dislocate the traffic of a whole country side. The 16 seater bus of the railway Company broke down recently on a journey and as the Company could not use the 20 seater bus grave inconvenience was caused. If the County Council stuck to the four tons "all in" they would stop all bus and lorry traffic over the bridge.

Mr. Smyth seconded.

The County Surveyor said that by the adoption of their resolution to put up on the bridge the notices under the Road Traffic Act 1933 the Council would be in a position to use the Civic Guards to prevent the crossing of overweight



traffic. The order under the Road Traffic Act would remain in force until amended or revoked by the Minister, and then only through the application of someone who felt he was aggrieved. He believed that the 20 seater bus, though weighing only 3 tons 6 cwt. unladen, would run to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons with passengers and he was not prepared to say this was a safe load for the bridge.

The Chairman said if the Council went against the views of their Chief Engineer they were taking responsibility for anything that might happen at the bridge and this was a view they should keep in mind. They would find it extremely difficult to justify their refusal to fall in with the considered opinion of their expert adviser.

Col. Quin agreed with the Chairman and Mr. Bowe believed in this matter they had no option but to accept the advice of the County Surveyor.

The Chairman said the Railway Company were well able to provide a second 16 seater bus and it was childish to try and make out that otherwise they would abandon the route.

The County Surveyor said as he had already stated he intended keeping a close watch on the bridge and if he found there was the least indication that four tons "all in" were causing injury to the bridge he would ask the County Council to agree to a further restriction.

Mr. Corish said that the Railway Company had made the case that without the use of 20 seater buses the service would not be economic. It was questionable if the Company could be obliged to continue the service. He wished the County Surveyor to go into the whole question and ascertain what would be required to strengthen the bridge to take the larger Railway Bus.

The County Surveyor said that with conditions prevailing for modern traffic the Council would feel themselves



compelled to erect a new bridge. He believe it would not be economical at the present time to make an attempt to strengthen the existing bridge. It was built of timber, seventy years old and in his opinion could not be sufficiently reconstructed economically to bear modern traffic. Although the four tons was a fair load now it would be impossible even with the most minute and careful examination to discover what might be a weak spot in the bridge. To go over the four tons would be risking injury to the bridge, to property, and what was of more concern, to people's lives. And if there was possibility of further deterioration he would ask the Council to reduce the four ton limit. He would be most anxious to facilitate the Railway Company and the public and agree even to six tons if he thought the bridge could bear it. As a final word, four tons "all in" was, he considered, the absolute maximum of weight that should be agreed to.

Mr. Kinsella then agreed to withdraw his motion and the matter dropped.

#### TAGHMON WATER SUPPLY

The following motion stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 13th December 1937 that the Council consent to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance raising loan of £3376 (Three Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-Six Pounds) for the purpose of providing Water Supply for the village of Taghmon."

(This motion was circulated to County Councillors on the 16th October 1937).

Miss O'Ryan, in moving her motion, referred to the necessity of providing a decent water supply for the village of Taghmon and the people in the vicinity.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said that the project had



been under consideration by the Board of Health for a considerable time.

Col. Quin said money had been already spent on a water supply for Taghmon and it appeared to have been a failure. Taghmon was a small place for such an elaborate scheme.

The Chairman said one-third of the cost would come from the Government.

The motion was then put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting. He said the County Council and their subsidiary bodies had too many loans.

ADOPTION ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1938-39

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Bowe:-

"That the figures submitted by County Surveyor for Road Works Scheme for financial year 1938/39 be and the same are hereby approved.

These figures cover the following:-

Main Roads:

	£.
Repair and Maintenance	32,714
Contingencies	1,067
Relief Vote	<u>932</u>
Total	<u>£34,713</u>

County Roads:

	£.	s.	d.
Repair and Maintenance	21,645.	14.	7
Contingencies	1,033.	0.	0
Relief Vote	<u>4,364.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>£27,042.</u>	<u>14.</u>	<u>7.</u>
Gross Total	<u>£61,755.</u>	<u>14.</u>	<u>7.</u>

That the Public Works Estimate at £1000 as proposed by County Surveyor be and the same be hereby approved.

This covers repairs to the following Piers and Harbours:-

Courtown, Poulduff, Carne, Fethard, Slade, Kilmore,



Buildings and Courthouses."

Mr. Corish contended that the figure allocated by the Council, viz., £300 for the maintenance of Main Roads in Wexford Urban was entirely inadequate and in consequence, it was very doubtful if the Urban Council would take over their maintenance.

The County Surveyor pointed out that according to the directions of the Council at the last meeting, reductions had been made in his estimate and the "cut" in Wexford Urban was only in proportion to what had taken place for the other portions of the County.

Mr. Corish moved that the County Surveyor be instructed to include in the Road Estimate a figure sufficient to maintain the Main Roads in Wexford Urban Area in proper condition.

This was seconded by Mr. Kelly.

On a show of hands it was lost, four voting in favour and six against. Other members did not take part in the voting.

The resolution as to adoption of figures for Roads and Public Works was then put and passed.

The estimate of County Surveyor at £225 for repair of the streets of New Ross urban area was approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Bowe.

CURRACLOE ROAD - MORTGAGE £500

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

"That pursuant to Letter of Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 21st September 1937 the sum of £500 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited to defray expenditure on the improvement of the road between Curracloe village and Curracloe Strand, said sum to be repaid within 10 years with Interest at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks' rate varying,



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subject to a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure said Loan."

#### SEALING AGREEMENT - PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Agreement between the County Council and Patrick Fortune, Tara Hill, Gorey, in respect of a sum of £25 paid to him for injury caused when working as an employee of the County Council on 14th July 1937."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT 1908

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided to issue new licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 to the following:-

Michael Breslin, 82 Main Street, Gorey.

Robert Butler, St. Ivers, Broadway.

Joseph Crangle (J. J. Bolger & Co. Ltd.), Ferns.

Nicholas Culleton, Arthurstown.

Brigid Doyle, 70 Main Street, Gorey.

Stephen J. Doyle, Gorey.

John McNamara (c/o McCormack & Hegarty) Custom House Quay, Wexford.

Gerald Murphy, Fence, Tacumshane.

Patrick Prendergast, Haggard, Ramsgrange (Shelburne Co-operative Society).

Robert Spencer (J. J. Bolger & Co.), Gorey.

John Whelan, Bunclody.

#### TOWN PLANNING ACT

The following under date 26th November 1937 was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health and Public Assistance:-



"At the meeting of Board on the 15th instant, the County Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Town Planning Act be adopted for County Wexford in order to enable the Regulations to apply in areas such as Rosslare Harbour, which have been provided with sewerage and water facilities."

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman it was decided to refer the communication from the Board of Health to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 7th January 1938.

#### PENSIONS FOR RAILWAY WORKERS

The following resolution was received from Mr. Joseph Swords, St. Elmo, Rosslare Harbour, Secretary of Railwaymen's Pension Committee, Rosslare Harbour:-

"That this Body pledges its unanimous support to the Railworkers' demand for a proper pension Scheme for their members who have to retire through infirmity or old age.

We feel that this is a grievance that should have been redressed long ago and demand that the Government pass into law the Draft Scheme which has been compiled by the Railway Pensions Committee."

The Chairman said that negotiations were going on with the Minister for Industry & Commerce and the Railway Workers at the moment and he did not consider there was any necessity for the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Corish proposed the adoption of the resolution pointing out that in his opinion it would help to strengthen the hands of the Government in a settlement of the application of the railway men.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Mr. Walsh took exception to its adoption and pointed out that if it were agreed to, it would be a precedent for other sections of the community to apply for the support



of the County Council in similar circumstances. He believed it would be much more advisable if the County Council would deal only with their own business and not introduce outside matters.

Col. Quin agreed with Mr. Walsh.

The Chairman objected to the portion of the resolution "demanding" that the Government should take steps in the matter and on his suggestion this portion of the resolution was made to read as follows:-

"And request that the Government pass into law the Draft Scheme which has been compiled by the Railway Pensions Committee."

The resolution, as amended, was then put and adopted, Col. Quin and Mr. Walsh dissenting.

*T. Allen*

*10 Jan. 38*