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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 10th FEBRUARY, 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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



The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th February, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding), also Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and Malachi Sweetman.

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

Mr. E. A. P. White, M.R.C.V.S., of the Department of Agriculture was present.

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting held on 13th January 1936 and of special meeting held on 27th January 1936 were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £244l. 10. 8 was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. BRIAN DE VALERA

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly a vote of condolence in the tragic death of their son, Brian, was adopted to Mr. De Valera, President Executive Council, and to Mrs. De Valera.

The vote, which was adopted in the usual way, was supported by Mr. McCarthy and Col. Quin and also spoken to by the Secretary.

#### THE LATE MRS. DONOHUE, WILLIAM ST., WEXFORD.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded a vote



of sympathy to Mr. P. M. Donohoe of County Council Office staff, in the death of his mother, a member of a respected family which had long and honourable connections with the town of Wexford.

The motion was also spoken to by the Secretary.

THE LATE MRS. STAPLES

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

"That the following reply to vote of condolence from Mr. Frank Staples, M.R.C.V.S., in the death of his mother, appear on this day's minutes of proceedings:-

'Will you please convey to the members of the County Council my sincerest thanks for the kind vote of sympathy passed to me in my recent sad bereavement - the death of my mother.

Yourself, I also thank very much in being associated with the vote'."

THE LATE MRS. CULLEN

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

"That the following reply from Mr. Kelly, County Councillor, in respect of vote of condolence adopted to him in the death of his aunt, Mrs. Cullen, Mangan, be inserted on the minutes of this day's meeting:-

'I desire to return to the members and officials of the County Council my most sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy passed with me, at last meeting, on the death of my aunt, Mrs. Cullen, Mangan.'"

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

MEETING 17th JANUARY 1936: Minutes of this meeting 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 17th January, 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council), presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Bryne 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

Treasurers' Advice Note for £2835. 11. 11d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The state of the Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

E. J. Murphy	54.7
P. Carty	53.6
J. Curtis	53.1
J. J. O'Reilly	51.3
S. Gannon No. 10.	50.2
D. Kenny	50.0
P. Doyle	49.2
S. Gannon No. 6.	49.0
M. McCarthy	48.9
M. Kehoe	48.7
A. Dunne	47.9
J. Deegan	47.3
J. Quirke	46.9
J. Cummins	46.8
P. Nolan	46.6
J. Flood	42.7
W. Doyle	41.5
W. Cummins	40.2
J. J. Sinnott	39.9
M. Murphy	37.6

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Compared with the corresponding period last year there was an improvement of 1.4 per cent.

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



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"That the Rates Inspector be instructed to concentrate his attention on the districts of the following collectors whose lodgments were under the figure required to qualify for payment of Poundage, viz.:— Collectors W. Cummins, J. Deegan, John Flood, Matthew Murphy and J. J. Sinnott."

A letter was read from the latter that he was doing his best but the position as regards the setting of land was difficult owing to wet season.

It was decided that the position of the five Collectors referred to be specially considered at next Finance Committee Meeting on 31st January 1936.

The Rates Inspector said he was going through the districts of the Collectors who had a large amount of arrears. He started with J. J. Sinnott (who he thought was doing his best), and was now engaged at Nolan's.

The Chairman said that it should be remembered in connection with the collection that although a number of the Collectors had lodged 50 per cent for first moiety portion of the amount was made up of part of the second moiety.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of poundage fees on lodgments to the 31st December 1935, in the case of all Collectors who have complied with the terms of the letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health 19th December 1935 (G.217106-35 Loch Garman)."

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION COUNTY REGISTRAR

The following report from Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish was read and recommendations confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:—



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"At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 3rd January, 1936, Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish were appointed a Committee to consider the application of the County Registrar for further office accommodation and also the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dealing with the matter.

The Committee, who were accompanied by County Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor, met on 11th January 1936. They carefully considered the amount of accommodation at present available in the building and the manner in which the various staffs are distributed. They are of opinion that the application of the County Registrar for further accommodation is borne out by the facts and suggest he be given the old County Council Chamber which is the apartment asked for by him in his first application. The Committee desire to point out that if the old Courthouse on Wexford Quay had been reconstructed it would not have been possible to allot to the County Registrar the amount of floor space now occupied by his offices. In suggesting he be allowed to take over the old County Council Chamber the Committee hold they are providing for his requirements.

Relative to the suggestion of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the conversion of old building adjoining Hill Street the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to embark on any further building scheme at the Old Jail.

If it be necessary, later on, to provide further accommodation for clerks of County Council Offices some of the old cells on the ground floor of the right wing can be reconstructed for the purpose."

Under date 15th January 1936, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"With reference to your enquiry I write to say that



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Counsel has advised that the County Registrar has not vested in him the Control and Custody of any part of the County Buildings other than that part which was allotted to and is now used for the purposes of the Court House and Court Offices, with the Sanction of the Department of Justice.

He Further advises that in his opinion the County Registrar cannot compel the County Council to evacuate any apartment or apartments in the County Buildings used as County Offices, and assign such apartment or apartments to the County Registrar for the purposes of Court Offices.

It is right to add that since Counsel gave his opinion in the Month of January 1935 The Court Houses (Provision and Maintenance) Act 1935 was passed, and by Section 2 of that Act it is Provided

" Where a part only of a building is provided and Maintained and is used as Court House accommodation, within the meaning of this Act, and the Residue of such building is provided and maintained and is used for other purposes, nothing in this Act shall apply to such residue of such Building".

Section 3 (1) (b) of the Act provides that every Council shall provide accommodation for the Transaction of Court Business.

Section 1 of the said Act defines Court House accommodation as (Inter Alia) Offices reasonably necessary.

Section 10 (1) of the Act provides that if a Council fails to perform a Duty prescribed by the Act proceedings by Mandamus shall lie in the High Court to enforce the performance of such Duties."

#### ROAD WORKS SCHEME

At the meeting of the County Council on 13th January 1936 the Chairman (Mr. Allen) and Messrs. Corish and McCarthy were appointed a deputation to discuss with the responsible officers of the Department of Local Government



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and Public Health letter from Department of 9th January 1936 (R/RGM/32) as to the figures in Road Works Scheme and the report of the Department's Inspector in the matter.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Corish reported they had discussed the matter with Mr. Moylan of the Roads Department of Local Government and Public Health and would report to the County Council that the amount already agreed to for Main Road upkeep viz., £26,897 should be increased by the re-allocation of £2000 from Improvement fund and of £1000 from Contingencies Fund, making a total of £29897 for Main Road Repair. The 40% grant on this would be £11958 leaving the portion to be borne by rates £17939.

The Meeting decided to recommend the adoption of these figures to special meeting of County Council to be held on 27th January 1936.

In connection with the proposed re-classification of certain County roads which were at present bearing more traffic than some main roads and to proposal that they should be moved into Main Road Class, Mr. Allen said the deputation had discussed this question in detail at the interview with Mr. Moylan and gathered that the Department would not object to the transfer from County class to Main Road class of about 30 miles of roads.

The Meeting discussed report of the County Surveyor dealing with suggested transfer of 63 miles of important County Roads, but, in view of the opinion expressed to the deputation, they agreed to request sanction to the following roads being brought into Main Road category:-

1.	No. 62 Slaght Cross to Balliniry	Miles.	Pers.
	No. 65.	8	280
2.	No. 22 Ballynabola to Taghmon via Foulksmills No. 55.	10	40
3.	No. 57 Baldwinstown to Wellingtonbridge No. 67 through Coolseskin and Carrig.	9	220
4.	No. 33 Fahy's Cross to Blackwater No. 41.	5	260
	Total miles	34½.	



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It was recommended that the Department be asked to agree that the £3000 transferred from Improvement and Contingencies Funds should - for the greatest part - be spent on the above mentioned transferred roads.

As regards the proposal of Mr. Culleton to borrow a sum of £4000 for reconstruction of road from Killinick to Carne the meeting decided to ask Mr. Culleton to extend his motion to cover Road from Horeswood to Ramsgrange, the amount proposed by him £4000 to stand and the Department of Local Government and Public Health to be asked to give an equivalent sum towards the total cost ( which it is calculated will be £8000) for the two roads.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer instructing the County Surveyor to furnish report as to the cost of having the streets through the various villages of the County put into good repair, placing them in the order most requiring attention. And that the Council make application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) for a 50% grant for the repair of those which the Council consider they are in a position to deal with.

#### ESTIMATE & DEMAND OF MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The above Demand for next financial year at £22460 was received: it is £2560 more than for current year.

Referred to County Council.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1935-36.

The Secretary reported the receipt of £3050 under above Grant from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads).

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPROVAL OF LOAN: Under date 10th January 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.20/36) that the Minister had sanctioned



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loan of £200 under above Acts to Maurice Murphy in respect of house to be erected at Tara Hill, Gorey.

HOUSE AT GLENBOUGH: In connection with statement by Mr. Corish at a recent meeting of Finance Committee that he was informed Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, had given directions that the certificate for payment of loan would not be forthcoming unless the roof of house under erection at Glenbough, Screen, was sheeted and felted, Mr. Cullen wrote under date 9th January 1936 that on his inspection of the house he suggested this improvement to Mrs. Mangan as he considered money for it would be well spent. This was mentioned by way of friendly advice and did not come under the heading of "requirements".

No Order.

#### SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd January 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.226102-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the continuance of Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 (Forty thousand pounds) on the accounts of Wexford County Council up to 31st March 1936, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed Rate.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE AND RENT

The following recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow County Wexford Library Committee to hold their premises free of rent or other contribution in lieu of same."

#### COMPLAINT BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 16th January 1936 the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Sec., Bunclody Development Committee:-

"I am directed by my Committee to draw the attention  
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of the Council to the state of Hospital Hill and Peg's Lane, both of which are almost impassable at present. A member of the Committee essayed to walk through both these so-called thoroughfares recently and well nigh left the soles of his shoes after him. There are three labourers' cottages in Peg's Lane - including two of recent construction, and yet the condition of the Lane can only be described as scandalous. Hospital Hill serves ten families and school children have, somehow, to get through it twice a day in attending school. Ratepayers in the town have to make use of it, as it leads to their lands, yet its condition is no better than Peg's Lane. Even in dry weather it is quite unsuitable for either pedestrian or vehicular traffic, owing to the numerous large stones projecting upwards from its surface.

Several complaints have been made to the Committee by the residents about the state of both these thoroughfares.

The Committee wish to inform the Council that the kerb stones on the foot path leading to the Catholic Church, having been loosened by the recent frosts, have fallen out of their positions on to the roadway and are a serious danger to pedestrians.

The Committee request the Council to inquire of the Assistant Surveyor how the £50 allotted by them to be expended on work for the unemployed at Christmas was so expended, as only one man from the town is known to the Committee to have had any benefit from it."

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

#### CLAIM FOR ALLEGED INJURY TO ENGINE

Under date 10th January 1936 Daniel Larkin, Ballymore, Camolin, wrote that on 19th December last one of his engines caught in the bough of an overhanging tree at Bolacreen cross roads which resulted in the governor being bent.



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The repair of this cost 15/- which he claimed, as well as 10/- for his time going to and coming from Enniscorthy with the article.

It was decided, on the advice of the County Solicitor to repudiate liability in this case as the bough which caused the alleged damage was not on County Council property.

#### CLAIM FOR REMOVAL OF TREE

Under date 9th January 1936 the following letter was read from Mr. H. A. Lett, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy:-

"After Sunday's storm the road at Macmine was blocked with an ash tree weighing about 2 Tons. It remained blocked all Monday; and on Tuesday, as there was no sign of your road men coming to clear it, I sent two men to do so. It cost me 6/- and I hope your Council will refund me this amount.

The tree was not on my land, it was on the Macmine Castle Estate."

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

"That Mr. Lett, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy, be informed the County Council have no legal liability with regard to the removal of trees blown down by storm. In the present instance it would appear that the Macmine Castle Estate would be responsible for any cost incurred in the removal of any tree from their land which blocked the road."

#### STORE OF CAMPILE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, under date 15th January 1936 that the Manager of the Co-operative Store at Campile was anxious to extend a store at Campile by adding another floor. The existing building was within 30 feet of the centre of the road but the Manager was willing to set back one corner by about one and a half feet if he were given



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permission to erect a lavatory as an annexe between the new building and the wall bounding the property; and was prepared to put in a proper sewer to take the present and future sewerage from all stores and the Creamery.

The County Surveyor said it was a very reasonable proposal and it would be greatly in the interests of the Council to have a proper sewer laid down at the place.

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

"We recommend the County Council to agree to the application of the Manager of Shelbourne Co-operative Society as to extension of building and laying down sewer at Campile premises provided these works are carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

#### WORK AT COOLGREANEY RIVER

The following under date 30th December 1935 was read from Mr. Thomas J. Byrne, Coolgreaney House:-

"I beg to bring to your notice that the men who are working on the River, under Peter Byrne, Ganger, Coolgreaney, are cleaning the course of a bog belonging to Mrs. Black, Coolgreaney Demesne, which is not the right course of the river as this river for hundreds of years ran through my 2 fields, and my father and grandfathers before me. It was turned away by the late James Black into this bog which is not the right way. I would be thankful to you if you will send some man of understanding to see this river as soon as possible."

Under date 4th January, 1936, the following was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Yours of 2nd instant with copy of letter from Mr. Thomas J. Byrne. In reply I beg to state I visited place on 3rd instant with Ganger and found no justification whatever for the statements made. There is no river at




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this place other than what is being cleaned. There is, however, a dry ditch about ten feet over level of river, which it appears Mr. Byrne claims was the original course of the river. To divert stream back to this dry ditch is what he (Mr. Byrne) aims at, but the amount allowed under Grant would not be sufficient to do this. As Mr. Byrne's land is well above level of stream it is not affected."

It was decided to accept as satisfactory the statement made by Mr. Treanor in the matter.

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

 It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the Committee approve of residence of Dermot S. Fenelon, Scholarship Holder under above Scheme at 43 South Main Street, Wexford (Mrs. Donohoe).

#### COMPLAINT OF NON-EMPLOYMENT

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 3rd January 1936 Patrick Morris, Castlebridge, attended and complained that he could not get employment under the County Council and alleged favouritism in the selection of employees. He also stated that one man working in the quarry broke stones by hand in his overtime.

It was then decided that the statement made by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, should be re-submitted to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 31st January, 1936.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th January 1936, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 31st JANUARY 1936: Minutes of this meeting 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 31st January, 1936.

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

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2585. 6. 8 was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. KENNY, BALLYCONRAN

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman a vote of condolence was adopted to Rate Collector Denis Kenny (District No. 14) in the death of his mother.

The Secretary also expressed his sympathy.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

E. J. Murphy	56.5
P. Carty	55.9
J. Curtis	53.3
S. Gannon No. 10	52.3
S. Gannon No. 6	52.2
J. J. O'Reilly	51.6
J. Flood	50.7
P. Doyle	50.5
D. Kenny	50.2
J. Deegan	50.1
J. Cummins	49.8
M. McCarthy	49.5
M. Kehoe	49.4
A. Dunne	48.4
J. Quirke	47.6
P. Nolan	46.9
W. Cummins	44.4
W. Doyle	42.3
J. J. Sinnott	42.0
M. Murphy	39.3

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Under date 31st January 1936, the Rates Inspector reported that during the past fortnight he had visited the collection districts of J. Flood and W. Cummins. During the period Flood had made good progress in lodging £315.1.3 since last meeting of Finance Committee, while his arrears had been reduced from £501. 14. 7 to £422. 2. 9. It was the Collector's opinion one year's rates will be paid on all holdings in his district, with one or two possible exceptions. The District of Collector W. Cummins also showed improvement. He had collected £233. 11. 0 during the past fortnight. This for the most part, represented current rate. The arrears in the district had not been fully investigated but fuller report would be submitted on these at a later date.

Under date 20th January 1936, M. Murphy (Collection District No. 12) wrote that during the past fortnight he had gone through all his district and collected about £65. In some places auctioneers had failed to secure promise of payment of one year's rate at auction, and therefore, the land would be left idle. He had handed for collection to his Solicitor, all current year's rate outstanding.

Under date 30th January 1936, Collector Sinnott (District No. 16) wrote regretting he was unable to lodge 50% of his collection and arrears by 31st January. Since last meeting he had lodged £224, and called on all rate payers. Owing to the large amount of accumulated arrears on derelict farms his percentage was very low. He believed it would be agreed that it was impossible to collect in most of these cases either arrears or current year's rate.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with all Collectors who have not to the present collected amount of first moiety and one year's arrears. The Committee are not



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satisfied that these Collectors are doing their best. They are glad to notice the improvement in the cases of Collectors J. Flood and W. Cummins, but believe this has been due to the visit of the Rates Inspector to these districts. No improvement took place prior to his visit and the Committee hope it will not be necessary to send this official into these two districts in the future in order to induce the Collectors to carry out their duties in an organised and energetic manner.

PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTORS: Wm. Doyle (Collection District No. 2) wrote submitting the name of his mother Ellen Doyle, Scullabogue, vice his father, Thomas D. Doyle, deceased. Mrs. Doyle inherited all her husband's property.

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

"That Mrs. Ellen Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn, be accepted as Surety for Rate Collector Wm. Doyle on his personal bond."

Collector W. Cummins (District No. 11) wrote offering as one of his personal sureties, his brother Michael Cummins, Ballylucas, Ballymurrin vice Robert O'Leary, Kilmallock (deceased). The name of Mr. Michael Cummins was approved on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly as personal surety in this case.

POUNDAGE: Under date 29th January 1936 the following letter (G.15523-36 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to such further payment being made to the following Collectors as represents in each case the balance between the payment approved in this Department's letter of the 20th ultimo



and the amount payable at 7d in the pound on the amount of the first moiety of the current assessment and the arrears applicable to 1934-35:-

Collector J. Quirke, District No. 1

"	W. Doyle	"	"	2
"	P. Doyle	"	"	3
"	M. McCarthy	"	"	4
"	P. Nolan	"	"	5
"	S. Gannon	"	"	6
"	J. Cummins	"	"	8
"	S. Gannon	"	"	10
"	J. J.O'Reilly	"	"	13
"	D. Kenny	"	"	14
"	A. Dunne	"	"	15
"	E. J. Murphy	"	"	17
"	M. Kehoe	"	"	18
"	J. Curtis	"	"	19
"	P. Carty	"	"	20

It was decided to request the Minister to sanction payment of Poundage Fees to Collector Flood who had lodged an amount equivalent to first moiety of current year's rate and arrears from 1934/35 Warrant.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 21st January 1936 Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that in the opinion of the Minister amounts proposed to be advanced to applicants under above Acts, were excessive:-

Patrick Scully, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, amount of proposed advance £145 (H.67-36 Loch Garman).

Patrick Byrne, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, £170 (H.227546-35 Loch Garman).

Mrs. Mary Anne Pender, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, £190 (69-36 Loch Garman).

Thomas O'Reilly, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, £170 (H.69-36 Loch Garman).



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John Mullett, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy £145 (H.68/36),  
Mrs. Johanna Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, £240  
(H.76/36) and  
Charles Hendrick, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy £140  
(H.71/36).

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

"That amount of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition  
Acts be fixed as follows in the following cases:-

Patrick Scully £130;  
Patrick Byrne £155;  
Mrs. Pender £170;  
Thomas O'Reilly £155;  
John Mullett £130;  
Mrs. Kennedy £215;  
Charles Hendrick £125.

That in view of the decision of the Minister the  
amount of loan to Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, Inch, agreed  
to at £180 at last meeting be reduced to £165."

#### COMPLAINT OF NON-EMPLOYMENT

In connection with complaint of Patrick Morris, Castle-  
bridge, that he would not be employed on road work, an  
explanation of the matter was submitted by Mr. Cullen,  
Assistant Surveyor for the district dealing in great detail  
with the points raised by Morris.

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

"That we again reiterate our decision regarding ex-  
planation of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, re non-employ-  
ment of P. Morris, Castlebridge as being in our opinion,  
satisfactory."

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

Under date 29th January 1936, letter was read from  
James Hendrick, Camolin Park, relative to above road lead-  
ing from Kilcloran out on Ballyduff road.



It was decided to point out to Mr. Hendrick, as regards the main Camolin Park Road, the County Council were in correspondence with Government relative to fencing of this road, in order to protect Government plantations. The Council were of opinion that this work should be carried out at the expense of the State, but so far had not received a favourable reply on this point from the Government Department concerned.

#### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the County Surveyor take proceedings against the following Contractors:-

John Hayden, Monavullen, Oulart;

John Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater;

Patrick Mangan, Knocknasilogue, Blackwater,

or otherwise, take over the roads under 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act 1836, whichever course he considers most advisable in the interests of the roads concerned."

#### EMPLOYMENT AT BALLYFADD DISTRICT, INCH.

The following resolution was received from Coolgreany and Ballyfadd Cumann of Fianna Fail:-

"That we call on the Wexford County Council to expend some of the relief grant in our Cumann area as employment is badly needed here at present. We suggest that the old road leading from the County Road at Mullawn to the County Road at Rathpierce be reconstructed."

It was decided that the application be listed for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.



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

"That minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st January 1936, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: The Secretary stated that all the Collectors had reached the standard required by Department of Local Government and Public Health for payment of poundage except Matthew Murphy and J. J. Sinnott. The Collectors who have not been paid poundage as well as these two are:- J. Deegan, J. Flood and W. Cummins.

These should have reached the standard fixed by Department on 15th January but they did not reach that standard until later dates:-

J. Flood, 30th January, 1936.

J. Deegan, 3rd February, 1936.

W. Cummins, 8th February, 1936.

The Finance Committee asked for sanction to payment of Flood's poundage at their last meeting and would on Friday next probably ask for sanction to poundage for W. Cummins and J. Deegan.

The decision of the Department as to payment was the lodgment of equivalent of first moiety and arrears of one year.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: In reply to Col. Quin, the Secretary stated as could be seen from the minutes of Finance Committee the Minister contended that fixing the loan at the difference between the value of house and Government grant was excessive and should be reduced. Evidently what the Minister had in mind, though not explicitly stated in any of his communications dealing with these loans, was a maximum figure of 90% of the difference between value of house and Government grant. At the beginning of



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the Scheme this was the attitude adopted by the Finance Committee and the County Council, but a deputation attended on behalf of a number of men who were erecting houses at Killoggy, Ferns and explained that they could not carry on unless they received as loan the difference between the value of house and Government Grant and convinced the Council their statement was correct. The precedent then established was followed to the present.

There was nothing in the Act of Parliament precluding the Council from giving as the amount of loan the difference between the value of house and the Government Grant but as each individual loan is subject to the sanction of the Minister it is manifest the Council must fall in with his figure.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Kelly contended that in some cases at least it would not be possible for applicants to carry out the building of their houses on the basis now approved.

On the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

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

"That we request the Chairman of Council (Mr. Allen) and Mr. Corish, T.D., to discuss the question of amount of loan advanced to applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts with Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and ascertain if anything could be done to have loan fixed at the difference between value of house and government grant in cases in which applicant is in a position to prove that the cost of erection of house and expenses attendant thereto are above amount of the value of house less Government Grant."

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR COUNTY REGISTRAR: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-



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"That the Minute of Finance Committee relative to this item be furnished to the County Registrar for his information."

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st January 1936 be and are hereby confirmed."

#### ROSSLARE ROAD - LOAN FOR WIDENING OF

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

"That the Council as recommended by the Finance Committee obtain from their Treasurer a loan of £1500 (Fifteen Hundred Pounds) to cover cost of widening road at Rosslare, period of repayment to be fixed at ten years."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said that the widening of the road would be carried out in connection with the sewerage scheme for Rosslare and had been agreed upon between the Council and the County Board of Health. The loan would be used to provide a much needed improvement of the road at Rosslare which accommodated such a very large number of visitors particularly during the Summer season.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

Col. Quin dissented and said that the Councillors were "going mad on a borrowing craze".

#### CORONER FOR NORTH WEXFORD

Under date 17th January 1936 the Local Appointments Commission wrote (L.A.21-5-35) recommending Dr. Alfred Joseph Cantwell, Bunclody, for appointment as Coroner for North Wexford.

The following is a summary of Dr. Cantwell's qualifications:-

Date and  
Place of Birth:- 10th November, 1897. Offaly.



Qualifications  
and Experience:-

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M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., 1924.  
Registered in the Medical Register  
of Saorstát Éireann.  
Ship's Surgeon, one year.  
Post-graduate course at Brompton  
Hospital, London, 6 months, and at  
the National Maternity Hospital,  
Dublin, 1 month.  
House Surgeon, St. Michael's  
Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, 6 months.  
Medical Officer, Clonegal and New-  
townbarry Dispensary Districts  
since 1927.

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

"That, as recommended by Local Appointments Commission  
under date 17th January 1936, Dr. Alfred Joseph Cantwell,  
M.B., Bunclody, be appointed Coroner for North Wexford,  
(comprising the old Rural Districts of Enniscorthy and Gorey  
and the Urban District of Enniscorthy) salary £125 per  
annum. Duties - as prescribed by Coroners' Ireland Act  
1846. Coroners' (Amendment) Act 1927 and as may from time  
to time be prescribed by legislation or Orders or Rules  
made by the Minister for Justice.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936.

Under date 31st January 1936, the Department of Agri-  
culture (G.92/36) wrote forwarding Advance copies of the  
above Order with copies of explanatory memorandum. The  
Order, though now in force, would not come into effective  
operation until 15th March next. Similar Orders had been  
made in England and Northern Ireland. As it was felt that  
persons having animals infested with Warble Fly might fail  
to comply with the Order it was essential that Local Autho-  
rities should without delay appoint Inspectors to supervise  
the work prescribed by the Order and also determine what  
other measures should be taken immediately to secure the  
greatest possible publicity as to its requirements.

In view of the serious reactions against the cattle  
export trade which might occur if the order was not fully  
and properly carried out Local Authorities, it was hoped,



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would take the fullest measures to secure that cattle infested with Warble Fly were dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Order. Names of Inspectors with their districts should be forwarded to the Department for the Minister's approval. Half of the appropriate sanctioned expenditure would be defrayed by the Department.

Mr. White, M.R.C.V.S., (Department of Agriculture), who attended in connection with this matter, gave a short synopsis of the Order. He held that if the campaign suggested by the Department was taken in earnest the warble fly pest would disappear in a few years. It was unnecessary to point out the great losses which were caused to stock owners. When they realised it had been calculated that the warble fly laid 300 eggs it was manifest that every possible step should be taken for its eradication. The "squeezing out" of the larvae should be done when the fly was nearly "ripe" for issue: if allowed to remain longer they emerged, dropped to the ground and escaped. The Inspectors appointed should be able to explain to stock owners how the dressing of cattle wash should be applied and also how the larvae should be squeezed out from the backs of animals. The cattle washes which would be used were not a preventative of the fly but were effective after the fly strikes.

Col. Gibbon said that where a man had 20 or 30 young cattle on grass it would be difficult to round them up every ten days to squeeze out warbles.

In reply to Col. Gibbon Mr. White said that either treatment provided must be continued until the warbles had disappeared.

Mr. Smyth said he had tried squeezing out warbles with some of his own cattle and they almost went mad. About 20 years ago they had been advised by the Department to use a dressing to prevent the fly "striking" but soon after



they were told this was waste of time. As stated he had tried squeezing out warbles in his own cattle but had to leave a number of them untreated owing to their wild condition. It would mean a lot to farmers, he admitted, if the fly could be eradicated but he feared the present proposals would not be found practicable.

Mr. Kinsella said their former Agricultural Instructor, Mr. O'Connor, had carried out some years ago some very successful experiments with cattle washes.

Col. Quin said it would be admitted it was difficult to carry out the squeezing out of warbles but there could be no great objection to the cattle wash treatment. Not only was there a great direct loss owing to defective hides by warbles but animals went out of condition and cows slipped calf so that they should be prepared to do what they could to help the campaign the Department of Agriculture were starting. The only objection he had in the matter was having a whole lot of inspectors coming round and worrying people.

The Chairman said that there was little to be gained by considering the effectiveness or otherwise of the Order. It was now law and it was the duty of the Council to put it into operation. Personally he believed it would be a great advantage to the country. The shoe pinched in the matter of finance for the remuneration of the proposed Inspectors though as the Council were agreed the work should be done in a thoroughly efficient way it was absolutely necessary to have Inspectors appointed. People, they should remember, could be prosecuted if they contravened the terms of the Order and it was possible later that the export of animals suffering from Warbles would not be allowed. It had been mentioned that they might employ the six lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Mr. White said he believed the Department would expect



"a better class man" would be appointed as Inspector. He did not know their Sheep Dipping Inspectors and some of them might suit. The men appointed should have reached a certain educational standard and should be in sympathy with the farmers.

Col. Gibbon asked would the Inspectors go round and instruct the farmers and Mr. White pointed out that this could be embodied in the conditions of their appointment.

Mr. White said it had been estimated that cost of treatment by cattle wash would be about one penny per head. The cost of the preparation was not really the difficulty; it was the trouble of its application.

Mr. Kinsella said this Order would be like the Weeds and Seeds Act under which there had not been a single prosecution and where only a few people even knew that an Inspector from the Department of Agriculture had visited the County.

The Chairman said that statements such as that of Mr. Kinsella was an inducement to evade the Order. He (Chairman) asked if it would not be possible to employ their Veterinary Inspectors to carry out the Order.

Mr. White did not believe the Veterinary Inspectors could afford sufficient time for the work. He had made a rough census of the cattle in the County and it ran from 126,000 to 140,000. So far as he could see about 12 or 13 Inspectors would be needed. In Gorey with 34,000 cattle three Inspectors at least would be needed: in Enniscorthy with 43,000 cattle, four Inspectors would be required: in New Ross 29,000 cattle ~~two~~ or three Inspectors and in Wexford with 34,000 cattle three Inspectors were suggested. The work could not be properly done with less Inspectors than 12 or 13.

In reply to Col. Quin, Mr. White said the Department would not be difficult to deal with as regards the remun-



eration of Inspectors.

The Chairman suggested they should agree to the appointment of 12 Inspectors at £2. 10. 0 each for a period of 15 weeks.

Mr. Meyler said he believed the Order was right if it could be carried out. How could a man with 50 or 60 cattle provide for their efficient dressing every 28 days? The Department held that the fly was introduced into the animal's system through the tongue but he knew of experiments carried out in which calves were put into leggings for twelve months and yet developed warbles. He (Mr. Meyler) considered they should be satisfied if the Order could be carried out to a certain extent.

The Chairman said this would never bring about the extinction of the fly. Seven eighths of the cattle were in houses at the present time and if the dressing was started there it would cut down the work later. He believed the Council should for the sake of efficiency make the Veterinary Inspectors responsible for the working of the Order.

Mr. White said that the Department would certainly agree to approve of the appointment of the necessary Inspectors at reasonable remuneration but he had doubts if they would sanction payment to their Veterinary Inspectors for the work of supervision.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted nem. con. on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we appoint 13 Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 to be distributed as follows:- Enniscorthy District 4; Gorey District 3; New Ross District 3 and Wexford District 3, at an inclusive salary of £2. 10. 0 each for 15 weeks,



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terms and conditions of appointment to be arranged by Finance Committee, who will also allocate the various districts made out in electoral divisions. The persons appointed must reside in their district and must be able to fill up the stipulated forms and simple reports, and be approved by the Minister for Agriculture. Their services to be determined at any time by the Finance Committee on a week's notice.

Applicants must have a good knowledge of cattle and be able to instruct farmers in the use of Cattle Wash preparations and the squeezing out of warble fly larvae from the backs of affected animals.

We further agree that the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council be appointed to supervise the work of the lay Inspectors and to receive therefor a bonus of £25 for the Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey and Wexford, and that a similar sum be provided for the two Veterinary Inspectors in New Ross District to be apportioned as follows, viz., Mr. J. Lynch £15 and Mr. Taylor £10.

That the Minister be requested to sanction these proposals."

It was also decided that applications would be received by the Finance Committee who would report to the Council on each candidate's suitability for the post.

In reply to Mr. Thomas Redmond, the Chairman said if the Veterinary Inspectors would not accept the terms offered the Council would be obliged to make other arrangements.

Mr. White thanked the members for the consideration they had shown him in the discussion of the Order.

#### RESIGNATION OF MR. MALONE, V.S.

The following under date 23rd January, 1936, was read from Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford District:-

"In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, I regret to say that my health shows no sign of definite improvement.



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Accordingly I feel that should no longer inconvenience the Council and as we have all been such good friends for so many years, I do not want to be any hindrance at the end of my days. Therefore I think the only course for me to adopt is to accept the suggestion of the Minister and resign - which I hereby do - and place myself in the hands of the Council for their generous consideration."

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

"That we accept with very great regret the resignation of Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford District, as from 1st February, 1936."

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

"That the Minister for Agriculture be requested, in view of the fact that Mr. R. Malone has resigned his position at the request of the Department, to interest himself in endeavouring to have the Council permitted to pay Mr. Malone the gratuity of £100 already unanimously voted to him by the Council consequent on his resignation, and which sum the Council are prepared to pay from their own funds."

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

"That Statutory Request in connection with the appointment of "part-time" Veterinary Inspector for Wexford District be furnished the Local Appointments Commission. That the salary for the office be fixed at £90 with £25 for work in connection with Bovine Tuberculosis Order. That the terms and conditions governing the appointment be arranged by the Finance Committee, and that the sanction of the Minister to these and to the proposed salary be requested."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The meeting considered the eligibility of the students who applied for award of Scholarships and Bursaries under above Scheme, as detailed on the following list:-



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following candidates have applied for award of Scholarships or Bursaries under above Scheme and their eligibility to compete for same will be decided by the County Council at their Meeting to be held on 10th February 1936.

Abbreviations: C (Children); I (Income); V (Valuation).

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Deacon Richard H.J.B., Ryland, Clohamon.  
C. 4 V. £28. Farmer.

Gahan Walter J., Barmona, Bholavogue, Ferns.  
C. 5 V. £113.10.0. Farmer.  
(See Scheme re limit of Valuation for 5 children).

Gethings James, Efferogue, Ferns.  
C. 4 Labourer.

Lacey Nicholas, Clohamon, Ferns.  
C. 5 Quarry Worker.

McDonald Patrick, Irish Street, Buncloody.  
C. 5 Butcher.

Pender Matthew A., Milltown, Ferns.  
C. 1 Widow. Small house.

Somers Ellen Mary, Chapel Lane, Ferns.  
C. 2 Labourer.

Tracey Rosanna T., Main Street, Ferns.  
C. 5 Carpenter.

BURSARIES:

Franklin Martin F., Island Road, Enniscorthy.  
C. 6 Labourer.

Fingleton James, Shannon, Enniscorthy.  
C. 7 Civic Guard. I. £195

Jordan Samuel, Market Square, Enniscorthy.  
C. 4 National Health Insurance Agent. I. £150

O'Hanlon Michael A., 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy.  
C. 4 Postman

Tracey Maurice, 2 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.  
C. 7 Insurance Agent. I. £180.

Whitney Richard M., 24 Court Street, Enniscorthy.  
C. 1 Photographer. I. £209.



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GOREY DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Doyle Sarah, Island, Craanford.  
C.3 V.£13: 5: 0. Farmer.

Ffrench Mark, Moneylawn, Gorey.  
C.4. V.£37. Farmer.

Lawless Peter, Camolin.  
C.2. Postman.

Murphy Elizabeth M.A., Ballinabray, Gorey.  
C.6 No V.given. Farmer.

Murphy Margaret, Litterbeg, Kilmuckridge.  
C.4. Labourer.

O'Brien Maire, Ballymoney, Gorey.  
C.2. Blacksmith.

Wafer Mary J., Kilmuckridge.  
C.6. Bootmaker

BURSARY:

Sheehan Joseph, Clonattin Road, Gorey,  
C.3. Postman.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Carthy Johanna, Ballylannon, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola,  
C.3. V.£16:10: 0. Farmer.

Foley Annie, Rathimney, Gusserane,  
C.7. V.£30. Farmer.

BURSARIES:

Brereton Michael F., 25 Ard-na-Greine, New Ross.  
C.1. I.£90. Shopkeeper.

Dempsey Clement P., Greywell, New Ross.  
C.1. I.£332. Brewer. (Unemployed)  
(See Scheme for limit).

Nolan Daniel J., John Street, New Ross,  
C.2. I.£230. Grocer.

WEXFORD DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Cahill John, Ballytra, Broadway,  
C.1. Labourer.

Cullen Margaret Mary, Allenstown, Broadway,  
C.12. V.£44. Farmer.

Devereux Elizabeth, Grange, Broadway,  
C.9. V.£47. Farmer.



Doyle James Aidan, Churchtown, Bridgetown,  
C.6. Carpenter.

Doyle Kathleen, Ballygillane, Kilrane,  
C.9. Steam Raiser Railway.

Doyle William Francis, Drimmagh, Rosslare,  
C.4. Railway Checker.

Furlong James, Rosetown Cottage, Rosslare Strand.  
C.5. Labourer.

Griffin Daniel Joseph, Bridgetown,  
C.5. I.£195. Railway Station Master.

Marley Mary K., Broadway,  
C.2. I.£177. Insurance Agent.

Moran John, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown,  
C.3. V.£8.15.0. Farmer.

O'Brien John A., Ballycowan, Tagoat,  
C.2. Postman.

Rossiter Margaret M., Rathmore, Broadway,  
C.8. Railway Worker.

#### BURSARIES:

Carty Nicholas, Byrne's Lane, Wexford.  
C.3. Mother Widow.

Cullen Thomas P., 61, South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.1. Cycle Agent.

Cummins Jas.P. Waterloo Road, Wexford.  
C.4. I.£213. Superintendent Meat Factory.

Lucking James, William Street, Wexford.  
C.5. Carpenter.

Maloney James, Carrigeen Street, Wexford.  
C.6. Clerk.

O'Leary Timothy T., 31 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.  
C.2. Clerk (Unemployed)

Rutledge Edward Vincent, 5 Parnell Street, Wexford.  
C.4. I.£208 Foreman Mechanical Engineer.

Sinnott Thomas S., 7 Grattan Terrace, Hospital Road,  
Wexford  
C.6. I.£250. Building Contractor.

Whelan George Joseph, Maudlintown, Wexford.  
C.6. Labourer.

White Patrick F., Kevin Barry Street, Wexford.  
C.4. Blacksmith.



Miss O'Ryan raised the question of the eligibility of James Fingleton, Shannon, Enniscorthy, son of a Civic Guard, who might be transferred from Enniscorthy any time.

Mr. Kelly and Mr. McCarthy pointed out that Garda Fingleton was living in Enniscorthy for ten year past and it was unlikely he would be transferred.

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

"We are of opinion that candidates for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships and Bursaries on list presented to this meeting by the Secretary and which has been circulated to Councillors, are eligible to compete for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships and Bursaries except Clement P. Dempsey, Greycliff, New Ross, applicant for Bursary, whose father's income brings him outside the terms of the scheme.

That in the case of Walter J. Gahan, Barmona, Boolavogue, Ferns, we ask the Department of Education to allow the Council to agree to the eligibility of this candidate, although debarred by limit of valuation in view of the fact that applicant's father has been in Hospital for a considerable time and will not, without the assistance of the Council, be able to provide secondary or vocational education for his son."

The Secretary said that on 6th February 1936, he had received an application from St. John of God Convent, Wexford, for syllabus of Scheme and also entry forms.

And on 7th February 1936, an application has been lodged on behalf of Mary Elizabeth Doyle, Ballyshannon, Adamstown.

He had written in both instances that he would ask for instructions from the Council as he had no power to accept entries after 1st February. He also pointed out that copies of the Scheme had been furnished last year to the Teachers of all National Schools in the County and adver-



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tisement had appeared in three issues of the three local papers that copies could be had on application. In January advertisements were issued for three issues of the three local papers stating that applications for Scholarships could not be accepted after 1st February and that forms of application could be obtained from County Council Offices.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting:-

"That we request the Department of Education to allow the Convent of St. John of God, Wexford, to lodge late entries in connection with Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme as through inadvertence the matter was overlooked by them. That in the event of the Department of Education agreeing to this proposal they be requested to consent to the acceptance of entry of Mary Elizabeth Doyle, Ballyshannon, Adamstown."

SANCTION OF APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO OLD AGE  
PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 3.

Under date 11th January 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (M.1504) approving of the appointment of Mr. Patrick Joseph Cullen as Clerk of No. 3 Sub-Committee (Taghmon and Killurin) under Old Age Pensions Acts.

TRANSFER OF COUNTY ROADS TO MAIN ROADS SCHEDULE

Under date 4th February 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RD/32) (Roads) that an Order was in preparation to include in the Wexford Main Road Schedule as from 1st April 1936 the roads described in the Council's resolution of 27th January, 1936.



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APPOINTMENTS OF CLERKS OF WORKS

Under date 23rd January, 1936 (Circ.S.5/36) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote referring to their circular letters of the 17th June 1933 and the 16th May 1934 on the above subject. Possession of a full course certificate in building, issued by the Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education, or a first class technological certificate, intermediate stage, or a technological certificate, advanced stage, issued by the Department of Education, would qualify a candidate to act as clerk of works on contracts of the nature already referred to.

It had also been represented to the Minister that there were persons who had acquired considerable experience of supervising contracts, and although they might not possess academic qualifications, the Minister was willing to allow such persons to be considered. This amendment of the order governing such appointments does not apply to Public Health works (waterworks and sewerage schemes), full qualifications as set out in a previous circular being still essential.

AUDIT ACCOUNTS DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

Under date 16th January 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.224242/35) forwarding copy of their Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee for the two half years ended 31st March 1935. Abstracts of the accounts were also forwarded.

SOW DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Application was received from Mr. M. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Oylegate, as Hon. Secretary to a recent meeting of Sow Drainage Ratepayers asking that the Council should appoint a Local Advisory Committee for the drainage area.



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

"That the following be appointed under Section 58 of Local Government Act 1925 (as amended by Local Government Act 1927) as an Advisory Committee in connection with Sow Drainage Area, Mr. John Doyle, Ballynamuddagh, The Ballagh, to act as Chairman and Mr. M. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Oylegate as Hon. Secretary:- John Mernagh, Oulartleigh; Charles Mernagh, Oulartleigh; Walter Mernagh, Clonmore; Marks Murphy, Middletown; Peter Cullen, Killisk; Owen Kavanagh, Killisk; Michael Sutton, Ballyvake; Walter Bolger, Coolnaboy; Thomas Brien, Coolamain; Thomas Grannel, Ballina; John Doyle, Ballinamuddagh; Michael Ryan, Coolnaboy; John Sutton, Tinrah~~an~~ and William Gahan, Oulartleigh.

That the meetings be held in Glenbrien at such times as may be considered advisable by Chairman and Hon. Sec. and that the quorum be fixed at five.

That the Minister be asked to sanction these proposals."

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Corish said that a deputation from Mental Hospital Committee to the Department were submitting report to that Committee at their meeting on 11th February.

#### CAHORE PIER

Under date 6th February 1936 the Office of Public Works wrote (C.87.13.1.36) that they were advised by the Department of Agriculture that the expenditure of £3,000 at Cahore would not be justified by the extent of the fishing industry there. Consequently, the question of a State contribution towards the cost of the Scheme did not arise.

This was in reply to a resolution of the Council passed on 13th January 1936 asking the Office of Public



Works to re-consider their refusal to provide a State Grant for the extension of Cahore Pier. If they were not satisfied to agree to the amount asked by the County Council in the first instance would they state what amount of grant they would be prepared to give and on what conditions.

Under date 31st January 1936, Philip Crowe and P. Dempsey, Cahore, wrote on behalf of the fishermen of Cahore asking if they would be received as a deputation by the Council.

Both these men attended and submitted the following statement:-

"We claim that the statement of the Commissioners of Public Works - namely - "that the expenditure of the State grant which would be required for the proposed extension of Cahore Pier, would not be justified on the grounds of Public utility" has been made without due and adequate consideration.

Our reasons are as follows:-

- (1) From October to the end of December 1000 Boxes of herrings were sold to the Sea Fisheries Association at an average of 4/6 per Box.
- (2) Previous to the Sea Fisheries Association taking the fish over three hundred boxes were sold locally.
- (3) The fishermen suffer great hardship owing to insufficient berthing accommodation, as the hauling and launching of the boats entail much labour and some danger, especially during the past herring-fishing season.
- (4) By the extension of the Pier, this hardship and danger would be averted, as we would have berthing accommodation and shelter, as well as being enabled to take advantage of the full fishing season. In proof of the latter statement - A boat purchased through the Sea Fisheries Association has been moored at the Pier, since the middle of September, and safely rode out the worst storm within the



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past forty years.

(5) We may add that some years ago, over a dozen boats were engaged in the oyster-fishing earning over £2 per week per man. These boats were put out of action owing in great measure to the want of berthing accommodation. This source of employment should prove remunerative in view of the fact that French and British waters were stocked from the Oyster-beds off our coast.

(6) Coal is discharged at the Pier by lighters during the Summer months, necessitating the paying out in wages of almost £200.

(7) There are over 70 men unemployed in the district and we also speak on their behalf. It is self-evident that the work on the extension of the Pier would relieve much distress."

Mr. Smyth proposed that the statement submitted by deputation on behalf of fishermen of Cahore to this meeting be forwarded to the Office of Public Works asking for a reconsideration of their decision that a State contribution for extension of Cahore Pier could not be provided. In view of the fact that new fishing boats were utilising the harbour there was no doubt but further accommodation at the pier is required.

Mr. Kinsella seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

Under date 20th January 1936 the Irish Tourist Association wrote in regard to the adoption of special works in various parts of the Country in substitution for the payment of Unemployment Relief and asked for the co-operation of all public bodies with a view to the preparation of a comprehensive set of recommendations for submission to the responsible Minister. They submitted a memorandum which had been prepared for the purpose of suggestion and guidance in the selection of appropriate works.



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

"That copy of memorandum re work for unemployed men be furnished County Surveyor for his information, with the request that he assist the Tourist Association in this communication so far as he can possibly do so."

NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS - TRANSFER TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Under date 8th February 1936 the County Surveyor wrote that it was necessary for the County Council to allocate funds for the above roads which came under the care of the County Council as from 1st April next. On the 7th instant he had an interview with the Town Clerk, New Ross, on the matter. At this stage it was not possible to forecast definitely what these roads would cost next year but he had arrived at figures which he believed were approximately accurate. After a year's experience of their maintenance the Council would be able to deal with the matter very closely. The expenditure for the past three years varied considerably. Last year the estimate of the Town Surveyor at £570 was approved but only £271 expended. He (County Surveyor) understood there was a great deal of arrears of work to be done and in the circumstances in consultation with the Town Clerk it was decided to ask for £450 for the maintenance proper to which should be added £25, amount suggested by the Chief Road Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as fees for County Surveyor's supervision. The total amount £475 would be included in the Demand of the County Council on the New Ross Urban Council.

In reply to Mr. Colfer, the Secretary stated that a sum of £25 was the total which the Department would agree to under the heading of fees. No allocation was made for payment to Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, who would



be in close touch with practically the whole work.

Mr. Colfer contended that the fee offered between the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor was a miserable sum, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That in connection with fee for supervision of work to be carried out re maintenance of New Ross streets, other than Main Roads, we recommend the New Ross Urban Council to fix the amount of fees at £50 at least, as in our opinion £25 mentioned for the purpose by the Department is grossly inadequate."

#### COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT

Quarterly report of County Analyst (Miss Phyllis Ryan) to 31st December last showed that 328 analyses had been carried out, viz.: Foods 267; Drugs 59; Waters 2. Number Adulterated:- Butter 1; Rum 1; Whiskey 1; New Milk 2; Buttermilk 1.

#### STATE OF KILMUCKRIDGE STREETS

Mr. Ronan raised the question of the condition of Kilmuckridge street, which, he said was the worst in the County Wexford. The people of the district had to go to Mass ~~and~~ and the children to school along this thoroughfare while a number of farmers passed over it to and from the creamery. The Vocational School in the principal portion of the village would soon be finished and it was essential something should be done to put the street into a better state of repair. It was only about 300 yards in length and there was no relief scheme available for repair.

Mr. Corish said that something should be done with this street at once as its condition was disgraceful.

The County Surveyor said that something would be done as soon as possible.



STREETS IN VILLAGES

It was decided that the County Surveyor be requested to furnish for next meeting of the County Council report as to the condition of village streets in respect of which a resolution had been adopted at a recent meeting.

REPAIR OF LANE AT GREAT ISLAND, CAMPILE, AND  
MAINTENANCE OF LANES

Mr. Augustine Malone, Great Island, wrote on behalf of the residents of the area calling attention to the necessity of having some repairs carried out to a road at Great Island. This road was made three years ago by means of an Unemployment Grant but since then nothing had been done and it was now in very bad condition - almost impassable. It was only 600 yards long and would not cost much to repair. Mr. Malone concluded by asking the Council to put the road into contract.

The Chairman said that when the Council had carried out work on lanes the least to be expected was that the people concerned would keep them in decent repair for the future but, so far as he could see, there was a growing impression amongst a section that once the County Council repaired a lane they should be responsible for its future maintenance for all time.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the County Council had stated distinctly on a number of occasions they would not be liable for the future maintenance of these lanes and would not take them over as County Roads.

The Chairman said that it should go abroad that people who considered that the Council should take over every lane repaired under Minor Relief Scheme were labouring under a serious misapprehension. There were 3,000 or 4,000 lanes in the County and if the County Council were lucky enough to secure grants for the repair of even a quarter of these they would be doing very well. People should understand



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that when the Council spent the money under the Relief Grant they had no further responsibility or liability.

It was decided to inform Mr. Malone that no further money was available under Relief Schemes Vote for repair of lane mentioned by him and that the Council could not see their way to have this lane converted to a Contract road.

Miss O'Ryan said the Council might consider the advisability of supplying rough material to people who wanted to repair their lanes and let them do the necessary work themselves. The Council held all the good quarries so that private individuals found it difficult to procure metalling. Instead of spending a lot of money on a few lanes if the Council could adopt some procedure by which they would supply material and the people benefiting would do the work many more lanes could be put into repair than was possible under the present system.

On the suggestion of Col. Gibbon it was decided that the County Surveyor should publish an advertisement in the local papers pointing out that where lanes had been repaired by the County Council under a State Grant the people concerned were responsible for future maintenance.

#### DAVIDSTOWN LANE, ENNISCORTHY

Mr. James Brennan, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, wrote asking if there was any chance of Davidstown Lane being repaired under Minor Relief Schemes. He understood that one branch of the lane was being repaired but the portion on which he lived had been passed over. He could not understand this. There were three good ratepayers on his branch and he could not see why their claims should be ignored. The lower part which led to their only water supply was practically impassable due to flooding. Stones for metalling the lane could be obtained free.

Mr. Lawlor said the portion of the lane which had been



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done would be of very little public utility unless the branch applied for by Mr. Brennan was also dealt with.

The Chairman said the amount of money allocated had been spent and it was the business of the people to whom the lane was an advantage to do the rest.

Mr. Lawlor proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we apply to the Office of Public Works for an increased grant to finish the work on Davidstown Lane."

On a show of hands six voted for the motion and ten against.

The Chairman declared it lost.

#### DAMAGE TO ROAD NO. 210(C) BALLYMORE

The County Surveyor forwarded the following report under date 4th February 1936 from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor of the district as to damage to above road:-

"A four foot culvert at above was badly damaged by Threshing Engine pulling up on same to take water from stream. I have had temporary repairs made which will ensure safety of the public. I estimate that a sum of £20 will be required to rebuild portion damaged."

The County Surveyor said it was the practice of drivers of these engines to stop for water on a road bridge and of course, they were likely to do damage. In fact, sometimes they broke down the parapets to put the hose into the stream for the purpose of drawing water. The Council had no authority to prevent the practice but he would put a notice in the Press appealing to drivers to discontinue it.

The suggestion of the County Surveyor was approved.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that the damage to this bridge be repaired by County Surveyor, amount not to exceed £20.



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ANNAGH LANE, KILLENA

A lengthy communication was read from Patrick Gahan, Annagh Lane, Killena, re above Lane. The work already done on the lane through Relief Grant was satisfactory and the lane was now almost entirely free from water and from flooding. But nearly the whole lane was in a bad way for metalling. This, if taken in time, could be remedied at small cost, but if allowed to deteriorate for another year would take a considerable sum; £35 or £40 spent now would make a good lane of it for years.

It was decided to inform Mr. Gahan that no further money was available for the repair of Annagh Lane.

TOMONA LANE

Mr. Andrew Ryan, Tomona, Ballindaggin, wrote that an application had been made two years ago for a grant to repair the above lane but nothing had been done although it was used by six or seven families. Unless something was done with it they would not pay their rates.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Andrew Ryan, Tomona, be informed the County Council have spent all the money available on ~~farmers'~~ <sup>farmers'</sup> Lane. That it be also pointed out to him that his threat of non-payment of rates will not be tolerated."

Passed.

KELLYSTOWN AND RAHEENDUFF RIVER

Mr. D. O'Gorman, Kellystown, Adamstown and others wrote that if a grant was available the cleaning up of above river would furnish a most useful work and save a good deal of land from flooding.

Referred to County Surveyor, work to be carried out if any arrangement can be arrived at for the employment of men who are at present in receipt of the "Dole".



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RELIEF WORK IN SOUTH WEXFORD

Under date 14th January 1936, letter was read from Hon. Secretary Rosslare and Kilrane Fianna Fail Cumann as to the absence of Relief Schemes in the area. The possibility of improving the trunk road from Rosslare Pier to Tagoat was suggested. This was narrow in parts and the dyke two or three feet at either side was a source of danger to the public. It was necessary to give a good impression to the many tourists who passed over this route by providing a first class road at the gateway to Southern Ireland.

It was decided to point out to Rosslare and Kilrane Fianna Fail Cumann that no money was available for improving the trunk road from Rosslare Pier to Tagoat but that a good deal of employment would be provided in the district by the reconstruction of road from Killinick to Carne, and also by the large number of cottages it is proposed to erect in the area.

GREAT ISLAND ROAD AND EMBANKMENT

Under date 6th February 1936 Mr. N. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, wrote that the people of Great Island were living under great inconvenience consequent on the damage to the protecting wall to the public road - the only public entry to the townland. On 9th January a high tide and gale swept away 60 or 70 yards of the protecting wall and an equal length of the road. After a few days the road was made passable. On 24th January, the next series of high tides the sloblands were again submerged to a depth of several feet and the same depth of water ran across the road. On Sunday 12th January and Sunday, 26th January, the people of Great Island had no way to attend Mass except by walking along the railway line. From 24th January to 30th the roadway was completely covered and children could not attend school. At present further high tides were indicated and it was feared the place would be again isolated. He asked the Council to do something to relieve



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the local people of the hardship under which they laboured in this matter. The whole trouble had been caused by the defective embankment. Engineers from the Land Commission had visited the place three years ago but nothing was done. The matter was brought before the Land Commission by the Minister for Agriculture in November last but still no action was taken. If the Council could bring pressure to bear on the Land Commission it might induce the latter to move.

The County Surveyor said he had already reported the serious damage which had been caused to the wall. The embankment on a Small Drainage area over which the Council had no control was responsible for the flooding. A heavy flood came in there and carried away 70 feet of the road wall which was 3 feet 6 at the bottom and 5 feet high and blocks two tons in weight were carried 60 or 70 yards down the fields. They were repairing the road.

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

"That copy of letter from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, as to flooding at Great Island with report on the matter from the County Surveyor be furnished the Land Commission and that they be requested to make good the damage caused by the recent flooding and to ensure that no recurrence of the flooding take place."

NEWBRIDGE LANE, CAMOLIN

Mr. Andrew McCann, Newbridge, wrote asking that some repairs should be carried out to above lane leading to his farm and to the holdings of Messrs. Corrigan and Browne. He considered he had a claim on the Council for this request as farmers from far and near went to his place to have their wheat cleaned for which he never charged them, though he provided them with refreshments. About one week's work would make it passable.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said this lane had



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been already listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish it was decided to send a special recommendation to the Office of Public Works as to repair of Newbridge Lane (Camolin) in view of its use by a number of farmers who attend the holding of Mr. A. McCann for the purposes of wheat cleaning.

#### CURRACLOE ROADS

Under date 6th February 1936 Miss O'Connor, Hon. Secretary to Curracloe Development Association wrote calling attention to the bad condition of the Wexford-Curracloe Road from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown and from the Schoolhouse to the Strand. Nothing had been done to put these sections into repair and the summer season was only a few months away. The Association hoped the Council would help them in every way for the development of their seaside resort.

The County Surveyor said that as the road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe had now been included in Main Road Scheme it would have a higher maintenance figure and he would be able to do a good deal of work on it. The Government had been asked for a grant of £1100 to improve the road from Curracloe turn down to the Strand and the Tourist Association had the matter in hands.

No order.

#### TOWN PLANNING WEXFORD TOWN

Under date 15th January 1936, the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation, wrote forwarding copy of resolution to be moved at the meeting of the Corporation on 2nd March next for the formation of a Planning Area under Article 6(2) of the Town and Regional Planning Regulations 1934.

#### PAYMENT OF ROAD CONTRACTORS

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



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"That we hereby agree to the payment of Contractors for roads and other works as certified by County Surveyor and appearing on Form 22 subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL AND PRICE OF COAL

The following resolution was read from Limerick County Council:-

"That we hereby draw the attention of the Government to the huge increase in the price of coal, with the result that considerable hardship is inflicted, particularly on Charitable Institutions, and, that they be asked to remit the Tax of 5/- per ton on same."

Mr. Corish proposed the adoption of the resolution with the following addendum:-

"That the attention of the Government Department concerned be called to the inferior quality of the coal at present imported from England, and they be requested to see that coal which is imported be at least of reasonably good quality."

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

TAKING OVER LANDS ETC.

The following resolution was read from Hon. Secretary, Wexford District Executive, Fine Gael:-

"That we, the Wexford District Executive of Fine Gael (United Ireland) do vehemently protest against the proposed compulsory and confiscatory acquisition of lands, the homes and property of tenant-farmers of this County who have purchased their Holdings under the Land Purchase Acts, and used them as they always did for mixed farming, giving all the employment in their power. To treat such men as Ranchers is not only a great injury to the men themselves but a National shame.

We ask the Public in general and the Farming Community



in particular to help to crush this evil eviction campaign at its outset and would again remind the Farmers of Ireland of that slogan of Parnell's which we little thought they would ever again be called upon to use in their own defence:- "Keep a firm grip on your Holdings!"

The Chairman ruled the resolution out of order: it was a matter entirely outside the business of the Council.

Mr. Kinsella challenged this. It was a matter for the Council to take action when they saw ratepayers thrown out of their places.

The Chairman said he would not allow his ruling to be questioned and the matter dropped.

Signed.....*J. Allen*.....