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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 8th FEBRUARY, 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 8th February 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen(Chairman), presiding; also, Messrs. Patk. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Jas. Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, T. Redmond, P. Ronan and Myles Smyth.

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

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote he was laid up with influenza and Col. Quin wrote apologising for his absence from the meeting as he was ill with the flu.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £336. 3. 4d Salaries and £8226. 14. 4d ordinary payments (including payments to Road Contractors) were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. SAMUEL BOLGER

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish it was resolved that the following reply from Mr. Moses Bolger, Coolnaleen, Camolin, in acknowledgment of vote of condolence from the County Council in the death of his brother, Samuel, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to the members of your Council my sincere thanks for their resolution of sympathy tendered me on the death of my brother, and also accept my gratitude for your personal message of sympathy. Such sympathy as yours leaves a person to know that at the time of affliction they are not forgotten by old friends and colleagues."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

MEETING 22nd JANUARY 1937: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 22nd January 1937.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presided. Also present:- Messrs. W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed. (Mr. Corish presided for their confirmation).

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2746. 13. 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of the Rate Collection to the 22nd January 1937:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
	<u>Nett Warrant</u> <u>(Excluding Arrears).</u>
W. Doyle	62.5
S. Gannon	61.8
J. Quirke	61.7
E. J. Murphy	59.0
P. Nolan	58.8
J. Cummins	58.8
J. J. O'Reilly	58.3
J. Curtis	58.0
P. Doyle	57.6
A. Dunne	57.2
W. Cummins	56.4
D. Kenny	56.2
J. Flood	56.0
J. Deegan	55.0
M. McCarthy	54.5
J. J. Sinnott	53.6
P. Carty	53.2
M. Kehoe	53.0
M. Murphy	52.0

Average 57.3

The percentage of Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 48.8 as compared with 47.4 at corresponding period last year.



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The Chairman said that at *December* last Wexford was the fourth lowest County in the list for Rate Collection and it certainly could not be regarded as the fourth poorest County in An Saorstát.

The Secretary stated that the lodgments being made by the majority of the Collectors were very small.

The Secretary read circular letter issued to the Collectors on 16th January 1937 pointing out that the Finance Committee had directed Collectors to take legal action for recovery of both moieties of rate by the end of the present month. Such proceedings, for some years past, were not taken until March and April. Lodgments for the past month (December) were less than those for the corresponding period of 1935. Collectors, in order that the position on 31st March last could be regarded as satisfactory were urged to take active steps immediately for the recovery of outstanding items.

It was decided to consider the state of the collection after the end of January when the Collectors should carry out the instructions of the Finance Committee as regards legal proceedings.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES: 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 to Collectors Deegan, Philip Doyle, William Doyle and Quirke, who had lodged sums equivalent to the first moiety of the current year's warrant and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment."

ILLNESS OF RATE INSPECTOR: Under date 15th January 1937, Mr. Masterson, Rate Inspector, submitted certificate from Dr. T. R. McCabe, Selskar, Wexford, that he was suffering from eczema (facial) and would not be fit for duty for ten



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JUDGMENT MORTGAGES AND RATES (Court of Justice Act 1934  
Sec. 59 and 60) and Enforcement of Court Order Act 1936  
Sec. 3 (5)):

The Secretary submitted replies from sixteen County Secretaries relative to obtaining Judgment Mortgages for Rates.

No reply had been received from Counties Dublin and Leitrim in which it had been stated the Councils had utilised this procedure as a general practice.

It was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish ascertain from the responsible officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health if it would be to the advantage of the Wexford County Council to secure such mortgages and what would be the legal expenses in the matter.

BY LAWS WEXFORD BRIDGE

It was decided that advertisements drafted by the County Council Solicitor be issued in the three local papers pointing out that the County Council intended to take proceedings against persons infringing their by-law as regards overweight lorries crossing Wexford Bridge.

EXTENSION BELL (TELEPHONE) CO. MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH

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

"That as recommended by County Board of Health and Public Assistance an extension bell be provided for use of clerks in department of County Medical Officer of Health to enable them to take telephone calls in his absence."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 19th January 1937 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.49/37) explaining the provisions of above. Copies of the Order and of a further explanatory circular had been forwarded the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council.



Owing to the changes in procedure the Minister asked Local Authorities to arrange for a display of posters calling attention to these matters.

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

"That advertisements as to changes in procedure created by Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Order 1936 be issued for four issues of the three local papers and that posters in accordance with draft furnished by the Department of Agriculture be displayed on notice boards of the various Churches in the County."

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

"That the Department be asked if they could arrange for the colouring of cattle wash to indicate for some short period after washing that cattle had been dressed for warbles."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - SITE VALUE

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow the Wexford County Council to fix at £10 the site value of any site taken under lease and on which a dwelling under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts is to be erected."

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

"That we approve of Insurance Policy with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., in a sum of £20,000, fire risk<sup>for</sup> houses erected or in course of erection under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts premium £12. 10. 0. That we approve of the payment of said premium to this Insurance Company and also of £14. 7. 0 time on risk to the 29th September 1936."



SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 20th January 1937 Very Rev. James Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, wrote:-

"I beg to inform you that the two Scholarship boys, Patrick Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway and Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, left the College this morning for home without any permission from the Superiors of the College.

I made immediate inquiries on their disappearance from the College. I telephoned Fr. Cullen, P.P. of Lady's Island to interview the parents on the matter. He has interviewed both parents and the boys - the latter since their arrival home - and he has informed me that they do not intend to return to the College to pursue their studies.

I need hardly mention that I regard their departure from the College without notice as a very serious breach of discipline. I would have entertained grave doubts of allowing them to return, if they had expressed a wish to do so."

In reply to queries the Secretary stated that both boys were on their third year. In the case of Cousins £22.16.2d had been paid St. Peter's College and for Kavanagh £29.18.8d to the same institution, both payments having been made on 9th October 1936.

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

"That the parents of Patrick Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway, and of Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, holders of Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, who left St. Peter's College, Wexford, without permission on 20th January 1937 be asked for an explanation of their boys' conduct and informed that if they do not complete the period of their scholarship the amounts already paid on their behalf to St. Peter's College must be refunded to the County Council."



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The Secretary submitted application for Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme from Dermot Patrick Clancy, Tara Hill, Inch. The income of applicant's father was given at £324.

It was decided to point out that under the provisions of the Scheme an applicant whose parent or parents had an income of £300 per annum was ineligible to compete for Scholarship.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE - 1936/37 - ROAD WORKS (RURAL)

Letter was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 23rd December 1936 (RU/203/201) stating that a grant of £2850 had been provisionally allocated towards schemes of road works conditional on the County Council providing £950 making a total of £3800 which it was suggested should be allocated as follows:-

1.	Rural Areas (including small towns and villages with a population of less than 200 -	£ 2400
2.	Non Urbanised Roads	<u>1400</u>
	Total	£ 3800.

Labour was to be recruited through the Local Employment Exchanges and in submitting a Scheme regard should be had to the selection of works providing a high content of unskilled labour (exclusive of carters). So far as it was consistent with the principle that the funds are to be allocated in accordance with the incidence of Unemployment Assistance it was desired that the works should be confined to roads of tourist importance. Intimation should be given as to how it was proposed to provide the Council's contribution towards the cost of the works.

Some time ago the County Surveyor submitted a scheme for the improvement of the streets of all the villages in the County estimated to cost £24760. The County Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee selected seventeen, the improvement of which would cost £10,890.



These villages were:- Coolgreaney; Courtown and River-chapel; Kilmuckridge; Monamolín; Ballycarney; Kiltéal; The Ballagh; Castlebridge; Crossabeg; Slade and Churchtown; Saltmills; Ballyhack; Clongeen; Tagoat; Taghmon; Churchtown and Duncormack.

To meet partially the expenditure under the Scheme the Department of Local Government and Public Health provided a grant of £3780 and the County Council £2520. Total £6300. This amount was allocated as follows:-

	£.
Kilmuckridge	900
Milehouse (Enniscorthy)	500
Tombrack	400
Churchtown and Slade	1000
Crosshue (Whitty's Cross)	600
Riverchapel	300
Barntown	1000
Clonroche (Chapel)	300
Gorey Town	950
Buncelody Town	350
	<u>£ 6300</u>

The County Surveyor said that there were special circumstances in this County as they could not get material off hand and put on a lot of men. They had to utilise rock drill and blast before material could be provided. He saw Mr. Hurson (Secretary to the Department of Local Government and Public Health) on the 21st and examined the proposals of several other Counties. These had small quarries into which they could put men at once. As for roller work there was a difficulty in hiring. They had in the County six rollers and normally these would be employed in Spring and Summer. Now the work had to be done in Winter and as a whole lot of it had to be done together the existing plant could not reach on it. He could not do any particular work in most of the villages. At the meeting of the County Council mention had been made of Ballygarrett, but as sea-stones would be used there he feared the labour content would not be more than 20% and the balance would go to car- ters. He might be able to arrange to take material from Carriganeagh quarry and have it broken by hand. As regards



the £3800 he suggested it should be divided among the five Assistant Surveyors giving each approximately £760 in the following way:-

Mr. Treanor's district:

Back streets of Gorey or Garden City roads (if taken over).

Ballygarrett village.

Road at Kilanerin leading to the road at Inch.

Mr. Ennis' district:

Ferns to Tinnashrule or alternatively the footpaths at Ferns.

Marshallstown Street and if funds allow road from Boolavogue Church Wall to the Post Office.

Mr. Cullen's district:

Road Castle Ellis to Blackwater and also as far as possible road from Castlebridge to Crossabeg.

Mr. O'Neill's district:

Clongeen and Palace Lane.

Mr. Birthistle's district:

Part of the Road from Rosslare Coastguard Station to Railway Station turn and from Etchingham's to turn at Bearlough.

Duncormack village drainage.

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

"That the £950 contribution of County Council to Employment Schemes Vote (Rural) be raised by way of loan."

Miss O'Ryan gave the necessary notice of motion for the purpose.

CLEARANCE OF ROADS IN STORMS

The Chairman said that on 20th January during a severe storm a large tree was blown down near Ferns and fell across the main road completely blocking it. It was not cut up



and the road cleared until the next evening. This delay should not have occurred and the travelling public had a most legitimate grievance against the County Council for allowing the road to be closed for such a long time.

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

"That we request the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siachana, to instruct the Gardai to notify immediately Road Gangers of any obstructions on roads such as trees blown down, broken road bridges or gulleys or any other obstruction calculated to interfere with the use of roads and that the County Surveyor instruct Gangers that within half an hour of receipt of such reports they are to take steps to clear the thoroughfare and in the meantime to safeguard road users.

The County Surveyor stated that on 2nd December last he had notified all the Assistant Surveyors directing that immediate steps should be taken for removal of all obstructions on roads. He would take further steps in the matter in accordance with the resolution of the Committee.

#### APPLICATION RE LANES UNDER MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

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

"That in future, applications for repair of lanes etc. under Minor Relief Schemes be referred in the first instance to the County Surveyor for report and that application and report be then considered at first available meeting of the Finance Committee."

#### ROSSLARE ROADS

Under date 19th January 1937, Rev. Patrick Kavanagh, C.C., Rosslare, wrote:-

"I shall be thankful if you will kindly convey to the County Council the contents of this communication. The desperate condition of the road from Heskin Cottage to the end of Bearlough requires immediate attention. When it rains for a time that part of the road, excepting patches,



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is covered with water and as a consequence pedestrians are soaked; and if it rains for a longer period, the road becomes impassable. For instance, some were prevented from attending Holy Mass on Sunday last, whilst those who ventured were saturated up to the knees owing to the road being flooded. It is an atrocious state of affairs that people have to endure such hardships. The flooding is due to the fact that there is no watercourse or drainage to take off the water. And notwithstanding the intolerable condition of the road, it seems strange that time and outlay have been expended to widen it and provision is being made for a foot-path, whilst what is essential is neglected. It would be far more apropos and in accordance with the needs of the people to put the road in order. Primary things first. Then there is the Woodtown Road which is a veritable lake after rain. But that seems inevitable when one observes that the trenches are higher than the road and there is no outlet whatever to remove the water. It is indeed a pleasant prospect, particularly for parents whose children have to traverse these roads to school and Church!"

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that Fr. Kavanagh's letter was a mild representation of the real state of affairs.

The County Surveyor said the road referred to was in a deplorable state and the people of the locality were inclined to blame the County Council but they were not responsible. The blame was to be laid to the sewerage work. He was authorised to make arrangements with the Contractor of the sewerage works to restore the road surface. He had made two or three appointments at Xmas with the Contractor, but the latter never turned up. The Contractor's Engineer then attended but he kept trying to cut down the price of the work and it was not possible to come to terms with him. It was only when he (County Surveyor) informed him that the Council would have to take proceedings that the matter was arranged and Mr. Birthistle had started the work.

Mr. Birthistle said it could not be denied, but the road was in a deplorable state. He considered the sewerage contractor could have left the road in better condition if he restored it as the sewerage work progressed.

The County Surveyor said that £200 - a low figure - was his estimate for the restoration, but the sewerage contractor thought the work should be done for £120 or £130.



Mr. Birthistle believed the sewerage scheme would not be completed before June or July. If the road surface was put into good order there were only sections on which provision had been made to take off the surface water.

The Chairman said that Mr. McCarthy, the Engineer for the sewerage system held it was wrong to allow road surface water into a sewer. It interfered with the pumping and the settling of sewerage.

Mr. Birthistle said there was no other way of taking off the surface water from this road. There would be flooding in the future, but not so bad as now. Down by the Church there was no provision to take off the surface water. The present very deplorable condition of the road was not due to any action of the County Council. They would have the £1500 loan to deal with the work down at Rosslare. But it was inadvisable to do the work there until all the sewerage connections had been made.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the County Council Survey Staff should keep in close touch with the officials of the Board of Health with the view of getting the road from Etchingham's on to Bearlough into satisfactory condition.

Mr. Birthistle was instructed to interview Fr. Kavanagh and explain to him the situation as regards the state of the road.

#### CUTTING AT TACUMSHANE LAKE

The County Surveyor stated he had interviewed the officials of the Office of Public Works relative to the transfer of the £100 from Ballycleary Lane to the work of cutting Tacumshane Lake. The Minister for Finance was to be approached in the matter and it was probable the transfer would be agreed to. The drawback in this instance was the cost of bringing the necessary plant to the place and taking



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it back and which would run to about £40. There was a possibility of securing a further grant if, when the work was in progress it was considered advisable and required. It was a feasible job at present.

#### BALLYWALTER LANE

Application was made by Charles Sunderland, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge, for repair of above lane under Minor Relief Schemes on behalf of himself, Mr. G. R. McDonald (Manager for Mr. T. F. White) and James Conroy. The lane was in very bad repair and owing to prohibition Orders sea gravel was not available.

The County Surveyor said he believed the lane in question was really a private avenue.

The Committee decided they could not recommend the application.

#### BOOLAVOGUE ROAD

The County Surveyor submitted from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, the following letter in connection with the state of the road at Boolavogue Catholic Church:-

"This is Road No. 310. Generally I think it is kept reasonably so far as the money will allow. Of course, it is not getting enough either of material or work. Formerly it got considerably more of both.

I think Mr. Frizelle must have misunderstood Fr. Allen about the springs of water and the road sinking. I do not think either is the case.

There was not any proposal for the improvement of the road adopted during Mr. Hall's time. Mr. Hall put in a proposal for a short piece of footpath. It was not passed. I do not think a footpath would be much use. What is really wanted is about 5 or 6 hundred yards of steam rolling. Even if the money for this were available it would be better to spend it over the whole road from Ferns to Ballyedmond."



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The Chairman said it was quite true that springs of water were to be found on the road at certain periods of the year. He moved that some portion of the grant for improvement of villages be available for the improvement of Boolavogue from the Church Wall to the Post Office.

This was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and agreed to.

#### BUNCLODY LIVE STOCK POUND

Under date 21st January 1937 Messrs. Stopford & Turner, agents for Mr. R. W. Hall Dare, Bunclody, wrote that the wall of the Live Stock Pound was now in good order and Mr. Hall Dare was prepared to make a letting to the County Council at a rent of £6 per annum. He desired to add that the present Poundkeeper was an excellent person for the job.

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

"That provided Mr. Hall Dare would be prepared to erect a shed and instal water supply in the Pound at Bunclody the Finance Committee would be prepared to recommend the County Council to rent this Pound."

#### OVERDRAFT PERIOD

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation of the County Council with their Treasurer for £35,000 up to end of March 1937."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notifications as to applications to be made at District Courts for the committal of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:- Michael Devine, Gorey (aged 11); Patrick Swaine, William Street, Gorey (11) and Liam Daly, do. (10); Mary Doyle, Moneylawn, Gorey (10); and John Doyle, Kilcan-



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd January, 1937, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE: The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Wexford Board of Health under date 18th January 1937, was read:-

"Mr. J. Whitty, Rent Collector reported:

"The roads in the Gorey Garden City are in a bad state of repair. Large pools of water lie on it after rain and the portion passing the playground is dangerous as there is a hole out in the road, the gravel picked away by the children. In fact, I believe there are people drawing gravel out of it and undermining the road."

The Secretary stated that this road was provided when the Garden City Scheme was being completed by the Board of Health. On the motion of Mr. Denis Allen, seconded by Mr. Patrick Ronan the Board directed that the County Council be asked to take over the Garden City roads and have it put in a passable condition."

As regards the proposal to repair roads at Ferns and Boolavogue, the County Surveyor read letter from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in which he stated he had examined these roads. The best way to divide the money would be for Ferns (part of road No. 290) £570. This was the road up by the Catholic Church out to Tinnashrule and to spend on Boolavogue (Road No. 310) £190. The Ferns road would take a good deal of work for its length and the levels and drainage would be awkward. At Boolavogue road the trouble was also drainage. Mr. Ennis believed there were some sub-soil drains crossing this road from the Churchyard and that the stoppage of these drains caused the road to be damp. As well as this the surface water from the Church grounds had to cross the road. The road would



have to be regraded and opened up and probably the underground drains re-made.

With reference to the proposed improvements at Marshaltown he had already pointed out it would be impossible to get any material there for the next six months. What was required was fairly extensive rolling and regrading.

The County Surveyor said no money for this work was available now.

In the course of the discussion on the recommendations of the County Surveyor in respect of Gorey and approved by the Finance Committee, Mr. Keegan pointed out that in his opinion it would be more advisable to take over Gorey Garden City<sup>road</sup> than to repair the back streets of Gorey at the moment. There were about 60 houses in the Garden City and the road had to be used by families residing there and by their children going to school. About £600 had been spent on this road by the Board of Health and it had been repaired several times.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was in very bad repair at the moment.

The Chairman pointed out that if the Council took over the road they could repair it under Grant, while if it remained with the Board of Health, the money would be found by taxation.

Mr. Keegan pointed out the County Council had the staff and machinery at hand to repair the road.

The County Surveyor stated that the point he wished to raise about taking over this particular road was that it must be regarded as an exception to the usual procedure seeing that it was constructed by a local Body which was financed by the Council. The Council would not take over any private road unless it had been put into proper repair.

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



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"That the County Council take over the road to Gorey Garden City as requested by the County Board of Health and that the usual procedure as to publication of advertisements to this effect be issued by the County Surveyor."

Mr. Smyth asked what was the position regarding Ballygarrett village.

The County Surveyor stated it might be necessary to secure material from Carriganeagh Quarry costing the full amount allocated for this particular work. The actual road work might have to wait until more money would be available, and in that case a thoroughly good job could be carried out.

CLEARANCE OF ROADS IN STORMS: In connection with this, the County Surveyor submitted letter from John Kennedy, Road Ganger, Ballycarney, under date 26th January 1937 that when he was informed at 10 o'clock on the 22nd January that a tree had fallen on the Camolin road between Ferns and Broadford, he went at one o'clock and worked at the tree until dark. They put up lamps and finished removing the tree the following day.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the trouble seemed to be that they were letting the owners of the trees evade their liability.

The Chairman said that the owners were responsible to a certain extent, but they could not have main thoroughfares blocked for twenty-four hours.

Mr. Ennis said he wanted the Council to put them in the position that they could go to an owner and say he must remove a tree. He was primarily endeavouring to make the owner do the work. It was the owner's tree, and he thought they should get the Guards to notify the owner.

Miss O'Ryan - Suppose the owner happened to be a man who had not much help, or who was not in a position to do



Mr. Ennis - We always help him.

The Chairman said that last year he saw that road and other roads in the County closed. Public roads were now as important as the railway, and if a hundred men would be mobilised to clear a railway it should be the responsibility of the County Council to keep the thoroughfares clear. They had two Guards out at the place on a very bad night diverting traffic, and it was not their responsibility either.

Mr. Connors - Who is responsible for the clearing of the road - the County Council or the man who owns the timber?

The Chairman said they understood that under some antiquated law the man who owned the tree was responsible for taking it off the road, but there was a question that a lot of traffic might have to go five or ten miles of a round on a boggy road. They could pass a further resolution to the effect that the owner of every obstruction be notified that if he did not remove it within, say, an hour, it be removed at his expense.

Mr. T. Redmond - Why not notify the owner of any tree that's a danger to the highway to have it removed before it falls at all?

After further discussion the Chairman proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution:-

"That the owner of any tree or other obstruction blocking any public road be interviewed by Assistant Surveyor or Road Ganger, and informed that if he did not immediately remove such obstruction the County Council would proceed to do so and hold him responsible for the cost."

Mr. O'Byrne considered that the County Council should be empowered to remove all obstructions on roads as they occurred.

The Chairman said that this proposal might be dealt



with in future legislation.

Mr. Connors said the local people would clear the road with the ganger in very quick time, for the timber, but they would not be allowed to interfere. He proposed that if the owner would not remove a tree the ganger should get local people and his own men to remove it and let the people take it away.

Mr. Ronan pointed out that the Council could not legally do this and they should keep within the law.

The resolution was adopted and it was decided also that the County Secretary interview the County Solicitor in the matter.

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 22nd January 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 5th February 1937: The minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows by the Secretary:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th February, 1937.

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

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

Under date 4th February 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he was unable to attend the meeting as he was down with flu.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2899. 6. 10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE ESTIMATE FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

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 extend the period for dealing with estimate of Rates for financial year 1937-38 to 8th March 1937."

#### RATE COLLECTION

REPORT OF RATE INSPECTOR: List of ratepayers in Collection District of Collector W. Cummins interviewed by the Rate Inspector with amount of rates due in each case was submitted

In reply to the Chairman the Inspector stated that decrees had not been obtained in two specific cases on the list and in each of which over £100 arrears of rate were due.

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed they must proceed to



obtain court decrees in all cases in which arrears of rate have accumulated.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION: The state of the rate collection to date was submitted as follows:-

S. Gannon	65.1
W. Doyle	63.8
J. Quirke	61.9
J. Cummins	61.1
E. J. Murphy	60.9
P. Nolan	60.4
J. J. O'Reilly	60.2
J. Curtis	59.6
P. Doyle	59.4
A. Dunne	58.7
D. Kenny	58.4
W. Cummins	58.1
J. Deegan	57.4
J. Flood	56.7
M. Kehoe	56.3
M. McCarthy	56.2
M. Murphy	54.1
P. Carty	54.1
J. J. Sinnott	53.9

Average 59.0

The percentage of Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 50.2.

The amount lodged during the past fortnight by all Collectors was only £1659. 18. 7d. This was considered very unsatisfactory.

The following is the amount lodged by each Collector during the past fortnight:-

	£.	s.	d.
S. Gannon	202.	10.	11
J. Deegan	158.	4.	1
M. Kehoe	131.	1.	0
J. Cummins	112.	1.	5
A. Dunne	110.	14.	9
P. Nolan	103.	12.	4
P. Doyle	103.	3.	8
D. Kenny	97.	8.	7
J. J. O'Reilly	94.	18.	6
E. J. Murphy	94.	14.	10
M. McCarthy	86.	15.	8
J. M. Curtis	82.	5.	11
M. Murphy	74.	13.	11
W. Cummins	71.	0.	7
W. Doyle	51.	10.	7
P. Carty	37.	2.	2
J. Flood	19.	14.	3
J. J. Sinnott	18.	3.	11
J. Quirke	10.	1.	6

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



"That Collectors Carty, Flood, Sinnott and Quirke, who lodged the smallest amounts during the past fortnight, be warned that they must be suspended by Finance Committee if their collections do not show a most substantial improvement on amounts collected by them during the past fortnight. If these amounts were a general average of the collection it would not be possible to finance the local services. The Committee fail to believe that if activity had been shown in their work by the four collectors concerned their lodgements during the past fortnight would be represented by the small sums submitted to this meeting.

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 28th January 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.6700-37 Loch Garman) sanctioning the temporary appointment of Collector P. Nolan as Deputy Collector for Mr. M. McCarthy for a period not exceeding one month. If Mr. McCarthy did not resume duty at the end of that period application should be made for the continued employment of the deputy.

Under date 2nd February 1937 Mr. McCarthy, who is an inmate in St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin, submitted certificate from Captain O'Hanlon, M.B., B.Ch., under date 1st February 1937 that he was unfit for duty and was likely to remain so for a further eight weeks.

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

"That in view of medical certificate submitted to this meeting we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to leave of absence to Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector, for a period of eight weeks as from 2nd February 1937, and also to sanction the performance of Mr. McCarthy's duties during this period by Collector Nolan. Any new appointment at this stage would not help the collection in the district."



SALE OF LANDS FOR FORESTRY PURPOSES: Under date 29th January 1937 Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote that the Chief State Solicitor had furnished them with a copy of the letter of the County Council to the Department of Lands as regards the payment of purchase money of the lands sold by Mr. Barry C. Braddell, Coolmeelagh, to the State for forestry purposes being applied to the reduction of the amount due by him to the County Council for rates. Messrs. O'Flaherty were satisfied with the apportionment of the Rates as agreed to by the County Council, but they would like to retain from the purchase money £11, their costs of the sale. The balance could then be paid to the Council.

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

"That, in view of the fact that the request of the County Council to apply the entire purchase money of land sold by Mr. B. C. Braddell to the State for forestry purposes to the reduction of his rates, we recommend the County Council to agree to the proposal of Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, that £11, their costs, in connection with the sale should be deducted from the amount on condition that the balance be paid over to the Council."

SEIZURE FOR RATES: In reference to report that where the "flying unit" had made, as was alleged, a seizure for rates and the money was applied to arrears of Land Annuities, the Rate Inspector was directed to furnish the County Secretary with detailed report.

#### CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Under date 29th January 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.10/36) that an assessment equivalent to a rate of one halfpenny in the £ on the valuation of the County would be necessary for the



Cattle Diseases Fund.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that as the County Council were legally bound to provide for the assessment the amount should be included in the forthcoming Rate Estimates.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 28th January 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.7645-37 Loch Garman) that in the case of freehold property the Minister would raise no further objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to allow the value of site up to a maximum of £20 to be taken into consideration, when assessing the value of premises for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. In the case of leasehold property the basis of calculation should be restricted to the estimated value of the house only.

Fifty-six applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were submitted.

It was decided that the list giving full particulars of amount of loan, occupation of applicants, etc., be circulated to Councillors and considered at the first meeting of the Finance Committee for the month of March.

The County Surveyor said that only 36 applicants out of the 56 had furnished a plan showing the location of the site of their buildings. This was provided for by the regulations and it was essential it should be supplied.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

It was decided at last meeting of the Finance Committee to ask the parents of Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, and Patrick Cousins, Airdownes, St. Iberius, Broadway, two students under above Scheme, who left St. Peter's College, Wexford, at which they held third year scholarships, without permission, for an explanation of their boys' conduct.



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They were also informed that if the boys did not complete the period of their scholarships the amount on foot of same paid to St. Peter's College, should be refunded.

Mrs. Anne Cousins, Airdownes, Broadway, wrote that her boy refused to return to the College, but said he was willing to avail of Scholarship if he was allowed to attend the Christian Brothers, Wexford. They were only poor people and could not pay back anything to the County Council.

No reply had been received on behalf of Edward Kavanagh.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to cancel Scholarships of Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, and Patrick Cousins, Airdownes, Broadway, third year students under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, who left St. Peter's College, Wexford, without permission."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to consider the eligibility of Philomena Murphy, Castlebridge as a candidate under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme as through an accident her entry form was not lodged until 5th February 1937."

Under date 27th January 1937 the following was read from Mr. P. Clancy, National Teacher, Tara Hill, Gorey, as to the recommendation of the Finance Committee that owing to his income exceeding £300 - the maximum figure in Scheme - his son Dermot Patrick, was ineligible to compete for Scholarship:-

"In reply to yours of the 25th instant I feel that I am somewhat unfairly treated by the decision of the Finance Committee in rejecting my application, as I believe that some parents, who have already benefited by the Scheme, have salaries (I use the plural intentionally) far in excess



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of mine. That may not be much of an argument in my case, but at any rate it contains the reason for my grievance.

Further, I cannot understand how I am in a more favoured position than the Urban dweller who is allowed up to £360. Are our positions not similar in all things, and could I not be regarded as his equivalent for the purposes of this exam?".

No order as the Finance Committee are bound by the provisions of the Scholarship Scheme.

#### TACUMSHANE LAKE

Letter under date 27th January 1937 from Office of Public Works to County Surveyor relative to "cutting the gap" at Tacumshane Lake was submitted. This pointed out that in view of the past history of this case the Parliamentary Secretary was very reluctant to sanction any further expenditure for the work at Tacumshane Lake out of Relief Funds. £300 had been spent there last year without appreciable effect while the Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works regarded the proposition as of a speculative character. The unemployment position in the area did not justify further considerable expenditure. If the local land holders who would benefit by the drainage were prepared to provide free carting, labour and other services to make the job a success the Parliamentary Secretary would be disposed to transfer the grant of £100 sanctioned for lane at Ballycleary to the work at Tacumshane Lake.

The County Surveyor stated he proposed to arrange for a meeting of the local people concerned, Mr. Corish, Mr. Gullimore, Miss O'Ryan and Col. Gibbon to attend as the Representatives of the County Council. After this meeting he hoped to be in a position to make a detailed report to the Office of Public Works.

The Chairman suggested that if the local people agreed to help, the amount of assistance they should provide could



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be apportioned on the acreage of their land or on that portion of it which was subject to flooding according to arrangement.

The County Surveyor said he would bring forward the suggestion of the Chairman at the meeting of those concerned and which he was directed to fix and advertise.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Office of Public Works under date 23rd January 1937 in which they stated that as mentioned in their letter of 21st August last the unemployment position in the area of St. Helen's Harbour would not warrant a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote for the proposed improvement works there. Moreover, it was understood from the Department of Agriculture that the fishing interests involved would not justify the proposed expenditure.

It was decided to refer the letter to County Council.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

STATE OF: A long letter from the Earl of Courtown called attention to what he described as the disgusting state into which the Harbour got, particularly in the Summer, with paper, tins and other rubbish left about by visitors. This was not doing the place any good and was preventing people going there, besides being a danger to health. He asked if a scheme could not be devised by which a squad of men would clean up the place if only twice a week. If the rubbish could be collected and burned in an incinerator it would improve matters considerably. If there was any difficulty about a site for the incinerator he might find a suitable place for the purpose.

It was decided that the Harbour Master and Watchman be directed to keep the Harbour precincts clear of rubbish etc.



WEIGHBRIDGE AT COURTOWN: The Courtown Harbour Committee wrote asking the Council to repair the weighbridge temporarily pending the erection of a new weighhouse in order to facilitate Mrs. Callaghan who imported coal into Courtown during the Spring and Summer months.

It was decided to inform Courtown Harbour Committee that the Council had already, by resolution, decided they would not repair the old weighbridge at the Harbour.

CARNE PIER

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture, 3 Kildare Place, Dublin, under date 29th January 1937, stating that the matter of the proposed extension of Carne Pier had been referred to the Commissioners of Public Works.

The County Surveyor said he had not received any communication from the Office of Public Works in the matter.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BLACKWATER DISTRICT

Messrs. Owen Leacy (Chairman), Owen Dempsey and Patrick Sheill of Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann attended as a deputation as to relief of unemployment in Blackwater district.

The deputation pointed out that in view of the closing of the foreshore for collection of sea gravel the Council would have to provide road metalling from a quarry. They believed there were several available quarries in the district and it would be for the County Surveyor to determine the suitability of any of them. They heard that material was to be obtained from the Ballagh quarry, but the draft would be costly and it would<sup>be</sup> much more economical to secure a local quarry and which would permanently relieve the misery of unemployment.

The County Surveyor asked the deputation to furnish him with a list of the quarries in the district. He was



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most anxious to procure material of a suitable kind from a local quarry as material could not now be obtained from the foreshore. Most of the material in the quarries he had seen in the locality was very poor and scarcely worth putting on roads. There had been some consideration given to a proposal to procure material from a sandpit at Ballylucas, Ballymurn.

The Deputation pointed out that this would not be of advantage to their district. Monarigg quarry had been previously worked and there was a quarry at Ballynaglogh near Blackwater Church owned by Mrs. Dunne of the Dispensary.

The County Surveyor said he had intended establishing a depot at Blackwater in which he would have rubble stone brought from the Ballagh quarry broken. But if a good local quarry could be found it would be all to the good, as they would be able to put the money which with the dump proposal would go into haulage, into labour instead. The deputation could rest assured if a suitable quarry could be discovered the County Council would open and work it.

Dempsey and Sheill complained that though they had been permanent workers with the Council for years, they were not now getting their share of work. Dempsey said he got only two days' work in 1936 and Sheill, that he was not employed by the Council for the whole year.

It was decided that their complaint be investigated by the County Surveyor who was asked to present report in the matter to the next Finance Committee meeting.

#### ROAD MATTERS

FLOODING AT CLONJORDAN: Letters were read from Messrs. Thomas Warren and Patrick Jordan, both of Clonjordan, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy, complaining of the flooding of the road under Mr. Warren's house. The river had overflowed on to the road to a depth of two feet; it was impossible to



pass through it. The drain pipes were not able to deal with the volume of water.

The County Surveyor said he intended putting down an extra gullet at the place at a favourable opportunity.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Jordan and Warren accordingly.

CRONECRIBBON LANE: An application signed by six ratepayers for the repair of lane in Cronecribbon, Inch, under Minor Relief Schemes Vote was read. It had been already recommended for repair by the County Council.

It was decided to submit a fresh application for repair of this lane to the Office of Public Works.

TINGAR LANE: An application by Messrs. John Walker, Ml. Doyle and Morgan O'Connor, for the repair of lane at Tingar, Clonevan, was referred to County Surveyor for report.

DRAIN AT KILLELAN: Under date 26th January 1937 Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that a drain constructed by the County Council on the property of Mr. Peter Sinnott, Killelan, Screen, was in an extremely dangerous condition. If the Council did not remedy the matter Mr. Sinnott would have the drain filled up and hold the Council responsible for the cost. Mr. Sinnott had some young horses in a field adjoining this drain, and, if they received any injury through it by reason of its being left in its present condition he would hold the County Council responsible.

The County Surveyor said five or six years ago this drain was put down at the back of the fence in a field with the consent of the then owner. Peter Sinnott was his nephew and, he lost a mare in the drain some time ago. The Insurance Company repudiated liability and Mr. Sinnott was now demanding that the County Council close the drain or do



something there for the protection of his stock. Since the drain was laid down five or six years ago no objection had been taken until now. He (County Surveyor) had asked the County Solicitor to prepare a form of agreement between the Council and Mr. Sinnott allowing the County Council to put a pipe in the trench to carry off the water. He would see Mr. Elgee again about the matter.

CUMMERDUFF LANE: Representations were made by four rate-payers for the repair of lane at Cummerduff, which they said was a leading thoroughfare to Churches and Schools. This was the third application they had made in the matter.

The County Surveyor said that application had been made to the Office of Works for a Minor Relief Grant for repair of this lane.

It was decided to again schedule it under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

BALLYCONLORE LANE: Representation by Mrs. D. Carthy and E. Kinsella as to repair of this lane was read.

The County Surveyor said the County Council had forwarded application for this lane to the Office of Public Works for inclusion in Minor Relief Schemes Vote. He would send it forward again.

LANES AT CROGHAN, INCH: Mr. Patrick Graham wrote asking for inclusion of the following lanes in Minor Relief Schemes List:-

1. Lane going North and West from County road at Croghan to Croghan Middle and Upper.
2. Lane going North West and North from Croghan Barracks to Croghan Mountain.

Every ratepayer in Croghan had a right of way over these lanes which were in a bad way.

The County Surveyor was directed to furnish report



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BALLYWALTER LANE: Application was made for repair of lane leading to house of Mrs. Eliza Jane Sunderland. The lane was also being used by Mr. James Conroy and Mr. T. F. White.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

DAVIDSTOWN LANE: Letter was read from Rev. Pierce Power, P.P., Davidstown, asking to have Davidstown Lane included in Minor Relief Scheme. The work would give employment to many idle men and the lane which was used by people attending Mass and by many school children was impassable at times. At one point where it was crossed by a large stream it was extremely dangerous in time of heavy floods as it was crossed by a plank footbridge only. If a bridge were erected at this spot it would be a great boon to the public.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

RATHOLM LANE: Mr. M. Treacy, Ratholm, Killinick, wrote calling attention to this lane, the condition of which he described as "something awful". There were six people using the lane, and, if they could get a few load of gravel out of Mr. Browne's quarry the people concerned would do the repairs themselves.

Referred to County Surveyor.

CAMROSS ROAD: Dr. W. F. Hearn, Wexford Engineering Co., Star Iron Works, wrote that the surface of Camross road was in a desperate state. Further, there were small spots at different places needing attention. Loose filling was being put in potholes near Ferrycarrig Bridge which he regarded as a display of ~~the~~ want of commonsense.

Referred to County Surveyor.

DANGEROUS CORNERS ETC.: Mr. James Redmond, Hon. Secretary, Ballymurn Cottage Tenants' Association, wrote on behalf of the Association calling attention to the necessity of



having improvements carried out at the dangerous corners on the Ballykelly-Ballina (Ballymurn) road. Attention was also drawn to other roads which the Association considered called for alterations and improvements as in their present condition they were a danger to the travelling public.

The County Surveyor said there were other corners much more dangerous than those referred to, but the Council had not the funds to provide for their easement.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit report to next Finance Committee relative to the roads mentioned in the letter on behalf of Ballymurn Cottage Tenants' Association.

ROAD AT CURRACLOE: The County Surveyor stated he had a 'phone message from the Tourist Association that the Council would probably be given a grant to ease corner and repair road at Curracloe village down to the strand and asking him to furnish particulars at once to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. He had forwarded these.

Mr. Colfer stated that in his district when work at corners in some instances, had been carried out the adjoining land was left in a commons. This should not be and a proper fence should be provided.

The County Surveyor said he would look into the matter.

#### REMOVAL OF ANCIENT BURIAL MOUNDS ETC.

Under date 2nd February 1937 the Commissioners of Public Works wrote (C94.127/1/36) that the National Monuments Advisory Council had called attention to the recent destruction of some ancient burial mounds or cairns for the purpose of obtaining stones for road making. The Council were asked to direct their Survey staff not to make use of cairns or other obviously ancient structures as a source of supply of road metal.

The County Surveyor said that no such action as was



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referred to by the Commissioners of Public Works had taken place or was likely to occur in County Wexford.

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR AND COURTHOUSE

The following from County Registrar to County Surveyor was submitted:-

"There are some minor matters which require attention in connection with the above.

##### General Office

The doors leading from my Offices to the corridor require some adjustment. Both rattle when there is any breeze about.

##### Counter

I want the entrance to my Office raised or made a permanent door. I find I cannot keep the public out as it stands at the moment.

##### Lavatory

This requires to be painted and the window properly muffed.

##### Judge's Room

A proper hat and coat stand is required for same. Some better chairs are also required to replace those there and in particular the two cane-bottomed chairs. Both windows require to be muffed as the room is overlooked.

##### Outside Stairway Door

The catch of this is ineffective and requires repair. On a day like this with a strong East wind it neutralizes the effect of the heating of the offices.

##### Courthouse

The alterations asked for here have been very satisfactorily carried out save the Solicitors' table. The alteration may permit them to just get their toes in under it. This may be due to the construction and nothing better could be done short of dismantling it. If that be so it will do for the present until we see if a second Court is required.

I would be obliged if you would convey to your Committee my desire not to incur any unnecessary expense until the Department decide the question of a second Courthouse.

##### Entrance

The entrance through the gate is in a very rough condition. Apart from the roughness there is a danger of turning one's foot in the dark. It should be properly done in tar macadam or concrete, and I think a large light on the outside is absolutely necessary during Winter evenings.



Yard Gate Entrance

This also requires attention. It is rough and the kerb causes a considerable jolt to incoming and outgoing cars.

Robing Rooms

These are inconveniently situated. I suggest that the old Council Chamber be divided in two - one for Barristers and one for Solicitors. In return for this I will surrender the two rooms down-stairs to the County Council which I understand are urgently required for the Motor Registration Officer. This would be very convenient to the public.

Office Accommodation

This, as you are aware, is a pressing matter and will have to be met sooner or later. I don't intend to press it for the moment. If a second Court is required, under the last Court of Justice Act, we will have to find accommodation elsewhere for the Circuit Court and its Offices.

Your attention to the above matters will much oblige."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have window of lavatory and windows in judge's room "muffed". That consideration of the other matters referred to by the County Registrar be adjourned until a decision has been arrived at regarding the necessity of a second Court."

DUPLICATING MACHINE FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 30th January 1937 the County Surveyor applied for a duplicating machine for his office. At present he had the use of the machine in the Office of the County Secretary, but when this arrangement was made ten years ago the amount of duplicating work was very small. Owing to new schemes this had increased to a considerable extent and it would be a great advantage and convenience, and result in a great saving of time if a duplicating machine was provided for the County Surveyor's office.

Two quotations were submitted from D. Gestetner, 4, St. Andrew Street, Dublin:-

No. 1	complete with operating cabinet	£44. 8. 3
No. 2	without operating cabinet	£37.19. 0



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

"That Gestetner Duplicating Machine No. 66 - 1936 Model be obtained for office of County Surveyor cost not to exceed £40."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application from the Inspector National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Wexford, as to the committal to Industrial Schools of five children named Brennan, Annagh, Inch, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor. The mother died on 6th January last. The father, James Brennan, is unemployed for a long period and was receiving 7/6d per week National Health Insurance. He was in poor health and unable to maintain the children.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 1st February 1937 (G.8183/37 Loch Garman) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health consented to the County Council's overdraft at £35,000 running to 31st March 1937.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District, wrote under date 26th January 1937 promising to be prompt in future in sending in weekly reports to the Veterinary Inspectors.

#### BINDING MINUTES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That quotation of Messrs. John English & Co., Quay, Wexford, for the binding of Minutes of Meetings of Wexford County Council for year 1936 at 17/6d be accepted."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th February 1937 be received and considered."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, be requested to refund any balance paid on foot of the Scholarships of Edward Kavanagh and Patrick Cousins, taking into account the full amount of the Scholarships and the amounts paid for the period these Scholarship holders were in residence at St. Peter's."

TACUMSHANE LAKE: Col. Gibbon asked how the £100 grant was to be expended. Was it by the County Surveyor directly or should the local farmers be made responsible?

The Chairman said what was suggested by the Office of Public Works was that the farmers should give voluntary help to supplement the £100.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that time was a most important factor in carrying out the work, and if any delay occurred now the lake might drop about 18 inches or 2 feet and a large head of water would be lost.

Mr. Birthistle said the £100 would go nowhere if spent in the same manner as previous amounts. It would cost £25 to deal with the plant, leaving only £75 for actual work. If an effort was to be made to cut the gap it should be done quickly. He was afraid they could not count on much assistance from the local people.

It was decided that the representatives appointed by the Finance Committee should meet at Mr. Gibbon's, Linziestown, Tomhaggard, on Friday, 12th February 1937 at 2.30 p.m. with the County Surveyor



ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That application be made to the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture for a grant for the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour."

CLONJORDAN FLOODING: Mr. Ennis reported that on one of the worst days in January he examined this road and found about eight inches of water on it. This is the first time he had seen any water on it. The place would be greatly improved if the owner of the land would do some cleaning of the river on the down-stream side. The outlet of the double gullet seemed to "drown" in a heavy flood. If it had a free delivery it would take considerably more water. The cleaning of the river would not be a very big job. If this were done, Mr. Ennis said he would open up the gullet next summer and see if it could be improved.

DAVIDSTOWN LANE: Mr. Joseph Shea, Boolabawn, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 5th February, making application for repair of above lane. One portion had been repaired last year under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. Unless a bridge was erected at the place referred to in Fr. Power's letter some one would be drowned there. The place was a death trap. He was prepared to give stones free of cost from his own quarry towards the work of repair.

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 5th February 1937 be, and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### COUNTY WEXFORD ANCIENT MONUMENTS

The following minutes of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee were submitted:-



A meeting of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st January 1937.

Present:- Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P. (presiding) also, Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Miss Kathleen M. Browne and Mr. E. R. Richards Orpen.

Mr. H. G. Leask of the Office of Public Works; Mr. M. Lynch, Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána and the Secretary to the County Council were also in attendance.

Mr. Orpen said the Committee were anxious for suggestions from Mr. Leask as to what steps they could take to preserve the monuments which were now in existence. The Committee had no funds and it appeared the County Council could not move unless monuments were vested in them. They had some unique monuments in the County and something should be done for their preservation. An instance of this was the fortified Church in Clonmines which was in fair order, but ash trees were growing through the roof and the water coming in.

Mr. Leask said that the principal Act of 1930, good as it was, did not cover the whole field. He had noted that at a previous meeting the Committee had discussed the question of the preservation of monuments in graveyards. In the appendix to the report of the Commission under the Church Temporalities Act of 1869, there appeared lists of graveyards vested in the Church Representative Body and also those vested in Sanitary Authorities. The Board of Health, as the successors of the Sanitary Authorities were now charged with control and maintenance of the last named graveyards. There would be very little difficulty in having buildings which were outstanding vested in the State or County Council.

As to methods of vesting a monument considered



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sufficiently important to be dealt with by the State could be handed completely over by the owner. Then, as in the case of Dunbrody, a monument could be put in the guardianship of the State. In the third place, direct action could be taken by the issue of an Order for preservation of a National Monument which was deteriorating through neglect or from destruction by Acts of Vandalism. Some 20 of these Orders had been issued on representations from the National Monuments Council.

After the issue of a preservation order the Committee could apply for a guardianship order.

The condition of a large number of monuments in the County was then considered and it was decided that at next meeting the Members of the Committee would submit lists of monuments with a view to seeking preservation and subsequently guardianship orders, on the understanding that application would be made to the State to take over those really outstanding and which it would be too much to expect to have maintained by local effort. In the case of those of secondary importance the County Council would be asked to seek preservation and guardianship Orders.

A resolution was adopted requesting the County Board of Health to furnish a list of graveyards vested in them.

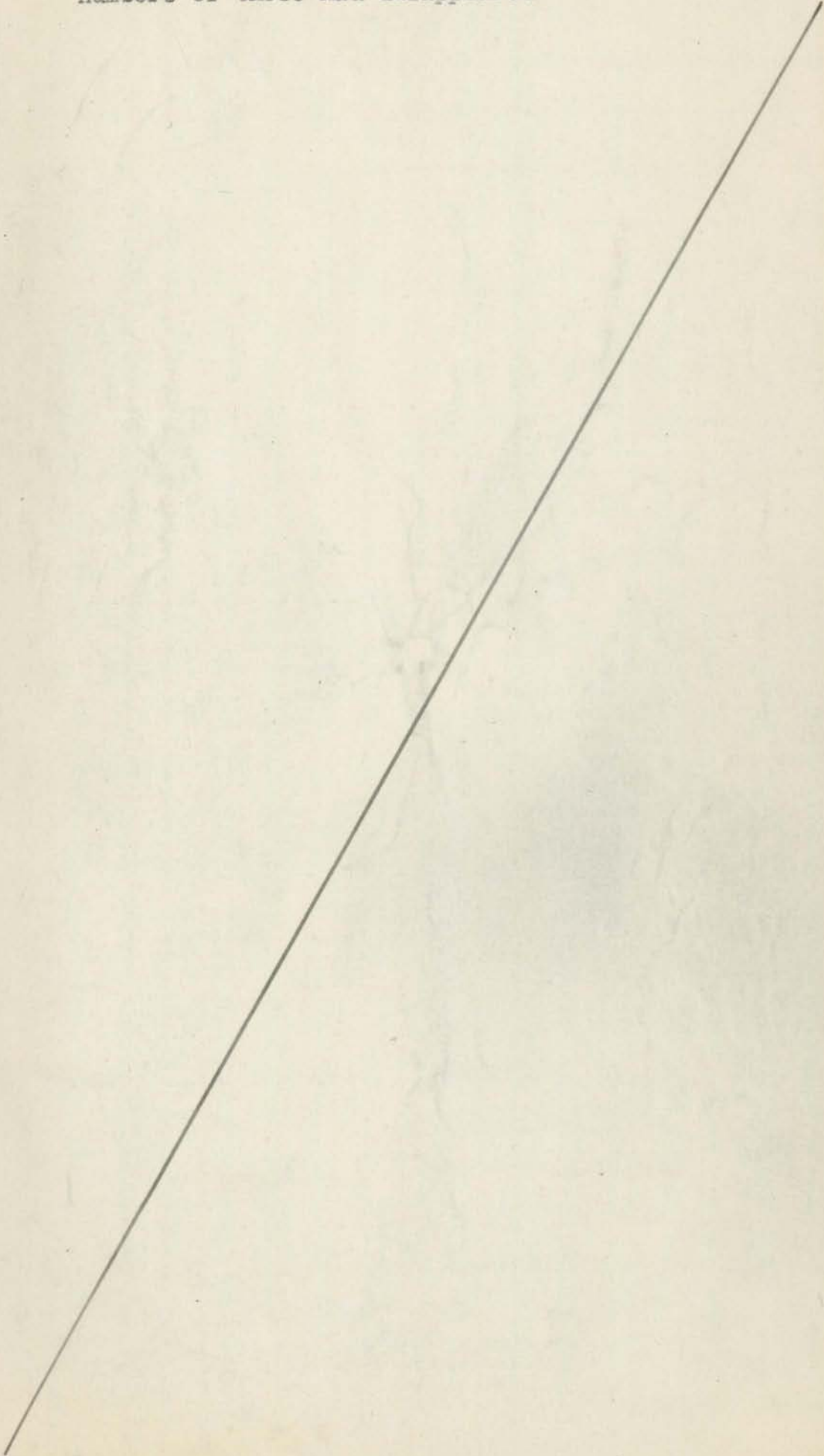
Mr. Leask said if ivy was cut away from old Churches it would considerably help their preservation.

It was decided to ask the County Council if they could arrange with their road gangers through the County Surveyor to obtain the services of road workers in this matter.

Mr. Lynch ~~said~~ that no effort would be spared by the Gardai in helping the work of preserving any ancient or historic monuments in the County. When preservation and guardianship Orders were issued the Gardai would be in a strong position and would render all possible assistance to the Committee.



Mr. Orpen mentioned that he had a list of 260 Castles or the sites of Castles in the County. Unfortunately, numbers of these had disappeared.





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

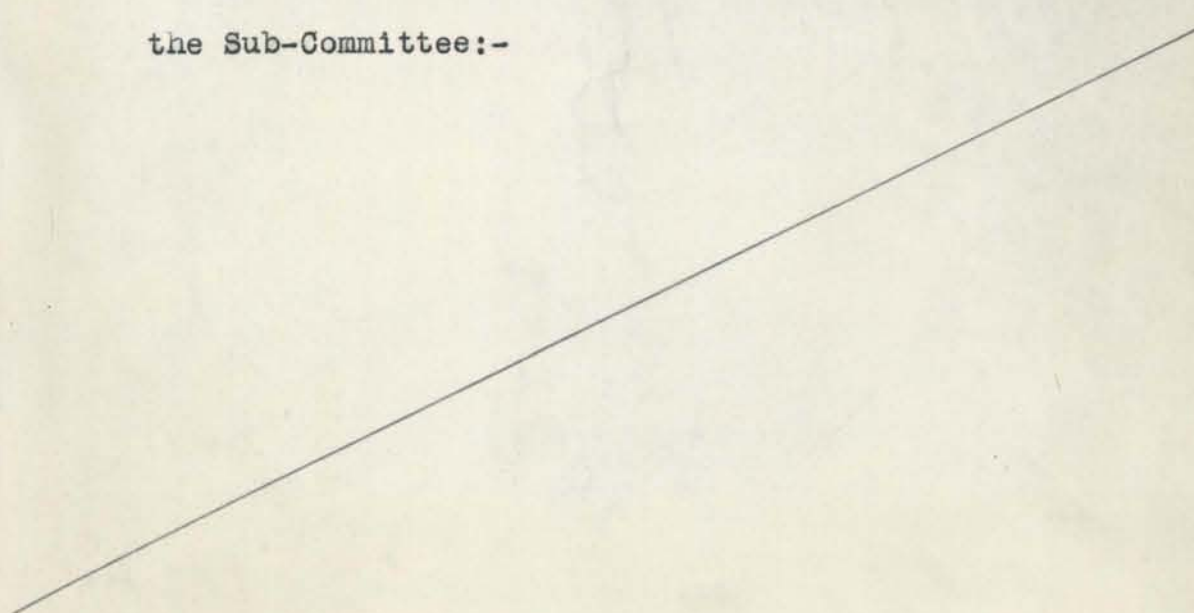
"That the Minutes of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Committee held on 21st January 1937 be confirmed."

#### APPLICATION ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

At the meeting of County Council on 12th October 1936 a Sub-Committee was appointed consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. McCarthy, O'Byrne and Kelly to consider an application from Messrs. R. J. Ennis, J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen and P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, to have their salaries placed on incremental basis of £15 up to a maximum of £400, and also to formulate a scheme under which the services of County Council Survey Staff could be utilised for work in connection with all the County Council's Subsidiary Bodies.

A meeting of the Sub-Committee was held on 30th October 1936. It was then recognised that there were many obstacles to the proposal of the co-ordination of Engineering services and the securing of data as to how this had been effected in other Counties etc. was found to be necessary.

The following are the Minutes of second meeting of the Sub-Committee:-





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The adjourned meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider application of Four of the Assistant Surveyors to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis and other matters was held on 5th February, 1937.

The Chairman of the County Council (Mr. Allen) presided and there were also present:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. Corish, Kelly and O'Byrne.

The Secretary of the County Council was also in attendance.

Return as to salaries paid to Assistant Surveyors in other Counties received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted.

During the discussion which followed it was stated that the County Board of Health were obliged to call in outside engineers for Sewerage, Water, Housing and other Schemes, and it was pointed out that if the services of the Survey Staff of the Council could be utilised it would mean a more satisfactory and economical arrangement.

The Sub-Committee agreed to a further adjournment with a view to a further investigation as to how far all engineering work in the County could be re-organised and co-ordinated. It was also decided that, in the meantime, a consultation relative to this matter should be arranged (after sanction by the Minister) with Mr. Courtney, Chief Road Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.



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OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 4

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

"That, as recommended by the Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 4, Rev. O. Kehoe, P.P., Kilanerin, be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee vice Rev. D. Murphy, P.P., Bunclody, who has left the district."

FILLING VACANCY ON COURTTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

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

"That, as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee, Mr. John Dunne, Post Office, Courtown, be appointed a member of this Committee vice Mr. Kieran McNeill who has left the district."

OYLEGATE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which was circulated to the members of the Council on 17th December 1936, was moved by Mr. Ronan:-

"That the Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £3,400. (Three thousand ~~and~~ four hundred pounds) to provide a water supply and sewerage system at Oylegate, this amount to be in substitution of loan of £1,624 agreed to for this purpose by County Council at their meeting on 13th January 1936. The increase is caused by amended estimate of the Consulting Engineer to the Board of Health and Public Assistance."

In moving his motion Mr. Ronan pointed out that the loan for the present sum was being substituted for that already agreed to and which only covered the water scheme. It was recognised by the Board of Health that a sewerage scheme was the natural complement of a water supply, and



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hence the reason for his motion. The population of Oylegate was 108, in about 30 houses. The cost of the installation of the sewerage and water systems would work out at £110 per house or something over £32 per person. Towards this expenditure they anticipated a grant from the Local Government Department, so that it would not be necessary to expend the full £3400 out of the rates.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

#### PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE AT WEXFORD

By permission of the meeting, consideration of the following notice of motion which stood in the name of Mr. Corish was postponed to next County Council meeting:-

"That, in view of the unsatisfactory state of Wexford Bridge, a new Bridge be constructed from the Old Wexford Courthouse to Ferrybank, the site of a former Bridge."

#### APPLICATIONS SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That the following be declared eligible to compete for Scholarships or Bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme for year 1937 and that their names be submitted to the Department of Education:-



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SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1937

The following is a list of applicants under above Scheme:-

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

Barnwell, James, Annagh, Co. Kilkenny.  
C.2. Labourer.

Bailey, Kathleen Mary, Ferns Lower, Ferns.  
C.1. Housewife (Widow).

Breen, Mary, Coolishal Upper, Gorey.  
C.3. Farmer Labourer.

Breen, Patricia Annette, Carrig-on-Bannow.  
C.2. V. £28. 15. 0. Farmer.

Browne, Patrick, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.6. I. £280. Undertaker.

Browne, Edward Noel, Broomland, Enniscorthy.  
C.7. V. £85. Farmer.

Browne, John Francis, Broomland, Enniscorthy.  
C.7. V. £85. Farmer.

Cadogan, Alfred Christopher, 61 South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.10. I. £221. Accountant.

~~Clancy, Dermot Patrick, Tara Hill, Inch.  
C.6. I. £324. National Teacher.~~

Clare, Philomena, Whiterock, Wexford.  
C.3. V. £12. I. £110. Widow.

Costello, Teresa, 7, Lambert Place, Wexford.  
C.1. I. £151. Blacksmith.

Culleton, Mary, Haggard, Ramsgrange.  
C.5. V. £27. 15. 0. Farmer.

Cummins, Andrew Joseph, 2 McCurtain Road, Wexford.  
C.4. V. £37. 15. 0. I. £234. Supt. Bacon Factory.

Dempsey, Eileen Agatha, Coolgreany, Inch.  
C.3. I. £150. Shopkeeper.

Dempsey, Mary, Garrow, Oulart, Gorey.  
C.5. I. £120. Mental Hospital Attendant.

Devereux, Helena Mary, St. John's Road, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £117. Tailor.

Devereux, Liam, 18, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.4. I. £80. Cycle Mechanic.



Devereux, Mary Ellen, Grange, Broadway.  
C.9. V. £47. Farmer.

Doran, Anne, Main Street, Gorey.  
C.5. I. £200. Draper.

Donoghue, Johanna, Barraglan, Monamolin.  
C.6. V. £44. 5. 0. Farmer.

Donovan, Annie, 18, High Street, Wexford.  
C.5. I. £120. Barge Master etc.

Doyle, Laurence Joseph, Killurin.  
C.4. Labourer.

Doyle, John Joseph, 10, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.  
C.6. I. £200. Fireman G.S. Railways.

Dunbar, Liam, Summerhill, Enniscorthy.  
C.5. Labourer.

Farrington, Catherine, Ballykerogue, Campile.  
C.1. I. £80. Housekeeper (Widow).

Flood, Dermot Thaddeus, Clonroche, Enniscorthy.  
C.5. V. £26. 15. 0. I. £120. Farmer and Rate Collector.

Foley, Patrick Francis, 15, Colbert Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £130. Shoemaker.

Gaul, Mary Clare, Carrigeen Street, Wexford.  
C.6. V. £5. 10. 0. I. £175. Agent N.H. Insurance.

Hanley, Margaret, 10, School Street, Wexford.  
C.3. V. £3. I. £104. Labourer.

Harte, Anna Agnes, Tinnock, Campile.  
C.5. V. £95. 8. 0. Farmer.

Harte, Michael John, Tinnock, Campile.  
C.5. V. £95. 8. 0. Farmer.

Hughes, Mary Louisa, Adamstown.  
C.1. I. £127. Teacher.

Hynes, Una, School Street, Wexford.  
C.6. V. £3. I. £120. Butcher.

King, Thomas Joseph, 12, Antelope Road, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £94. Builder's Labourer.

Lalor, Julia, 7, William Street, Gorey.  
C.4. I. £120. Engine Driver.

Leacy, Joseph, Blackwater.  
C.9. Road Worker.

Lennon, Michael Marcus, 1, South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.6. I. £210. Draper.

Martin, Kathleen, Rathquile, Adamstown.  
C.2. I. £7. 3. 0. Farmer.

McCarthy, Michael, 1, Upper King Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £100. Labourer.

*Murphy Philomena - Castlebridge*  
*C.4. I. £100. Farmer*  
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McCrudden, Laurence James, John Street, Wexford.  
C.4. I. £233. 15. 0. Member of Garda Siochana.

McDonald, Peter, Lower John Street, Wexford.  
C.6. I. £170. Labourer.

Marley, John, Broadway, Co. Wexford.  
C.2. I. £130. Insurance Agent.

Merriman, Kenneth Cyril Vivian, 48 South Main St., Wexford.  
C.3. I. £48.

Mulligan, Anne, Craan, Craanford.  
C.3. V. £57. 5. 0. Farmer.

Mulligan, Margaret, Craan, Craanford.  
C.3. V. £57. 5. 0. Farmer.

Nolan, Thomas, 6, Redmond Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.6. I. £70. Labourer.

O'Brien, Mary Brigid, Coolgreany, Inch.  
C.6. I. £180. Plasterer.

O'Donnell, Donal, The Fort, Duncannon.  
C.7. I. £130. 7. 10. Pensioned Lighthouse Keeper.

O'Keefe, Catherine Attracta, Ballymitty.  
C.4. V. £8. 10. 0. I. £120. Country Shopkeeper.

O'Keefe, David, Davitt Road, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £95. Housekeeper.

O'Leary, John, Cornwall, Killurin.  
C.3. Widow (Labourer).

O'Neill, John Joseph, Busnville, Tagoat.  
C.5. V. £25. 5. 0. Farmer (Widow.)

O'Neill, Patrick Michael, 15, Irish Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.1. I. £19. 10. 0. Unemployed.

~~O'Rafferty, Bernard, Coolgreany, Inch.  
C.5. I. £185. Shopkeeper.~~

O'Regan, Patrick Joseph, Ballybro, Tagoat.  
C.5. I. £195. R.I.C. Pensioner.

Power, John, Arthurstown.  
C.7. I. £30. Labourer.

Power, Mary Bridget, Ballyvelig, Campile.  
C.2. I. £100. Housekeeper.

Preece, Clement Joseph, Myrtle Villa, Rosslare Harbour.  
C.1. I. £60. Widow.

Quinn, William James, Grange, Campile.  
C.3. I. £91. Shop Assistant.

Redmond, Lucy, 1, John Street, Gorey.  
C.3. I. £250. V. £34. 10. 0. Butcher.

Regan, Peter, Davidstown, Enniscorthy.  
C.4. V. £20. 10. 0. Farmer.



Ronan, Elizabeth, Drinagh, Broadway.  
C.2. V. £8. 15. 0. Farmer.

Ryan, William Francis, 17, High Street, Wexford.  
C.2. I. £65. Widow.

Ryan, Philomena Teresa, Effernogogue, Ferns.  
C.5. Farmer.

Sheridan, John Joseph, 2 Charlotte Street, Wexford.  
C.1. I. £80. Dispatch Clerk (Wexford Bacon Factory).

Sinnott, Robert Gerard, 84, The Faythe, Wexford.  
C.9. I. £234. Printer.

Sinnott, William, Broadway.  
C.5. V. £1. Labourer.

Underwood, John, 67 South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £210. V. £20. Cycle Agent.

Warner, William F., The Quay, New Ross.  
C.3. I. £163. Hairdresser.

Wheeler, Thomas, Killurin.  
C.11. Signal Man G.S. Railways.

Whelan, Arthur Bernard, Ballygoman, Barntown.  
C.1. I. £52. Labourer.

Whelan, Kevin Joseph, Loughnageer, Foulksmills.  
C.8. I. £69. 15. 0. Farmer.

White, Alice Teresa, Maxboley, Ballymittty.  
C.2. I. £94. Farmer.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.



WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

In connection with the proposal of the Finance Committee asking the Department of Agriculture to provide some colouring matter in Cattle Washes for Warble Fly treatment the following is extract from letter of the Department under date 29th January 1937 (L.279/37):-

"Representations to the same effect were made to this Department last season and were considered when the Order was recently under revision. It was decided that the adoption of the suggestion would really serve no useful purpose as the proper application of the cattle wash is usually evident a few days afterwards in the death and shrinkage of the warble larvae. There was also the objection to colouring the wash in that it could be substituted by a non-approved coloured preparation."

Under date 19th January, 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.164/37) that the names of the temporary Inspectors appointed by Wexford County Council under Warble Fly Order had been noted. The Minister approved of the re-appointment of the local Veterinary Inspectors for supervisory work under the Order at the same rate of remuneration and on the same conditions as were sanctioned last season.

Letters accepting the supervisory position under the Order were read from Messrs. F. S. Ringwood (Enniscorthy); T. A. Mernagh (Gorey) and F. W. Taylor (New Ross) Veterinary Inspectors. The three first mentioned stated that as the period this year was three weeks longer, perhaps the County Council would increase the remuneration proportionately, if at the end of the period they were satisfied the work had been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Smyth said last year in some instances the wash was only sprinkled on cattle and he hoped the work would be better done this year.

The Secretary said if reports were furnished in cases



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in which the wash was not properly applied the County Council would deal with then and see that the Order was properly carried out.

FLOODING AT CAMPILE ETC.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Irish Land Commission under date 23rd January 1937 (Ref. P.A.2436/37) Estates E. H. Ryland E.C.8483 and E.M. Galwey S.855 Wexford:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th instant asking for an interview for a member of the County Council, two of the local persons affected, and yourself, for the purpose of discussing the question of flooding occurring at Great Island and Fisherstown on the above Estates, I am desired by the Land Commission to inform you that after careful consideration of this matter they sanctioned an expenditure of £250, of which £150 only, would be repayable, for the purpose of affecting the repairs necessary to the embankment in these townlands.

This offer was not accepted, the Land Commission being informed by Mr. Thomas J. Kelly, New Ross, Solicitor, acting on behalf of the tenants that his clients considered the sum sanctioned inadequate and that an Engineer employed by the tenants had estimated that the cost of repairs would be considerably in excess of this sum.

The Land Commission although satisfied that the sum of £250 is adequate to effect the repairs have asked Mr. Kelly to furnish them with a copy of the specification prepared by the Engineer acting on behalf of the tenants.

This request has not yet been complied with and in the absence of the particulars asked for it does not occur to the Land Commission that the suggested interview would serve any useful purpose."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. T. Redmond it was decided that copy of letter from the Land Commission be furnished Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, for his information.

In reply to Mr. T. Redmond the County Surveyor said he had never examined the place, but he knew that the damage to the road caused by the flooding cost £70 in repair.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said the County Council was concerned in the matter because there was danger that the road and the two big retaining walls would be carried away the same as last year. It was the opinion of everyone that



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£250 would be thrown away on the work, as a proper job would cost at least twice as much.

County Surveyor - We are interested, because we have the drainage below that place, and the protection of the County Road also.

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

"That the County Surveyor inspect and report to the County Council as to application of tenants at Great Island and Fisherstown re drainage of their lands. That after consideration of this report the Land Commission be requested to arrange to receive the deputation appointed by the Council."

#### COUNTY ANALYST'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 31st December, 1936, was submitted. The total number of samples analysed was 311, including Foods 230; Drugs 63; Waters 18. Of these two samples of butter, two of new milk, and one drug were adulterated, while 14 samples of water were condemned.

Of the samples of water, eight submitted by the Health Board for the following districts were condemned:-

Rathnure, Baldwinstown, Kilbride, Aughanmoe, Duncannon, Kildealy, Blackwater and Tubberlamina.

For the Wexford Corporation waters were condemned from:- Reservoir (2); St. John's Road (2); and Anne Street Main (2).

#### NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS

Under date 3rd February 1937 the following letter was read from County Surveyor:-

"I have now heard from the Town Clerk, New Ross, that the Urban Council is prepared to put up £200 for Maintenance of the Urban Roads in the coming year. I consider this



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amount fairly reasonable in view of the fact that a good deal of improvement work has been recently carried out under Loan and Grant, and, moreover, two Employment Scheme Grants have also been allocated for the Urban Roads. It will be necessary to add to this £200, £25, amount authorised as Surveyors' fees, so that the total to be raised will be £225 for the Urban Area. Will you please arrange for this when dealing with Road Estimate."

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

"That Wexford County Council hereby agree to raise on behalf of New Ross Urban Council a sum of £225 for the maintenance of Non Main Roads in New Ross Urban District."

Mr. Thomas Redmond said that when the next scheme was carried out a sum of £1660 would have been expended in New Ross for the maintenance of roads and in view of the fact that another grant was expected the cost of maintenance would be considerably reduced. In the circumstances, he was of opinion that the £225 asked for by the County Surveyor would be quite adequate for the next financial year.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Hon. Secretary of Kilmannock Drainage Local Committee, under date 23rd January 1937:-

"Re Kilmannock Drainage. The marsh owners held a meeting here lately, and we decided that as there was so very little in the drain at present it would not be worth while doing anything till next Summer.

When the Causeway wall broke last year, the tide gave it a good scouring out, and the Spring Tides are flooding it out still, so that "out of evil some good cometh". Mr. O'Neill was out inspecting it, he will be in a position to inform you on all particulars, and we shall abide by your



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The County Surveyor said he was submitting this letter in order to explain to the Council that very little money would be necessary to expend in the coming financial year, on the drains of this system for which the County Council were responsible.

#### NEEMSTOWN GAP

Col. Gibbon said that at the gap at Neemstown some of the concrete used in the last repair job had been washed away. The gap was very steep and unless something was done to remove the concrete and stones, and improve the gradient, the whole parish of Kilmore which was dependant on sea weed as manure for carrying out 75 per cent of their tillage, would suffer badly. Most of the sea weed gathered by the Kilmore people came through Neemstown Gap.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said in his opinion it would be almost impossible to have any permanent structure erected at this gap. He was getting the gradient gradually improved and would take out the concrete and stones referred to by Col. Gibbon. There never had been any hold up to the people using the gap.

#### ROADS IN CASTLESOW

Under date 6th February 1937, Mr. D. Connolly, Hon. Secretary Crossabeg Fianna Fail Cumann, forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted by that body:-

"That we call the attention of the Wexford County Council to the deplorable state of the by-roads under the Direct Labour System. We call on them to at least have proper drainage carried out. In their present condition they are a disgrace to any public body."

It was decided to ask Mr. Connolly to furnish the Council with the location of the roads complained of by them, when the matter would be investigated.



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### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTOR

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, under date 2nd February, 1937, in respect of roads Nos. 233, 234 and 236:-

"The Contractor for these roads, Thomas Kane, has done very little work.

I think we should get authority to prosecute him if necessary.

His contract expires on 31st March 1937, hence the matter is urgent.

I am writing to him to improve, and will see the roads again in three weeks or so."

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prosecute Thomas Kane, contractor for Roads Nos. 233, 234 and 236, and his sureties, for his negligence in not keeping these roads in repair or otherwise that he take these roads into his own charge or adopt such other steps as will enable him to put the three roads in question into proper repair."

### WAGES ON RELIEF SCHEMES

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that County Council wages were not paid on Minor Relief Schemes as wages on this scheme had been fixed by Government at 24/- per week. The rotational system of employment had been first put into operation in reference to Minor Relief Schemes, but recently a notification had been issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health that this scheme was to apply to all relief jobs.

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

"That representations be made to the Government with a view to securing that men employed on all Relief Works obtain a week and not three days employment, as with the rotational system they cannot draw money from the Labour



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Mr. Redmond pointed out that the danger of this resolution might be to upset the system of Relief Schemes.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, it was decided that renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

#### CONTINGENCY FUND

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

"That the following sums from Main Roads Contingency Fund (total amount £56. 12. 5d) be transferred to the following roads:-

14M	£4
30M	£2
33M	£1
34M	£22. 12. 5d.
64M	£3
71M	£3
556M	£2
640M	£15. 0. 0d.
938M	£4

and that the following amounts from County Contingency Road Fund be transferred to the following Road Sections:-

Section	1c	£27
	5c	£18
	8c	£30
	12c	£15
	18c	£10
	22c	£8
	23c	£5
	26c	£10
	37c	£16
	38c	£17
	39c	£7. 15. 6
	41c	£24. 0. 0

Total £187. 15. 6d.

#### POACHING TRAWLERS

Under date 21st January 1936 (P.A.12/36) the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, wrote that in reply to the resolution of the County Council the Minister had been doing and would continue to do everything possible with the



means at his disposal to afford the necessary protection to the fisheries.

Col. Gibbon said it was not possible with only one boat to provide proper protection for the fisheries. These were worth several millions, but the entire Fishery Vote of the Government was only £60,000, of which £45,000 was spent on protection. More serious steps would have to be taken or the fishing would be absolutely ruined.

Continuing Col. Gibbon said:- "The real trouble is that our fishermen live by inshore fishing entirely and they do not go in for deep sea fishing. Unless the inshore fishing is properly protected there will be nothing left, and the sooner the Government awakens to the fact and provide some facilities for the Minister the better it will be for the country. Further representations should be made to the Government.

The Chairman thoroughly agreed that one boat is not sufficient, and he thought the time was long past when additional protection should be provided.

Mr. Smyth said that on a couple of occasions the fishermen called his attention to the foreign trawlers off the coast. All the fishermen could do was to stand and look on.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That this County Council point out to the Minister for Agriculture it is within the knowledge of numbers of Councillors that there is considerable illegal fishing around Wexford coasts and the Council understand around other portions of the Irish coast by foreign trawlers. It is manifest to the Council that one protection boat is absolutely unable to deal with these trawlers and that very much increased protection is necessary. Several of our members have watched the manner in which these trawlers constantly came within the three mile



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limit and fish there without let or hindrance. It is certain that if the present condition of affairs be allowed to continue the inshore fishermen of Ireland will be deprived of their livelihood, a result to be deplored, and one which we feel certain the Government will endeavour to avert. We look upon this matter as of the most serious importance and worthy of the immediate consideration of the Government Departments concerned."

Mr. Smyth seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

POSITION OF NATIONAL TEACHERS AND DECREASE OF POPULATION.

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

"We, the Clare County Council, realize that owing to the alarming decrease in the population of the Rural areas of our Country, Teachers are being dismissed and are under threat of dismissal. The system in operation which demands that a certain average must be maintained as a condition of an Assistant retaining his or her position is, in our opinion, under present circumstances, unreasonable, and should be removed.

We, therefore, request the Minister for Education to alter the system under which Teachers may be appointed and retained in the service, so that, what we hope is only a temporary decline in the population, will not adversely affect the prospects of any Teacher."

PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment (including payment of amounts certified by County Surveyor on Forms 22 to contractors for roads and works) be and the same are



hereby confirmed and approved."

Signed.....*no Ryan*.....