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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 14th FEBRUARY, 1938.

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th February, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding); also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, William Cullimore, John Day, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy (new member), William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- J. F. Birthistle, P. O'Neill and T. Treanor.

(Mr. Kennedy, recently appointed a member of the Council, signed his declaration of office).

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3768. 11. 0 General and £639. 7. 2d for Loans were examined and signed.

THE LATE REV. T. O'BYRNE, P.P., PIERCESTOWN

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Very Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, who was a member of a subsidiary body of the Council, the Ancient Monuments' Committee. The loss of Father O'Byrne was irreparable, as he was a leading student in the history of the diocese and county, and he was a great scholar and a most amiable man.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded, and said that they all knew the work Father O'Byrne had done for the County.

Messrs. T. Redmond and M. Redmond associated themselves as representatives of Father O'Byrne's native parish of New Ross, with the resolution.

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Mr. C. Culleton, as a parishioner and Mr. Lawlor as parishioner of Fr. Mark O'Byrne, P.P., Ballindaggin, brother of the deceased, also associated themselves with the resolution.

The Secretary associating himself and staff with the resolution stated that Father O'Byrne was a schoolmate and was one of the finest priests in the County. He was keenly interested in the past and if he had lived he would have written a great deal of the history of Wexford. He was a true Soggarth Aroon and one of the necest men anyone could meet.

The resolution was passed in silence.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. M. Redmond seconded by Mr. Sweetman a resolution was adopted that the following reply to vote of condolence of County Council from Mrs. Alice C. Roche, widow of the late Meyler M. Roche, a former member of the County Council was directed to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Will you please convey to the County Council my grateful thanks for their kind message of sympathy in my great loss."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lawlor, it was decided that the following reply from Miss Moran, Téléphone Attendant, County Council Office, to vote of condolence to her in the death of her mother, ~~was directed to be inserted~~ on the Minutes of the day:-

"Will you please thank the members of the County Council especially Miss O'Ryan, the proposer, and Mr. Kelly, the seconder, for their very kind vote of sympathy on the death of my dear Mother, R.I.P.?"

My Father wishes to join with me in thanking them, and also yourself."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lawler, it was decided to inset on the Minutes of the day the following reply from Mrs. Kinsella, Ballyloughan House, Gorey, to vote of condolence in the death of her husband, Mr. Alexander Kinsella, for many years a member of the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant informing me of the resolution of sympathy passed by your Council on the death of my husband, and I shall be obliged if you will, at their next available meeting, convey to the Council an expression of my appreciation and thanks, and that of my family for their sympathy and the tribute paid by them to his memory.

At the same time, you might accept from me for yourself, and also convey to the other officials who joined in the vote of condolence my thanks, not only for sympathy, but for the kind remarks made.

It is consoling to receive such expressions from the Council and officials, from whom in the past he, during his lifetime, received so many kindnesses."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

MEETING 21st JANUARY 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st January, 1938, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st January, 1938.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Miss O'Ryan was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly.

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3267. 19. 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Percentage of current warrent and two years' arrears collected.</u>		
1.	S. Gannon	58.0
2.	J. J. O'Reilly	54.9
3.	E. J. Murphy	54.8
4.	P. Nolan	54.6
5.	J. Cummins	54.3
6.	J. Curtis	54.1
7.	P. Doyle	53.6
8.	A. Dunne	52.9
9.	M. Kehoe	52.9
10.	D. Kenny	52.5
11.	J. Deegan	52.3
12.	J. Quirke	52.0
13.	J. Flood	50.5
14.	P. Carty	50.4
15.	W. Doyle	48.3
16.	M. McCarthy	48.2
17.	W. Cummins	46.7
18.	J. J. Sinnott	<u>46.3</u>
Average		52.1

The Secretary stated that lists showing ratings in which legal proceedings had not been taken for first moiety

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of current Rate with explanation from Collectors as to why proceedings were not instituted, had been received. The chief explanations given for non-payment of first moiety were:-

1. Waiting for Beet money.
2. And numbers of Ratepayers paid the full year's rate in March.

There were a few cases in which Examination Orders against defaulters had been obtained.

The Secretary stated that each Collector would be instructed to obtain Examination Orders in about five suitable cases. If necessary, he would bring in particular Collectors for interview.

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

"That the action of the Secretary in connection with the question of legal proceedings taken regarding rate collection be approved."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 18th January, 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote L.199-38 that as the Order came into operation on the 1st March next, immediate action should be taken by the County Council in regard to the appointment of temporary Inspectors, and advertisements in accordance with draft enclosed should be issued forthwith. Particulars of selected candidates and detailed statements of their special districts should be sent to the Department not later than 26th February. In a comparatively large number of districts it was apparent that an appreciable number of stock owners were unmindful of their obligations under the Order, in view of the returns showing the percentage of infested animals among the cattle exported. If the Warble Fly pest was to be eradicated within a reasonable time the full co-operation

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with the Government of all concerned in the Cattle trade was essential, if recourse is not eventually to be had to such drastic action as prohibition of the export of infested animals. The local Authorities should seriously consider the question of taking any further steps which might be possible with a view to the more general and effective operation of the Order. The success of the work mainly depended upon the efficiency and thoroughness with which the Inspectors carried out their duties. The Minister was satisfied that appreciably better results would have been achieved during the past two seasons had a higher standard been adopted in the selection of the candidates, and if, in the case of those who were re-appointed last season, the records of their previous service had been given further due weight in deciding as to their fitness for such further employment. Great scrutiny should be made of all records available regarding any Inspector whose services it was proposed to continue from last year. Where there was any evidence of previous inefficiency the applications of the candidates should not be entertained. The question of the appointment of a Sub-Committee to advise the County Council as to the qualifications and general suitability of the candidates should be considered, also Inspectors should give an undertaking to devote ~~his~~ whole time to the work; procure means of locomotion to enable his duties to be carried out; reside at or reasonably near the centre of his district and that he will not hold any agency for the sale ~~of~~ on commission of any of the approved cattle wash preparations, or engage in any other way, directly or indirectly, in the sale of these preparations.

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

"That we recommend the appointment of the following Temporary Warble Fly Inspectors for season 1938 in all

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cases in which their services are available, on the same terms and conditions as obtained for year 1937, viz., salary £2. 10. 0 per week plus actual cost of postage:-

Area No. 1. Enniscorthy: David Crean, Ballyphilip Kilmyshal, Clohamon.

Moyacomb, Kilrush, Buncloody, Castledockrell, St. Mary's, Tombrack, Kilbora, Ferns, Ballycarney and Ballymore(10).

Area No. 2. Enniscorthy: James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin.

Rossard, Ballindaggin, Kildealy, Killanne, Castleboro, Clonroche, The Leap, Killoughrim and Marshalstown. (9).

Area No. 4. Enniscorthy: William Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine.

Kilcormack, Bolaboy, Castle Talbot, Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis, Kilmallock and Edermine. (7).

Area No. 5. Gorey: Thomas Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew. Wingfield, Coolgreaney, Limerick, Ballylarkin, Kilgorman, Ballynestragh, Monaseed, Ballyellis and Ballybeg. (9).

Area No. 6. Gorey: Patrick Lawlor, Camolin.

Kilcomb, Kilnahue, Rossminogue, Huntingtown, Ballyoughter, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Courtown and Ardamine.(9).

Area No. 7. Gorey: Patrick Ryan, Newtown, Kilmuckridge.

Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Kilena, Monamolin, Wells, Killincooley, Ford and Cahore. (8).

Area No. 8. New Ross: John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.

Barrackvillage, Templeudigan, Clonleigh, Ballyanne, New Ross Urban, New Ross Rural, Whitemoor, Barronstown, Adamstown and Old Ross. (10).

Area No. 10. New Ross: William Carty, Metown, Ballycullane.

Kilmokea, Killesk, Inch, Clongeen, Tintern, Rathroe, Ballyhack, Fethard and Templetown. (9).

Area No. 11. Wexford: Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown.

Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Kilpatrick, Artramon, Ard-cavan, Ardcolm, Forth, Carrig, Taghmon and Whitechurch, (Glynn). (11).

Area No. 12. Wexford: Patrick Rossiter, Slevoy, Foulksmills.

Ballymitt, Harristown, Bannow, Harpurstown, Duncormack, Aughwilliam, Kilcowan, Killinick, Bridgetown, Newcastle, Rathaspeck. (11).

Area No. 13. Wexford: Dermot E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway.

Wexford Rural, Wexford Urban, Drinagh, Rosslare, Killinick, Mayglass, Kilmore, Tomhaggard, Tacumshane, Kilscoran, St. Helen's, and Lady's Island. (12).

"That advertisements be issued for vacancies in Numbers 3 and 9, and for any other districts in which the services of the Inspectors who acted last year are not available, appointments to be made at meeting of the County Council on the 14th February, 1938."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the Secretary was empowered to employ the services of temporary Rate Clerks as occasion may require relative to preparation of records and returns under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936."

Matthew Connolly, Bree, Ballyhogue, wrote under date 11th January, 1938, applying for the position of Warble Fly Inspector for No. 3 Area.

It was decided that as the appointment would be advertised for meeting on 14th February, 1938, Mr. Connolly could apply for the position.

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ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES 1937-38

Under date 11th January, 1938, the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) R.U.204:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it has been decided to allow the payment of remuneration to County Surveyors and Assistant County Surveyors in respect of the special work entailed in the recruitment and rotation of labour in connection with the Roads (Rural) Schemes 1937-38. The approved remuneration will be $\frac{1}{2}$ % on all expenditure on works under the Scheme to the County Surveyor and 1% to the Assistant County Surveyors on expenditure on the works carried out in their areas under the Scheme. The remuneration is to be charged to the cost of the Scheme and the approved expenditure on works will require to be adjusted accordingly.

As to the question of supervision of the works, which falls within the ordinary duties of the Survey staffs, the Minister feels that, particularly in Counties where large schemes are being carried out, the present arrangements for supervision are not adequate and he is prepared to sanction as a charge against the schemes for the present financial year the remuneration of such additional technical assistance as may be found necessary to enable the works to be properly supervised. The regular Survey staff must, however, continue to take responsibility for the preparation and lay-out of works and compliance with the conditions of the grants.

If the County Surveyor considers that additional Engineers are necessary in the County for the supervision of works under the Scheme, his proposals in the matter should be submitted without delay."

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

"That proposals of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to remuneration of $\frac{1}{2}$ % on all expenditure on works under Roads (Rural) Schemes 1937/38 to the County Surveyor and 1 % to the Assistant County Surveyors for expenditure on works under this Scheme carried out in their own areas, be recommended to the County Council for approval."

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION

Under date 15th January, 1938, the following was read from Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar:-

"Yours of the 14th instant herein received, for which I am obliged. You state consideration of the matter was adjourned for the present. According to the Press, the Chairman is reported as having pointed out at the Finance

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Committee that so far as he knew the County Council were not prepared to spend any large amount on any buildings for the next five or ten years. Kindly let me know if this is the decision of the Council and that the matter is adjourned from five to ten years as I have to acquaint the Minister for Justice of your final decision. If the Courthouse accommodation is not provided there is danger that the Wexford business may be transferred to another County with the consequent loss of business to the town of Wexford. This will entail unnecessary expense as the cost of myself and my staff will have to be provided for and which can be avoided by providing the accommodation passed by the Government for the purpose."

It was decided to refer this communication to the meeting of the County Council.

COUNTY COURTHOUSES: Under date 11th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.108277/37 Loch Garman, referring to previous correspondence regarding Courthouse accommodation in County Wexford, and enclosing copy of list giving particulars of repairs required at Gorey Courthouse (Painting and Repairs to Woodwork); Bunclody (suitable Courthouse accommodation required). The Department further inquired as to what steps had been taken regarding their letter of the 29th June 1936, No. G.133101/36.

This letter of the Department pointed out that in Enniscorthy the outside wall required plastering.

The County Surveyor stated this work had been carried out.

Gorey Courthouse: Back wall of Courtroom and end wall of District Justice's room required plastering. The gullies require looking after.

The County Surveyor stated he would deal with this matter.

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE: The following is extract from communication of the Department of the 26th June, 1936:-

"The place is totally unfit for a Courthouse, and new accommodation is desirable. What used to be a robing room for District Justice is now an engineering room for Technical

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education. There are no proper sanitary arrangements, not even a wash-up basin. There is no office for the Clerk."

The County Surveyor pointed out that there was considerable difficulty in getting a suitable building for use as a Courthouse. He would interview the Secretary of the Parochial Hall and ascertain if it would be possible to rent accommodation therein, for the one day in the month on which the Court was held.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to enter into negotiations with the Hon. Secretary of the Parochial Hall^{BUNCLODY} with a view to securing a letting for this building for the holding of the Court of the District Justice."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

Robert Valentine, late Courtkeeper, Gorey Courthouse, wrote applying for usual remuneration for caretaking of Gorey Courthouse from August till December 1937.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote recommending that Robert Valentine should be paid for acting as Caretaker until 11th December 1937, and Thomas Dwyer, the new caretaker from 13th December 1937.

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

"That remuneration for caretaking of Gorey Courthouse be paid in accordance with recommendation of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with the application of Catherine O'Regan, for amount of Scholarship payment refunded by Loreto Convent, Wexford, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In reply to your enquiry herein, I write to say, that I have looked into the question of the making of a payment

to Miss O'Regan in respect of the Scholarship which had been refunded by the Loreto Convent, and having regard to the terms of the Scholarship Scheme, and also to the letter from the Department of the 13th December last, I am of opinion, that the County Council have no power to make the payment to Miss O'Regan which she asks for."

It was decided that copy of this letter be forwarded Mr. O'Regan.

MILK DIPPERS

Under date 20th January, 1938, the Dairy Engineering Company of Ireland wrote that they would supply for the use of Food and Drugs Inspectors, six dippers under Milk Regulations at 24/- plus postage 1/3d extra.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cullimore, it was decided that quotation of Dairy Engineering Company be accepted, subject to sanction of Department of Agriculture."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Martin Dunbar, 1 Mill View, Gorey, applied for a loan of £150, and for a change of site from near Ferns to a site opposite Railway Goods Store in Gorey. He had already been approved for a loan of £125.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, ~~that~~ application of Martin Dunbar, Mill View, Gorey, for transfer of site of proposed building under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, from Ferns to Gorey be approved.

That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we also recommend the County Council to increase the amount of loan in this case from £125 to £150."

Under date 18th January, 1938, Mr. Elgee submitted copy of letter received from Mr. James Sheil, Rosslare Harbour, to whom the County Council had agreed to advance loan of £165 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Mr. Sheil wished to know if the Council would accept one half of the plot, that was one rood or $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre as security for repayment of the loan. He pointed out that as a five roomed house would cost about £300, the loan of £165 was not sufficient, and in consequence, he was selling half the plot to Mr. Corrie.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the sale of a quarter of an acre of plot, on which James Sheil, Rosslare Harbour, intends to erect his house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Under date 30th December 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, No. H.105460/37 Loch Garman, sanctioning advances to the following under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

John Masterson, Aske, Gorey, £100.

Laurence Doyle, Davidstown, Enniscorthy. £160.

Under date 10th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote No. H.108022/37 Loch Garman, approving of advances to the following under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Patrick Merriman, Forth Commons, Murrintown. £50.

Patrick Miskella, Coolboy, Foulksmills. £85.

Under date 20th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote as follows, No.H.108021/37 Loch Garman:-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to increase the fees to Assistant Surveyors who act as Valuers

for the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from £1: 1: 0 to £2: 2: 0 in respect of each house valued, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he considers that £1: 1: 0 represents reasonable remuneration for the work."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to reconsider his decision refusing to allow the Assistant Surveyors of Wexford County Council, £2. 2. 0 for inspection of houses under the Small Dwellings Acts."

"The Council in order to make certain that they are receiving value for the loans advanced, have arranged for inspections by the Assistant Surveyors during the course of the erection of the houses, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and in the opinion of the Finance Committee the fee of £2. 2. 0 which they have proposed is a modest figure."

PUBLIC WORKS ETC. LONDON EXHIBITION 1937

The following, under date 14th January, 1938, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to submit report as follows:-

By arrangement with the Local Government Department and permission of the County Council I attended the Congress and Exhibition in London during the week 15th to 20th November, 1937.

Papers covering a variety of subjects included in the classification of the Congress were submitted, and discussed in detail by experts. It was of advantage and interest to follow the discussion; the varied and sometimes conflicting views of the speakers showed there can be no "hard and fast" rule governing Public Works. It appeared that we still have a lot to learn about ordinary construction works, and

that many details are of a highly technical nature. Financial reasons may for a time prevent us in this Country adopting many of the improved machines and methods, but we are already profiting by the labour of others, and are not too far behind. I have all the papers for reference, and later shall receive full report of the Congress with the papers and discussion thereon.

It is impossible to treat in detail the subject matter of the various papers, and I only add here a list of the Conferences I attended:-

1. Occurrence of Dilute Sewage and its Rational Treatment.
2. Materials used in Modern Road Construction.
3. Laboratory Testing in Highway Engineering.
4. A short account of the Mineral Sulphates and their influence on Concrete Design and Construction.
5. Studies of Reinforced Concrete Barrel Arch Design and Estimating.
6. Methods of dealing with Bridge Foundations in Bad Ground or Under Water.
7. Highway Design and Accident Records in Relation to the Psychology of Road Users.

On each day of the Congress I spent considerable time in going round the Exhibition and visiting the Stands. Usually I was accompanied by other Surveyors, and had the advantage of their views on the exhibits.

I made it my special business to visit the Stands of Firms with whom the County Council had already had dealings. I interviewed the representatives and discussed structural points and prices etc., arising out of our experience with their products. I should mention here that Messrs. Marshall, Sons and Company, Limited, had an exhibition one of the 12 ton Diesel Rollers specially constructed for the Wexford County Council. I spent a considerable time at

the Stand, and with Messrs. Marshalls representative I examined the machine in detail. I am satisfied I have made a good selection for our new Rollers.

Regarding the exhibits I have to report that they were all of high standard, and I found the representatives of the various firms most anxious to give all possible assistance to visitors.

Many of the machines and products appealed to me, and as finances allow I shall ask the County Council to take up the matter.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I consider attendance at the Congress was of great advantage to me, and the knowledge there obtained will be of value in advising the County Council in the future."

EMPLOYMENT OF CARTERS IN GOREY DISTRICT

Under date 19th January, 1938, the following was read from P. Redmond, Secretary, Irish Labour Party, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Committee to draw your attention and to ask your Council what is the cause of the Carters being knocked off stone drawing from Gorey Hill Quarry to Ardamine Road, as they only got two days' drawing.

The lorries were knocked off on Wednesday night last and the Carters knocked off on Friday night.

We thought by Mr. Treanor's attitude at your Board that he wanted stuff so bad on Road and complained he could not get carters. He could have at the present time from 36 to 40 carts.

We hope, on behalf of the carters of Gorey and Gorey area, that your Council will do something in this matter and have things fixed up once and for all.

At the time of knocking off, there was 27 Carters drawing stones."

The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, as regards letter received from Mr. Redmond and found that until the rough material had been rolled in, the haulage work had to be suspended. He was, however, re-starting this on Monday.

The meeting considered the explanation satisfactory,

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as stoppage of the work in this connection was according to usual practice.

ROAD MATTERS

BALLYHARTY - BRIDGETOWN ROAD: Under date 12th January, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown:-

"I am sorry to have again to call the attention of your Council to the diabolical state of the road through my place, that is the Ballyharty-Bridgetown road. It is in an even worse condition now than the Tullibards road was; that road has been repaired and is now quite passable.

The above road is under contract but the contractor in my opinion should be prosecuted for false pretences, as he has no intention so far of keeping the road in any kind of repair; it is gone to a quagmire of mud, and a morass of potholes, quite unsafe to carry traffic. I have a lorry here broken down in this road yesterday - a new ton lorry, costing £365. It is out of commission for the season now. The sides of this road are death traps for those using them as we dare not go near the sides or we will kill some one off the loads of Beet. Other traffic is in danger of serious accident through trying to pass the lorries.

What I want is Mr. Birthistle to come out at once and see this road and have it repaired, as the Ganger Roche has gone to Kehoe the Contractor several times about this road but he takes no notice of him.

This road was done last year by the Council labour and was quite satisfactory. In fact, the Contractor got it in a good state of repair but it has now gone and will cost five times the amount to bring it up to make it safe for traffic."

The County Surveyor, to whom Mr. Doyle's letter was referred for consideration, pointed out that the road in question was very narrow and it was never contemplated it would have to bear lorry traffic.

TOMHAGGARD SCHOOL: Mr. John Murphy, Tomhaggard Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote calling attention to the condition of the road outside Tomhaggard School. It was always flooded after heavy rain.

The County Surveyor said he would ask Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to attend to the matter.

BALLYSCARTON LANE: Joseph Leary, Ballyscarton, Gorey, applied for repair of above Lane. Portion of it was impassable.

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

"That application as to repair of Ballyscarton Lane be referred to County Surveyor for inclusion on Minor Relief Schemes List."

EXTENSION SHOP AT KILRANE: John Pitt, Kilrane, Co. Wexford, wrote that he intended extending his shop at Kilrane, and applied for the necessary permission of the Council.

The County Surveyor stated he had no objection to the request of Mr. Pitt, but it was decided that he should furnish report in the matter.

BALLYGALVERT LANE: Mrs. Maureen Kavanagh, Ballygalvert, wrote calling attention to the dangerous corner on Ballygalvert Lane, giving details of her experience when a lorry came round the corner of the Main Road from Ballywilliam, missing her car by inches.

The County Surveyor stated he was waiting report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in this matter.

APPLICATION FOR DRAINAGE OF BOG: Under date 10th January, 1938, the following was read from Mr. James MacQuillan:-

"I want 15 acres of a bog on my land drained, and, I shall be much obliged if you will put the matter before the County Council with a view to having it done under a Minor Relief Grant."

It was decided that the County Surveyor include this application under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

ERECTION OF SHED: John Moynihan, Ferns, wrote asking permission to erect shed beside the road at Ferns. The wall was built some years and did not obstruct the view in any way.

The County Surveyor said he was awaiting report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, in the matter.

WEXFORD BRIDGE: The Chairman said in connection with proposal for erection of New Bridge at Wexford, even ^{if} ~~suppose~~ the proposal was adopted immediately it would be practically five years before the Bridge would be available for ordinary traffic, and in the meantime, this heavy traffic would be diverted to the Ballyboggan Road.

The County Surveyor should see that the road would be put into condition to bear such traffic.

The County Surveyor said he did not apprehend that it would cut up, because all the weak places had been found out during the war and the Americans who were in charge of the Seaplane Station at Ferrybank provided a lot of rubble and stones for the bottom. However, he was looking into the matter as soon as possible.

KNOCKBYNE LANE: Messrs. John Ryan, Thomas Murphy, James Moran and Martin Carthy, wrote applying for the repair of Knockbyne Lane.

It was decided that the County Surveyor include Knockbyne Lane for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

BALLYBEG LANE, CARNEW: The following under date 17th January, 1938, was read from Mr. Patrick Kinsella, Munny, Carnew:-

"I have been asked by the residents of Ballybeg to draw the attention of your Council to the Laneway in

Ballybeg which was down to be done by a special Relief Grant a couple of years ago with no hope of being accomplished yet.

I appeal to your Council to take this in hands, and do something at it as it is now almost impassible.

In support of this letter I submit a copy of a memorial signed by users of this laneway.

I must now ask you to instruct us how to act when your meeting will be or would it be advisable to send a deputation to your meeting.

I would like to add that it would help to get this properly brought home to the Council the state it is now in if you asked Mr. Traynor to inspect the laneway and make a report to the Council on the condition of the place. I would suggest if it was once done it would not cost much to keep it in repair.

In conclusion I would mention that there are about fifteen families using this laneway.

Hoping you will not fail us."

The Chairman said a number of farmers had been with him last year, wanting to have this lane taken over as a County Road.

He proposed that it be refered to the County Surveyor for inclusion under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded and the motion was passed.

COMPLAINT RE SEWER: Under date 16th January, 1938, the following was read from Patrick Cousins, Brandane, Bannow:-

"I am writing about a shore which is running at the back of my house. It is unable to take what water is running into it and the kitchen of the house is flooded when it rains heavy. There is a foot of water in the kitchen today, Sunday, and its an awful job to be going around to the neighbours' houses to boil water. I wrote to the Council about this shore years ago and I'll put up with it no longer.

I'll sue the Council for damages to the house and to my own health if there is not something done with it soon. I am entitled as a ratepayer to get it done and I think the best thing to do is send out your engineer, or I will tear up the roadway and that might cost us all more money."

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The County Surveyor said that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, would furnish report in the matter.

COAST EROSION: The following under date 13th January, 1938, was read from William Farrell, Kilmichael, Arklow:-

"I wish to point out to you that my dwelling-house at Kilmichael is at present in a very dangerous state owing to the sea having come in at this point, and having swept away the wall that protected it. The Bank is gone now underneath the foundation. I am afraid if another storm comes the house will be swept away altogether. That is what will happen if a bit of protection wall is not built immediately. What I want to know is could anything be done in regard to relief grant or otherwise, as it would not be easy for me to do it myself on a small bit of land where myself and my son have to go out earning when we can get it. If I would be given any grant I would be only too glad to give any help either by horse work or otherwise in order to get it done.

It is a matter of great urgency, and I ask you to please let me know as early as possible if you can do anything for me."

The Chairman said as regards this communication any further erosion would mean that Farrell's house would topple over into the sea. He proposed the County Surveyor take up this matter with the Land Commission as one of urgency and ask them to send down one of their Inspectors to view the place, a report to be obtained in the meantime from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

Miss O'Ryan seconded the motion which was passed.

DAVIDSTOWN LANE, ENNISCORTHY: The following was read from Mr. James Brennan, Davidstown, Enniscorthy:-

"I would be grateful if you would put Davidstown Lane on your Minor Relief Scheme list. You may remember we had our application in last year, and that Fr. Power wrote you in the matter."

It was decided that this lane be included under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

The County Surveyor said it had been already mentioned twice to the Office of Public Works for repair.

LAURSTOWN LANE, WEXFORD: Mr. Patrick Redmond and 20 other ratepayers applied for repair of Laurstown Lane. At present they had to go across two ploughed fields to get to the town.

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

"That application for repair of Laurstown Lane be placed on Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

CLODY RIVER: Twenty ratepayers including Rev. D. Murphy, P.P., Buncloody, Dr. A. J. Cantwell, ~~Cornier~~ for North Wexford, Rev. J. Mooney, P.P., Clonegal, wrote as to the state of footbridge over Clody river between Craan, and Kilbranish and Buncloody. It was erected 50 years ago at the expense of Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare. It was now absolutely dangerous. As the children of the memorialists would be cut off from attending Kilbranish School, they thought it was a matter the County Council should interest themselves in. The bridge was also used by the people of Craan for fairs and markets etc.

The County Surveyor said he thought the statement so far as the children going to school were concerned, was a very serious matter, but he could not look on it as very serious in regard to attending fairs and markets etc. in Buncloody. Anything done there should be done jointly with the Carlow County Council. He had sent copies of this letter to the County Surveyor in Carlow and asked him to submit the matter to his Council.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to contribute half the cost of repairs necessary to footbridge over Clody river, provided that the second moiety be furnished by Carlow County Council."

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The County Surveyor submitted copy of works which had been carried out under Minor Relief Schemes for 1937.

Mr. Colfer protested on the grounds that practically no Minor Relief Scheme work had been carried out in New Ross District last year.

The County Surveyor stated he had carried out a job at Fethard and Portersgate. The Improvement Scheme out of the Road Fund Grant, ^{for Fethard} had been held up as he could not get unemployed men to carry it out and had to bring men from Duncannon.

Mr. Colfer said there were only two men employed from Duncannon and they had been idle for the past six weeks.

The County Surveyor considered they could not have been idle for such a long period. Of course, the Council understood that the Office of Public Works made their own selection from the list of recommendations made by the Council.

WEIGHBRIDGE FOR LORRIES AND SEWERAGE AT CAMPILE

Under date 20th January 1938, the following from the General Manager, Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd., Campile, was read:-

"We are thinking of erecting a Lorry Weigh Bridge at Duncannon for the convenience of our Coal Business there, it would be 20' x 8', and would be quite safe for any ordinary traffic to pass over it - there is a spot quite close to our Coal Store, near where the Steamers Berth - we would be glad to have your permission to carry out this work - we enclose Sketch showing position exactly, and giving width of the quay at that particular part, as you can see from the drawing, the Quay will be at least as wide outside the scales at this point, as it is any place else - in other words - where we intend putting the Scales was never used.

There is a Bollard very badly placed, in fact it is no use at all, but very much in the way, if it was removed about 40/50' further towards the village, it would be very useful, in fact very necessary; we will remove this for you if you wish us to do it.

We have erected a Hostel for nine boys across the road from our premises here, in which we have a bathroom and lavatory, will you kindly allow us to connect the sewer with the existing one that leads from the railway bridge to the river. We understand, when the village scheme is

completed, probably within a year from now - the Board of Health will put in a Main Sewer that we can all connect up with. Meantime, we are awkwardly placed, and we hope you will see your way to give us the necessary permission, and oblige."

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

"That, as recommended by the County Surveyor, the County Council be recommended not to object to erection of weighbridge for lorries at Campile. That, as regards the question of sewerage the County Surveyor furnish copy of Mr. Murphy's letter to the County Board of Health, and that the latter be informed that the Council have no objection to the request of Mr. Murphy being acceded to provided the County Board of Health are satisfied in the matter."

PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS

Under date 15th January 1938, the Department of Industry & Commerce (Employment Branch) wrote No.E.B.217282 authorising the Council to perforate Unemployment Insurance Stamps with the suggested design and subject to certain conditions which had been already agreed to.

AREAS OF OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES

The following was read from Mr. Whitty, Clerk to No. 5 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-

"At a meeting of the above Committee the following order was made: 'That a request be forwarded to County Council with a view of having the Electoral Divisions of the Committee changed. The Committee considered it a hardship on claimants to travel from Rossard to Enniscorthy, also claimants having to travel from The Leap E.D. to Taghmon, as Rossard is nearer to Bunclody and the Leap is nearer to Enniscorthy."

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

"That the Old Age Pension Sub-Committees be requested

to inform the County Council if they consider any adjustment of their areas is necessary, and, if so, what is the nature of such adjustment."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application was received from Sergeant J. McNamee, Taghmon, as to the committal of Ellen Hore (11 years) and Margaret Hore (8 years), of Bulgan, Glynn, to Industrial School. They were the legitimate children of Edward and Annie Hore. Application would be made under Section 58 (1) (G) of the Children's Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

REMUNERATION OF RATE CLERKS

Mr. Kelly said that last year the Rate Clerks had made application for increased remuneration. This happened when the Rate Books had been practically completed, and it was decided that the matter be adjourned until this year. He requested that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

This was agreed to.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st January, 1938, be received and considered."

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION: The Secretary mentioned that the County Surveyor's estimate for the provision of new Court-house and necessary offices etc. was £16,000.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be nearly as cheap to pay for the County Registrar with all his staff to go to another County.

The Chairman said that, at the Finance Committee, the point was discussed that as the Judge of the High Court came to the County for only a few days every year, the County Council Chamber could be utilised for a second Court.

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

"That the County Council inform County Registrar that in their opinion, in view of the limited period the Judge of High Court will sit annually in Wexford and to the great expenditure involved in the erection of a second Court - the County Council Chamber be offered to County Registrar in lieu of a new building. The present is an inopportune time to saddle the Ratepayers with an expenditure of £16,000 the estimated cost of new Court, offices, etc."

BALLYHARTY-BRIDGETOWN ROAD: The County Surveyor said the Contractor was not neglecting this road. If it was not able to bear intensive motor traffic for which it never was provided, they could not blame the Contractor.

BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER: The County Surveyor said that he had written to the County Surveyor of Carlow and explained the position to him. As the road on the *Carlow* side was

a private road the County Council could not spend any money from their own funds to provide the bridge but the road on the ~~Wexford~~ side was a public road. He was informed by the Carlow County Surveyor that his Council had applied for a Minor Relief Scheme Grant to carry out the work. As the Wexford road was not a "public" road Wexford could not contribute anything to the project.

It was decided to await further information from Carlow County Council in the matter.

AREAS OF OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES: Mr. McCarthy said the present arrangements of the districts was not convenient for people having claims. He gave examples of people living near Enniscorthy who had to go to Taghmon and people beyond Rossard having to go to Enniscorthy when their claims could be dealt with at Bunclody. He suggested a re-arrangement of the districts by the County Council.

The Secretary said the Finance Committee recommended that the Old Age Pension Committees be asked if the divisions were suitable and if they desired any change.

Mr. McCarthy - The Sub-Committees won't know anything about it unless they had a map of the County before them.

The Secretary said he would prepare a draft scheme and submit it to the Sub-Committees.

Mr. McCarthy - We don't want to take parishes from any of the areas unless we give them an equal number at the same time.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the old electoral areas or parish areas would be the best. The re-arrangement was necessary.

The Secretary said he would re-arrange the grouping of the electoral divisions and send the re-arrangement to the Sub-Committees to see what recommendations they would make.

This suggestion was approved.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st January 1938, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 4th FEBRUARY 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th February 1938, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th February, 1938.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,634. 17. 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

Percentage of Warrant and
two years' arrears collected
to 3/2/'38.

1.	S. Gannon	60.4
2.	J. J. O'Reilly	57.5
3.	J. Curtis	57.3
4.	P. Nolan	56.9
5.	J. Cummins	56.5
6.	E. J. Murphy	56.3
7.	J. Quirke	54.7
8.	P. Doyle	54.7
9.	A. Dunne	54.4
10.	J. Deegan	54.3
11.	D. Kenny	54.0
12.	M. Kehoe	54.0
13.	J. Flood	51.8
14.	W. Doyle	51.4
15.	P. Carty	50.4
16.	M. McCarthy	49.6
17.	W. Cummins	49.3
18.	J. J. Sinnott	48.4
Average		54.1

The Secretary stated he was communicating with the Rate Collectors as to immediate legal proceedings against certain ratepayers who - in his opinion - were in a position to be able to discharge their liabilities to the County Council.

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: Under date 22nd January, 1938, the following (No. G.3043/38 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant regarding payment of poundage fees, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he cannot give any assurance at present in regard to the poundage payable to Collectors who have failed to comply with the terms of the poundage schemes. The date for the closing of the first moiety and arrears has already been substantially extended, and poundage will now be sanctioned with advertence to the delay in closing in each case."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following, which was adopted:-

"That, as Collector Joseph Cummins was only two days late in reaching the specified figure to qualify for payment of full poundage we request the Minister to allow payment to be made to him as in the case of Collectors who qualified on time limit. That the Minister's sanction to the payment of poundage fees less deduction of 5% be requested for each of the following Collectors:-

D. Kenny	lodged specified amount on 1st January 1938
J. Quirke	do. do. 6th January 1938
Philip Doyle	do. do. 13th January 1938
J. Deegan	do. do. 17th January 1938
J. Flood	do. do. 29th January 1938
W. Doyle	do. do. 2nd February 1938

The Secretary stated that the following were the amounts outstanding in regard to the four collectors who had not yet qualified for Poundage:-

J. J. Sinnott	£205. 12. 0d
W. Cummins	£108. 4. 1d
M. McCarthy	£65. 5. 11d
P. Carty	£48. 16. 11d

FLOODED LANDS: Under date 31st January, 1938, Mr. R. E. O'Neill, Riverview, Campile, wrote as follows:-

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"In connection with arrears of Rates due by me to the County Council, and for which a decree was obtained recently, I beg to draw your attention to the following facts.

Firstly, Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, has made representations to the County Council on several occasions previously with regard to the flooded area of my lands, which amounts to more than half of the holding, asking for a revision of the lands, with a view to a remission of Rates for the flooded area. In every instance, this was turned down and every effort was made to obtain a decree which was granted as above stated.

Whilst this was going on, I am aware that certain representations were made on behalf of another tenant, through Mr. Murphy, Kilmokea, as a result of which this tenant was promised a revision, without the knowledge of the other tenants, and particularly myself, and I am given to understand that no attempt has been made to collect arrears from this tenant.

I do not mean, for one moment, that this tenant in question has no grievance; he certainly has, but I think you will agree, I have not been treated fairly, and I am very doubtful if I am the only tenant in the Collector's territory who owes arrears. I do not desire, and it is not my intention to be obstinate with the County Council, but I do think the County Council should not try to penalize one tenant whilst they grant concessions to other tenants behind backs.

I may add I am the only tenant with more than half of his holding flooded.

I would be glad to know what steps are being taken now by the County Council, as anything may take place without my knowledge."

In connection with this communication, letter was read from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, for Rate Collector Maurice Kehoe, stating that the District Justice on the 25th January 1938 had given a Decree against Mr. O'Neill for £15. 1. 5d for rates; but in doing so he expressed the hope that in the circumstances, the County Council would be as lenient as possible in enforcing the decree.

In regard to the flooding at the River Barrow Embankments at Fisherstown and Great Island, on the estates of R. H. Ryland and E. M. Gallwey, letter under date 25th January, 1938 (No. P.3680/38) was read from the Land Commission stating it had been decided to defer further work on these embankments until next Spring.

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

"That Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, and Mr. R. E. O'Neill, Roverview, Campile, be informed that the County Council have been advised by their Solicitor that until a revision of valuation has been carried out by the General Valuation Office exempting flooded lands from rates, the County Council cannot remit such rates. So long as the lands appear in the Valuation Lists for rating purposes the rates must be collected.

That Messrs. Colfer & Sons and Mr. O'Neill be informed that it would appear to the Finance Committee from the letter of the Land Commission under date 25th January 1938, No. P.3680/38 that it is intended to carry out certain works in the Spring to save the embankments.

That Mr. O'Neill be informed the County Council pointed out to ratepayers in a similar position to his that they should secure a revision of their valuation, and that - certainly - no favoritism was shown to any tenant of flooded land."

REMUNERATION OF TEMPORARY RATE CLERKS

Mr. Kelly stated that at the last Finance Committee meeting he had given notice of his intention to raise the question of increase in the remuneration of the temporary clerical staff, carrying out Rate Book work. The present rate was 1/- per hour for a 44 hour week, and a year or two ago application had been made for an increase to 1/6d per hour. This application, however, was not received until the work was almost completed, and it was decided to defer its consideration until the present year. He understood that most of these men had to live in Wexford town and were charged a good deal extra this year owing to the increase in the cost of living. He urged the Finance Committee to favourably consider the matter, more particularly in view of the fact that the ordinary unskilled labourer in Wexford Town who was living at home received a wage of 47/- per week.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the Committee should bear in mind the fact that no test of the standard of education had been employed in the selection of these men, and so far as she understood the work was confined to copying. The County Council, she believed, should pay a little more even to men employed in comparison to what was paid by private employers. Of course, at the same time, they could not close their eyes to the fact that in the case of private employers a test would be carried out to secure the best Assistants, and this was not done in regard to the men employed in the County Council in connection with the work under discussion as they were merely nominated by members of a special Committee. The County Council should be fair to everybody and should not forget the point of view of the ratepayers in a matter of this kind.

The Chairman proposed that arrangements be made to extend the working week from 44 to 48 hours, without change in the amount of hourly remuneration. This would allow of the temporary staff receiving £2. 8s. per week.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded a motion that the temporary rate clerks be paid 1/3d per hour for a 44 hour week, while Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded an increase of 1d per hour for the same period.

A vote was taken on Mr. Kelly's proposal of 1/3 per hour with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Kelly, Colfer, Corish (3).

Against: Messrs. Cullimore, O'Byrne, Chairman and Miss O'Ryan (4).

Mr. Keegan did not vote, and the Chairman declared the motion lost.

The Chairman's motion to increase the number of working hours to 48 was then put with the following result:

For: Mr. O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman (3).

Against; Messrs. Cullimore, Kelly, Colfer and Corish (4).

Mr. Keegan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Keegan's motion to increase the remuneration of the rate clerks by 1d per hour for a 44 hour week was then put with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan. (7).

Against: The Chairman (1).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was decided that the Minister be requested to sanction the proposed increase.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That loan of £130 be advanced to Mrs. Mary Josephine Halpin, Gorteen, Inch, Co. Wexford, in respect of the erection of a building under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the estimated value of which is £200, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the regulations made by the County Council governing such advances."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Secretary stated that applications under the above Scheme should have been lodged by the 1st February, 1938. Margaret Mary Greene, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, forwarded application which was received on the 3rd February, 1938.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept the application of Margaret M. Green, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

Under date 27th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/204/16) pointing out that in view of Section 4 of the Unemployment Assistance (Amendment) Act 1937, the number of days employment per week for the future would be as follows:-

Men receiving Unemployment Assistance between 6d and 9/6d 3 days' employment.

10/- to 12/6d - 4 days, and
from 13/- and over, 5 days.

SPRING AND SUMMER WORKS, 1938/39

RURAL ROADS: Under date 25th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/1) that as already intimated, subject to the necessary funds being provided by An Dail, a State Grant of £688 would be made, subject to a local contribution of £229, providing for a total expenditure of £917 for above works.

The Secretary stated that the amount of local contribution, viz., £229, had been included in Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1938/39.

URBAN ROADS: Under date 25th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/3) that subject to a local contribution of £120, a Grant of £870 would be made available for work in New Ross Urban District.

The Secretary stated that the Urban District Council had considered this matter and had agreed to raise the required amount.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Under date 27th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No. 10/36(3)) stating that an assessment of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on the annual value of the property in the County would shortly be

necessary for above Fund and provision should be made for this in the estimates in view of the fact that the assessment would probably issue in April next.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to raise the equivalent of a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ for General Cattle Diseases Fund.

That the Department of Agriculture be asked to state the expenditure in respect of County Wexford under this Fund for the last two or three years equals the amount contributed from the County Council."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 22nd January, 1938, from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, relative to repairs in Gorey Courthouse:-

"Yours of 15th instant re repairs to above. In connection with this I beg to report that I had arranged with man early in December to do necessary repairs. He assured me he would put work in hands early in New Year, and I have, since receiving your letter, sent work to him to have work carried out at once."

It was decided to request the County Surveyor to endeavour to have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible. Also, as in the opinion of some members of the Finance Committee, further work at this Courthouse is required, the County Surveyor be asked to make a special inspection and report to the County Council.

LOAN WATER SUPPLY ETC. MENTAL HOSPITAL

The following, under date 25th January, 1938, was read from Dr. T. J. Conlon, Acting Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

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"With reference to Loans to finance Water Supply and other works of the Committee, the latter have passed payments (in anticipation of loan) to Engineers and Contractors amounting to over £1700.

As there are no funds it will be necessary to get instalment either on foot of loan or otherwise to meet these commitments. Accordingly, will you bring matter before your Council and let me have say £2000 as soon as possible."

It was decided to inform Dr. Conlon, that the Finance Committee are recommending the County Council to forward Pay Order for £1000 on the 14th February, 1938, and would also forward another £1000 between 14th February and 31st March, 1938. The Finance Committee desire to point out to the Mental Hospital Committee that the amount of loan which the County Council decided to raise was to be applied directly to the provision of water supply and had no relation to any fees incurred by the Mental Hospital Committee in regard to previous works. The County Council are strongly recommended to insist on the amounts which they are advancing on the letter of the R.M.S. being applied directly for the purpose of water supply alone."

APPLICATION COUNTY REGISTRAR OFFICE REQUISITES

Under date 21st January, 1938, the following letter to the County Surveyor, from the County Registrar was submitted:-

"I require a typewriter desk and shall be obliged if you will have same supplied.

I also require a buzzer for the Sheriff's Office same as I have for the General.

Your attention to these matters will much oblige."

It was decided that the County Surveyor provide the County Registrar with an ordinary suitable table for typing and also a buzzer for his office.

ROAD MATTERS

BALLYBEG LANE, CARNEW: Under date 22nd January, 1938, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that this lane was in a very bad way, but the difficulty about getting a Grant under Minor Relief Scheme was that owing to Forestry Work in the neighbourhood the number of unemployed was few.

It was decided to recommend the application for Grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

ROAD - RIVERCHAPEL TO KILMUCKRIDGE: The Secretary, Labour Party, Ballygarrett Branch, forwarded a resolution asking the Council to continue the resurfacing of road, Riverchapel to Kilmuckridge.

The County Surveyor approved of this application and stated he had been already notified of a Grant for same. As regards future work he had suggested to the Department that the same equivalent of the present grant should be provided for each of the next two years in order to repair this road which was subject to lorry and bus traffic.

ROADS - CASTLEBRIDGE: Under date 29th January, 1938, the following was read from Mr. James J. Shortle, Hon. Secretary, Fianna Fail Cumann, Castlebridge:-

"At recent meeting of Fianna Fail Cumann, I was instructed to notify your Council of the dangerous state of some of the roads in this district - especially the road leading to Ballyboggan Quarry. The big lorries now at work there leave no room in some parts for any other kind of traffic and Cumann thinks that unfair to ratepayers of long standing who use that road. The bends around Poulsack are also dangerous and we feel your Council ought not to wait for a "Kill" before removing the danger.

The Cumann also suggests to Council the improving of Village Street; as present day traffic means clouds of dust through the homes of the people in Summer time, and we are sure your Board of Health members will see the danger in dust as in "Bog" and "Fog".

Trusting these complaints will get the consideration that is their due."

Referred to County Surveyor for report. The latter mentioned that in his opinion, it would cost hundreds of pounds to deal with the position at Poulsack.

LANEWAY - MOUNTHOWARD, MONAMOLIN: Four ratepayers, owners of land in the townland of Mounthoward, wrote calling attention to the state of the laneway leading from the public road at Mounthoward to their holdings.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

BALLYWALTER LANE: Charles Sunderland, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge, wrote under date 3rd February, 1938, that the grant for above repaired only half of the lane and the other half was now in bad order. He applied to have the latter portion repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

The Finance Committee wish to point out to Mr. Sunderland that he was fortunate in having half his lane repaired. A number of applications of a similar nature lodged with the Council considerably before that of Mr. Sunderland's are still awaiting attention from the Office of Public Works.

BALLYTRAMONT LANE: Application for repair of this lane signed by eleven ratepayers was referred to County Surveyor for report.

BALLINACOO LABEG LANE, CURRACLOE: Representations were received from eleven ratepayers including Father Newcombe, P.P., Father A. O'Brien, C.C., Mr. Kinsella, County Councillor, and Mr. B. Hickey, V.S., as to repair of this lane under Minor Relief Scheme Grant.

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

"That lane at Ballinacoolabeg, Curracloe, be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

ROAD AT CLONES LOWER, CASTLETOWN: Thomas Kavanagh applied for repair of this road.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

KNOCKADAWK LANE: Application for repair of this lane was received from John Daly, Killenagh.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

TINGAR LANE: Application for repair was received from Mr. John Walker, Bruce, Clonevan.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

VILLAGE STREETS IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Corish asked if anything would be done to improve the village street of Ballymurn.

The County Surveyor said he had forwarded list of selected number of villages whose streets the County Council were anxious to have improved, to the Department, but he had never heard another word about the matter.

Mr. Corish said the County Surveyor should write to the Department again.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 31st January, 1938, Mr. John Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had not yet received particulars of the temporary structure which Mr. Nixon proposed erecting at Courtown Harbour for repair of his motor boat. He was writing again in the matter.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 26th January, 1938, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote he required two extra dippers of standard type under the Milk Sampling Regulations, as the present one at Duncormack and that at Blackwater did not comply with the Regulations.

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

"That, in addition to the six dippers under Milk Sampling Regulations agreed to be procured by last Finance Committee an extra two, one each for Blackwater and

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Duncormack be obtained from the Dairy Engineering Company, Dublin.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 22nd January, 1938, requisition was received from Sergeant Keenan, Ex-officio Inspector, Weights and Measures, Enniscorthy, for new Yale lock for door of office (the old one being ineffective) and for water supply for office. At present, there was no water for testing purposes in connection with Weights and Measures work.

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

"That County Surveyor be instructed to provide new Yale lock and water supply for Weights and Measures Office, Enniscorthy Courthouse."

HUMANE KILLERS

Under date 31st January 1938 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.597-38) that the Minister was prepared to allow the cost of the four humane killers (Greener type) and Cartridges (£21. 18. 0d) about to be procured by the County Council for the Veterinary Inspectors in connection with their duties under Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order to rank for recoupment from the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

WARBLE FLY ORDER

The following under date 2nd February, 1938, (L74/38) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letters of the 25th and 26th ultimo and enclosures regarding the arrangements in connection with the operation of the above Order in County Wexford in the ensuing season, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that as he is satisfied that, on the whole, the temporary Inspectors employed last year in Areas 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were satisfactory he will agree, in deference to the wishes of the Finance Committee, to waive the requirement as to advertising the posts and to the re-appointment of the Inspectors in these areas with remuneration in each case at the inclusive rate of £2. 10s. per week. The Minister's

approval is subject to the adoption by the County Council of the Finance Committee's recommendation in this connection.

As regards the appointment of two temporary Inspectors to act in Areas 3 and 9, I am to convey the Minister's approval of the terms of the amended draft advertisement submitted with your letter of the 26th ultimo.

It is noted that the appointments will be made at a meeting of the Local Authority to be held on the 14th instant.

I am to request that you will kindly state the intention of the Local Authority with regard to the supervision of the work of the temporary Inspectors by the Veterinary Inspectors during the ensuing treatment period."

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

"That, as obtained for season 1937 the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council be employed to supervise the work of Inspectors under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order for season 1938 at the following remuneration:

Enniscorthy District: Mr. F. S. Ringwood, £25.

Gorey District: Mr. T. A. Mernagh, £25.

New Ross District: Mr. J. Lynch, £15 and Mr. F. W. Taylor, £10.

Wexford District: Mr. F. Staples, £25.,

and that the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal.

ISSUE DUPLICATE PAY ORDERS

The following under date 25th January, 1938, was read from Mr. Michael Kennedy, Templetown, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"I am writing to inform you that last week's Paying Orders of Nicholas Fardy, Michael Bramley and Philip Walsh were taken from my shop on Saturday night last. The Sergeant at Fethard told me he had notified you. Please let me know how I stand with regard to the money."

The Secretary stated that an estoppel had been placed on the original orders.

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

"That the three Road workers whose Pay Orders are missing be communicated with, and in the event of a satisfactory statement being received from them Duplicate Orders be issued."

ROAD CONTRACT NO. 700 - NICHOLAS BRENNAN, GARRYDUFF, CAMPILE

Under date 4th February, 1938, the County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that Nicholas Brennan, Contractor for above road, had died and none of his relative were in a position to carry on the work. However, one of the sureties, Moses Browne, Garryduff, Campile, would be prepared to attend to the road if the Contract was assigned to him.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to serve ten days notice for repair of Road No. 700 on the Reps. of Nicholas Brennan, Garryduff, Campile. In the event of this notice not being complied with, County Surveyor be further empowered to take ^{road} into his own charge and arrange with Moses Brown, Garryduff, Campile, for the performance of the contract."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application would be made at New Ross Court on 8th February 1938 for the committal to an Industrial School of Josephine Flood, Skinnew, Killenagh, Gorey, 13 years old. Mother is dead and father, a labourer over 70, was in receipt of Old Age Pension.

Also for the committal to Industrial School of Margaret Byrne, formerly of Bunclody, aged 11 years. Father had deserted the family some time ago and his

whereabouts were unknown. The mother is an inmate of
County Home and unable to support the child.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th February 1938 be received and considered."

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: The following under date 11th February, 1938, No. G.3043/2/38 Loch Garman was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at the rate of 7d to Collector J. Cummins (District No. 8) in respect of the lodgment of the first moiety and arrears of his warrant for the current financial year, and at the rate of 7d less 5 per cent to the following Collectors:-

J. Quirke	District No.	1
W. Doyle	"	" 2
P. Doyle	"	" 3
J. Deegan	"	" 7
J. Flahod	"	" 9
D. Kenny	"	" 12."

CASTLEBRIDGE ROADS: Mr. Kinsella mentioned that a couple of years ago Mr. Shortle, Castlebridge, had complained of the roads leading down to his Mill, which was a serious inconvenience to people using the place. It would be a big loss to Mr. Shortle if these people were driven to using another mill owing to a bad road.

The County Surveyor said the road for a few hundred yards was very narrow and the surface had been cut up. Metalling had been put on this section and he could not see that any more could be done. The hill down to the Mill was the worst part, but a lot of rubble had been put on this and it was quite trafficable - though bad, it was not impassable.

Mr. Corish said in his opinion this road was in a wretched condition, absolutely hopeless and in these days when people were asked to grow more wheat, facilities should be afforded them to use mills to have their grain treated.

The County Surveyor said the whole thing boiled down to a question of money.

Mr. T. Redmond pointed out that in order to avoid discussion at meeting after meeting a list of County roads prepared by the County Surveyor had been very carefully considered by a special Committee. The County Surveyor told them that the improvement to roads which had been selected from that list would run to £20,000 and the Council had adopted a resolution to provide £5500 for these roads in the coming financial year. This would be equivalent to about 4d in the £1 and in his opinion, quite ample to saddle the ratepayers with for one year. In view of that, he was of opinion it had been agreed there would be no further discussions in connection with roads at the meetings. It would be quite easy for him to mention 20 roads in New Ross district that required attention, but in view of the provision of 4d in the £ he did not see what was to be gained by asking the Council to spend more money on roads, for which no provision had been made.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th February 1938, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

DISQUALIFICATION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Secretary stated that correspondence had taken place between himself and Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors for Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, co-opted as a member of the County Council at meeting held on 10th January, 1938.

The following is copy of decision of Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, in the matter:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd instant with copy of a letter from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan as to co-option of Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, as Member of the County Council

I have looked into this matter, and I find, that Mr. Doyle had at the date of his co-option as a Member of the County Council a Haulage Contract with the Council and there was at that date a sum due to him in respect of such Haulage.

Article 12 (4) (e) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898 provides that "a Person shall be disqualified for being a Member of a Council of a County, if he is concerned by himself or his Partner in any Bargain or Contract entered into with the Council or participates by himself or his Partner in any Bargain or Contract entered into with the Council or participates by himself or his Partner in the profit of any such Bargain or Contract, or of any work done under the Authority of the Council", and it has been decided by the Courts that even if the work under the Contract had been completed but not paid for at the date of Election the Disqualification still held.

This being so, having regard to the fact that Mr. Doyle was a Haulage Contractor to the Council, and that there was a sum due to him by the Council in respect of such Contract at the date of his Co-option, I am of opinion, that under the Provisions of the Above Article, Mr. Doyle was disqualified from being nominated or elected as a Member of the County Council."

Mr. McCarthy gave the following notice of motion for meeting of County Council to be held on 14th March 1938:-

"That in view of disqualification of Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, as County Councillor in succession to the late Col. Gibbon, I will move at meeting of County Council to be held on 14th March 1938, that the Council proceed to fill this vacancy by co-option."

CONSIDERATION OF RATE ESTIMATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
1938/39

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to consent to Wexford County Council agreeing to Annual Rate Estimate for financial year 1938/39 being considered at monthly meeting on 14th March 1938."

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

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

"That Courtown Harbour Committee, whose office has expired, be re-appointed to hold office for three years and until their successors have been re-appointed:-

Dudley Butler, Ounavarra Hotel, Courtown Harbour.

Earl of Courtown, Courtown House, Gorey.

John Dunne, Post Office, Courtown Harbour.

Michael Fitzpatrick, Mount Alexander, Gorey.

Richard Garland, Courtown Harbour.

William Kearon, Kilbride, Courtown Harbour.

W. P. Keegan, Esmonde Street, Gorey.

Thomas McGarry, Courtown Harbour Hotel, Courtown Harbour.

Sean O'Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey.

Rev. John O'Grady, C.C., Riverchapel.

Myles Smyth, Glasscarrig House, Killena.

Rev. Mr. Verschoyle, Rectory, Ardamine.

Michael Wafer, Middletown, Courtown Harbour."

DEMAND ON URBAN COUNCILS

The following under date 14th February 1938 was read from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo in regard to the instalments due by my Council on foot of Demand I regret that we have not been in a position to pay off a Quarter's Instalment to-day. As you know, for the last three or four years an adverse balance has accumulated by the striking off of more irrecoverable rates than were allowed for in the Estimates and this adverse balance amounts to about £1500. My Council recently decided to pay a full year's Demand in each year in future and to pay off in addition a sum of £300 per year on foot of the £1500.

I had an interview recently with the Department in

connection with this matter, and subject to the approval of your County Council and the proper provision for the payment being made by my Council, I think that this proposal would probably meet the situation without causing a severe rise in local rates.

A further meeting of my Council is being held soon to consider the amount of rate outstanding and to take the necessary steps to have it collected before the end of the financial year.

In view of the foregoing my Council would esteem it a favour if your County Council would defer action until after the March meeting."

The Secretary stated that up to 31st December last ~~Ennis~~ Enniscorthy Urban Council owed £2497. 19. 2d; New Ross £854. 11. 7d and Wexford £4297. 7. 0. Since last meeting of the Council Wexford had paid £2441. 8. 9d.

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

"That letter from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, as to payment of Demand by County Council on Enniscorthy Urban Council be referred to Finance Committee to furnish recommendation in the matter to the March meeting of County Council."

ELECTION OF WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS

NO. 3 AREA: Applications for the position of Warble Fly Inspector for No. 3 Area were received as follows:-

1. Barlow John, Clone, Boolavogue. (43).
2. Connolly Matthew, Bree, Ballyhogue. (40).
3. Flood William, Ballymurn, Enniscorthy. (24).
4. Leary Joseph J., Ballygilliestown, Davidstown. (39).
5. Murphy James, Boolavogue, Ferns. (44).
6. Murphy Patrick, Munroe, Glenbrien. (24).
7. Nolan John, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien. (33).
8. Power Sylvester, Raheenahone, Bree. (28).
9. Walsh John, Kereight, Ballyhogue, Wexford. (29).

All candidates were highly recommended.

It was decided to take a poll as between all the candidates which resulted as follows:-

For Connolly: Messrs. Keegan, Walsh and the
Chairman. (3).

For Flood: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and
Kelly. (4).

For James Murphy:- Messrs. McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin
and Smyth. (4).

For P. Murphy: Mr. J. J. Bowe. (1).

For Nolan: Messrs. Lawler, Ronan and Sweetman. (3).

For Power: Messrs. Day, Kinsella and Meyler. (3).

For Walsh: Messrs. Cullimore, Kennedy, O'Ryan,
Michael Redmond and Thomas Redmond. (5).

P. Murphy, having dropped out, Mr. Bowe transferred
his vote to James Murphy.

Connolly, Nolan and Power having received an equal
number of votes, a poll was taken between them to ascertain
which should be eliminated.

For Connolly: Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, O'Byrne,
M. Redmond, Walsh and Chairman. (6).

For Nolan: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Kelly,
Kennedy, Lawler, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Thomas Redmond, Ronan,
Smyth and Sweetman. (12).

For Power: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella and Meyler. (4).

Power, having dropped out, a poll was taken as between
Connolly, Flood, James Murphy, Nolan and Walsh.

For Connolly: Messrs. Keegan, Walsh and the
Chairman. (3).

For Flood: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, and
Kelly. (4).

For James Murphy: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella,
McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (7).

For Nolan: Messrs. Lawler, Ronan and Sweetman. (3).

For Walsh: Messrs. Cullimore, Kennedy, Meyler,
O'Ryan, M. Redmond and T. Redmond. (6).

Connolly and Nolan having received three votes each, a

poll was taken to see which should be eliminated:

For Connolly: Messrs. Bowe, Cullimore, Day, Keegan, Kinsella, Meyler, O'Byrne, M. Redmond, Walsh and Chairman. (10).

For Nolan: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Kelly, Kennedy, Lawler, McCarthy, O'Ryan, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth and Sweetman. (12).

Col. Quin did not vote.

Connolly was accordingly eliminated.

A poll was taken between Flood, J. Murphy, Nolan and Walsh, which resulted as follows:-

For Flood: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. (4).

For James Murphy: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (7).

For Nolan: Messrs. Lawler, Ronan and Sweetman. (3).

For Walsh: Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Kennedy, Meyler, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Walsh and Chairman (9)

A vote was then taken between Flood, James Murphy and Walsh.

For Flood: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. (4).

For James Murphy: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (7).

For Walsh: Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Kennedy, Lawler, Meyler, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman, Walsh and Chairman. (12).

Mr. Walsh, having received a majority of the votes of those present was declared elected by the Chairman.

The successful candidate who has a permanent residence in the district returned thanks for his election and promised to do all in his power to meet the wishes of everyone concerned in the administration of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order.

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

"That, in accordance with the terms of advertisement governing the position, John Walsh, Kereight, Ballyhogue, be appointed Warble Fly Inspector for No. 3 Area for Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order period in 1938. Remuneration £2. 10. 0 per week plus actual out of pocket expenses for postage."

NO. 9 AREA: The following is a list of candidates:-

1. Barron James, Templenacrow, Adamstown. (36).
2. Butler John, Little Cullenstown, Foulksmills. (27).
3. Cullen James, Knockbyrne, Ballymitty. (36).
4. Furlong Laurence, Grallagh, Raheen, Adamstown. (27)
5. Howlin James, Ballybanogue, Enniscorthy.
6. Lynam Michael L., Hill Street, Taghmon. (34).
7. McCarthy Patrick, Foulksmills, Wexford. (42).
8. Morrissey John, Camross. (25).
9. Murphy Kevin, Chapel, Clonroche. (22).
10. O'Hanlon Martin, Rochestown, New Ross. (No age given).
11. Power William, Raheenduff, Adamstown. (23).
12. Ryan Richard, Bigerin Lloyd, Ballynabola. (31).
13. Sinnott Matthew, Kinnagh, Ballycullane. (No references or birth certificate).

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Butler: Messrs. Meyler and O'Byrne. (2).

For Furlong: M. Redmond. (1).

For Howlin: Messrs. Kelly and Smyth. (2).

For Morrissey: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kennedy, Lawler, O'Ryan, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and Chairman. (12).

For Power: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella, McCarthy, Quin and Walsh. (6).

None of the other candidates were proposed.

Morrissey, having received a majority of the Council-
lors present, was declared elected by the Chairman.

In reply to the latter he stated he had a permanent
residence in the district and returned thanks for his
election and promised to do all in his power to carry out
his duties.

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

"That, in accordance with the terms of advertisement
governing the position, John Morrissey, Camross, be
appointed Warble Fly Inspector for No. 9 Area for the
period of treatment of Cattle under Warble Fly (Treatment
of Cattle) Order for 1938. Remuneration £2. 10. 0 per
week plus postage."

Letters were read from Inspectors appointed for Nos.
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Areas accepting
the position on the same terms and conditions as obtained
for year 1937.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

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

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

Banville, Elizabeth Mary, Shanoule, Foulksmills.
C.3. V. £26. I. £100. Widow. (Farmer).

Blake, Alice, Kilmore Quay.
C.1. I. £86. Fisherman.

Breen, James J., 25 North Main Street, Wexford.
C.5. I. £150. Draper.

Brennan, Patrick Joseph, 3 Pearse Street, Gorey.
C.3. I. £150. Postman.

Brien, Michael Joseph, Whiterock, Wexford.
C.2. I. £50. V. £21. 15s. Farmer.

Carty, Matthew F., 6 Upper Bride Street, Wexford.
C.3. I. £120. V. £3. Lightshipman.

Carty, Patrick Isidore, 1 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.
C.2. ~~No income stated.~~ Cycle Agent.

Cooney, Margaret Mary, Ballykelly, New Ross.
C.4. I. £75. V. 15s. Labourer.

Corish, Nicholas John, 10 Robert Street, New Ross.
C.5. I. £300. V. £10. Clerk of the District Court.

Cullen, Margaret Mary, Tombrack, Ferns.
C.3. I. £80. V. £32. 10s. Farmer and Publican.

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

Devereux, Mary E., Ballyask, Kilmore.
C.3. I. £50. Servant.

Dunne, Margaret, Moortown, Tomhaggard.
C.2. I. £60. Labourer.

Doyle, Ellen Mary, Ballyconnor, Kilrane.
C.7. I. £100. V. £101. Farmer.

Doyle, Laurence Joseph, Corlican, Killurin.
C.4. I. - Labourer.

Doyle, Margaret Mary, Drimmagh, Rosslare Strand.
C.3. I. £160. V. £3. 15s. Railway Employee.

Doyle, Patrick Rory, 10 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
C.6. I. £185. Fireman G.S. Railways.

Doyle, Thomas, Shroughmore, Ballindaggin.
C.2. No income. Widow.

Doyle, William, Killagowan, Oulart.
C.3. I. £30. Farm Worker.

- Farrell, Hannah Mary, Moneygarrow, Castletown, Inch.
C.5. I. £50. V. £29. 10s. Farmer.
- Fenlon, Thomas Francis, 51 Hantoon Road, Wexford.
C.11. I. £116. V. £4. 10s. Labourer.
- Finn, Brigid, 16 Main Street, Gorey.
C.7. I. £200. V. £18. Garage.
- Foley, Laurence A., 51 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
C. 6. I. £2. 15s. per week. Lorry Driver.
- Hearn, Dominick, Ballykelly, New Ross.
C.2. I. £157. 8s. 6d. V. £28. 5s. Farmer.
- Hendrick, James Philip, 7 Duffry Street, Enniscorthy.
C.2. I. £38. Labourer.
- Jordan, Michael Joseph, Market Square, Enniscorthy.
C.3. I. £190. N. H. Insurance Agent.
- Jordan, William, 48 Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy.
C.4. I. £117. Labourer.
- Kelly Peter, 53 South Main Street, Wexford.
C.2. I. £298. 10s. (Income in excess of amount
stated in Scheme).
National Teacher.
- Kennedy, Annie, Kilmore Quay.
C.2. I. £40. Fisherman.
- Kenny, Kathleen G., Priory Street, New Ross.
C.1. I. £150. Club Steward.
- Kiely, Jeremiah Martin, 3 St. Canice's Tce., Rosbercon, New Ross.
C.5. I. £190. V. £7. 10s. Creamery Manager.
- McCarthy Michael, 1 Upper King Street, Wexford.
C.3. I. £100. V. £4. Labourer.
- McCormack, Angela Marie, Drimma, Rosslare.
C.3. I. £50. Widow.
- McGarrigle, Patrick Joseph, 19 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.
C.1. I. £202. 16. 11d. V. £8. Publican.
- Murphy, Felix James, 12 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
C.7. I. £143. 12s. Shoemaker.
- Murphy, George Joseph, 4 Thomas Street, Wexford.
C.4. I. £260. V. £5. Assurance District Manager.
- Nolan, Edward Thomas, Commercial Quay, Wexford.
C.3. I. £40. Shopkeeper.
- O'Donnell, Eileen, 137 Faythe, Wexford.
C.7. I. £130. Motor Driver.
- O'Keeffe, Catherine A., Ballynitty Post Office, Wexford.
C.4. I. £190. Shopkeeper.
- O'Neill, John, Monbeg, Ballindaggin.
C.3. I. £68. 12s. County Council worker.

- O'Regan, Kieran Charles, Duncannon.
C.6. I. £80. Insurance Agent.
- O'Sullivan, John Canice, 1 Ard-na-Greine, New Ross.
C.2. I. £164. 13s. 4d. V. £7. No occupation.
- O'Toole, Anna Patricia, South Main Street, Wexford.
C.2. I. £200. Civic Guard.
- O'Toole, Catherine, Ballingale Mills, Ballycarney, Ferns.
C.8. I. £150. V. £59. Farmer.
- Ormonde, Mary, 3 James Street, Gorey.
C.2. I. £78. Shoemaker.
- Quigley, William, Rathfilane, Caim, Enniscorthy.
C.4. I. £50. Road and Quarry worker.
- Redmond, Peter James, Borrmount, Enniscorthy.
C.2. I. £126. Labourer.
- Reynolds, John Joseph, 25 McSwiney Street, Wexford.
C.3. I. £150. V. £5. 15s. Fitter.
- Robinson, Matthew, Garden City, Gorey.
C.4. I. £39.
- Rowe, John, Coldblow, Kilrane.
C.4. I. £33. 16s. in cash. Agricultural Labourer.
- Royce, Martin Joseph, 29 Hill Street, Wexford.
C.5. I. £127. 8s. Moulder.
- Sinnott, Anna Mary, Kevin Barry Street, Wexford.
C.9. I. £234. Linotype Operator.
- Sinnott, Patrick, Drinagh, Wexford.
C.2. I. £40. V. £2. 5s. Labourer.
- Sinnott, Thomas, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin.
C.3. No Income. V. £27. 10s. Farmer.
- Sullivan, Murtha, Kilanerlin, Inch, Co. Wexford.
C.6. I. £140. Carpenter.
- Todd, Bernadette Mary, Kilrane, Wexford.
C.3. I. £100. Casual labourer.
- Underwood, Thomas J., 67 South Main Street, Wexford.
C.3. I. £220. V. £20. Cycle Dealer.
- Walsh, Alice Mary, Carrigeen, Ferns.
C.5. Income from farm. V. £96. 5s. Farmer.
- Walsh, Samuel, 18 Court Street, Enniscorthy.
C.4. I. £234. Solicitor's Assistant.
- Ward, William, 7 Mary Street, New Ross.
C.2. I. £150. V. £12. Electrician.
- Whitty, Thomas G., 8 Emmett Place, Wexford.
C.3. I. £52. Labourer.
- Wilson, Henry, John Street, New Ross.
C.4. I. £156. V. £11. Boot Merchant.
- Greene, Margaret Mary, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.
C.2. I. £80. Labourer. (Application received on
3rd February - two days late - but Finance Committee
recommend acceptance.

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

"That candidates applying for Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme 1938 be and are hereby approved and that same be sent forward to Department of Education as eligible to compete for Scholarship with the exception of Peter Kelly, whose mother is in receipt of income higher than that provided for in the Scheme.

That, in the case of Patrick Carty, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, the Council declare that he is eligible to compete for Scholarship provided a statement of his father's income which, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, is satisfactory, is received previous to meeting of the 18th February, 1938."

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (DISPOSAL OF SWILL) ORDER 1937

The Department of Agriculture forwarded copy of Order dealing with removal of swill from any vessel calling at places outside Eire.

The Secretary stated that the two ports in the County to which this Order applied were Kilmore and Courtown.

PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE FOR WEXFORD

The following notice of motion by Mr. Corish, which had been adjourned from previous meetings of the Council came up for consideration:-

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

In moving his motion, Mr. Corish pointed out that Wexford town was dependant for a good deal of its trade on Wexford Bridge and it was a most unsatisfactory state of affairs to have the destinies of the town dependant upon

the present most unsuitable structure. Large sums had been spent on its repair, but it was still incapable of carrying modern traffic. In addition, to the very large section of the public dependant on the bridge to reach their market town, there was a large and important malting industry carried on by Mr. Joshua Nunn at Castlebridge. Mr. Nunn had written to him (Mr. Corish) that unless something was done to ensure that the bridge would carry the necessary traffic for his business, he would have to consider seriously the question of closing down. Mr. Nunn was seriously concerned with the decision of the Council to restrict traffic over this bridge to four tons with the proviso that it might be necessary to reduce this weight even still further later. The alternative route would be by Ferry-carrig Bridge, a detour of six miles and this, in Mr. Nunn's opinion, would be most uneconomic and would not allow of his business being continued. It would be disastrous if the action of the Council meant the closing down of an industry which for some years had been in rather a precarious condition, but which was now showing some definite signs of improvement. Castlebridge village was dependant on the employment given from year to year by Mr. Nunn. The County Surveyor had informed him that the New Bridge would cost between £90,000 and £100,000. This appeared to be a colossal sum, but as the Government would provide one-third, the Council would have to borrow £66,000 odd. Provided they secured a loan for this amount from the Office of Public Works, the amount of repayment over 35 years would be ~~XX~~ £5. 17. 9½d % or a repayment of £3922 annually. A 1d in the £ on the rural area of the County realised £1488, and on the total area of the County something over £1600, leaving the rate repayment between 2d and 2½d in the £ for the period. In view of the fact that the County Surveyor had informed him that in the near future, if the old bridge

was to carry even present traffic a large sum should be spent on temporary repairs ~~and~~ he (Mr. Corish) regarded this as an absolutely ridiculous position. Having dealt with the various classes of ratepayers in the County and what amount they would have to contribute to the cost of the bridge according to valuation he said he believed the County Surveyor would agree with him it was only throwing good money after bad to attempt to repair the existing bridge as no repairs would make it suitable for traffic.

Mr. Kelly seconded the proposal which was supported by Mr. Kinsella, who said that with the liabilities of the County Council at the moment this was a very serious question but at the same time all the people from Castlebridge and Blackwater district would be very seriously hampered if the new bridge was not erected.

Mr. Walsh suggested the Council should explore every avenue to ascertain if a suitable bridge could be erected for less money than the County Surveyor's estimate.

Mr. Sweetman mentioned that everyone agreed that the bridge was in a very bad condition but they had also to consider the Wexford Harbour Scheme, on which the Council had spent time and money. If this Scheme succeeded he believed they had placed on the shoulders of the ratepayers a sufficient burden for the short life of the present Council. The Harbour Scheme was quite enough for the present Council and their successors could deal with the question of the bridge.

Col. Quin said he understood when the old bridge from the Courthouse to Ferrybank was in existence it was covered by the sea in bad weather. Some people considered it would be foolish to put a bridge in the same position and he understood the present bridge was erected on its present situation to secure shelter.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Col. Quin, said the

new bridge would be either steel or reinforced concrete. He believed it would be the latter.

Mr. Bowe called attention to fact that the Wexford Corporation owed the County Council £4,000 on foot of their demand, that the County had agreed to pay 4d in the £1 for the improvement of Wexford Harbour, and that the loans of the Health Board amounted to £845,000. He proposed that the question of the erection of the bridge be adjourned until the Wexford Corporation have paid off their demand.

The proposal was not seconded.

Mr. Culleton supported the motion and pointed out that in 1920 he had been in favour of the erection of a bridge on the proposed site when it could have been built for five times less than the present figure. Mr. Bowe's contention about the harbour was incorrect as the amount the Council was committed to was 2½d in the £ not 4d. If the bridge was unsafe in 1920 it certainly had not improved since and beyond doubt was absolutely unsuitable for present day traffic.

The proposal made in 1920 was allowed to remain in abeyance, on account of the trouble in the country. The bridge would not facilitate the persons he represented, but he had no doubt whatever but it was in the interests of the County to have it erected.

Miss O'Ryan was in favour of the project, but considered they should try and get some decision in regard to the improvement of Wexford Harbour before dealing with the provision of a new bridge. She did not believe anyone would expect the Council to proceed with the two proposals simultaneously. They understood that when Galway Harbour proposals had been dealt with the Government would take up Wexford Harbour and she considered the T.D.'s for the County and other public representatives should endeavour to secure a decision as to the harbour Scheme. They had not

followed this question up with the same enthusiasm with which it had been discussed, but she believed it very advisable to get this question out of the way before tackling the erection of the bridge. She proposed the following:-

"That the T.D.'s of the County be asked to approach the Government to secure a definite decision as to whether they approve of the Scheme for the improvement of Wexford Harbour and if they intend to provide the usual grant for such works. That previous to waiting upon the Government the T.D.'s be requested to arrange for a consultation with Wexford Harbour Commissioners in the matter."

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

The County Surveyor pointed out he had always been in favour of a new bridge because the present bridge had been a trouble, worry and responsibility on him since he came to Wexford, and he could see no way by which any timber bridge such as it was could be made safe for modern traffic without the expenditure of a huge sum. From 1932 to 1937 practically £2000 had been spent on the bridge and it was proposed in the coming year to expend £600. He had been obliged to replace some of the iron shoes on the beams and he would not be surprised if several more were cracked in the middle. If he found this to be the case he would certainly be compelled to ask at once for a reduction of the present tonnage over the bridge. In his opinion, if they did not build a new bridge now they would be compelled to build one inside the next ten years. Regarding the estimate he had given of £100,000, he had gone into this very carefully with Major Waller, who was an expert, and taking into account the great increase in the cost of all materials and labour he believed the figure to be substantially correct. It would not be an economic proposal to strengthen the present bridge. To put on top of timber piles a more permanent roadway would be a retrograde step and uneconomic. Possibly

they might be able to strengthen the bridge at a cost from £20,000 to £30,000, but this would be a temporary measure only.

The Chairman said from the point of view of the County Council this matter was very serious. The present Council was coming to the end of its life which might occur, perhaps, in the present year and a new body would take over. He would be inclined to leave the matter over for six months and, in the meantime, obtain a report on the present bridge from an Expert as to whether it was capable of serving the people of the district for say another three to five years. He would not hesitate for a moment in saying that the rate-payers would have to bear the expenditure if the matter was really urgent, but he considered it would bear postponement for six months at least.

Mr. Corish thanked Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Sweetman for references made in connection with Wexford Harbour Scheme. The Harbour Board had submitted at least two Schemes to the Government but up to now none of them had been approved. This Board would certainly welcome any help from the Council or T.D.'s. In reference to the remarks of Col. Quin as to the situation of the present bridge having been selected owing to the proposed site being unsuitable, the present bridge would have been erected from the Courthouse to Ferrybank but the grand-father of the late Mr. John Redmond, M.P. had some idea that greater shipping facilities would be afforded to the Railway Company if the bridge was placed in its present position. If the County Surveyor found it necessary to reduce the present weight of vehicles passing over the bridge it might as well be closed altogether. They knew people had ignored regulations governing traffic on the bridge and he believed if owners of lorries had faithfully observed these regulations there would be a stand still as far as malting in Castlebridge was concerned,

and also as regards the coal and barley trade of Wexford. He agreed with the Chairman's suggestion that the County Surveyor should obtain expert advice as to what the present bridge was capable of carrying and if it could be made suitable for present day traffic. If so, he certainly did not want to see an expenditure of £100,000 for a new bridge.

Miss O'Ryan's resolution relative to the T.D.'s calling upon the Government was adopted and at the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the question of selecting an expert to examine the present bridge with a view to securing report as to its condition and capability and the fees to be paid be considered by the Finance Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN ROSSLARE SEWERAGE INSTALLATION

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish. (It was circulated to members of the County Council on 16th December, 1937):-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of above County Council to be held on Monday, 14th February 1938 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, that the said Council consents to the borrowing by the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a supplemental loan of £1800 to cover expenditure on installation of Rosslare sewerage works in excess of engineer's estimate."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said that the Engineer's estimate for this work was £9,000. The lowest tender was £9792. 4. 8d, being £792 above the estimate. Along with that, extra work had to be done in accordance with the wishes of the people. There was an increase owing to the Conditions of Employment Act of £190 and there was £101 for extra piping. The Board of Health were most anxious to keep down expenditure as far as possible and paid considerable attention to works of this nature in order to secure that end.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, which was adopted.

ROSSLARE ROADS

The following from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann was read:-

"I am instructed to ask you to kindly bring the following before the next meeting of your Council.

The Cumann again wishes to draw the attention of the Burrow and Tagoat and also the Woodtown roads before the County Council.

A small outlay would put the Burrow road in a good state of repair, and if drains and the sides were properly cleaned on the Woodtown road, the unnecessary flooding could be stopped and its present bad condition could be improved. We recognise the fact that the Contractor on the Woodtown road and the Council's workmen on the other two roads do their best, but something more is necessary.

We would like to know what report the County Surveyor made with reference to Tagoat road. The Summer is now approaching and the condition of this road is far from satisfactory. There is no doubt that sooner or later this important road will have to be tarred and we submit that the sooner a start is made the better. The volume of tourist traffic on this road during the season should in itself be a sufficient reason for having this road properly repaired. Its condition during the Winter months has been terrible, even though the Council's workmen were continually at work on it. It was so bad that with their limited resources very little improvement was made.

It is our earnest wish that on this occasion the County Council will bring this matter to a definite conclusion by doing the only thing that will be lasting and effective and that is the re-surfacing and tarring of the road.

Hoping that you will bring this matter forward and thanking you."

Under date 3rd February, 1938, the following letter extensively signed, calling attention to the Burrow Road, Rosslare, was read:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers and residents of Burrow, Rosslare, desire once again to draw the attention of the Wexford County Council to the terrible conditions under which we are compelled to live.

We, as ratepayers have repeatedly asked for a road or way to and from our homes, but our request has always been rejected. Ourselves and our families are compelled to wade through a flooded, muddy strand for the greater part of the year, and as time goes on matters are steadily becoming worse. The onslaughts of the sea are more

severe and the floods more constant. This Winter we were isolated on several occasions as a result of these conditions.

It is inhuman to expect our children to attend school considering the hardships they have to endure, and their plight ought to be a sufficient reason for the County Council providing an immediate remedy.

We, as ratepayers contend that we are entitled to a road or protective wall, and as we pay our just share for the Social Services we maintain that we are not getting the consideration which is our due. We are not an inconsiderable portion of the community as there are over 18 families involved, and in the interests of justice and fair play we respectfully ask you to give this matter your fullest and most sympathetic consideration."

The County Surveyor stated he had submitted proposal to the Office of Public Works with regard to the erection of protection wall at the worst part of the strand. Unfortunately, the Council had no power to spend any money from their own funds on the work, but he would do what was possible to secure a grant from the State. He would report to the Finance Committee later.

ROAD INCH - KILANERIN

Col. Quin said he understood a Grant had been obtained for this road, but nothing had been done. At present, a tremendous lot of timber traffic was passing over it, and it was badly cut up.

The County Surveyor said that no grant had been made available for this road. As a matter of fact, it was one of the roads which he (County Surveyor) suggested for Grant to the Government. He had suggested 14 or 16 works, but all the papers were sent back to him with a direction for reduction to eight and this road Inch - Kilanerin was one of

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those struck out. Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, had informed him that he had informed the man engaged in hauling timber that he would be responsible for the cost of putting the road into proper repair.

CORNER AT BALLYCANEW

Mr. Smyth called attention to the improvement work in the street of Ballycanew and held that the erection of the wall in the middle of the present road would make the place very dangerous.

The County Surveyor denied this. He said that the place was most dangerous as it stood and the improvement would be really an improvement as there would be two good roads instead of one bad one. The work had been approved by the Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Mr. Smyth said that he never heard of any accident at the place, but if people did not know about the wall being erected there it was almost certain an accident would occur.

The County Surveyor said he could not see any prospect of danger. It would be a double road the same as at Ferrycarrig Castle. He was absolutely certain when the job was finished it would mean the greatest possible improvement.

The matter dropped.

DANGEROUS CORNER - AMBROSETOWN MILLS, DUNCORMACK

The following representation in connection with dangerous corner at Ambrose Mills, Duncormack, and which was signed by 20 ratepayers was read and it was decided that the matter should be referred to the County Surveyor for report:-

"We, the undersigned, desire to draw your immediate attention to the very dangerous corner at Ambrosetown

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Mills. This is "Blind Corner" at the foot of a steep hill leading off the main road to Duncormick on to the Johnstown road and is a veritable death trap due to the fact that a high wall which surrounds the corner completely shuts off the view from one road to the other. We shall be obliged if you will please arrange to have this corner inspected by your Surveyor who will then be in a position to verify our complaint, and also to take the necessary steps to have the corner high "wall" replaced by a wire fence as in other places in the district. Thanking you."

TAGHMON APRIL FAIR

Under date 11th February 1938, the following was read from Mr. P. J. Cullen, Hon. Secretary Taghmon Development Association:-

"I am directed by the above to point out that one of the principal store cattle fairs of Taghmon falls on Good Friday, April 15th, a strict closing day of Banks and public premises. We, therefore, would be very grateful to you and your Council if you would kindly make provision for the fair being held on the following day, Saturday, April 16th, as then business would be carried on as usual by all public premises and no loss or inconvenience would be felt by buyers, sellers or others.

An early reply would much oblige so that we could advertise change, if granted."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to agree to the holding of Taghmon April fair on 16th April (Saturday) instead of 15th April (Good Friday) as all banks and business houses will be closed on the last named day."

QUARTERLY REPORT COUNTY ANALYST

From the quarterly report of County Analyst, it appeared that the following samples had been dealt with:-

Foods	282	
Drugs	48	
Waters	21	351

Adulterated:

New Milks	6	6
Olive Oils		6
Camphorated Oil		1
Waters Condemned		10

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Condemned</u>
Board of Health	11	5
Wexford Corporation	-	5
	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

Mr. Corish said it would be well the public should understand that the five waters sent by the Wexford Corporation and condemned had nothing to do with the Reservoir.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

J. J. O'Malley, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy. (Manager J. Donohoe & Co. Ltd.).

Michael Browne, Clonroche, and
renewal of licence to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE

Michael Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, applied for Cinema Licence and submitted report from the Garda Siochana, stating that no objection would be offered by them to issue of licence.

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

"That licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 be issued to Michael Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, County Wexford, subject to report from County Surveyor that in his opinion the premises are suitable for cinema exhibitions."

GRANT-IN-AID: MENTAL HOSPITALS

The following resolution forwarded from Sligo District Mental Hospital re above was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"We, the Joint Committee of Management of Sligo and Leitrim District Mental Hospital, direct the attention of the Government to the increasing burden on the rates of these Counties in the upkeep of this Hospital.

We beg to point out that the statutory Grant-in-Aid of 4/- per week for each pauper patient does not bear anything like the proportion to the net average cost per patient as was the case when the Grant-in-Aid was instituted in 1874.

From that date up to the year 1898, the net average cost rarely reached 8/- per week here, but from 1898 onward the average cost has steadily increased; the weekly cost for the year 1936-37 being 15/10d net per patient, and for the current year the net average cost will be about 16/6d per week, or more than four times the fixed Grant-in-Aid of 4/- weekly, which is now further reduced to around 3/6d per week.

This increased cost is not due to extravagance in this Hospital as the comparative yearly returns show that Sligo is below the average of the Mental Hospitals throughout the country.

The Committee appeal to the Government to institute such legislation as will enable a State Grant-in-Aid to

be paid in the same proportion as was obviously intended when the Grant-in-Aid was introduced in 1874, so as to afford a much needed relief to the ratepayers."

"MEANS" TEST

A resolution was received from the Cobh Urban District Council asking that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested that in connection with the Means Test, Military Service Pensions, (Eire) should not be taken into consideration.

It was decided this resolution should be marked noted.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting including proposals for payment of contractors for roads and works as certified by County Surveyor on Forms 22, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved. That Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."

James H. Allen

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