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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 13th JANUARY, 1936.

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 13th January, 1936.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Notes for £10,290 . 4. 3d. (Ordinary Payments) and for £21,037. 15. 0d. (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Miss O'Ryan a vote of condolence to Mr. Frank Staples, M.R.C.V.S., (a temporary official of the Council) was adopted, in the death of his mother.

A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Mr. M. M. O'Donoghoe, Castle Talbot, Blackwater (a former member of the County Council) was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth.

Mr. Lawlor proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded a resolution of sympathy to Mr. John P. Kelly, County Councillor, in the death of his aunt, Mrs. Cullen, Mangan, Killanne.

This was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Kelly returned thanks.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 20th DECEMBER 1935: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 20th December, 1935.

The following were present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, J. P. Kelly, S. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan, who presided until after the confirmation of the Minutes, when the Chairman (Mr. Allen) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3394. 19. 11 and £499. 19. 2 were examined and signed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Miss O'Ryan a vote of condolence was passed with Collector M. Murphy in the death of his uncle, Mr. Matthew Murphy, Ballyrobeg, Blackwater.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the Rate Collection up to 20th December, 1935:-

E. J. Murphy	52.9
S. Gannon No. 10	48.5
J. Curtis	48.3
J. J. O'Reilly	47.2
S. Gannon No. 6	45.3
Maurice Kehoe	45.1
P. Carty	44.1
D. Kenny	44.0
P. Nolan	43.7
J. Cummins	43.6
J. Deegan	43.1
M. McCarthy	43.0
J. Flood	41.2
P. Doyle	40.9
A. Dunne	39.2
W. Cummins	37.5

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J. J. Sinnott	35.8
W. Doyle	34.5
J. Quirke	34.0
M. Murphy	33.9

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The amount collected at the corresponding period last year was 38.6%, the increased percentage this year being 3%.

The Chairman (Mr. Allen) said as far as he could see, the Rate Collectors were not making the same effort as they did last year. As they had their books in hands two months earlier than for 1934 the collection should have been much better. He believed this was the period of the year when they should press the Collectors to close the first moiety. If the collection of this moiety was allowed to run into February or March, the Council would find that only one moiety would be collected before the close of the financial year in March. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That returns be furnished showing the number of ratings outstanding in each collector's district in respect of first moiety of current rate and also the number of ratings represented by collected rate. Further that Rate Collectors be informed that the Finance Committee will require an amount equivalent to the first moiety of the current warrant plus the arrears applicable to 1934/35 lodged by 15th January 1936. The Committee direct Collectors to take all necessary steps towards that end. The Committee are not satisfied with the amount collected as they believe if the Collectors had put more earnestness into their work, a much bigger improvement would be apparent in the collection as compared with last year."

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APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT FORM: On behalf of the Reps. of William Hore, Hill-of-Sea, (a patient in Mental Hospital), Mr. Laurence Kirwan, Solicitor, Wexford, wrote asking the Finance Committee to agree to accept form of declaration for employment in connection with rebate of rates.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Kirwan that a number of these applications had been already received, and it was decided on the advice of the Department of Local Government and Public Health it was not possible for the Council to recognise any employment form which had not been lodged in time.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: The following letter under date 19th December, 1935, (No. G.217106/35-Loch Garman.) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant relative to the payment of poundage to the Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he has decided that no payment of interim poundage will be sanctioned until an amount equivalent to the first moiety of the current warrant plus arrears applicable to 1934-35 has been lodged in each case. I am further to state that poundage at the rate of 7d will not be authorised in respect of the current warrants unless lodgment in accordance with the foregoing is made not later than the 15th proximo, and so far as the remainder of the collection is concerned, unless the warrant is closed by the 31st March next.

I am to point out that the Rate Collection, notwithstanding the issue of the warrants in July last, is most unsatisfactory, and the Collectors should now be warned that no concessions, beyond those conveyed above, will be given in regard to poundage fees."

It was stated that only one collector (E. J. Murphy - No. 17) was qualified to receive poundage under the terms of this communication.

Messrs. Colfer, O'Byrne and Keegan pointed out that no payment had been made to the Rate Collectors since May and it was impossible for a number of them to carry on without some remuneration.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction an interim payment of poundage at 5d in the £ on 50% of amounts collected and lodged by Rate Collectors up to the end of November 1935."

A notification was received later from the Department agreeing to this proposal.

SEIZURE FOR RATES: At the meeting of the County Council on the 9th December 1935, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-

"That we request the County Registrar to inform this County Council is it possible for Rate Collectors to ascertain if ratepayers against whom they propose to proceed have been decreed for Land Commission Annuities in order that the Collectors could form some opinion as to whether it would be feasible to recover in a seizure, any money which could be applied to rates."

Under date 17th December, 1935, the County Registrar wrote as follows:-

"Yours of the 14th instant herein received, appending the resolution of your Council of the 9th instant. The request made in the resolution, I regret I cannot concede, as it would be contrary to all legal practice in the Sheriffs Office.

As you are aware, the Rate Collectors have as much power under their warrants as I have under the Land Commission warrants. I understand that in the case of Rates, as in Land Commission cases, a buyer will be supplied by the Department, in case of seizure and sale. In the circumstances the Collectors should proceed on their warrants."

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

HOUSE LET AT TOMNALOSSET: Mr. Kelly stated in regard to house for which loan had been obtained under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy that the latter was receiving 10/- a week rent from John Bass, and he believed the Council should insist upon their resolution in the matter, that Wickham repay the loan or occupy the house, being put into effect.

Mr. Elgee stated he had received a letter from Mr. McCarthy, County Councillor, that the letting to Bass was purely a temporary arrangement and would be determined shortly.

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

"That Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy, be informed that the County Council will require him to occupy within three months, the house for which he obtained loan from the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

ADDITION TO HOUSE: Under date 19th December, 1935, Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, wrote that when valuing house of Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, he estimated the amount to be £200. Since then an addition had been made by the building of a pantry which would increase the valuation by £40. The site value could be taken at £10, raising the total valuation of the premises to £250.

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

"That in view of revised valuation of house and premises erected by Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, Kilanerin, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the County Council be recommended to agree to increase this loan from £150 to £180."

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PROPOSED REDUCTIONS OF LOANS: Under date 11th December, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.212985/35-Loch Garman) that in view of the fact that a Government Grant of £70 was payable to Charles Hendrick in respect of house, proposed to be erected at Blackstoops, the Minister was of opinion that the amount of the advance of £140 should be reduced.

Under date 11th December, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.208475/35 Loch Garman) that as regards the proposal to advance a sum of £240 to Johanna Kennedy, Shalbaggan, Ramsgrange, in view of the fact that a Government Grant of £60 was payable in this case, the Minister considered the amount of advance should be reduced.

Under date 11th December, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.206829/35 Loch Garman) sanctioning advance of £145 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Patrick Byrne of Blackstoops. He also pointed out in regard to the proposal to advance £145 to Patrick Scully for house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, the Minister believed the advance should be reduced in view of grant of £70 payable in the case.

The Secretary stated it had been decided to increase the amount of loan granted to Mr. Patrick Byrne for house at Blackstoops from £145 to £170.

Under date 11th December, 1935, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, wrote (P.H.198299/35 Loch Garman) sanctioning advance of £100 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Foley, Blackstoops.

He also pointed out that in view of the fact that Mrs. Pender, who has erected house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, and Thomas O'Reilly, also at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, would receive Government Grants of £70 each, he was of opinion that the advances should be reduced.

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

"That in view of the fact that numbers of applicants for advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts have to pay for incidental and legal expenses in connection with title to plots on which houses will be erected in addition to £5 cost of mortgage Deed, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to suitable applicants an amount represented by the difference between the value of houses as certified by Assistant Surveyor and the amount of Government Grants provided such advance will in no case exceed the maximum which may be granted under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and Housing Acts."

CLAIM - GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Under date 10th December, 1935, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, wrote on behalf of Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill, claiming £5 compensation for injury caused to her land etc. by two blasts at Gorey Hill Quarry and also £1. 1. 0, their costs.

The County Surveyor stated he had obtained a report in the matter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, in which it was pointed out that the damage was almost negligible. He had furnished claim with Mr. Treanor's report to the Insurance Company who were dealing with the matter.

ALLEGED INJURIES TO MOTOR CAR

Under date 16th December, 1935, Messrs. M.J.O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, wrote applying for compensation on behalf of Aidan Redmond, Esmonde Street, Gorey, in reference to alleged injury to his motor car sustained at Springmount, Gorey on that date. They pointed out that

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while their client was driving along the road, he ran over a number of large stones which had apparently fallen from a cart of an employee of the Council drawing stones from Carriganeagh quarry to where the road was under repair. The stones were so negligently placed on the cart that a large quantity apparently fell off, resulting in damage to Mr. Redmond's car. The damage included the breaking of front spring and fly wheel. Unless they heard from the Council that the Committee were prepared to pay compensation for the damage, and also for the loss sustained by being unable to use the car, they would institute proceedings.

Under date 19th December 1935, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, reported that from inquiries into the matter he found Mr. Redmond's car passed over the road about 3 p.m. when it would have been possible for him to have seen the stones stated to have been on the road. These could not have been numerous as he (Mr. Treanor) understood they were only such as might fall from any loaded cart and there was no spreading at the place.

He could not understand how the fly wheel could have been broken as such parts are usually protected. As regards the claim for loss sustained through not been able to use the car, there could not be much in this as Ganger informed^{him} that the car passed over the road with a load of geese on the 17th, the day after the accident.

The County Surveyor stated he was in correspondence with the Insurance Company which was dealing with the matter.

CLAIM FROM DR. FURLONG, INFIRMARY HOUSE, WEXFORD.

Under date 20th December 1935, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote forwarding copy of letter from Dr. S. A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, applying for payment of £9 in respect of mattresses which had been brought from the old County Infirmary to the County Hospital.

At the time of the transaction it was held by the Board

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that the mattresses and other furniture in the Private Home (Old County Infirmary let to Dr. Furlong by County Council) were the property of the County Council, hence no payment was made.

A letter from Dr. Furlong, dated 14th December, 1935, stated that the Matron of his Private Hospital had, repeatedly during the past few years, applied for payment of £9 for mattresses purchased from her by the County Board of Health and so far without result. He was anxious to have the account settled.

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

DUMPING GROUND ADJOINING KILLURIN RAILWAY STATION.

Under date 19th December 1935, the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In this case as the County Surveyor has doubtless reported to you, a Claim was put forward by Mr. Cogley against the County Council for alleged Trespass on his Lands at Killurin by reason of the County Surveyor dumping a large quantity of Stones from the Old Courthouse Buildings there which he purposed to use for repairs to the Roads, and at the time the County Surveyor dumped the Stones as aforesaid, he was of opinion that the place where he had dumped them was ~~the~~ County Council property, and that consequently he had a right to do so.

In order to go into the matter fully I arranged with Mr. Barry that he should visit the place with me and Mr. Walsh, the Solicitor for Mr. Cogley, and accordingly, we did so on Tuesday last. Mr. Cogley and his Solicitor were able to satisfy me that the place where the Stones had been dumped was his Property, and not that of the County Council, and this being so, a Trespass had been committed in dumping the Stones there. We then discussed the matter as to what Compensation, if any, should be paid to Mr. Cogley, and it was

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finally agreed that Mr. Barry and I should recommend the Council to pay Mr. Cogley a sum of £12. 10. 0 in respect of the Trespass, and also, giving us the right in the future to dump Stones on a certain part of the property extending in for six feet from the edge of the travelling surface of the Road.

I consider this a fair arrangement, and that it should be agreed to by the County Council.

I have had an Agreement drafted to carry out this arrangement, and I would be glad, if you would bring the matter before the Finance Committee tomorrow, so that we may discuss it, and if thought advisable to agree to the terms fixed provisionally by Mr. Barry and myself with Mr. Cogley."

The County Surveyor stated the place, which was unfenced, adjoined Killurin Railway Station and in his opinion it had been undoubtedly excavated for filling the sides of the road, when the road was constructed. When the dumping was carried out everybody connected with the Council considered it was a commons and could be used for the purpose.

The Chairman said the claim for £12. 10. 0 was a very large amount.

Mr. O'Byrne considered the whole place would not be worth 12/-.

The County Surveyor said taking the usual compensation at 5/- per perch the amount in this case would be about £10. He gathered from Mr. Elgee that if Cogley brought the Council into Court, they would be decreed. In view of the extent of land taken and the amount of compensation that they usually gave it was very doubtful if they would be decreed for less than the sum recommended for payment by Mr. Elgee. Of course the Council should insist on getting the right in future to dump stones on the portion of the land extending for six feet from the edge of the travelling surface.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following

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resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of recommendation of Mr. Elgee in letter under date 19th December, 1935, we recommend the Council to pay James Cogley, Killurin, compensation to the amount of £12. 10. 0 for use of his land as a dumping ground for road material and also for the right to use a certain portion of the holding as a dumping ground for the future as pointed out in Mr. Elgee's letter. Amount is to be paid only on execution of agreement in the matter."

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE AT LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE.

Under date 17th December, 1935, the following letter was read from the Local Taxation Officer:-

"I beg to make application for the services of two temporary clerks in my office in connection with the issue of licences for year 1936. I will require clerical assistance for the same period as last year, viz., 28 working days.

Owing to the fact that the Local Government Department have issued instructions that all applications for licences have to be cleared daily, it will be necessary to employ the staff overtime for a portion of the period. I would be glad to have the Council's approval to this."

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:-

"That application of Local Taxation Officer for Clerical Assistance be agreed to and that J. J. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford and Michael Flusk, John Street, Wexford, be employed, provided they are found suitable by the Local Taxation Officer.

That the Rate of payment be fixed at 1/- per hour, and the total remuneration paid not to exceed the amount paid last year."

X Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerical Assistant in County Council Office, wrote applying for payment of £1 per week - the rate allowed last year - for two weeks in month of September for

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acting as Local Taxation Officer during the latter's absence on holidays.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided to recommend the Council to agree to Mr. Donohoe's application.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote stating that application would be made for the committal to Industrial School of Edward Lennon and May Lennon, Ballykelly, New Ross.

Matter was referred to Mr. Elgee.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following report of Joint Conference regarding proposed improvements at Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, was submitted from Mr. Thomas Kelly, Clerk, Mental Hospital, who acted as Secretary to the Conference:-

"Report of Conference between representatives of County Council, Board of Health and Mental Hospital Committee of Management which was held in the Mental Hospital Boardroom on Friday, 13th December, 1935.

The following were present:-

Mr. Corish and Mr. S. O'Byrne representing Co. Council.

Miss O'Ryan and Mr. T. McCarthy representing Board of Health.

Rev. J. Codd, Cannon Squires and Mr. M. Sweetman representing Mental Hospital.

Dr. Lyons, Resident Medical Superintendent, Dr. Conlon, Assistant Medical Officer, Messrs. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary Board of Health, T. Kelly, Clerk, Mental Hospital, who acted as Secretary to Conference and Michael Jordan, Consulting Engineer.

Rev. J. Codd, Adm., presided.

The Conference was held to consider the development of Kilcarberry water power, on joint liability lines between

the Mental Hospital and Board of Health, for the purpose of supplying the Mental Hospital and Grianan Charmain with electricity for lighting and power purposes.

Mr. Jordan, Consulting Engineer, submitted report and estimate of £13,390 for development scheme in question, and that this amount obtained on loan at $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent repayable over a period of 37 years would entail an annual charge of £789 approx. as compared with E.S.B. annual charge of £1108 as based on probable consumption in both institutions as follows:-

Mental Hospital

Lighting	25,000 units	cost at E.S.B. current prices	£ 625.
Power	54,000	do.	£ 296.
<u>Grianan Charmain</u>			
Lighting	4,000	do.	£ 125.
Power	6,000	do.	£ 62.
Total as above			<u>£1108.</u>

The Mental Hospital estimate is based on meter readings spread over the past three months which were installed for the purpose by the Committee of Management.

Mr. Jordan's report was discussed with special advertence to letter from the Local Government Department of the 26th ultimo intimating that the Mental Hospital Improvements Scheme must be carried out piecemeal; that the Minister would be prepared to agree to the following works being undertaken immediately viz., Refrigerator, Central Heating, and Steam Plant, Bathing Accommodation, Laundry Equipment, and Building Admission Unit. That the Minister would consider the question of allowing the remaining necessary works to proceed as money is available.

Mr. Sweetman pointed out that as the present water supply of the Mental Hospital is inadequate the provision of an adequate supply should be the first item to be carried out under the proposed improvements scheme and as electric power was of equal importance these two services should take precedence in the Committee's scheme of improvements to be carried out under the Hospitals Sweepstakes Grant Scheme.

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In connection with the present electric supply service Mr. Jordan pointed out that the existing plant would not be capable of providing adequate service for all the proposed new buildings contemplated at the Mental Hospital.

The Conference agreed with Mr. Sweetman and recommended that an assurance should be obtained from the Department that a grant will be forthcoming for the installation of the services mentioned in accordance with scheme outlined by Mr. Jordan as to electric requirements of the Mental Hospital and Grianan Charmain and in accordance with report of Mr. P. H. M'Carthy as to water supply for the Mental Hospital. The question of apportioning cost of Kilcarberry development as between the Mental Hospital and Grianan Charmain was held over for the present.

Mr. Corish, T.D., undertook to visit the Department and secure an interview with the view of getting an assurance that a grant will be given so that the works in question can be carried out with as little delay as possible."

The Chairman said it would not be possible for the Finance Committee to move in the matter until they had report from Mr. Corish and the meeting agreed with this view.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of period of overdraft to a maximum of £40,000 for the three months up to 31st March 1936."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

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

"That we recommend Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk,

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Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts to charge for the letting of the rooms in Gorey Courthouse to the Gorey Agricultural Society for meetings held in Courthouse, and to Gorey branch of the Gaelic League, nominal fee of 1/- in each case."

The meeting also expressed the opinion that the Courthouse should not be let indiscriminately.

GOREY FAIR

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to see that no barriers be erected on footpaths in Gorey and more especially in Gorey Avenue without the permission of the Council."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

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

"That in view of report of James Hayden, Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford district, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with the following who according to this report have not carried out dipping of sheep during Autumn period:-

Patrick Boggan, Cools, Barntown.

Pierce Rossiter, Coolaw, Taghmon.

William Hayes, Killurin.

Miss Walker, Tykillen.

Robert Henry, Lambstown.

If explanations are not deemed satisfactory proceedings are to be instituted."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary reported that Dermot S. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Tagoat, whose scholarship of £50 had been reduced to £30 as he was using the Railway to attend the Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford, called on the 17th December, 1935 and stated that as the train service was inconvenient he had endeavoured to arrange for lodgings at the Star Restaurant,

South Main Street, Wexford, but was unable to secure accommodation until after Christmas, as the room was occupied by an official of the Electricity Supply Board.

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

"That, provided Dermot S. Fenelon furnishes evidence he has entered into residence in Wexford for the purpose of his scholarship we recommend the County Council to reinstate the amount of said Scholarship to £50."

DUPLICATE PAYING ORDERS

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

"That duplicate Paying Orders be issued as follows, originals having failed to reach Payees:-

Subsidiary A/c: Messrs. Armstrong Cork Co. Ltd.,
Aldwych, House, Aldwych, London. No. 1805. Amount 2/4.
Dated 26th April, 1935.

General A/c: Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncormack.
No. 174. Amount £2. 3. 9. Dated 11th November, 1935.

Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncormack. No. 177.
Amount £3. 10. 0. Dated 11th November, 1935."

The Secretary stated that the original Paying Orders in each case had been estopped.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th December 1935 be received and considered."

DUMPING GROUND ADJOINING KILLURIN RAILWAY STATION: Miss O'Ryan said as long as she could remember the place in question had been used as a dumping ground. Men drawing timber had used it to store their loads and it had also been used for other purposes.

In reply to Mr. Doyle the County Surveyor said there was no recess on any adjacent road which could be used as a dumping ground.

Col. Quin held the Council should be able to secure the fee simple of the place for the amount offered by the Finance Committee.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to dumping ground at Killurin be approved provided the agreement to be entered into between the County Council and James Cogley for use of dumping ground at Killurin Railway Station covers the use of the place by the County Council so long as they require it."

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE: The Secretary reported that in view of the fact that Messrs. Flusk and O'Leary were both members of Wexford Corporation the Department of Local Government and Public Health could not sanction their appointments. Instead Michael Cleary, High Street, Wexford and Richard Ormond, John's Gate, Wexford had been employed. Cleary was retained for a week only and was replaced by Thomas Wafer, St. Peter's Terrace, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion

of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we approve of the employment of Richard Ormond, John's Gate, Street, Wexford, and Thomas Wafer, St. Peter's Terrace, Wexford, as Clerical Assistants in Motor Taxation Office; also of the employment of Michael Cleary, High Street, Wexford, for one week. Employment of these men to be governed by limit of expenditure already agreed to by the Finance Committee."

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Corish mentioned that a deputation in connection with this matter would be received by Department of Local Government and Public Health on 16th January.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th December, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 3rd JANUARY 1936: The Minutes of this meeting of Finance Committee were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd January 1936.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council presided, and there were also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, 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

Treasurers' Advice Note for £2175 : 16 : 4 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	53.1
J. Curtis	49.3
S. Gannon No. 10	48.7
J. J. O'Reilly	47.9
P. Carty	46.8
M. McCarthy	45.9
M. Kehoe	45.7
D. Kenny	45.6
S. Gannon No. 6	45.3
P. Nolan	45.0
J. Deegan	44.1
J. Cummins	43.7
P. Doyle	41.9
J. Flood	41.7
A. Dunne	39.9
W. Cummins	37.6
J. J. Sinnott	37.6
J. Quirke	35.2
W. Doyle	35.0
M. Murphy	34.9
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Compared with the corresponding period last year the percentage collected is 1.8 per cent less.

The Rates Inspector said that the Collectors had collected practically no money for the past fortnight, but he was not in a position to say they did not look for it. He had checked two districts and believed the Collectors could have obtained more money if they had looked for it.

The Chairman said the Collection should have been 15 or 20 per cent better than last year if the Collectors had worked as they should have done, seeing they got their books two months earlier than last year.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be admitted that prices all round were higher and there was more money stirring than last year. She believed the Sureties of backward Collectors should be notified, and informed that the books of any Collector who by the 15th January had not collected 50% of his current warrant and a year's arrears should be taken up. She then proposed that the Sureties of any Collectors who had not up to the present date collected at least 45 per cent of warrant be informed that unless a very substantial improvement takes place immediately his books will be taken up.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

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

"That Rate Collectors be instructed to push forward the collection of Second Moiety of Rate immediately."

It was decided that the Rates Inspector should report at once to the Secretary the case of any collector who is not pushing forward his collection and as to any individual items of rate which he considers should be dealt with and that the Secretary be empowered to take the necessary steps in such cases without waiting for meeting of Finance Committee.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Under date 20th December 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote

(G.220787-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned payment of poundage at five pence to each Rate Collector on 50% of the amount lodged by him to the 30th November 1935.

FISHERIES (TIDAL WATERS) (AMENDMENT) ACT 1935: Under date 12th December 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. G.119(494)35) that the exemption from County Council rates by inland fisheries conferred by the Fisheries Act 1925 was extended to 31st March 1937 and during the interval rates would be payable to the Fishery Conservators.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION RATE: Under date 1st January 1936 the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, wrote asking for the inclusion of a rate or contribution in County Council estimates for 1936-37 for tourist advertising purposes.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to include in Rate Estimate for 1936-37 the equivalent of Rate of one farthing in the £ on County at large for tourist advertising purposes."

Passed.

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The following under date 28th December 1935 (G.188073-35 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed to state that the question of the office accommodation provided for the County Registrar has recently been brought under the Minister's notice.

It appears that the Sheriff's office is too small and the general office of the County Registrar cannot conveniently hold any more records. It would be a convenience to the County Secretary and the County Surveyor if these offices were all arranged together, and the County Sur-

veyor for instance built a hatchway to send papers and maps to his staff upstairs.

The premises in Spawell Road now occupied as a Courthouse were formerly a Jail, and have been re-constructed internally. The walls (external) are so substantial that expansion is not possible. The County Registrar, County Secretary and County Surveyor are all accommodated on two floors of one wing, with some storage rooms below. The Libraries Committee occupy another wing, and large offices for the Board of Health are being constructed in another part of the prison buildings. It is unsatisfactory to have a library so close to rooms used as Courts, and the noise of children running along passages to the library on two afternoons a week cannot be avoided so long as the library is in its present situation. A solution would be to re-construct a prison building which is detached from the main building and is in a good state of repair, and fit it as a library, with a separate entrance from the road. The County Secretary and staff could then be transferred to the rooms vacated by the Library Committee, and the County Surveyor would occupy the rooms of the County Secretary, leaving the County Registrar in occupation of the entire floor which he now partially occupies.

The Minister will be glad if the matter is brought before the County Council."

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

"That Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Gorish be appointed a Committee to examine and report as to the accommodation available for offices in County Hall in view of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 28th December 1935 (G.188073/35-Loch Garman).

That the County Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor be associated with this Committee."

It was decided that the Committee meet in County Hall, Wexford on 11th January 1936 at 11 a.m.

Miss O'Ryan said that when it became absolutely necessary to extend office accommodation apartments would be allocated by the County Council who would reserve the right to themselves to determine what offices are to be occupied by the various departments.

TENDERS COMMITTEE

The following dates of above Committee were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

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GOREY - Saturday, 15th February 1936. 12 noon.

ENNISCORTHY - Tuesday, 18th February 1936. 11 o'clock.

NEW ROSS - Thursday, 20th February 1936. 12.30 o'clock

WEXFORD - Saturday, 22nd February 1936. 11 o'clock.

Mr. Kelly said that these Committees should not accept tenders for haulage from owners of Traction Engines in view of the damage which they caused to roads.

GARNE PIER

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make a detailed inspection of Carne Pier and report to first available meeting of the County Council."

PAYING ORDERS FOR INDIVIDUAL WORKMEN

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

"That the same amount for clerical assistance as in previous years, viz. £50, be allocated in connection with the issue of Separate Paying Orders to each individual road and quarry worker."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

LOAN GRANTED: At the meeting of Finance Committee on 22nd November 1935 Mr. Kelly brought up the case of Michael Brady, Brownswood, Enniscorthy who sought a loan of £50 to enable him to complete erection of a house at Clonhaston. His application for loan of £130 made some time ago had not been successful but Mr. Kelly said the man who had saved some money from his wages proceeded with the erection of the building and now found he required £50 to finish it.

The matter had been deferred for report from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor of the district who now reported that the building work was practically complete. This

was a four roomed bungalow, tiled roofed, and the value of which, when completed, would be £200. It was situate on a quarter acre plot value for £20.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to advance to Michael Brady, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, a loan of £50 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to enable him to complete erection of house at Clonhaston."

DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS: The following under date 31st December 1935 (H.201740-35 Loch Garman) from Department of Local Government and Public Health was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 20th ultimo relative to a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on the 11th ultimo regarding the functions of an Appointed Officer under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts, 1932/34, and to state that these duties as defined in the Housing (New Houses) Order, 1932, are as follows:-

To examine plans and other documents submitted by persons and Public Utility Societies proposing to erect new houses under the Acts within the area allotted to him and if the plans comply with the requirements of the Acts and after a personal inspection of the sites issue Certificates of Approval.

To certify the houses on completion and in some cases to issue Certificates for payment of an instalment of the grants.

To furnish application forms to each person submitting plans and after examination to forward same to this Department when the application has been dealt with.

I am to add that these officers have no responsibility in connection with the making of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts unless specially appointed by Local Authority concerned for the purpose."

The meeting considered for some time the necessity of taking steps to ensure, while houses were in course of erection, that suitable materials were being used and the work carried out in a proper and workmanlike manner.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that as requested by the Finance Committee he had gone into the

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question of the preparation of a general specification for houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts but they considered that as plans and conditions of these houses would be so divergent it was not feasible to submit a specification of any general character which would be likely to give satisfaction.

The Chairman suggested that the County Surveyor should obtain from the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health a copy of their standard specification.

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

"That the County Surveyor (in conjunction with his Assistants) be requested to draft a general specification on the lines of standard specification of Department of Local Government and Public Health. That each successful applicant for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Wexford County Council in the future be furnished with a copy of said specification which must be adhered to in the erection of his house."

The Chairman said it had happened in certain instances that when houses were completed the appointed Officers required alterations and additions which practically wiped out the amount of the Government Grant.

TITLE NOT IN ORDER: Under date 30th December 1935 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote he had looked into the title of Peter Murphy, Aughnagally, Enniscorthy, applicant for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and as he found the title deeds to the lands are lodged with the National Bank, Enniscorthy, the title could not be regarded as in order unless the National Bank released the charge on the lands.

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF HOUSE

In connection with the Order of the County Council that a dwelling of timber and corrugated iron erected by Matthew Connolly or his wife at Bree and which was inside statutory limits as regards the road, should be removed Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 30th December 1935 forwarding copy of letter from Matthew Connolly declining to remove the building.

Connolly wrote he would defend any action taken in the matter by the County Council as the "bungalow" was no obstruction. It was further from the centre of the road than other buildings in the district: it was two feet further from the middle of the road than the store of Garret Byrne only a few years built and to which no objection had been taken.

Mr. Elgee said that as regards Byrne's store no question could arise as it had been erected on an old foundation. He (Mr. Elgee) had already taken steps against Connolly to ensure the removal of the building.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTOR

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

"That as recommended by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, Defaulting Road Contractor for Roads 490 and 491, or take these roads into his own charge under 54 Section of Grand Jury Act 1836."

WIDENING ROSSLARE ROAD

Mr. James Etchingham, 11 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin wrote suggesting that the County Council should widen and improve the Grange Road at Rosslare from the Cross at his sister's house to the turn leading to the Railway Station where this road met the concrete road. He had five fields

on the Grange Road and would give the County Council within reason and free of charge any land they would require for widening purposes.

The meeting considered that owing to the Railway Level Crossing on Grange Road it was not feasible to avail of Mr. Etchingham's offer.

The Secretary was directed to thank Mr. Etchingham in the name of the County Council.

CARETAKER DISTRICT HOSPITAL, GOREY.

Under date 3rd January 1936 the County Surveyor submitted letter from Thomas Lawlor, Caretaker of above Hospital pointing out that he understood the old Hospital buildings at Gorey are likely to be disposed of shortly. He had been their caretaker for 11 years and would be grateful if it would be possible to allow him to be continued as a County Council worker. He was the father of three small boys and the Council could understand it would be difficult for him to obtain employment elsewhere.

It was decided to refer this request to the County Surveyor.

LANES IN BROADWAY

The following report under date 3rd January 1936 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I beg to report, for the information of the Finance Committee, that I inspected the lane in Broadway where it was stated flooding took place. I found that the end of the lane is frequently liable to flooding as it is cut down below level of the land on either side, and likewise, below level of the adjoining County Road. I do not think it is possible to prevent lodgment of water in this place without very extensive piping, or, as an alternative, filling up the laneway above flood level, which would be a very

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extensive job. The amount of water coming from the County Road would, in fact, be immaterial if the lane was not recessed."

The County Surveyor said so far as he could see the Council could not do anything in the matter.

CUTTING OF HEDGES

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, pointing out that Andrew Keane, Park Annesley, Clonevan and Christopher Kinch, Ballyellen, Inch, tho' served with 21 day Notices had failed to cut their hedges which were prejudicial to roads.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with both men and inform them that unless they cut their hedges without delay a compulsory order against them would be sought in court.

REQUISITION STATIONERY WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Requisition under date 21st December 1935 for supply of stationery etc. for Ex-Officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures in Wexford, New Ross and Gorey areas was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford.

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

"That we approve of supply of articles of stationery etc. requisitioned by Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána under date 21st December 1935 for ex-officio Inspectors under Weights and Measures Acts and that the County Secretary supply from County Council stock any articles in requisition he may have available. We believe it would be possible to secure the balance locally and at a less cost than ordering from Trade List by which cost of postage for these small articles would be incurred."

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That Duplicate Pay Order for 7069 Subsidiary Account issued on 2nd August 1935 issue to John Kennedy, Ballynaberney, Strahart, Ferns for £7. 6. 8 to replace Order lost in course of post."

The Secretary stated that the Original Order had been estopped.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification was received from District Superintendent Garda Sióchana, Enniscorthy as to proposed committal to an Industrial School of Patrick Berry, Annie Berry and Margaret Berry, children of a vagrant, to an Industrial School.

Referred to County Solicitor.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of Matthew Boggan, St. John's Road, Wexford for £70 compensation for destruction of Morris-Oxford Motor Car which was set on fire in Anne Street, Wexford on Christmas Eve.

Referred to County Solicitor to defend.

COMPLAINT OF NON-EMPLOYMENT

Patrick Morris, Castlebridge, came before the meeting and complained that he could not find employment with the County Council beyond a few days while "Engine men" were employed as labourers when engine was idle; also that a man who was in other employment had been employed breaking stones in his overtime.

The County Surveyor said that unless the arrangement to employ the engine men as labourers when the machine was idle obtained, it would not be possible to retain their services which would be the means of dislocating the entire service.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that at a previous meeting of the Committee a long statement was read on behalf of Morris and two other men and a reply from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. The Finance Committee considered the explanation of Mr. Cullen satisfactory.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to next meeting when Mr. Cullen's statement will be re-submitted.

"THE SEASHORES OF IRELAND"

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

"That the book "The Seashores of Ireland" by Mr. E. J. Smyth (price 10/6) be purchased by the County Surveyor for the use of his department."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd January 1936 be received and considered."

CARNE PIER: The County Surveyor said that owing to the recent storms it had not been possible to make a detailed inspection but this would be carried out at the earliest opportunity. So far as he had seen he did not think the question of repair would be a serious matter.

LANE IN BROADWAY: At the suggestion of the County Surveyor it was decided that the County Council representatives for Wexford County Electoral area inspect the place and report to the Council.

Mr. Culleton said that the local people held that with the diversion of the water into a field, the cost of which would be small, the flooding would be obviated.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd January, 1936, be and are hereby confirmed."

RATE FOR COUNTY LIBRARY

The following resolution was read from County Library Committee:-

"That, in view of the great increase in the demands on the Library Service throughout the County as shown by the enclosed report, the County Library Committee request the County Council to grant an increase in the Library Rate for the coming year."

Col. Quin - How much more do they want?

The Secretary replied the resolution did not say. They gave the Committee $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. and the normal con-

tribution, taking the Urban districts into account, would be £824. Last year they gave the Committee £1,174, to include £250 for the van. In 1934 they gave a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rate, plus £100.

Miss O'Ryan said they provided money for the van last year, and another time they gave the Committee £100 extra. She proposed that they continue to give the normal grant, viz., the equivalent of a halfpenny rate on the County at large, plus £100, the same as in 1934.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said, that the library service was doing an immense amount of good, and there was a big demand for higher class books. They had the £100 and the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rate in the past, and he believed the Committee would want an increase. He proposed a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rate and £200.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said that in 1934 the Committee applied for £100 for special reference books, and last year they asked for money for the van. She thought the idea was to go back to the £100 for special books.

Mr. O'Byrne withdrew his proposition, and Miss O'Ryan's motion was then put and passed nem. con.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

Under date 9th January 1936 (R/RGM/32) the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council, relative to the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1936/37. It is understood that the Scheme is to come before the County Council on the 13th instant. As it would appear that some reductions are proposed to be made in the amount allowed for the roads for the coming financial year, the Minister has caused an

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inspection to be made this week in order that the position concerning the Maintenance Grant may be ascertained. Pending the receipt of the Inspector's report it will not be possible to indicate what grant, if any, can be made. In the circumstances it is suggested that the consideration of the Scheme at the Council's meeting on the 13th instant should be adjourned to a date not later than 27th instant."

The Chairman said he called on the Department and was informed that there was a difficulty about agreeing to the Council receiving the full maintenance grant of 40% as the Council had reduced the amount to be spent for next financial year below that which had been agreed to for the current financial year. It was suggested that the Council should appoint two or three of their members to discuss the report of the Inspector with the responsible officers of the Department.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the County Surveyor said they were not putting quite as much money into Main Roads as had been agreed to last year. He brought the Inspector over third-class roads that had been complained of. As he (County Surveyor) had pointed out, those roads were going back for lack of tonnage. They had received representations that roads were impassable, but they did not find any road impassable. One matter he had to report now was that serious damage had been done throughout the County in the recent storm. He had not the figures, but it would possibly run to a couple of thousand pounds. Sea walls had been carried away. For instance, at St. Kearns the sea wall had been carried away and road completely cut out. The protection wall at Great Island had been carried away and there was serious damage at Hopelands, Rosslare. The reclamation work, it was stated, had completely gone.

Mr. Doyle - I think the damage done there is on private property.

In reply to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said there was no great damage done to road leading to Hopelands.

Miss O'Ryan was in favour of the suggestion of the Chairman and asked that the members of the deputation would lay stress on the necessity of having some of their third class roads re classified and moved into the link class. By this means and by securing the 40% for these roads they might be able to calculate on the same grant as last year.

The Chairman said the Council were anxious to do what they could to have the grant brought up to the current year's figure by special grants for some of their third-class roads.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the Road Works Scheme to special meeting to be held on Monday 27th January 1936 at 10.30a.m.

The Chairman, Mr. Corish and Col. Gibbon were appointed as members of the deputation.

Col. Gibbon said it would not be possible for him to go to Dublin on any day during the week.

Mr. McCarthy was appointed instead.

LOAN FOR BUILDING LABOURERS' COTTAGES

The following motion of which she had given previous notice (and which was circulated to County Councillors on 20th November, 1935) was moved by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds) for the erection of 1,000 Cottages for Agricultural labourers."

In moving her motion Miss O'Ryan said she thought the members of the Council and the general public would agree that they were living in an age of building, and

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those with responsibilities thrown upon them had to realise that every head of a family expected to have a home of his own, and a sanitary home at that. The Board had recently completed a scheme of 500 houses, and had thought that that scheme would have gone a long way towards solving the housing needs of agricultural labourers in the County, but they found that the scheme was not sufficient. Of course, it lessened congestion to a certain extent. They again invited applications for houses, and found that the number of applications received was larger than on the first occasion, and the Board decided to build 1,000 more houses, hoping that that number would solve the housing needs of agricultural labourers for their generation. When the population grew - they hoped to see Ireland again thickly populated - the next Board of Health or County Council could look after their generation. Having the responsibility thrown upon them to provide houses for those in need of them, she thought the County Council would agree that it was their duty to have the houses erected as soon as possible.

Mr. Ronan, in seconding, said that the 1,000 houses would not cover the needs of all applicants.

In reply to Col. Gibbon, Miss O'Ryan said she thought the rents of the new cottages were paid better than the old. She believed over 90% of the rents for the new cottages were paid.

Mr. Corish said they expected to secure 60% of the expenditure from the Government and this meant that the Council would be responsible for only £6,000 a year for 35 years and if they charged $2\frac{1}{3}$ d. weekly as rent the full amount of the repayment of the loan would be met by the tenants. He also held that a sinking fund of one per cent from the beginning would cover the cost of repairs. They should further remember there was on the stocks a Bill under which the occupiers of cottages would become

owners, and the local authority would be no longer responsible for maintenance.

Mr. O'Byrne said there was a report that the Board of Health intended grouping the cottages. This would not be in the interests of labourers, as they would not be able to obtain employment if grouped, as readily as if the cottages were detached and distributed.

Miss O'Ryan said that it was intended to carry out grouping but not generally.

Mr. Doyle said he was very pleased that the people for whom they were going to cater had been described by Miss O'Ryan as agricultural labourers. He held that the agricultural labourers were very deserving of being housed in a proper way. He thought it would be very detrimental to the County at large if they put the houses in groups, and he was sure that the Health Board would take into consideration the needs of the country, and not put the houses in groups. He thought the group system would be a terrible deterrent to employment particularly if they increased the group to 25 or 30 houses. The men would not find work in a small area unless times altered very much. The council had a perfect right to know if the houses were to be put in groups. They were the specific guarantors for the loan, which was an extraordinarily big one - one of the largest ever heaped on the County Wexford. He would like if, at the next meeting, the Secretary could give them a full account of all the liability of the County for loans, not alone for cottages, but everything for which they were liable. He thought the sum would be a staggering one.

Miss O'Ryan said that in every application the Board of Health had considered the position of applicant and endeavoured in all cases to provide for the agricultural labourer. Of course, the term "agricultural labourer"

was (as defined by Act of Parliament) very wide. A tradesman working in a rural area would be regarded as an agricultural labourer.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that he had on former occasions suggested that when expenditure of large sums of money were under consideration full particulars should be circulated to the members of the Council beforehand. Personally, he admitted he was not able to take in the whole of the arguments for and against the matter on the spur of the moment, and he protested very strongly against such matters being brought up without due facts being put before every member of the Council, and, accordingly, he would ask the proposer of the motion to agree to an adjournment to the next meeting, and, in the meantime, the Health Board circulate more facts and figures to the members of the Council.

Mr. Cummins said he only wanted to draw the attention of the Council and Col. Gibbon to the fact that the motion was circulated as far back as the 20th November, and there was plenty of time for any member to ask for any information he required.

Miss O'Ryan would not agree to an adjournment of the motion, because, as a matter of fact, the scheme was prepared, and the whole thing was held up awaiting sanction for the loan. If any member wanted figures she would ask the Secretary of the Health Board to see they were supplied

Mr. Culleton also opposed the adjournment as there were so many labourers waiting for houses.

Mr. Ronan also opposed the adjournment. The Health Board had been accused for a long time of delaying the cottage scheme, but they certainly had not delayed it through any fault of their own, and they were not going to adjourn it for one moment.

Mr. O'Byrne said although he was favour of the building of the cottages he contended they were entitled to all the requisite information.

Mr. Walsh said that, speaking as a member of the Health Board, they intended to build cottages in groups, the reason being it would be easier to facilitate the people in regard to sewerage and water, but as a general rule he did not think that that was going to be done. It was only in a case where there would be efficiency and in regard to the provision of water - the matter of pumps was becoming increasingly difficult. He did not think it was contemplated to group the cottages into large groups such as of 25 or 30.

The Chairman said that in the case of three or four people applying from the one townland the idea was to get one site on which to build the cottages, if possible. There might be some groups of four or six, but no such thing as groups of ten, twenty or thirty.

Mr. Meyler asked if, in the case of a group of four cottages in one townland, a man would be compelled to give a site for the four.

Chairman - No; there won't be any compulsory order in that respect.

Mr. Doyle said he was not so optimistic as Mr. Corish that the cost to the ratepayers for this Scheme would be infinitesimal. On the Health Board and Board of Guardians, he had experience of a great many promises such as that and they were not borne out. To-day they were taxed to a certain extent with a number of labourers' cottages. Probably the new ones would not mean quite as much as the old ones. It was out of the question to say that one per cent was going to finance a scheme for repairs, if they looked back and found out what it had cost them for repairs for many years. Those were the only objections he had, and he wished to make them public, because, one

of those days, it might be said that they were promised there would be no cost to the ratepayers.

Mr. Corish said that the amount to be borrowed was £250,000. At present the rate of interest was $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. That worked out at £5. 17. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d on an annuity basis. He calculated on a higher basis than that - at 6 per cent - for the payment of interest and sinking fund. That would mean a sum of £15,000 per annum, of which the Government would pay 60 per cent, or £9,000. That would leave £6,000 to be found by the Council, Health Board or tenants. There would be 1,000 cottages, so that it meant £6 a year per cottage, approximately. A rent of 2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per week per cottage would cover the full amount of the portion of the loan to be debited to the ratepayers.

Mr. Doyle asked where was the 2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per week to be found? The present rent was 2/- per week and he did not expect they would be able to get any higher figure under the proposed scheme. He could not agree that a loss of 3d. or 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per week on 1,000 cottages was infinitesimal.

Mr. Corish said that the Ministry expected that Wexford County Council would act as all other public bodies were doing in subsidising the building of houses.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said the rumour had gone abroad that the cottages were to be built in groups and this would be very unpopular.

Col. Gibbon held that as Miss O'Ryan had contended there was to be no loss on the scheme and Mr. Corish had admitted there would be a loss of 3d per week per cottage, the question should be adjourned.

The Chairman pointed out it should be remembered that the Health Board could not fix the rents of the cottages until they were built.

Mr. Cummins said that every day they put back the motion would mean a delay to the scheme. There would be

a meeting of the Health Board next Monday, and if the motion was now passed by the Council they would proceed in regard to the completion of the scheme.

Mr. Doyle said as it appeared from the observations of the Chairman that they could not get figures they did not want to delay the provision of houses for labourers as they were as much in favour of the scheme as the other side of the house - probably more - and he asked Col. Gibbon to withdraw his request which would lead to nothing.

Col. Gibbon suggested to the members of the Health Board that in future, when schemes were put before the Council, it would be only right that more details should be given to them. What they wanted to have interpreted to them definitely and clearly was how the scheme was going to affect the ratepayers of the County.

Miss O'Ryan said that all the figures in connection with loans could be obtained from the Secretary to the Health Board. She would ask that these figures be supplied to County Councillors.

Mr. Doyle then asked the County Secretary to supply particulars of amount of loans outstanding in the case of the County Council and the subsidiary bodies.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan amended her motion to read as follows:-

"That Wexford County Council agree to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds) for the erection of one thousand cottages for agricultural labourers or of such lesser sum as may be found necessary for this purpose taking into consideration any State Grant which may be applicable."

This was seconded by Mr. Ronan and adopted nem. con.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE AT FERNS

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice (and which had been circulated to County Councilors on 12th November 1935) stood in the name of Mr. P. Ronan:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2150 (Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for water supply and sewerage at Ferns."

Mr. Ronan, in moving his motion, said it was anticipated that improvement to the water supply would cost £400 and to the sewerage system £1750. The existing water supply had been laid down about 40 years ago. In 1924 it was found that the pipes were corroded and new six inch pipes had to be put down and a new well opened. Up to three or four years ago this was found to be sufficient but for the three months of the Summer, particularly on elevations, the supply was particularly scarce and generally the water had to be shut off at night. They had only 40 users of water in the past but it was calculated the Board of Health would have to cater for 70 additional users. As regards sewerage, it was satisfactory so far as it went taking into account the primitive conditions which prevailed when it was laid down 30 years ago, but it was crude and emptied into a field within 100 yards of 14 dwelling houses. The smell from it in Summer was really terrible. It now required septic tanks. If a private individual owned the system he would have been prosecuted long since under the sanitary laws. The improvement now suggested was essential for the health of the people of the district. The Health Board expected to receive a third of the cost - about £716 by way of Government Grant.

Mr. Keegan seconded the motion.

After discussion Mr. Ronan amended his motion as follows:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance for water supply and sewerage at Ferns a sum of £2150 (Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Pounds) or of such lesser sum as may be required for the purpose when amount of State grant applicable is taken into consideration."

Mr. Keegan also seconded the amended motion which was adopted nem. con.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE AT OYLEGATE

The following motion of which he had given previous notice (and copy of which had been circulated to County Councillors on 18th November 1935) was moved by Mr. Corish:-

"That Wexford County Council consents to borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1624 (One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Four Pounds) for the purposes of providing a water supply and sewerage at Oylegate."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said they expected a grant of about one-third from the Government leaving £1083 to be borrowed. Mr. Ronan had painted a picture of conditions in Ferns with which he (Mr. Corish) thoroughly agreed, but the position in Oylegate was infinitely worse, because they had no water supply or sewerage at all. Crude sewage was passing in an open drain, and as far as water was concerned they were depending on a pump in the yard of a lady who inconvenienced the people by allowing them to get the water. All sections of the community in that area had requested the Board from time to time to provide sewerage and waterworks. In regard to the area of charge, half would be taken from the County fund and half from the Enniscorthy Rural District. The amount on the rural district would be considerably less than a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in £. That had been calculated on the full sum, and it would

be less still if the one-third grant was forthcoming.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

After further discussion Mr. Corish altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1624 (One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Four Pounds) for the provision of water supply and sewerage system at Oylegate, or of such lesser sum as may be required for the purpose taking into consideration the amount of State Grant applicable."

This was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted nem. con.

KILLINICK CARNE ROAD

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. C. Culleton. (It had been circulated to Councillors on 10th December 1935):-

"That the Wexford County Council at their Meeting to be held on 13th January 1936 agree to raise a loan of £4000 for the purpose of reconstructing road from Killinick to Carne Pier and that the period of repayment of said loan, area of charge etc., be fixed by above mentioned meeting."

In moving his motion Mr. Culleton said he thought that on account of the Council deciding to send a deputation to the Department of Local Government in regard to roads, and to hold a special meeting to hear their report, it would be well if the Council would agree to the motion being deferred to the special meeting.

Mr. Corish - That's a very wise course, because there is a possibility of getting a grant.

Mr. Doyle said that in regard to adjourning the question of the road, lots of complaints had been received

about the road. He did not want to interfere with the matter of getting a grant, but, as had already been suggested by Col. Gibbon, he thought the amount could be curtailed considerably by knocking off a long piece of road of very little benefit to people going to Carne. If £4,000 would be able to do the whole thing, they could certainly reduce that amount by more than £1,000 by bringing the road through Tagcoat from Killinick, and it would not inconvenience motorists in the least, because it would not be a matter of a quarter of a mile.

Chairman - We can discuss that on Mr. Culleton's motion.

It was then decided that consideration of the proposal be adjourned to the special meeting of the Council to be held on 27th January, 1936. The consideration of the communications from Rev. S. J. Cullen, P.P., Lady's Island and P. J. Doyle, Bakery and Tea Rooms, Carne, as to present condition of Killinick Carne Road was also adjourned.

REMOVAL OF FALLEN TREES

Mr. Ronan said that on the night of 5th January, a tree was blown down across the trunk road near Ferns and it was not removed until the next day. The Sergeant of the Civic Guards came to him to know what to do, and he told him he did not know what he could do except to go to the ganger. The ganger refused to remove the tree. Several motorists had narrow escapes, and the buses and motor cars had to go a few miles of a round in order to get from Camolin to Ferns. Judge Wylie said that eight trees had been removed from the road between New Ross and Enniscorthy, and that he could not understand why this one tree could not be removed, and that he would see the Minister about it. He (Mr. Ronan) would like to know the duty of the ganger in cases of the kind.

The County Surveyor said the usual practice was for the ganger to get in touch with the owner of the land on which the tree had stood, and the Council's men and the owner's usually cleared away the tree jointly. They had not had any trouble except in the particular case referred to. He had written to the ganger telling him he ought to have seen to getting it removed. He understood it was dark and pouring rain, and one would hardly expect a man to go out and cut things away under the circumstances.

The Chairman said he believed it should be a definite instruction that an obstruction should be removed immediately.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that, personally, he would not take responsibility for removing trees from roads. His view was that when a person's tree fell across the road that person should, strictly, remove it. Of course, they did remove trees, but in the present case he understood that the Guard went to the ganger about 11 o'clock at night at the height of the storm, and the ganger said he would not go, and in his (Mr. Ennis's) view he very properly refused to go. In his view no man would stand out in that road cutting up a tree surrounded by other trees in a storm.

The County Surveyor said he would like to know from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, what the Council's liability was in the matter. He understood that the owner of a tree was liable, and that the Council could clear the road and charge him with the cost.

Mr. Ronan - I would like to know, Mr. Elgee, who is bound to remove a tree?

Mr. Elgee - The owner of the tree.

The County Surveyor said the practice had been that the Council got their men to take a tree away jointly with the men of the owner, but they would not be liable if any accident happened. He did not think they had any lia-

bility in the matter.

DREDGING COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 10th January, 1936, the following was read from Mr. W. H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow:-

"I should feel obliged if you would bring the matter of dredging of Courtown Harbour before the next meeting of the County Council.

At present I am spending hundreds of pounds on a handy Vessel bought by the Modern Transport Company of Liverpool for the Courtown Trade. This Vessel would only require a little dredging done outside of the entrance of the Harbour and a little done in the inner Harbour, as this Vessel has a very shallow draft only 3 feet 6 empty and 7 feet 6 loaded. I hope the County Council will give this matter their serious attention as this ship, which is in the nature of an experiment, will decide if there is to be a future trade from Courtown or not."

The County Surveyor said he had a recent communication from the Office of Public Works that they had the matter in hands.

Mr. Keegan said that the County Surveyor was instructed to examine the new grab dredger which the Office of Works was about to take over in order to see if it would be suitable for the dredging work at Courtown. The County Surveyor said that the Office of Works was trying out the machine. It was within the last fortnight they stated they had the matter in hands.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That Messrs. Allen(Chairman of the Council) and Corish be requested to call at the Office of Public Works with a view to ascertaining when it can be expected that dredging work at Courtown Harbour can commence."

Col. Gibbon said they had put up a crane to maintain

a sufficient depth of water in the inner channel and he had no doubt they would have no difficulty in getting seven feet six inches of water there on high tide, but so far as he could see there was no possibility of getting that depth outside or of maintaining it if it were secured.

The County Surveyor said that without the erection of training walls and very expensive work it would not be possible to maintain outside the depth of water mentioned by Col. Gibbon.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Allen and he had called frequently to the Office of Public Works in connection with the dredging at Courtown.

CAHORE PIER

Under date 10th January, 1936, the Office of Public Works wrote (20972-35) that the expenditure of the State grant which would be required for the proposed extension to Cahore Pier would not be justified on the grounds of public utility.

Mr. Smyth said that in view of the fact that the County Council had agreed to put up 25% of the cost and considering the large number of fishermen and their families, it was a great disappointment that the Government declined to offer any assistance.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Dyrne seconded by Mr. Smyth:-

"That the Office of Works be requested to reconsider their refusal to provide a State grant for extension of Cahore Pier. If they are not satisfied to agree to the amount asked by the County Council in the first instance will they state what amount of grant they would be prepared to give and on what conditions."

WEXFORD-CURRACLOE ROAD

Under date 9th January, 1936, the General Manager, Tourist Development Association wrote giving the following extract from letter received by him from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) relative to improvement of Road (640) from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe Strand:-

"The County Surveyor when submitting his proposals for the expenditure of the current Improvement Grant presented the Wexford-Curracloe (County Road No. 640) Road as an alternative to the improvement of portion L.29 about four miles north of Wexford beyond Castlebridge. The proposals as submitted by the County Surveyor were accepted. This work might be noted for consideration under the SGP grant."

The County Surveyor said he was submitting details of the work to the Department.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

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

"That the following lanes be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:- Killincooley Lane (Gorey District); Newtown Lane, Adamstown, and Priest's Lane, Gusserane (New Ross District); Ratholm Lane, Killinick (Wexford District); Floodstown Lane - Cross of Clonmore and Bree (Enniscorthy District)."

FLOODING AT CLONJORDAN

Thomas Warren, Clonjordan, Marshalstown, wrote under date 8th January, 1936, calling attention to the road flooding caused by the overflow from the river under his house on Clonjordan road. There were three or four feet of water across the road which was impassible in the previous week.

Mr. Patrick Jordan, Clonjordan, also wrote complaining

of this matter. He said there was no footbridge or any other means by which people could cross the road. The pipes were unable to carry 2 feet of water in Winter with the result that the whole place was flooded for years past each Winter.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the district wrote that some pipes were put down across this lane (No. 264) some 20 or 25 years ago and in a really heavy flood they were unable to take the water. Probably if the owners of the adjoining land would clear up the channel on the down stream side it would relieve matters. However, it was desirable to put down a further pipe and he intended to do so next summer.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Warren and Jordan of the proposal of Mr. Ennis.

AUGHATHLAPPA LANE, CAIM

Mr. Bowe called attention to the flooding of above Lane and the matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

OWENSTOWN LANE, RATHMACKNEE

Mr. Culleton raised the question of the repair of above Lane.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said it had been listed several times for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. It would take £120 to do anything on it and there were only three or four families concerned. Many other lanes, when the number of persons using them was taken into account, required more immediate and prior attention when money was available before this particular Lane.

The matter dropped.

GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND TEMPORARY FENCING

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

"That permission be given to Gorey Sub-Committee

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(County Wexford Vocational Education Committee) to erect temporary fencing 2 feet 6 inches from the front wall of Technical School, Gorey, for protection against cattle, this permission to apply to fair days only.

CENTRAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT

Particulars of the amount invested in Saorstat Savings Certificates were submitted. In July, 1935, the gross sales represented an investment of £2. 15. 8d. per head of the County population; in August £2. 15. 10d.; in September £2. 16. 4d. and in October £2. 16. 7d.

INSURANCE BILL

The following resolution was received from Bray Urban Council:-

"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council view with grave concern the terms of the Insurance Bill, 1935, in its present form, under the terms of which it appears greater facilities are to be given to Insurance Companies other than Irish Companies already established and we strongly urge the Government to amend the proposed Bill in such a way that the long promised protection to such an important established native industry may be forthcoming and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Industry and Commerce, and to each County Council and Urban Council in the Saorstat asking for its adoption."

It was decided that no action be taken.

James Allen

10th Feb. 36

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

27th JANUARY, 1936.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 27th January, 1936, for consideration of the following:-

(1) Revision of Road Works Scheme with recommendation of Finance Committee.

(2) Recommendation of Finance Committee as to transfer of certain County Roads to Main Roads Class.

(3) Motion by Mr. Culleton to raise loan of £4,000 for reconstruction of road from Killinick to Carne.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. Patk. Colfer, R. Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, Ml. Doyle, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Jas. Lawlor, Thos. McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Patrick Ronan, Ml. Redmond, and Myles Smyth.

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

Medical Certificate from Dr. S. A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, stated that the County Surveyor was suffering from dyspepsia and was unable for the present to attend to his duties.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The Chairman said that the deputation appointed by the County Council at last meeting had called to Department of Local Government and Public Health. The meeting would see from the Minutes of Finance Committee.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th January 1936 were submitted as follows:-

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ROAD WORKS SCHEME

At the meeting of the County Council on 13th January 1936 the Chairman (Mr. Allen) and Messrs. Corish and McCarthy were appointed a deputation to discuss with the responsible officers of the Department of Local Government and Public Health letter from Department of 9th January 1936 (R/RGM/32) as to the figures in Road Works Scheme and the report of the Department's Inspector in the matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That recommendation of Finance Committee relative to Road Works Scheme be received and considered."

Passed.

The Secretary stated that before considering the Recommendations of the Finance Committee he wished to point out that a good deal of damage had been caused throughout the County by the recent storm. He (Secretary) had discussed the matter in detail with the County Surveyor and it appeared it would be necessary to provide £600 for repair of damage to County Roads and £150 for the damage on Main Roads.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That a sum of £750 be provided for repair of storm damage, £600 being required for damage on County roads and £150 for damage on Main roads."

The Secretary stated that at the last meeting the finances of the Road proposals for next financial year were agreed to as follows:-

(a)	Main Roads	£. 26,897
	Plus Loan	2,718
	County Roads	17,162
	Plus Loan	<u>278</u>
		£47,055
(b)	Improvement	2,000
(c)	Contingencies	<u>2,000</u>
		£51,055.

The new proposals of the Finance Committee were as follows:-

(a)	Main Roads	£ 29,897
	Plus Loan	2,718
	County Roads	17,162
	Plus Loan	<u>278</u>
		£50,055

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(b)	Improvement	Nil
(c)	Contingencies	<u>1,000</u>
		£51,055.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Secretary said that last year the net amount raised for Roads by rates was £44,100. For the coming financial year excluding storm damage it was proposed to raise from rates £39097 or £5003 less than last year.

Mr. Doyle said that the scheme submitted by the Finance Committee was satisfactory and so far as he could see could not be improved upon.

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

"That the proposal submitted by the Finance Committee in respect of Road Expenditure for the year be and is hereby agreed to."

In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to transfer of certain County roads to Main Road Class Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the recommendation of Finance Committee as to transfer of $34\frac{1}{2}$ miles of County Roads to Main Road Section as set out in Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th January 1936 be adopted and that in the event of the Department of Local Government and Public Health agreeing to this proposal the amount set aside in Road Works Scheme in addition to any State Grant applicable to these roads be expended on their maintenance."

LOAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Wexford County Council at their Meeting to be held on 13th January 1936 agree to raise a loan of £4000 for the purpose of reconstructing road from Killinick

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to Carne Pier and that the period of repayment of said loan, area of charge etc., be fixed by above mentioned meeting."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Culleton amended his motion to read as follows:-

"That the County Council hereby agree to raise a loan of £4,000 for the purpose of reconstructing roads

(1) Killinick to Carne

(2) Horeswood to Ramsgrange via Campile

on condition that the Department of Local Government and Public Health contribute 50% of the cost in each case. That loan be obtained from Treasurer for a period of ten years."

In moving the amended motion Mr. Culleton said he adhered to the views which he had expressed at the last meeting of the County Council that the direct road from Killinick to Carne should be reconstructed. He could not accept the proposal that the road Killinick - Tagoat to the Cross of the Lough should replace the one which he proposed. He had gone over these roads since the last meeting and was convinced that the alternative route by Tagoat to Cross of the Lough would require a good deal more for reconstruction than would the road from Killinick to Carne direct. Besides the proposal would not be satisfactory to the Carne people as it would mean a round of two and a half miles if they wished to get to Killinick and into Wexford. At present on this alternative route two motor cars could hardly pass and he was sure there would be great difficulty in providing for the passage of two lorries. The sides would require to be filled and there were a great many turns which would require to be straightened. The road dealt with in his proposal was not in a very good condition and had annually required resurfacing. The people concerned were entirely against the alternative route.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

Mr. Doyle held that Mr. Culleton had exaggerated the position of the road through Tagoat to St. Ivers. Motor cars were constantly passing there and no accidents were ever reported so far as he was aware. Most of the corners referred to by Mr. Culleton had been made quite safe. It would be an addition to the public if the road through Tagoat to Carne would be left as a motor road and farmers could use the direct road from Killinick to Carne for their vehicular traffic and for their animals. The mileage to be dealt with would be considerably shortened.

Col. Gibbon supported Mr. Doyle, and also considered they should not duplicate the tarred road when another road was available quite as good.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated under Mr. Culleton's proposal, the County Council would have to reconstruct three miles of road from Killinick to St. Ivers which would cost £1800. The other road through St. Ivers to Tagoat would cost at least £2800. The entire length would have to be widened, strengthened and thoroughly surfaced. In fact, it was one of the worst roads in the county.

Mr. Doyle said the alternative route was a mile shorter than that proposed by Mr. Culleton and for that reason he was under the impression it would have been more economical to reconstruct it but having heard that the road through Tagoat would cost £1000 more than the other route proposed by Mr. Culleton he would withdraw any opposition to the motion.

Col. Gibbon said he also had been influenced by motives of economy to support the alternative route but in view of what Mr. Birthistle said that they would be able to reconstruct a road which would serve the village of Broadway and was not going to increase the cost he would withdraw his opposition.

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After some further discussion Mr. Culleton said it was unnecessary for him to deal further with the matter in view of the statement made by Mr. Birthistle.

Col. Quin strongly opposed the obtaining of any further loans. He was of the impression the County Council should call a halt to imposing any further liability for loans on the ratepayers.

The resolution was then put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

FLOODED LANE IN BROADWAY

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district reported under date 27th January 1936 as follows:-

"I inspected above lane with Mr. Culleton, M.C.C., on Thursday, 23rd instant.

We also interviewed Messrs. R. Doyle and J. Devereux who recently complained of the condition of this lane.

The lane is not County Council property and is about 2 feet below the level of the adjoining roads. The land is high on both sides of the lane and in consequence floods badly.

Flooding can be cured by laying a pipe through one of the adjoining fields, the property of Mr. N. Furlong, Ross-lare.

The cost would be about £50."

The Chairman said that in view of this report the Council could not do anything in the matter unless to schedule it for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Mr. Culleton said the people affected contended that the flooding was caused from the County Council road.

Mr. Birthistle held that the road was responsible for very little flooding.

The County Solicitor said the Council had no power to spend money on the lane and the matter dropped.

This matter was already considered by meeting of Finance Committee of 3rd January 1936.

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COUNTY LOANS

The Secretary in response to request made by Mr. Doyle submitted the following figures giving amount of loans by County Council, Mental Hospital and County Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

COUNTY COUNCIL LOANS: Dispensary houses, £652. 1. 2d.; Workhouse Buildings, £1,134. 1. 3d.; Gorey Technical School, £2,141. 7. 2d.; Waterford Bridge, £6,932. 12. 6d.; Deeps Bridge, £787. 2. 11d.; Mountgarret Bridge, £2,716. 13. 4d.; Camblin Road, £1,800; Gorey-Courtown Road, £3,000; Wexford-Rosslare Road, £800; Enniscorthy Road, £1,034; Wexford Road, £2,189; West Wing County Hall, £2,610; Enniscorthy Vocational School, £7,000; Rural Vocational Schools, £3,500; Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, £19,901^{4/10d.} total, £56,198. 3. 2d.

MENTAL HOSPITAL LOANS: £7,359. 6. 10.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: Borrowed by Rural District Councils:- Labourers Acts £209,779; Water Works and Sewerage £1,425; Burial Grounds £79; total, £211,283.

Borrowed by County Board of Health:- Labourers Acts, £135,418. 17. 6d.; Waterworks and Sewerage, £18,971. 19s.; Tuberculosis Acts, £2,688. 17. 3d.; Burial Grounds, £223; Improvements County Hospital, County Home, new offices, etc., £9,410. 17s.; Loan Instalments due on Labourers' Acts, £5,000; on Camolin Water Supply, £1,200; on Bunclody Water Supply, £1,280; on County Home roofs, £283; new Loans approved by County Council - 1,000 cottages, £250,000; Rosslare sewerage, £6,000; Ferns water supply, £2,150; Oylegate Water Supply, £1,624; total of Board of Health loans, £434,244. 10. 9d.; total of Board of Health and District Councils' loans, £645,527. 15. 11d.

Gross total of all loans is £709,085. 5. 11d.

In reply to Col. Gibbon the Chairman said that the Government contributed 60% of the cost of the erection of the cottages.

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Mr. O'Byrne said that if the tenants paid up there would be no liability whatever on the Council for the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Doyle said that on the last day when the County Council agreed to the loan of £250,000 they were informed that the amount which would fall on the ratepayers would be infinitesimal; now they saw the ratepayers would have to bear a very considerable burden.

Miss O'Ryan said no one would believe a Councillor would make a false or misleading statement in the matter of finance. 60% of the Cottage Loan would be paid by the Government and a certain portion of the remaining 40% would be made up in rent. The present rent was 2/- per week and this left the ratepayers liability very small.

Mr. Corish said it was he who gave the figures at the last meeting, when he said that a rent of 2/6d. would mean that the responsibility of the ratepayers would be infinitesimal more especially when they considered the good which would be achieved by the erection of the cottages. The annual figure for which the County Council would be responsible was £2167 odd. This could not be regarded as extravagant when they took into account the Government Grant of 60% and the fact that it was laid down expressly in one of the Housing Acts that it was the business of a local authority to provide and subsidise housing schemes. Some Councils were paying as high as 1/- in the £. for these schemes.

Col. Gibbon reiterated the point made by him at last meeting that no scheme should be put before the Council until proper figures had been circulated. It was not fair either to the party proposing the scheme or to the opposition to bring a scheme forward to the Council without circulating the figures properly before hand. He had no fault to find with Mr. Corish - he did his best to procure figures on the spur of the moment. He could not produce

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the figures on the spur of the moment, and he (Col. Gibbon) would defy any man to do it.

Mr. Doyle said that they did not object to the scheme but they certainly understood that the rents were supposed to produce a figure which would almost meet the loan charges. The recently built cottages were let at 2/- per week and he did not see much prospect of a cottager being in a position to pay 2/6 per week.

Mr. Corish said he never suggested that the cottages should be let at 2/6 per week. From what people knew of him they could believe he would be glad to have the houses let at a rent lower than 2/- per week.

The Chairman said it should be remembered with regard to new and old cottages that the ratepayers were paying more in respect of the old cottages than they would be paying on the new ones. The rent on the old cottages was 1s. a week. Mr. Doyle and other members, who had spent many years as members of the Council, had a certain responsibility for former loans. No one in the County would say that the houses were not required, and there was no use in cavilling at the fact that there was going to be a loss of a pound or two on the houses. He thought it was up to them as a public authority to realise their responsibility. Even Urban Councils with much less revenue, and much less means of raising revenue were taking on much greater responsibilities, in comparison with their revenue, than Wexford County Council. When people talked about all the ratepayers were paying now they should remember that the ratepayers were paying all the time for the cottages built in the County, and would pay less in respect of the new cottages than in respect of the old ones.

Mr. Doyle said when they put/^{forward}the schemes referred to by the Chairman they submitted full particulars of the cost.

The Chairman said that the members of the Health Board were also members of the Council, and were just as

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responsible as the Council in regard to examining figures before submitting any cottage scheme, but the effort had been made to put the Health Board in an inferior position and to prove that all the superior intelligence was in the Council. There was a second effort - to leave the impression that there was a huge loss on the building of cottages. These were the matters to which he objected.

Mr. Corish remarked that the scheme for the provision of 1,000 cottages would cost $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £.

Col. Gibbon submitted the following letter from the Secretary to the County Board of Health under date 24th January 1936:-

"I am sorry that the rush of the Estimate Meeting and its aftermath made it impossible for me to reply to your letter sooner.

The estimate of the all-in-cost of the houses under the proposed Scheme is £245. Under the last Scheme the houses worked out at £244 and the cost to the rates anticipated in respect of each house is £2. 13. 8 per annum. The building of houses under the Labourers' Acts is a duty of the responsible authority and economic schemes are not possible and have not been possible.

Maintenance is estimated at 1% per annum of the capital cost over the life of the house. It is found that it is more than sufficient in the earlier years of the life of a house. It is anticipated that the cost of maintenance of the new cottages will not be more than on the old.

The rent fixed by the Board for the former Scheme and the rent suggested under the new Scheme is 2/- per week. To this will be added a weekly sum of 3d or 4d to cover rates so that the average tenant will pay 2s. 4d. per week for his cottage. In view of the present average wage of the agricultural labourer it is obvious that this weekly sum is a very heavy drain on his resources.

It may be stated that a scheme of 1,000 houses will create an annual charge on the Rates of approximately £3000. I take it that it is understood that there is a contribution from the Central Fund of 60 per cent of the annual Loan repayment charges. The position may be then summarised:-

Contribution from Central Fund	% 54
Tenants contribution	30
Rate contribution in respect of each Cottage erected.	<u>16</u>
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I hope this gives you the kind of information you require."

Mr. Culleton said the general discussion that day would lead people to think that cottagers were exempt from rates. After all, the cottage tenants were ratepayers, and were contributing, in proportion to their means, the rates that would go towards repaying those loans, and they were also contributing through the rates to gain some advantages for the farming community from the Department of Agriculture and otherwise. The cottage tenants or working class people were raising no howl if they were giving a facility to the farming community from any source, but one would think from the discussion that they were not contributing to the rates at all, while, as a matter of fact, they were contributing more than they could bear.

Col. Gibbon considered that what his side of the house thought of the scheme was shown by their voting unanimously for its adoption. The only objection that he raised was in regard to his thinking that they did not get sufficient figures, and he still believed this. Certainly as regards future loans of any description the fullest possible figures should be available for the Council.

The matter dropped.

D. Allen
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