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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 11th JANUARY 1937

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary County Council.

The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th January 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, (presiding) also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Myles Smyth and Malachi Sweetman.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Assistant Surveyors Cullen, O'Neill and Treanor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £13260. 19. 5d (ordinary payments) and £22085. 5. 0, Transfers to Public Bodies, were examined and signed.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the following reply from Mr. Malachi Sweetman, County Councillor, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, to the vote of condolence with him in the death of his mother, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"I wish to thank you and your staff for their kind message of sympathy on the death of my mother.

Please convey my thanks to the County Council for their vote of condolence."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that the following acknowledgment from Miss Kehoe, Moortown, Ballymitt, in reply to the vote of condolence on the death of her brother, Mr. John Kehoe, late Assistant Surveyor, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

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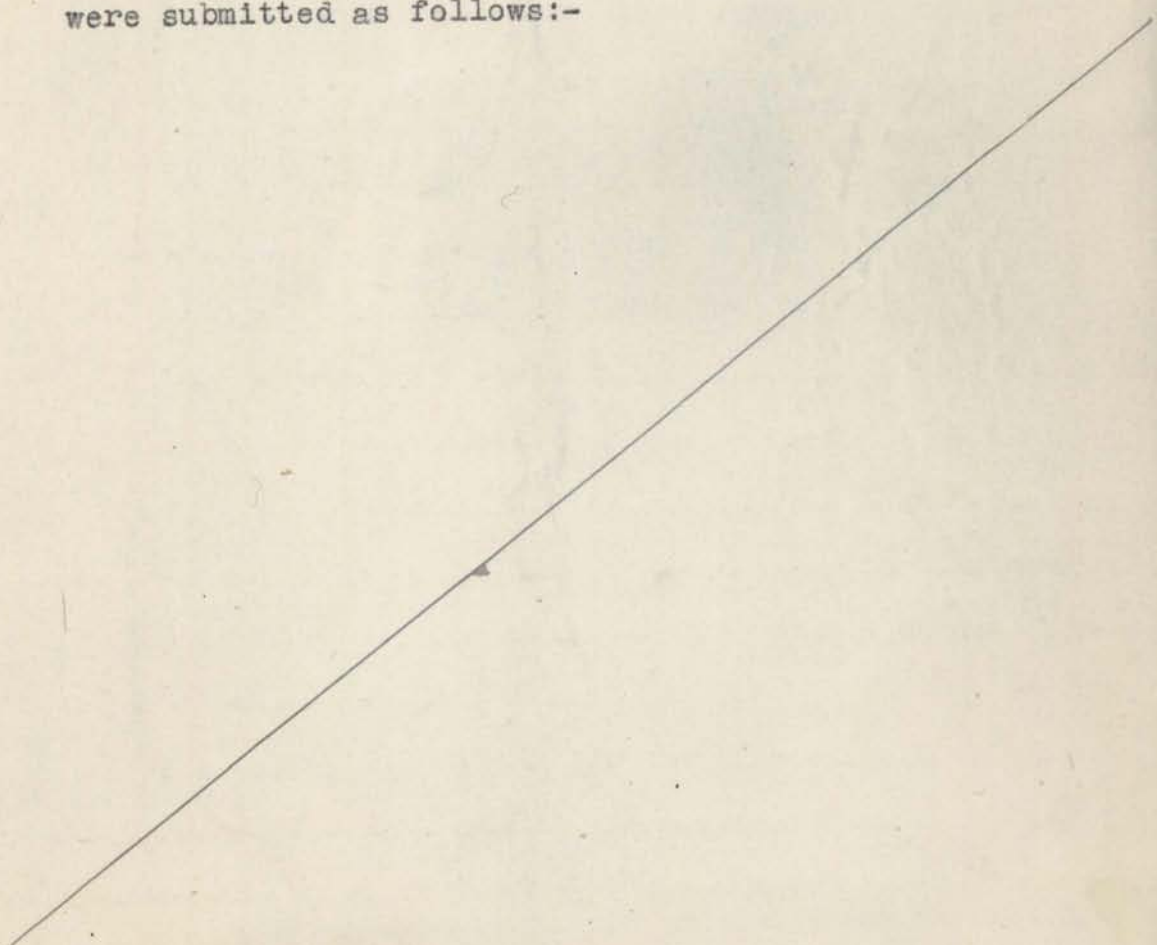
"I am deeply grateful to you and each member of the County Council for your very kind letter of sympathy in my loss caused by my brother's death R.I.P. I always heard my brother speak so well of you personally and all the members of the Council as well, from whom he always received great courtesy. I will be grateful if you will kindly convey to every member of the Council my best thanks and to you personally for your kind expression of sympathy."

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL BOLGER

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Connors a vote of condolence was adopted to the relatives of the late Mr. Samuel Bolger, Coolnaleen, Camolin, who was for many years a member of Gorey Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.

CONFIRMATION MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 18th DECEMBER 1936: The Minutes of this Meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th December 1936.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Rates Inspector were also present.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, then attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,339. 13. 6. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of the collection up to the date of the meeting, the percentages being calculated on the net Warrants excluding arrears:-

S. Gannon	59.1
P. Nolan	57.5
J. Cummins	55.5
A. Dunne	55.2
E. J. Murphy	54.7
J. Curtis	54.5
J. J. O'Reilly	54.2
J. Flood	53.6
D. Kenny	53.2
W. Cummins	52.3
M. Kehoe	52.2
J. Quirke	52.0
M. McCarthy	51.9
W. Doyle	51.8
J. Deegan	51.6
P. Doyle	50.4
J. J. Sinnott	49.6
P. Carty	49.2
M. Murphy	48.2
Average-	53.3

The percentage lodged on the Gross Warrant including arrears was 45.3 representing an improvement of 3.5%

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REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS:- The following report of the Secretary as to interview with six Rate Collectors was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"On 11th December, 1936, I interviewed the following Collectors in respect of the backward state of their collections:- Messrs. James Quirke, William Doyle, Philip Doyle, Matthew Murphy, J. J. Sinnott and Patrick Carty.

I questioned them as to their failure to close the first moiety. The Collectors admitted they did not press for payment of same in a number of cases owing to the fact that certain ratepayers usually make payment of two moieties at the same time.

Collector Quirke explained he had been ill for some time. He expected a substantial improvement in January.

Collector Carty stated that his was a very late threshing district. There was longer delay than usual this year in consequence of there being no storage accommodation for corn at Campile Co-Operative or at Mr. Power's Ballycullane. I believe this Collector's area will show an improvement within a short period.

Collectors did not obtain Court decrees against any ratepayers in respect of first moiety of current rate. I instructed them to ensure that Court proceedings would be taken against defaulters early in January for both moieties.

I laid particular stress on the fact that the usual practice of Collectors in delaying obtaining Court decrees until the months of March and April could not be continued. Collectors promised to take active steps in this matter in the month of January in the present financial year.

Collectors are of opinion that seizures on their own warrants would not result in any improvement in the collection beyond that obtained through the normal effect of

such seizures on other ratepayers.

Collector Quirke stated that, owing to the remuneration required by persons employed to assist at seizures and other consequential expenses, it is practically impossible to recover anything over and above the expenses of the seizures. In the case of Court decrees there is a salaried staff employed for the work and the expense is not nearly so heavy.

The following Collectors have qualified for payment of full poundage fees by lodging a sum equivalent to first moiety of current rate and arrears applicable to 1935/36 assessment:- Patrick Nolan, Sean Gannon, Joseph Cummins, J. J. O'Reilly, Denis Kenny, Art Dunne, Maurice Kehoe, E. J. Murphy, and J. M. Curtis.

The amounts by which the remaining Collectors were short, on 15th December 1936, the date fixed, of the requisite sum to qualify for payment of poundage fees are as follows:- James Quirke - £741. 0. 3.; William Doyle - £431.; Philip Doyle £358. 18. 9.; Michael McCarthy - £160. 4. 5.; John Deegan - £159. 0. 7.; John Flood - £139. 8. 2.; Walter Cummins - £367. 17. 3.; Matthew Murphy - £343. 5. 5.; J. J. Sinnott - £611. 5. 4.; Patrick Carty - £197. 6. 2."

The Chairman said that all the Collectors should take proceedings for both moieties of Rate in January and a report as to the number of ratepayers proceeded against in the month in each collection district should be submitted to the Finance Committee.

This suggestion was approved.

REPORT- RATE INSPECTOR:- The Rate Inspector furnished list of Ratepayers in the collection district of Collector Quirke (No. 1) *when* he had called upon during the past fortnight.

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EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1936-37

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote - 9th December 1936 (RU/203/201) - that where a Scheme under above Vote was in progress or about to begin on a rotational basis arrangements might be made to give during the Christmas period one full week's work, Monday to Saturday (half day) inclusive, to all workmen employed on the Scheme, if possible, for the week ending 19th December. Where this was not feasible arrangements might be made in week ending 2nd January 1937, to deal with the men not employed for a full week in the week ending 19th December.

Under date 7th December 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.U. 203/201) wrote that representations had been made to the Minister as to the hardship likely to arise out of fortnightly payments in the case of men employed on the rotation basis under the Employment Schemes. In ordinary course some period elapses from the beginning of the fortnight until payment is made. The Minister recognised this entailed hardship at the outset of rotational Schemes and he undertook to bring the matter to the notice of Local Authorities for consideration.

Referred to County Surveyor. The latter said he would be able to avail of the Small Suspense A/c. he had to meet the cases referred to in the Circular of the Department.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The County Surveyor, in connection with Plans, etc., to be submitted to him with applications under the above Act, asked for a direction as to the distance houses should be built in from the road, and pointed out that under the Summary Jurisdiction^{Act} the distance prescribed

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from the centre of the road was 30 feet, and according to Local Government Act of 1925, (if the building obstructed the view) 30 yards.

After a long discussion it was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the matter be left to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

The circumstances of amounts under above Acts, due by Bridget Mangan, Glenbough, Screen and James Sexton, Glynn, were considered and, in view of their promises to pay, it was decided to defer consideration of taking proceedings for the present.

Under date 12th December 1936, William Walsh, Knock-brandon, Craanford, Gorey, wrote applying for loan of £150 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, for the reconstruction of a substantial stone and slated building, alongside the public road, into a dwelling house.

It was decided to inform the applicant that all loans granted by Wexford County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were for the erection of new buildings and were not available for conversion purposes. Applicant was advised to apply to the Government for a reconstruction Grant.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Under date 14th December 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.243812/36. Loch Garman) that so far as the Minister might be concerned he would raise no objection to the allocation of a special grant of £60 (Sixty pounds) to the County Library Committee to cover the cost of extra assistance up to the 31st March next.

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REQUISITION FROM COUNTY REGISTRAR

The following requisition from County Registrar to County Surveyor was laid before the meeting:-

Re: POUNDS. Kindly let me know what steps have been taken to provide the accommodation asked for in connection with the above.

Re: COURT HOUSE. Jurors attending the Court have complained of the hardness of the seats. Juries have been sitting for days. It was suggested that the Jury box is very uncomfortable and that cushions should be supplied for the seats. This does not seem unreasonable in view of the long sittings. As Jurors often have to sit late, a light should be provided for over their box. At a recent Session they found it difficult to read documents sent to them by the Judge.

Re: SOLICITORS BENCHES: These benches are also uncomfortable and should be supplied with cushions. The first two on each side should be marked "Solicitors Only". They should also be affixed to the ground, as it is not unusual, to have them toppling over during Court.

Re: LIGHTING. A light should be affixed outside at the steps leading to the yard from this corridor. It is extremely dangerous for people having to use same in the winter time.

Re: MOTOR SHED. The roof of the above is in a dangerous condition and has been so for some time. It should be attended to at the earliest opportunity and put in a safe condition.

The County Surveyor was instructed to inform the County Registrar as to the steps taken by the County Council in regard to the establishment of the various Live Stock Pounds.

It was decided to defer consideration of the matter of cushions on the seats for Jurymen and Solicitors for

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the present.

The County Surveyor said that a light had been provided at the place indicated by County Registrar.

PROPOSED TELEPHONE EXTENSION

Under date 5th December 1936, Dr. C. Bastible, Co. M.O.H., wrote that, owing to the distance between his office and No.4 office, in which his clerks worked, it was not possible for them to hear his telephone bell and for that reason he would be grateful if the Council would instal an extension telephone bell from his office to No.4 office.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, to refer the matter to the County Board of Health.

MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 11th December 1936, the Local Taxation Officer applied for two temporary Assistants in the month of January 1937, in connection with the issue of licences for the coming year; expenditure not to exceed the amount allocated last year, viz. £20.

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

"That a sum not exceeding £20 be set aside for extra clerical assistance in Motor Taxation Office for issue of Motor Tax Licences. That John J. O'Leary, 3 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, and Patrick Lacey, South Main Street, Wexford, be employed for the work.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications relative to the proposed committal of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

Bridget Teresa Broaders, 13, and Margaret Mary Broaders, 11, Haughton Place, New Ross.

John and Patrick Cosgrave, sons of Nicholas and

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John Cosgrave, illegitimate son of Anastasia Cosgrave,
Ballynabola.

FEEES FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE

Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk, forwarded
8/- amount of fees received for letting of Gorey
Courthouse for Gaelic League, Feis Committee, Gorey
Technical School and Gorey Agricultural Society.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

Thos. Breen, Corner House, Rathnure, wrote under
date 10th December 1936, that a Pay Order of Michael
Doyle, Tomanine, No. 4819. for £3. 17. 2., dated 17th
July 1936, issued from the Subsidiary A/c. of the County
Council, had been sent by him with cheques to a
firm named Murray in Dublin, but the letter never
reached the latter, and he asked for issue of a
Duplicate Order.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne
seconded by Mr. Colfer that a duplicate Pay Order be
issued in this instance and that the Bank be directed
to stop payment on the Original Order.

XMAS HOLIDAYS

It was decided that County Council offices be
closed for usual Xmas holidays.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th December 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 23rd DECEMBER 1936: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

A Special meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd December 1936.

Present:- Ald. R. Corish (Vice Chairman) presiding also Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, J. P. Kelly and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,467. 19. 5. was examined and signed.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of special meeting of 23rd December 1936 be received and the same are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 8th JANUARY 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th January 1937.

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

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

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting of 18th December 1936 and of special meeting of 23rd December 1936 were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4280. 14. 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the percentage amount of nett warrant of Rate Collectors collected to date:-

S. Gannon	59.6
P. Nolan	57.8
J. Curtis	56.6
J. J. O'Reilly	56.3
J. Flood	55.9
A. Dunne	55.7
J. Cummins	55.5
E. J. Murphy	54.8
D. Kenny	54.1
M. McCarthy	53.8
J. Quirke	53.4
W. Doyle	53.4
J. Deegan	53.2
P. Carty	53.2
W. Cummins	52.5
M. Kehoe	52.2
J. J. Sinnott	51.4
P. Doyle	51.0
M. Murphy	50.7
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/ Average	54.5

The average for Nett Warrant at corresponding period last year was 51.3.

The percentage lodged to the 7th January 1937 on the Gross Warrant (including arrears) was 46.49. At corresponding period last year the percentage was 44.0.

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The Chairman said that in several instances which had come to his notice he found that when a small portion of grazing had been set by an Auctioneer and a small sum paid on foot of rates the balance of the holding was let privately and business carried on exactly as if the entire amount of the rates had been paid. Drastic steps should be taken in such cases. Lettings for the season would now be taking place and it would be necessary for the Collectors to show a special interest in the cases to which he referred. The practice existing in some counties of obtaining Judgment Mortgages in such instances might be of considerable help to the County Council.

It was pointed out that information as to these mortgages was being sought from the Solicitors to the Dublin and Leitrim County Councils and it was agreed that consideration be adjourned until replies from these officials were at hand.

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 29th December 1936 Mr. M. McCarthy (Rate Collection District No. 4) wrote from St. Brigid's Hospital, Dublin, that he would have to remain there for some time. Collector Nolan would take over his district and carry on the collection until his return.

Under date 29th December 1936 Dr. Levers wrote that Mr McCarthy was undergoing a course of treatment under his care at St. Brigid's Hospital.

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

"That sick leave be granted Collector McCarthy (No. 4) and that we approve of his duties (during his absence) being discharged by Collector Nolan (No. 5) subject to the consent of Sureties in each case."

SALE OF LANDS FOR STATE FORESTRY PURPOSES

Under date 17th December 1936 the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) 88 Merrion Square, Dublin, C.17 wrote

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that it was proposed to acquire 26 acres of lands of Coolmeelagh or Prospect, the property of Mr. B. C. Braddell, Coolmeelagh, Bunclody. A difficulty had arisen as regards the completion of the sale as Mr. Braddell was not able to discharge all outgoings due to date on this section of his land as the amount of rates due by him was much in excess of its purchase price. To meet the difficulty it had been suggested that the valuation should be apportioned, but this was not practicable until March next. The General Valuation Office stated that the value of the 26 acres might be taken as approximately £9. 8. 0. To permit of the sale being closed the Department proposed to deduct from the purchase money a sum calculated to represent the proportion of Rates due to 31st March next on the 26 acres they were purchasing, the calculation to be based on a valuation of £9. 8. 0, the balance of the purchase money to be paid on account of the rates due on the remainder of the lands. Before doing so, they would be glad of an assurance that such payment would be accepted as discharging all liability for rates to March next in respect of the 26 acres.

In a further communication under date 1st January 1937 the Department of Lands wrote (7113F) that the purchase money in this case was £117. 10. 0.

The Secretary stated that the amount of Rate and arrears due by Mr. Braddell were £275. 4. 11d (4 years). On the valuation stated in the letter of the Department of Lands, viz £9. 8. 0, the apportionment of rate on the 26 acres about to be taken over would be £11. 3. 7d.

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

"That the Department of Lands (Forestry Section) be informed the Finance Committee will recommend the County Council to guarantee that, provided the full purchase price of the 26 acres about to be acquired by them from Mr. B. C.

to the County Council by the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) 17

Braddell, viz., £117. 10. 0 be paid in respect of Poor Rates outstanding on the holding, a sum of £11. 3. 7, included in such payment, will be accepted by the County Council as discharging all liability in respect of poor rates to 31st March 1937 on the 26 acres acquired by the Department from Mr. B.C. Braddell, Coolmeelagh.

The Finance Committee are also of opinion that the Land Commission should have taken over all the lands of Coolmeelagh in the occupation of Mr. B. C. Braddell."

MARSHALSTOWN LANE

Rev. A. O'Brien, P. P., Marshalstown, came before the meeting and asked for the construction of a bridge at the entrance to Marshalstown Lane. The latter had been repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. It was difficult to cross the road there.

The Chairman stated that the County Council had only the spending of the money under the Scheme, the work being carried out under the directions of the County Surveyor. The Office of Public Works provided the money and selected the various lanes and other works to be improved.

The County Surveyor said that included in the list for improvement was a job in Monalee but this had been repaired last year and it might be possible to transfer the money from Monalee to Marshalstown as they were in the same area.

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

"That we request the Office of Public Works to agree to transfer of amount allocated for repair of Monalee lane to the work adjoining Marshalstown Catholic Church."

Fr. O'Brien also complained of two roads adjacent to Marshalstown Catholic Church which badly needed drainage. The length was about 410 yards.

The County Surveyor said it ^{would} cost £250 to carry out the work mentioned by Fr. O'Brien. The surface was bad and a

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new gullet would have to be laid.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should do what was possible to meet the wishes of Fr. O'Brien as regards the erection of Bridge at Marshalstown Lane and the repairs of the roads which he had brought under the notice of the Committee.

ROAD AT BOOLAVOGUE

Representations were submitted relative to the state of the road adjoining the Catholic Church at Boolavogue. It had sunk considerably and springs of water were constantly developing at each side of the Church gate making it most unpleasant for the parishioners. It was an extremely bad approach to a Catholic Church.

The County Surveyor said he had inspected the place some years ago with Mr. James Hall, ex-County Councillor, when there was some discussion as to its repair, but no proposal had been made and no allocation adopted.

It was decided that County Surveyor make a further inspection and carry out the necessary repairs if at all possible.

SOLSBORO ROAD

Representations were submitted as regards repair of Solsboro Road to Enniscorthy. It was described as being in a shocking state and the springs of motor cars had broken through vibration. It was the principal road from Enniscorthy on to Ballyedmond.

The County Surveyor said he had been over this road recently and though not a good road it was not so bad as represented. It was improving for some years back. He was agreeably surprised at its condition.

It was decided that County Surveyor make a further inspection.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION AND LOANS

Under date 23rd December 1936 the following was read from the above Corporation:-

"The Board of the Corporation desire to bring as prominently as possible to the notice of the public the terms on which they are in a position to make loans to the agricultural community for the building of dwellinghouses, haybarns and other permanent buildings of approved design.

These terms are as follows:-

RATE OF INTEREST: FIVE PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

TERM FOR REPAYMENT: THIRTY FIVE YEARS.

AMOUNT OF HALF-YEARLY INSTALMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST: £3. 0. 10 PER £100 ADVANCED.

You will see from the foregoing that for a fraction over six per cent. per annum, a borrower can repay both principal and interest on a loan.

I think you will agree that these terms are exceptionally attractive, and I shall be glad if you will please bring them to the notice of any farmers with whom you may be in communication regarding loan facilities for building houses.

A Handbook containing detailed particulars of the Corporation's loan system is enclosed."

The Chairman said that the terms of the Corporation offered considerable help particularly to farmers who wished to reconstruct their houses as with a grant from the Government the payment of £6. 1. 8d per annum for 35 years to cover Principal and Interest, was a great inducement to the progressive man.

Miss O'Ryan said that loans of a somewhat similar nature had been advanced in the past by the Office of Public Works but this business had been transferred to the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

The Secretary said he would communicate in the matter with the Instructors of the County Committee of Agriculture.

LORRIES OVER WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor said he could not recommend an increase in the weight of lorries crossing over Wexford Bridge.

In reply to query he said he believed a new bridge erected opposite the Old Courthouse premises could be

erected for £90,000 and one-third would be provided by State Grant.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the question of lorries using the bridge until next meeting of the Finance Committee.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEME (No. 8) - SEAMOUNT LANE

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Office of Public Works under date 19th December 1936 stating that at present the amount set aside for repair of above Lane could not be transferred to Kilcorkey Lane as expenditure under Road Fund had been sanctioned which would cater for Unemployment Assistance recipients in the Electoral Division of Ballycanew in which the Townland of Kilcorkey was situate.

The County Surveyor said he expected the allocation for Kilcorkey Lane would probably appear in next Minor Relief list.

OLD ROAD BALLINATRAY TO COURTTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 28th December 1936 Mr. G. L. Taylor, Agent to Lord Courtown, wrote he had been informed that it was proposed to metal the above road. He had already informed the County Surveyor that this road belonged to the County Council and not to Lord Courtown, therefore he was not in a position to give any permission for any works or raise any objection to them.

Mr. Keegan said that this road had been claimed as the private property of Lord Courtown, and in 1905 he (Mr. Keegan) had been prevented using it by a gamekeeper of this estate.

Mr. O'Byrne said that when a man named Scott lived in the locality he secured a permissive presentment at a shilling per annum from the Grand Jury to have the road private and public at the same time.

The County Surveyor stated that at one time this was the only road there and there was no evidence that the Grand

Jury ever closed it by proper legal procedure. It would, therefore, appear to have remained a public road. It was really necessary for the people of the district.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to regard the thoroughfare as a public road, the Finance Committee considering no other course open to them on the evidence.

BALLYHACK HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS

Letter was read from Mrs. N. Cheevers, Lower Ballyhack, Arthurstown, complaining that in the repairing work at above Harbour her right-of-way to a quarry had been interfered with.

The County Surveyor stated he had written Mrs. Cheevers that she was mistaken in the matter as steps had been taken to safeguard any rights she had there. He had written to her explaining the position.

BRIDGE IN BLACKWATER STREET

Mr. H. J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote that Mrs. Stamp, Blackwater, who was owner of a corn mill there, complained that the arch of the bridge built some years ago, prevented a proper supply of water coming through for the working of the mill. She asked to have the necessary alterations made in the arch to allow of her mill being worked to full capacity.

It was decided that the County Surveyor inspect and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE - ROAD WORKS RURAL

Under date 23rd December 1936 the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/207/201) that further funds had been placed at the disposal of the Minister for the allocation of Grants towards schemes of road and footpath works subject to a contribution of one fourth of the expenditure under the scheme being made by local authorities. A grant of £2850 had been provisionally

allocated to Wexford County Council and with the required local contribution of £950 a gross expenditure of £3800 was available to be allocated as follows:-

1. - Rural Areas (including small towns and villages with population less than 200) £2400.
2. - Non Urbanised Towns £1400.

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

The Chairman said that some time early in 1936 a list of 48 villages in which repair and improvement work was possible, had been submitted and seventeen had been selected as most urgently needing attention.

The County Surveyor said the cost of the proposed work for the 48 villages would be £24760 and of the 17 selected £10890. These were:- Coolgreaney; Courtown and River-chapel; Kilmuckridge; Monamolin; Ballycarney; Kiltéaly; The Ballagh; Castlebridge; Crossabeg; Slade and Churchtown; Saltmills; Ballyhack; Clongeen; Tagoat; Taghmon; Churchtown and Duncormack. The selection of villages under the Scheme was made by the Council in May 1936 but the Relief Grant was not notified until November 1936.

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

That, before proceeding to the allocation of the money provided by letter of 23rd December 1936 (RU/203/201) the Finance Committee reconsider the proposals made under the

previous scheme of the County Council for the improvement of villages and endeavour to provide from this new allocation the money required for repairs for villages last year in regard to which no funds were then available."

It was also decided that the County Surveyor submit particulars of amounts of all Relief Schemes for last year and details of allocation.

ROTATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OF WORKERS

Circular letter (No. RW.203/201) under date 30th December 1936 (Employment Schemes Vote - Roads - Urban - Schemes) and Circular letter (No. RU/203/201) (Employment Schemes Vote Roads - Rural - Schemes) as to the rotational employment of unskilled labour were submitted and referred to the County Surveyor.

GOREY POUND

Under date 24th December 1936 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had gone carefully through a number of Old Grand Jury Abstracts and could not find anything dealing with the payment of rent for Gorey Pound or of the payment of wages to a Pound Keeper.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to take over and use Gorey Live Stock Pound and direct the County Surveyor to repair defective wall.

That we further recommend the Council to defend any proceedings which may be taken against them by any person claiming ownership of said Pound."

BUNCLODY LIVE STOCK POUND

Under date 22nd December 1936 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he was arranging for an interview between Mr. Hall Dare, the County Surveyor and himself as to the use of Buncloody Live Stock Pound.

COURTHOUSE CARETAKERS

It was decided that the County Solicitor secure the signatures of the caretakers of District Courthouses to Caretakers' agreements.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

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

"That Mr. M. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District be informed that unless he is more prompt in future in furnishing his weekly report to the appropriate Veterinary Inspectors and to the County Council, the Finance Committee will be obliged to recommend the County Council to dispense with his services."

Mr. Elgee submitted statement from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in connection with report of Mr. Hayden Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford District, that a number of people in his district had not carried out the provisions of the dipping Order. It was alleged that twelve persons who had possession of sheep during the Autumn dipping period did not send notice to An Garda of their intention to dip.

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

"That Mr. Elgee be instructed to proceed against the twelve persons whose names are set out in statement of Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, as not having sent notice to An Garda of their intention to dip their sheep during the Autumn dipping period 1936."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

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

"That requisition for Food and Drugs equipment for half year ending 30th June 1937 submitted by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, be and is hereby agreed to."

PAYMENT TO- INTERNED OFFICIALS

The following under date 17th December 1936 (G.249348/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 14th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Section 7 of the Local Government Act, 1933, as amended by Section 2 (1) of the Act of 1936, he has sanctioned the following payments to officers whose absence from duty during the period 1st April 1922 to 30th September, 1924 was due to internment on account of political activities, viz.:-

Mr. Hayes	Clerical Assistant	One hundred and eighty-six pounds.
Mr. Radford	" "	One hundred and sixty pounds.
Mr. T. Cullen	Assistant County Surveyor	Twenty five pounds three shillings."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 6th January 1937 the Rev. Brother Superior, Gorey Christian Brothers, wrote that John Breen, Coolishall Upper, Gorey, holder of County Council Bursary in their Schools had been unsatisfactory since Summer, had played truant more than once and had now definitely left school for good.

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

"That Bursary to John Breen, Coolishall Upper, Gorey, be cancelled in view of report of Head Master of Gorey Christian Brothers Schools, and that the Secretary ascertain from the Gorey Christian Brothers the last date on which Breen attended school with a view to refund of amount for period since he left school."

PREPARATION ABATEMENT FORMS

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Colfer that J. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford and Frank McCoy, Oylegate, be employed as temporary Clerical Assistants for the issue to Ratepayers of Abatement Forms

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

On the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that Thomas Wafer, 7 St. Peter's Square, Wexford be appointed Clerical Assistant in above Office vice J. O'Leary proposed at last ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee.

CLERICAL WORK AT RATE BOOKS

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

"That temporary Clerical Assistants employed at Rate Book work be paid at the rate of 1/- per hour."

Mr. P. Beary, 3 St. Columbas Villas, Wexford, charge hand in connection with preparation of Rate Books wrote that the Council last year granted him an increase of 2d per hour above the standard rate of 1/- per hour to ordinary rate clerks. This, he considered rather small for the nature of the work carried out. He anticipated a further increase this year in view of the fact that he had carried out his work satisfactorily.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that Mr. Beary be paid at the rate of 1/2d per hour same rate as obtained in 1936.

ERECTION OF ELECTRICITY POLES

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided on the recommendation of the County Surveyor that no objection be offered to the request of the Electricity Supply Board to erect an extension of overhead line to the residence of Sir Guy Beatty, Chilcomb Park, Rosbercon, New Ross.

ILLNESS OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST

Medical Certificates were submitted from Dr. P. D. Murphy, Enniscorthy, as to illness from influenza of Miss Tobin, Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices, from

18th December 1936.

The Secretary stated it was expected that Miss Tobin would return to duty on 11th January 1937.

APPLICATION CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for £54 compensation for the alleged burning of 18 tons of hay on the night of 8th or morning of 9th December 1936 was received from Joseph and Kathleen Chapman, Ramstown, Fethard, and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 8th January 1937 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 10th January 1937 the Rev. Superior, Christian Brothers, Gorey, wrote that the father of John Breen had called to the School and had decided on sending the boy again promising that he will be satisfactory during the remainder of the year. The boy was supposed to return on Monday, 11th instant.

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

"That in view of second communication from Rev. Brother Superior, Gorey Christian Brothers Schools, as to bursary held by John Breen, we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee cancelling said Bursary. That the Rev. Brother Superior be requested to inform the County Council if, in the future, John Breen absents himself from school. That should this occur without the gravest reasons the Finance Committee will cancel forthwith the award of Bursary."

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 8th January 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The following resolution was proposed by Col. Gibbon and seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the figures submitted by County Surveyor for Road Expenditure in Provisional Road Works Scheme for finan-

cial year 1937-38 be and the same are hereby approved.

These figures cover the following:-

Main Roads: ' Repair and Maintenance £32615; Contingencies etc. £980 and Relief Vote £392. Total £33987.

County Roads: Repair and Maintenance £19299; Improvement £1000; Contingencies etc. £920; Relief Vote repayment £549. Total £21768. Gross Total £55755.

The County Surveyor said that the estimate, the gross figures of which had been already agreed to, showed an increase of between £4,000 and £5,000 over last year. But, as against this there was a loan charge of £950 on the recently promised first relief grant and the men's holiday fund would run to £600. Up to now Insurance had been merged in the Contingency funds but it had been decided that for the future the contingency funds would be really applied for contingency work and not for incidental expenditure. £250 each had been set aside for the contingency funds of main and County Roads. There was £1000 to go to improvement work on County Roads. Adding these items there would be left very little extra as compared with last year. He had sent his allocations to the Assistant Surveyors and had agreed generally to any adjustments which they proposed. The expenditure in rural areas had been worked out on a rate per mile. He allowed double that rate for the roads in Urban districts. The figures for the Urban Districts worked out as follows:- Enniscorthy £295; New Ross £250; Wexford £277. In addition £50 had been transferred to Wexford Urban from the Barntown road on which they were getting a relief grant. Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor continued, was not satisfied with the amount set aside for Wexford Urban but this area had been treated in an exactly similar manner to the two other urban districts and he could not see his way to give any area preferential treatment.

Miss O'Ryan believed that all the money possible should

After further discussion Col. Gibbon said that the majority of accidents took place not at corners but at cross roads. Personally, he thought the legislation that would have to be adopted was a system of marking such blind crossroads very clearly, showing which was the main road and which was the secondary road, and with such a mark would be thrown the whole onus and responsibility for care on the driver coming in from the byroad. That would cost them less money, because it was obvious that they were not going to be able to pull down houses to remove corners. Whether the marking would have to be enforced by law he presumed it would have to under some road code - or whether it would be done by the Automobile Association, as was done previously, he did not know.

Mr. Culleton referred to the danger to vehicles at Ballycogley and Tenacre crosses.

Mr. Redmond mentioned that Palace Lane had become almost impassable owing to beet traffic. It was so narrow that when lorries were passing horse drawn vehicles had to get into adjoining fields.

The County Surveyor said he admitted it would be very advantageous if Palace lane could be repaired but as the job would take £300 out of the £1000 he could not see his way to recommend it now.

The Chairman suggested that the £1000 for improvement be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to spend on the surfacing of the roads and to a limited extent in the easement of corners. If the County Surveyor considered it was a better proposition to spend the entire amount on road surfacing this year he believed the Council should not object.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the adoption of the Chairman's suggestion and the motion was passed.

Miss O'Ryan said they should aim at having a certain standard for their roads, all of which should be passable -

back roads as well as main roads.

The Chairman thoroughly agreed with Miss O'Ryan. Out of the £55,000 they allocated, he did not think there should be any capital expenditure. It was meant for maintenance, and all portions of a road to which that money was allocated should be maintained in the same condition. In regard to spending the amount for maintenance on certain main roads on rolling a short distance, they saw the result that there was another portion of the road impassable. The whole amount allocated to a road should be spent over the whole road, so as to try to keep the whole lot of it in the same condition. Whether they could at any time in future afford capital expenditure was another matter.

The County Surveyor said that what was meant was that instead of taking the portion of road in poor repair and making a quarter of it perfect, it would be a better proposition to make the whole of it better than it was. Of course there were exceptions to that, undoubtedly, but taking the matter broadly, that was what the Chairman meant.

The Chairman said the County Surveyor would agree that out of the £55,000 there was no reason for capital expenditure. It was required for maintenance. Unless they were able to get loans or grants or something else, they should have none of that spent as actual capital expenditure. The County Surveyor could convey the wishes of the Council in this matter to his Assistants.

PURCHASE OF GROUND RENTS OF COUNTY HALL PREMISES

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

"That the County Council borrow from their Treasurer the sum of £4151 to redeem ground rents of County Hall premises on the terms of letter from National Bank under date 5th June 1936, viz., period of repayment of Loan to be 15 years and

Interest to be calculated at one half per cent under Irish Banks Rate varying with a minimum of 4 per cent."

TENDERS COMMITTEES

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne dates of Tenders Committees Meetings were arranged as follows:-

Enniscorthy (Courthouse) - Tuesday, 16th February 1937
at 12 noon.

Gorey (Courthouse) - Saturday, 13th February 1937 at
10.30 a.m.

New Ross (Courthouse) - Thursday, 18th February 1937 at
11.30 a.m.

Wexford (County Hall) - Saturday, 20th February 1937 at
11 o'clock.

VACANCIES ON OLD AGE PENSION ACTS SUB-COMMITTEES

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

"That Rev. D. Murphy P.P., Buncloody, be appointed (as recommended by Sub-Committee No. 6) a member of said Sub-Committee, vice Rev. J. Butler, P.P., deceased."

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

"That as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 1, the following be elected members of Sub-Committee, viz., Miss Lambert, Mulrankin Castle; Rev. T. N. Bateman, Rector, Mulrankin; Messrs. John Murphy, Oldhall, Bridgetown and John Sinnott, Bridgetown, replacing the following:- Rev. Mr. Scott (resigned); Mr. Batterton (deceased); Col. Gibbon and Mr. Hayes disqualified through non-attendance.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that he did not seek re-election on this Sub-Committee.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK) ACT 1936

Under date 17th December 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote P. H. Circ.127/36, explanatory of above Act.

This was read for the meeting and it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the request of the Department as to calling the attention of Ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts to the provisions of the new Act, be agreed to and that copies of same be obtained for each Inspector.

SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS (MILK SAMPLING) REGULATIONS 1936

Under date 17th December 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote Circ.126/36, explaining the provisions of above regulations.

It was decided that copy of the Department's circular and of the Regulations should be furnished to Ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts, as requested by the Department.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The Secretary stated he had received communications from all Inspectors appointed under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, that they were prepared to carry out the duties under this Order for 1937 season.

Under date 18th December 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.9078/36) as to the appointment of Inspectors under this Order.

The Secretary mentioned as the appointments in question were filled the question of advertising for Inspectors did not arise.

CUTTING OF TACUMSHANE LAKE

The following communication was received in reference to flooding at Tacumshane Lake:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to protest against the payment of rates for that portion of our lands rendered useless to us by the flooding at Tacumshane Lake. We still await the arrival of the Committee which the Chairman assured the deputation would inspect the area. Signed, Sean Murphy, Tilladavins; James Roche, Alice Rowe, John J. W. Roche, Catherine Hore, Philip Hore, Thomas Power, Philip Hore, Junr.; Thomas Sinnott, Harvey Boxwell, Patrick Lambert, William Pierce, William Wright, Nicholas Meyler, John Keating, T.D., Nicholas Moran."

This matter was adjourned from the last meeting pending the result of an interview of the County Surveyor with Mr. McLaughlin of the Office of Public Works.

The County Surveyor said that the Office of Works were not prepared to deal with the matter at present. Col. Gibbon had been speaking to him about the matter and apparently the condition was such now that a very small grant would probably re-open the gap.

Col. Gibbon said the gap opened last year, had never filled up, and the sea was breaking over it at present at high water. He, personally, had not seen it, but it had been reported to him that very little money would open the gap, and the possibility was that if it were opened it would remain open, because there would not be so much sand to wash out to form a bar. He would, however, point out that if anything were to be done it ought to be done before the easterly winds of March began.

The County Surveyor said that he had been already speaking to Mr. McLaughlin about the matter, and Mr. Candy, Engineer-in-chief, was rather sceptical about doing anything. As he, County Surveyor, pointed out, if it were a new work one might be inclined to look at it from that point of view, but they knew that for the past hundred years or so there had been a gap maintained there, and it was only a question of

getting it started, and it would maintain itself. He would see Mr. McLaughlin again during the coming week.

Mr. Culleton said the people of the district considered that if £100 voted for Ballycleary Lane were transferred to the Tacumshane Lake the cutting could be completed.

The County Surveyor said they could not bring forward the work referred to by Mr. Culleton as one of the landholders would not sign the necessary agreement.

Mr. O'Byrne was not in favour of moving in the matter until the threat not to pay rates had been withdrawn.

The Chairman said it was absurd for people to threaten the Council in regard to something for which they had no liability. The Council had done everything possible to see the place kept open, and they had nothing to do with the matter except to get their officers to supervise it. They objected to any suggestion of not paying rates. The Council did not come into the matter at all, except that they supervised the work if the money was given by the Board of Works. The County Surveyor had gone to Dublin on at least half a dozen occasions, and Mr. Corish and himself (Chairman) had gone about the matter. Threats had been made on several occasions that if minor relief works were not carried out people would not pay rates. The Council had no responsibility whatever for minor relief and it was well for the people to know that.

Col. Gibbon said the cutting should be done immediately or held over until next year.

Miss O'Ryan said that people should understand that the County Council had no responsibility for Minor Relief Schemes the money for which came from Government sources. She proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:-

"That the Chairman and Mr. Corish interview the offic-

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ials of the Office of Public Works and endeavour to have the £100 unused for Ballycleary Lane transferred to the work of cutting gap at Tacumshane Lake.

Mr. Corish considered the people concerned should be written to and asked to withdraw their threat to refuse payment of rates. As far as he could ascertain the position was as explained by Col. Gibbon.

In reply to Col. Gibbon it was stated that if money were forthcoming before the next meeting the County Surveyor would have full authority to proceed with the work.

Col. Gibbon suggested that if the work were to be carried out, two or three leading farmers be requested to form a local committee, and try to have them to take an interest in what was done, and assist the County Surveyor with their advice.

The County Surveyor said that he interviewed a lot of people and could find very few who had any recollection of past jobs.

CARNE PIER

Mr. Joseph Rea, Secretary of the Carne branch of the Sea Fisheries' Association, wrote stating that at a largely attended meeting of the branch a resolution was unanimously passed in regard to the necessity for having an extension of about 70 feet to Carne Pier in order to make it safe for the large number of motor boats that are now fishing from pier. He was requested to place the matter before the Council with a view to having something done before the lobster fishing started. Last Summer 12 months some borings and soundings were taken under the superintendence of the County Surveyor and Captain Harvey with a view to the extension of the pier, but nothing had been done since. It was understood that the work had now been turned down.

The County Surveyor said that they approached the Office

of Public Works or some other Government Department for a grant to extend the pier. He took borings at the place, and Captain Harvey kindly assisted him. They got down to the rock, and he prepared a scheme, but the authorities said the fishing there would not warrant the expenditure and they turned it down.

Col. Gibbon thought that the fishing there was increasing every year, and that there would be more boats if there was a small extension, but there was absolutely no protection there at present. Could anything be done by an Unemployment Relief Grant?

The County Surveyor said he did not think so. They would have to get the money from the Fishery Department and they had already turned it down.

The Chairman said they tried to get money for the work and failed.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make further representations to the Fisheries Department as to the necessity which exists to provide State funds to enable an extension to be made to Carne Pier."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Mr. Corish said that the Council on various occasions approached the Office of Public Works with a view to securing a grant for the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour but without success. When he waited on this department recently it was pointed out there were certain difficulties in the way. These had now been removed and a strong branch of the Sea Fisheries Association had been formed and they were prepared to co-operate with the Council in this matter. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor again communicate with the Office of Public Works and point out that in the event of a State Grant forthcoming for improvement of St. Helen's Harbour the County Council can count upon the help of the local branch of the Sea Fisheries Association. The Council are also strongly of opinion that with improvement the local fishing industry will certainly develop."

BALLYHACK DOCKS

Under date 29th December 1936 Mrs. M. Cheevers wrote that the manner in which the improvement work at above was being carried out would interfere with the right of way to the quarry from which she drew a good income. Unless she was compensated for the interference or right of way preserved she would take legal proceedings.

The County Surveyor said he had written to Mrs. Cheevers explaining that the improvement works would not interfere with any rights of hers.

BOIRA RIVER

Under date 30th December 1936, Ballycanew Fianna Fail Cumann wrote pointing out that Boira River had been cleaned up as far as Coolook Bridge under two Minor Relief Schemes. When it rained, however, and a rush of water came, the adjoining land was flooded. If this state of things continued land would become useless. It was urged that a Minor Relief Scheme should be secured to have the river cleaned from Coolook Bridge to Courtown Harbour.

The County Surveyor stated he believed a grant could be obtained for this work.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided to schedule it for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

MOOR LANE

Under date 4th January 1937 Mr. T. F. D'Arcy, Annagh, Inch, wrote asking the Council to repair Moor Lane under Minor Relief Schemes. The lane was used by four families and was also a short cut for people attending Kilanerin Mass.

Mr. Keegan proposed and the Chairman seconded a resolution that the application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes when money becomes available.

LEGNALOUGH LANE

M. Coleman wrote under date 29th December 1936 asking the Council to arrange for the repair of above lane under Minor Relief Scheme.

It was used by the families of five ratepayers.

It was decided to schedule the application for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

GLENOGUE STREAM

An application from Michael Long of Ballyfadd, Inch, under date 17th December 1936, for repair of Glenogue Stream, was considered. Mr. Long pointed out that ten families were depending on this stream for their water supply, including pupils attending the National School.

It was decided to schedule the application for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

BALLINVEGGA LANE

Application was received from ten ratepayers for repair of Ballinvegga (Ballywilliam, New Ross) Lane. The lane was about a half mile in length and leads to the homes of six families. It connects two through roads.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available.

NICKAREE LANE

Representations were received from five ratepayers asking for the repair of lane at Nickaree, Duncormick. Two families live on this lane which connects two roads, and it was in such a condition that they could not get to the high road.

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

BALLYSCARTON LANE

Four ratepayers made application for repair of Ballyscarton (Gorey) lane which leads to their homes.

Scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available.

ROAD TACUMSHANE TO KILLINICK

The Hon. Secretary Ballymore Fianna Fail Cumann (Killinick) wrote calling attention to what he described as the very bad condition of the road from Tacumshane to Killinick and asked that it should be attended to immediately. He also called attention to the necessity for the erection of danger signals at Montfield Road and at the end of Killinick village.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

PIERCESTOWN ROAD

Mr. Culleton asked the County Surveyor to give some attention to the road leading from the Cross at Killaine to Piercestown and which, after heavy rain, was so badly flooded that people could not occasionally get to Mass and children found great difficulty in attending school. On some days they had to return home.

Referred to County Surveyor.

ROSSLARE ROADS

In connection with representations as to above made by

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Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann considered at meeting of County Council on 14th December 1936, the County Surveyor stated he proposed presenting report to next meeting of the Finance Committee in regard to these roads.

CONNAHILL LANE, ANNAGH, INCH

It was decided that application from Mr. Jeremiah Tobin as to repair of Connahill Lane which leads to six houses, be selected for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available.

BANOQUE (GOREY) LANE

Thirteen ratepayers and residents in the townland of Banogue asked the County Council to have above lane converted into a properly constructed road capable of carrying the increased vehicular traffic to which it had been subjected for some considerable time past.

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

WEXFORD-CURRACLOE ROAD

Under date 9th January, 1937, Mrs. O'Connor, Curracloe, called attention to the bad state of the Wexford-Curracloe Road from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown. Curracloe, Mrs. O'Connor wrote, is one of the leading sea-side resorts in the County and people using it were badly treated. Other sea-side resorts such as Courtown, Rosslare, Kilmore and Duncannon had good roads. She hoped the County Council would have the Curracloe Road steamrolled for tourist traffic before next Summer.

The County Surveyor stated that as this road had now entered the Main Road Class he expected that before next Summer substantial improvements in its condition would be effected.

FLOODING OF RIVER AT SIGGINSTOWN-TACUMSHANE

It was decided to refer the applications from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann relative to prevention of flooding of river at Sigginstown, and repairs to storm wall at Nethertown, Carne, to County Surveyor for report.

POACHING TRAWLERS

Col. Gibbon stated he had been asked by several fishermen to request the County Council to pass a strong resolution urging the Government to have something done to prevent foreign trawlers interfering with the local fishing industry. At Kilmore Quay, in the past they were able to deal with this menace but they could do nothing now as the foreigners were provided with fast motor boats. On one occasion when the Muirchu captured a trawler, the fine imposed was only a very small portion of what the trawler could earn. In consequence of the depredations of these trawlers Kilmore fishery grounds were denuded of cod and ling. The fishermen of Rosslare were suffering in a similar manner. If the living of the fishermen was taken away, they, and their families, would become a burden on the rates. Col. Gibbon then proposed:-

"That the Government be requested to provide additional protection for the fishing industry. The encroachment of foreign trawlers is causing great loss and they appear at present to carry on with impunity. One protective Boat is entirely inadequate to meet the situation."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution.

The Chairman, in putting the motion, said it was long beyond the time when something should be done in this matter. The question had been discussed at the last meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and a resolution similar to that now proposed by Col. Gibbon had been adopted.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Signed... *D. Allen* ... 8. 2. 34