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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 14th JUNE 1937.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th June, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. James J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, William Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Roanan, and Myles Smyth.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

Immediately after their confirmation, Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, attended and presided for the rest of the business.

#### THE LATE MR. JAMES HALL, BOOLAVOGUE

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a vote of condolence to Mrs. Hall, widow of the late Mr. James Hall, and to the family. Mr. Hall was a member of the County Council for years. He joined the Council in a stormy period and when it was not easy to secure members. He took great risks in 1920-21, but gave faithful and loyal service to the Council and to the ratepayers then as always. The Council had every sympathy with his widow and family.

Mr. Corish seconded and endorsed the remarks of Mr. O'Byrne. He remembered Mr. Hall being present when the meeting was surrounded by military, but he never flinched. Mr. Hall was a worthy representative of the people.

Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Keegan, Col. Gibbon, Mr. McCarthy, Col. Quin, Mr. Michael Redmond and the Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor also paid tribute to the many sterling qualities of the deceased.



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The Chairman said that Mr. Hall had been a member of various Public Boards since 1911 and since then was a constant attendant at their meetings. They never had a more courteous or painstaking public representative.

The vote was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE MR. R. A. LATTA, BALLYNAKILL, BALLYCARNEY.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Bowe a vote of condolence was adopted with the family of the late Mr. R. A. Latta, a prominent Agriculturalist and breeder of Shorthorn pedigree cattle.

STRIKING OF RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1937-38

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

"That we hereby allow and make the rates as agreed to at meeting of this Council on 8th March 1937, and as set out and assessed in Rate Books for each Collection District for this County, our Secretary having certified at foot of said Rate Books that the Rate in so far as the valuation of the hereditaments now in force therein is concerned, is in conformity with the valuation supplied by General Valuation Office and in accordance with instructions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and that occupiers of Agricultural Land be given such relief in respect of rates on agricultural land as has been provided by the Oireachtas for the financial year ending 31st March 1938, such relief to be given by way of abatement as determined by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

That the following sums, as agreed to at meeting of this County Council held on 8th March 1937, be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County for financial year 1936/37:-

Enniscorthy      £3396.   4.   8d



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New Ross	£3418.	6.	6d
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Wexford	£6876.	9.	5d
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(This was the special business of the meeting).

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 2

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That as recommended by Sub-Committee No. 2 (Old Age Pension Acts) James McDonald, Curraghmore, Ramsgrange, be appointed a member of said Sub-Committee vice Nicholas Howlett, Ramsgrange, deceased."

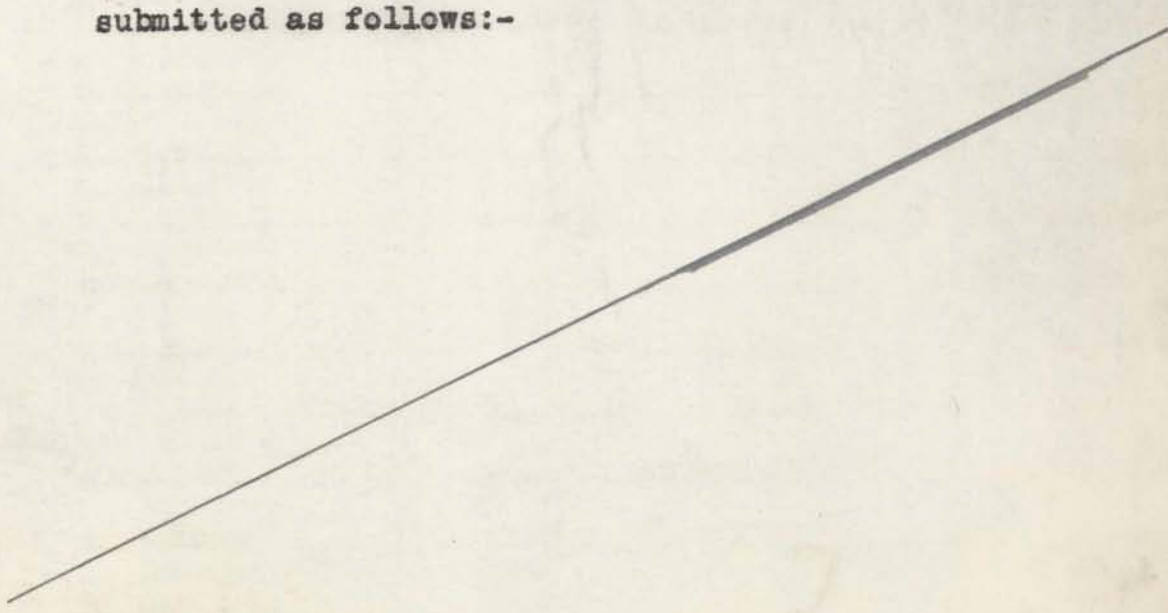
FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

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

"That Garda Philip McLoughlin, 4581, Blackwater, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector to Wexford County Council under Food and Drugs Acts for the Administrative County of Wexford."

CONFIRMATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 14th MAY 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 14th May, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. William Cullimore, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Miss O'Ryan was moved to the Chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4744. 18. 9d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. ANDREW KINSELLA, KILANERIN

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman of the County Council) in the death of his uncle, Mr. Andrew Kinsella, Kilanerin.

The Secretary associated himself with the vote.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	94.9
J. Curtis	94.4
J. J. O'Reilly	91.3
J. Deegan	89.2
M. Kehoe	87.3
P. Carty	87.3
P. Doyle	85.8
D. Kenny	85.7
J. Flood	84.0
J. Cummins	82.8
S. Gannon	79.1
P. Nolan	77.6
M. McCarthy	77.0
A. Dunne	76.4
J. J. Sinnott	72.8
W. Cummins	70.6
J. Quirke	70.0
W. Doyle	68.2
M. Murphy	66.5

Average 80.5



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As compared with corresponding period last year, the improvement was .2 per cent.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE ETC.: The following under date 30th April 1937 (G.34730-37 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 23rd instant, regarding the payment of poundage to Collectors J. Quirke, P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, J. Flood, J. J. O'Reilly, A. Dunne and P. Carty, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as these Collectors have not complied with the conditions set out in this Department's letter of the 19th November last, he sees no reason to justify the payment of interim poundage as proposed. The unsatisfactory condition of the collection generally has already been brought to the notice of the Council, and the Minister must now request that the Collectors be instructed to close their warrants forthwith. As soon as this is done, the question of the payment of poundage on the entire second moiety collection can be raised."

Under date 30th April 1937 the following letter (G.34745-37 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 23rd instant, and to state that he has deferred consideration of the payment of poundage to Collectors W. Cummins, M. Murphy and J. J. Synnott, pending the submission of information as to what steps the Council are taking to compel these Collectors to close their 1936-37 warrants."

Under date 6th May, 1937, the following letter (No. G.36479-37 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, regarding the payment of poundage to Collector W. Doyle, and to refer you to this Department's letter of the 30th idem."

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



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"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be informed the Finance Committee are instructing Rate Collectors to have irrecoverable and temporary uncollectable Rate Lists completed and checked by the 31st May, 1937, on which date warrant for financial year 1936-37 will finally close."

#### OVERDRAFT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Under date 12th May, 1937, Miss Connolly, County Librarian, wrote she had been directed by her Committee to forward to Finance Committee of the County Council the amounts of overdraft and dates of lodgment of instalments of the County Council's contribution during the past year. On 5th May, 1936, contribution lodged to 30th June 1936: Overdraft at 30th June £221. 7. 10d. On 24th July contribution lodged to 30th September: Overdraft on 30th September £217. 4. 5d. On 13th November contribution to 31st December lodged: Overdraft £276. 4. 1d. On 3rd March 1937 ordinary contribution to 31st March 1937 lodged, also on 13th March 1937 special contribution of £60: Overdraft at 31st March £128. 16. 2d. In connection with Library overdraft letter from Manager, National Bank, Wexford, under date 27th February 1937 called attention to the fact that the Library Committee's overdraft was £400. 5. 9d and asked if it was with the authority of the County Council that the overdraft existed as the Bank did not appear to have any authorisation in regard to it.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee recommend that as the Library Committee are receiving quarterly Instalments of Demand in advance for the year 1937/8 the County Council should not take any responsibility for overdraft of Library Committee."



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### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with application of John Dunne, Kilagoley, Enniscorthy, for loan under above Acts, and which had been agreed to provisionally, it was pointed out that though it was provided by County Council regulation that the site of proposed house should be at least one mile distant from Urban boundary, the site of Dunne's house was under a mile.

Mr. Dunne had called to the County Council Offices and explained the position.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Dunne that the Finance Committee were not in favour of any variation in the distance of proposed houses from Urban Boundary.

### BALLAGH ROAD

Under date 12th May, 1937, the following letter (R/RGR/32) re above was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 10th March last applying for a grant of 50% of the cost estimated at £6,000 of improving the Ballagh Road (Nos. 502 and 416) and I am to inform you that it has been reported that this road runs in line with the main road L.30 between Enniscorthy and its junction with L.29 and that as the main road is so near and serves the same area it would appear that there is no necessity for a special grant for the road in question."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.

### HOUSING (FINANCIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1932/6.

The following, under date 12th May 1937, was read from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The Housing Section of Local Government Department have appointed me as Appointed Officer for district recently held by Mr. Jordan, and before accepting same, I shall be e



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glad if you bring the matter before the County Council for their permission.

The work pertaining to this office does not occupy much time and will not, in any way, interfere with the performance of my duties for the County Council."

The following, under date 10th May, 1937, was read from the Housing Section of Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he has nominated Mr. T. Cullen, Garrylough, Screen, Co. Wexford, to act as Appointed Officer for the purposes of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts, 1932/6, for the Rural Areas of Enniscorthy and Gorey in room of Mr. Michael Jordan, resigned."

Referred to County Council.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

The following, under date 10th May, 1937, was read from Major John Barnewall:-

"On Wednesday, 28th ultimo, I paid under protest the sum of £6. 13. 4d Drainage Rate to your Rate Collector on a threat of Legal Proceedings for recovery of same.

Since, evidently, the County Council have no intention of taking any steps to remedy the cause of the matter complained of (So long as they can compel me to pay) I should be grateful if you would take action to have an Engineer from the Board of Public Works sent here at an early date to investigate the case, and report on what action (if any) should be taken.

Please notify me of the date and approximate time of his visit."

The County Surveyor said that the drain complained of was outside the scheduled drainage area.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of



Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, inform Major Barnewall, Kilmannock House, Campile, that as the Finance Committee are informed by the County Surveyor that the drain referred to by Major Barnewall is outside drainage area controlled by County Council the matter complained of is not one for the County Council."

PROPOSED ERECTION WOODEN STRUCTURE AT CLONHENRET

The following report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, relative to the application of Laurence Doyle, Main Street, Camolin, as to erection of wooden house at Clonhenret:-

"I have made inspection of above site and met owner when I informed him that as building (which is to be a wooden structure) when erected would be too near road, Council could not give approval. The site is moreover dangerous as owing to high fences surrounding it traffic approaching from either side would not be visible to anyone coming from house to road."

It was decided to inform Mr. Doyle that in view of report of Mr. Treanor, the Finance Committee could not recommend the acceptance of his application by the County Council.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: Brother McGovern, Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy, came before the meeting and explained that owing to the death of his mother at the time when applications for University Scholarships should be lodged, the matter was overlooked in respect of the following three students attending his school:-

Timothy Murphy, Adamstown.

John Breen, Ballydonigan, Ferns.

Michael Prendergast, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.



He regretted the omission and asked, in view of the injury which might be done to the prospects of the three students concerned, that the Finance Committee would accept the applications, although it was now outside the stipulated time.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, considered that, in the circumstances, the Finance Committee could comply with Brother McGovern's request.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to recommend the County Council to accept the application of the students concerned and to decide on their eligibility to compete at next meeting.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL: Claims for attending examination at Secondary and Vocational Scholarships Examination were submitted and the following orders made:-

Daniel J. Nolan, John Street, New Ross, claimed £3. The claim was for motor car each day for the examination from New Ross to Wexford and return.

The Finance Committee considered the claim excessive and agreed to allow railway fare and 3/- per day, which was the average charged by other students; total 14/-.

Martin F. Franklin, 17 Island Road, Enniscorthy, claimed 15/- . Allowed 12/6d.

Margaret M. Cullen, Allenstown, Broadway, claimed 13/- Allowed 8/-.

Mary Marley, Broadway, Co. Wexford, claimed 13/- . Allowed 8/-.

J. Fingleton, Shannon, Enniscorthy, claimed 16/- . Allowed 11/-.

John Cahill, Ballytra, Broadway, claimed 15/9d. Allowed 8/3d.

Maggie Murphy, Cosher, Kilmuckridge, claimed 17/6d. Allowed 12/6d.



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FLOODING AT BALLYWILLIAM, GOREY

Patrick Kinsella, Ballywilliam, Gorey, wrote, under date 6th May, 1937, relative to the flooding of his yard and house by water which came in from the County road. He wished the matter brought before the County Council.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

WARBLE FLY DETENTION NOTICE

Mr. D. E. Druhan, Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order for No. 13 Area, reported that he had served a detention notice on Nicholas Furlong, Iona Hotel, Rosslare Strand, on 28th April 1937.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th May, 1937, be received and considered."

BALLAGH ROAD: The County Surveyor said the principal portion of traffic - Blackwater to Enniscorthy - went over the Ballagh Road.

Mr. Kinsella said the road was very bad and there was no doubt it carried a great volume of traffic.

Mr. Kelly agreed with the statement of County Surveyor and pointed out that the Ballagh road was also the main road to Ballyconnigar seaside resort.

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

"In view of the fact that the road through the Ballagh (Nos. 416 and 502) carries a bigger volume of traffic than Road L30, and its junction with L29, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision refusing his consent to the provision of a State Grant of 50 per cent towards the cost of improving the Ballagh Road."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee for 14th May, 1937, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 28th MAY 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 28th May, 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman County Council) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4950. 16. 6d was examined and signed.

#### REPLY VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That the following reply from Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council, to vote of sympathy adopted in the death of his uncle, Mr. Andrew Kinsella, Kilanerin, be inserted on this day's minutes:-

'Please convey to the members of the Finance Committee my sincere thanks for their kind vote of condolence with me on the death of my uncle. I desire also to thank yourself for your kind expression of sympathy.'"

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following gives the position of Rate Collection to date of meeting:-

E. J. Murphy	95.1
J. Curtis	95.1
J. J. O'Reilly	91.9
J. Deegan	90.3
P. Carty	89.0
M. Kehoe	88.8
D. Kennn	87.7
P. Doyle	87.6
J. Flood	84.0
M. McCarthy	83.2
J. Cummins	82.8
S. Garry	79.7



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P. Nolan	79.5
A. Dunne	77.5
J. J. Sinnott	74.7
W. Cummins	72.4
J. Quirke	71.2
W. Doyle	69.5
M. Murphy	<u>66.7</u>

Average 82.0

As compared with the corresponding period last year the decrease is .4 per cent.

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

"That the Temporary Uncollectable Rate List be not accepted from any Collector until he has lodged a sum equivalent to the amount of the warrant for 1936/37 plus a sum equivalent to 10 per cent of the arrears carried forward in respect of 1935/36 assessment.

That Temporary Uncollectable Lists be considered and ruled on at next meeting of the Finance Committee on 11th June, 1937. Collectors will be obliged to lodge any sums which the Finance Committee consider should have been collected."

After considerable discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of this resolution to next Finance Committee meeting.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that next meeting of Finance Committee be held at 10.30 a.m. on 11th June 1937, to allow of temporary uncollectable rate lists being examined in detail.

The Chairman considered some arrangement should be made by which County Solicitor could appear for all Rate Collectors.

The Rate Inspector suggested that the backward arrears should be handed to a special collector to deal with.

The Chairman believed it would be an advantage if the name of the Rate Inspector, County Solicitor or the County Secretary, the latter for preference, were included in the



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warrant of the Collectors and this officer given full powers to take what <sup>he</sup> steps considered necessary to deal with items for collection without waiting for a meeting of the Finance Committee or County Council. They could ask the Department of Local Government and Public Health to make regulations dealing with this. He proposed a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted.

In the course of discussion Miss O'Ryan stated the ratepayers were certainly in a far better position this year than last as regards paying their rates, and yet there was no improvement in the collection. Collection through the post had been found fairly satisfactory in other counties, but the difficulty there was how to deal with "hard" cases.

Under date 24th May, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.42789/37 Loch Garman as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and to state that the time within which the Council are empowered to consider and rule upon the Collectors Schedules of Uncollected Rates for the financial year 1936-37 has now expired, and the only remedy for the present position is for the Collectors to lodge the outstanding rates. The Minister must insist on this course being taken immediately."

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

"That in reply to letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th May 1937 (G.42789 - 37 - Loch Garman) the County Secretary inform the Minister that the extension of the time for ruling on temporary irrecoverable and uncollectable Rates is necessitated through the County Council having extended the period for the close of the Rate Collection of 1936-1937 to the 31st



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May, 1937, owing to the large amount of Rate outstanding at the close of the financial year. Such extension will not be granted in any future year by the Finance Committee.

That the Minister be further informed the Finance Committee will, at their next meeting, rule finally on the temporary irrecoverable and uncollectable Rate Lists, if he will be good enough to grant such extension as will enable this to be done. The Finance Committee give an assurance to the Minister that the extension will not result in any delay in beginning the Rate Collection for financial year 1937-38."

#### RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS

The following letter under date 26th May, 1937, was read from Mr. Denis C. Radford, Branch Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Officials' Union to bring to the notice of the County Council the heavy cost involved by each of the Rate Collectors in providing a Fidelity Guarantee Bond each year, viz., £5. 12. 6d.

Last year, we made application to your Council for a refund of this amount to each Collector. The Council granted 50 per cent in each case.

The Branch are very grateful, but, in view of the reduction in each Collector's warrant through the application of the Agricultural Grant, we respectfully ask your Council to extend their generosity this year to the full amount."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to adjourn this application until Rate Collection for 1936/37 had been closed."

#### ROSSLARE COAST EROSION

Under date 27th May, 1937, the following was read from the Commissioners of Public Works:-



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"The Commissioners have carefully considered your letter of the 12th instant and the resolution passed by your Council asking that the Chief Engineer be allowed to visit Rosslare and report on the coast erosion there.

Whilst the Commissioners would be anxious to do anything possible to facilitate your Council they regret that it is not possible for them to arrange to let their Chief Engineer Mr. Candy, visit Rosslare.

We understand that the examination of the particular problem at Rosslare is one that will involve prolonged attention and a great deal of work.

As you can understand, the Engineering Branch of this Department is at present working under great pressure in the laying out of the two Airports in addition to maintaining their normal work.

Apart from this, we have not, as you know, any function or responsibility in the problem of coast erosion."

Referred to County Council.

#### IMPROVEMENT CURRACLOE ROAD

Under date 19th May, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RG/32) relative to proposed loan of £2500 to meet the Council's share of the cost of improvement of Enniscorthy-Kiltealy road and suggested that the local contribution of £500 towards the improvement of the road between Curracloe Village and Curracloe Strand should be included in the application form for sanction to loan.

The Secretary stated he had pointed out to the Minister that the County Council had requested the Tourist Development Association to approach him with a view to securing the full amount of the expenditure for the Curracloe Road, viz. £1000 by way of State Grant and the Council were awaiting a communication from the Tourist Association in the matter.



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In reply to this, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 26th May, 1937, (R/RG/32) that it was not possible to increase the £500 grant for the improvement of the Curracloe Road and the second moiety would have to be raised through local contribution.

Miss O'Ryan stated she would give the usual notice of motion in connection with the raising of the £500 local contribution for this road by loan, and which could be considered at the August meeting of the County Council.

#### INSURANCE OF CARTERS

Under date 22nd May, 1937, letter (with agreement) was read from Secretary, County Councils' General Council as to insurance of Carters under National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts. Any Carter working strictly under the terms of form of agreement enclosed would not be regarded as being employed within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Acts or Unemployment Insurance Acts. The County Surveyor was empowered under Article 56(1) of the Public Bodies Order 1925 to enter into the form of Contract referred to in the Agreement.

In regard to Carters who did not come within the scope of the agreement the Department of Local Government and Public Health suggested that in order to clarify the position of all Carters employed by County Councils, the General Council should take steps to ascertain whether it would be possible to divide these Carters into well defined classes according to the varying conditions under which they were employed. If so, it might be possible for the Department to give an opinion in respect of each such class and which would be helpful to the various Councils.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the agreement referred to would cover only what could be described as casual carters in whose cases about £20 or £30 per annum would be involved. Carters whose tenders were accepted by



Tenders Committee and who could work when it suited them were not insured.

It was decided that the County Surveyor consult with the County Solicitor relative to the agreement referred to in the letter from County Councils' General Council.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CARTERS

Mr. Keegan stated that lorries of Great Southern Railways Company were being employed in Gorey District for haulage while ordinary carters were idle.

The County Surveyor said that where possible horse haulage was employed, but sufficient carters were not always available. They had to take the Roller away from Ballycanew because they could not get carters.

The Chairman said the Council wanted the money for this work distributed in the County and he believed this could be done if road work was organised earlier in the season. Everybody knew that in April horses were required on the land.

Mr. Keegan said it appeared as if all the tar for the roads in Gorey was being delivered by railway lorry. If this was covered in the contract with Tar Suppliers the condition should be changed as soon as possible and provision be made for utilising horses.

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

"That no arrangement for the employment of mechanical haulage for roads be recognised without the previous permission of the Finance Committee."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL: Under date, 25th May, 1937, the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, wrote requesting that the following regulations should appear in the County Council Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Schools.



- (a) Irish and English versions of the question papers will be set in each of the following subjects, Arithmetic, History, Geography, Needlework, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study, but only one version, either Irish or English, will be supplied to candidates. Candidates will be required to indicate on their application forms which version they desire to take, but they will not be obliged to adhere to the preference indicated.
- (b) Candidates who answer all the questions in any subject wholly in Irish from the Irish version of the paper, will get a bonus of not more than 10 per cent., except in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework and Drawing, in which the bonus will be not more than 5 per cent. No bonus will be awarded to a candidate who answers in Irish from the English version of the paper.

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

"That we recommend the County Council that regulations suggested in letter of the Department of Education under date 25th May 1937, and as submitted to this meeting, be inserted in Scheme of Scholarships for Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1938 instead of third paragraph under heading of "Subjects of Examination" in last year's Scheme."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Patrick F. Hanrick, son of the Court-keeper, New Ross, wrote asking if he would be eligible to compete for University Scholarship. His mother was not a ratepayer, but had been one for a considerable number of years.

The Secretary stated, according to the University Scholarship Scheme, Scholarships were confined to the children of ratepayers of the County Wexford who had resided in the County for the previous period of five years. Occasionally a case of hardship arose and certain people were debarred from competition.

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to insert in University Scholarship Scheme the following words following the first paragraph:- "and all who have resided for five



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years in premises in County Wexford in respect of which rates are payable or for the same period as caretaker of a Public Institution".

#### ROAD FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Correspondence was read from the County Councils' General Council relative to the setting up of a Committee to consider the whole situation and to make recommendations as to roads and road administration generally. Failing this, to arrange for the issue of a long term loan financed by the Road Fund and to be expended at a rate not exceeding £2,000,000 per annum. This expenditure is to be without contribution from local funds but with provision for future maintenance.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to take no action in the matter.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 24th May, 1937, Mr. Michael O'Reilly, Kilmichael, Clonevan, wrote asking permission to sell new house erected by him at Kilmichael under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, as his wife had completely lost her health at the seaside and the Doctor had ordered her to reside inland.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the request of Michael O'Reilly, Kilmichael, Clonevan, as to sale of his house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts provided the full amount of outstanding loan advanced to Mr. O'Reilly be repaid to the Council."

Under date 24th May, 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter from Nicholas Breen, Milltown Hill, Ferns, stating that he never intended at any time, not living in his house at Killoggy, erected by him under the Small



Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He meant always to live there but as he was alone he intended to take in as lodgers a Civil Guard and his family. He was a poor man and the amount paid by lodgers would help to pay off his indebtedness to the Council.

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

"The Finance Committee recommend the County Council that as regards loan advanced to Nicholas Breen, Milltown Hill, Ferns, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, no objection be made to lodgers residing in house with him."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

Notification was received from the Garda Síochána as to application to be made at Ballycullane Court for the commitment to an Industrial School of Mary Agnes Cowman, Ramsgrange.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### WARBLE FLY DETENTION ORDERS

Patrick Lawlor (Warble Fly Inspector No. 6 Area) reported that he had served detention notice for four heifers on Thomas Kennedy, Wexford Street, Gorey, the animals being located at Ballywalter, Ballycanew.

T. Kenny (Warble Fly Inspector No. 5 Area) reported the service of detention Order for 16 cattle on Thomas Byrne, Clugga, Arklow, the animals being located at Scarnagh, Co. Wexford.

#### DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That, as Original Pay Order for £2. 10. 7 (Subsidiary Account) issued on 5th March 1937, to Vincent R. Doyle, Ballyconnor, Kilrane, appears to have gone astray in course of post, duplicate Order for this amount be issued Payee."

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



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 28th May be received and considered."

ROSSLARE COAST EROSION: Mr. Kinsella said that although the sea was washing away considerable land and property, it appeared to be no one's business to deal with it. The State should take up the matter as it was entirely too big for local effort. People who lived inland did not bother, but it was a very serious problem for people living on the south-east sea coast.

Mr. T. Redmond supported the suggestion of Mr. Kinsella that representations should be made to the State.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Bowe:-

"That, as a considerable amount of valuable property is endangered in certain parts of Wexford coast, we believe the State should assume responsibility for the necessary measures to cope with coast erosion."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee for 28th May, 1937, be, and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 11th JUNE 1937: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th June, 1937.

Present: Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council), presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3203. 4. 9d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. JOSEPHINE KEHOE

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, it was decided that the following reply from Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Kindly convey to the members of your County Council and Finance Committee my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my sister, Mrs. Josephine Kehoe.

I wish also to express thanks to yourself and the other members of the County Council staff for their sincere expression of sympathy."

#### RATE COLLECTION

CLOSE OF: The following table shows the close of the warrants of Collectors for year 1936-37:-



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<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Warrant 1936/37</u>			<u>Lodgments and Dis-count to 11/6/37.</u>			<u>Irrecov-erable Rates.</u>			<u>Temporary Uncollec-table Rate out-standing.</u>		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	9107.	9.	5	6962.	8.	4	102.	2.	1	2042.	19.	0
W. Doyle	5719.	8.	6	4012.	7.	7	82.	11.	2	1624.	9.	9
P. Doyle	5824.	18.	11	5206.	14.	9	53.	2.	1	565.	2.	1
M. McCarthy	5684	15.	8	4829.	11.	7	95.	1.	0	760.	3.	1
P. Nolan	7652.	17.	6	6123.	5.	3	68.	11.	5	1461.	0.	10
S. Gannon	7516.	4.	8	6028.	0.	7	48.	4.	4	1439.	19.	9
J. Deegan	7154.	16.	9	6569.	7.	8	52.	12.	9	532.	16.	4
J. Cummins	5670.	11.	9	4776.	0.	6	183.	9.	5	711.	1.	10
J. Flood	3943.	3.	0	3431.	13.	5	20.	1.	3	491.	8.	4
W. Cummins	5511.	12.	8	3999.	16.	8	25.	14.	6	1486.	1.	6
M. Murphy	4124.	9.	3	2915.	0.	5	53.	17.	5	1155.	11.	5
J.J.O'Reilly	5751.	0.	9	5299.	7.	2	11.	6.	3	440.	7.	4
D. Kenny	4906.	17.	4	4324.	3.	0	8.	15.	11	573.	18.	5
A. Dunne	9302.	5.	1	7401.	5.	11	133.	3.	7	1767.	15.	7
J. J. Sinnott	7093.	17.	2	5429.	3.	4	9.	1.	2	1655.	12.	8
E. J. Murphy	5115.	8.	11	4868.	4.	8	5.	18.	3	241.	6.	0
M. Kehoe	4414.	16.	10	3949.	5.	10	13.	17.	0	451.	14.	0
J. Curtis	5462.	6.	2	5249.	11.	1	18.	17.	1	193.	18.	0
P. Carty	4696.	17.	3	4366.	2.	9	53.	15.	4	276.	19.	2
Total	114653.	17.	7	95741.	10.	6	1040.	2.	0	17872.	5.	1

The amount of arrears was £17872 as against £17240 for last financial year - an increase of £632.

Special report sheets giving each individual item of arrears and the recommendations of Rate Collectors were submitted and examined by the Committee.

The Secretary advised that the full amount of arrears on land should be carried forward, as the Council had not authority to take off as irrecoverable rates levied on land.

The Chairman pointed out that the arrears were mounting up and as such a large amount of them could be regarded as



dead the collection for the County looked very poor in the eyes of the public on that account. He advocated the Finance Committee should recommend the striking off of monies which they were perfectly certain could not be recovered. Some steps would have to be taken to have the irrecoverable amounts included in the warrants cleared off as bad debts.

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

"That arrears of Rate over and above two years, which in the opinion of the Council, are temporarily uncollectable be included in special warrant for collection and that separate demand notes and receipts therefor be prepared. That arrears of rate for past two years be included in Collectors' ordinary warrants."

PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATE COLLECTION SYSTEM: The Chairman stated he was of opinion that an improvement would be effected by keeping the actual work of collection clear of the County Council and having the Secretary in charge to direct the Rates Inspector and the Collectors as to the steps they should take to improve the collection or for the recovery of the Rates in individual cases. The present control by the Council was too loose and they were not getting anywhere with it. Referring to the special arrears sheets it was manifest that on a number of holdings returned as derelict or partly derelict stock had been grazing at the end of the Summer and seizures could have been made by the Collectors. Then again several Collectors considered once they had obtained a court decree there was no obligation on them to follow it up.

After further discussion, the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Keegan:-



"We recommend that the Public Bodies Order be amended so as to allow of the inclusion of the name of the Rates Inspector jointly with the Rate Collectors in Rate Warrants. That all legal work in respect of Rate Collection be carried out by the County Council Solicitor from County Council office. Further, that the County Secretary be responsible to the County Council for the direction of the Rate Collection and the work in connection therewith."

It was decided that a decision on this resolution be dealt with at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

It was decided that Rate Collectors be directed to furnish list of decrees obtained by them for payment of rates setting out separately those which have been lodged with the Sheriff and the result of any action taken by this Official for the recovery of the rates. The County Solicitor will be instructed to take steps to have these decrees made effective and to follow up same by Examination Orders or by such other legal process as may be considered advisable. That the question of securing judgment mortgages on lands in respect of which substantial arrears of rate are outstanding be also considered by the Council's Solicitor.

EXTENSION DEALING WITH UNCOLLECTED RATES: Under date 10th June 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.48426/37 - Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 102(3) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as would enable the County Council to examine and rule upon the Rate Collectors' Schedules of Uncollected Rates by a date not later than 11th June, 1937.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:



"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of balance of poundage to all Collectors and also to reinstate amount of "cuts" in the case of the following six Collectors:- J. Quirke, P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, J. Deegan, J. Flood and P. Carty."

NEW SURETY FOR RATE COLLECTOR: On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr. John J. Sinnott, Rate Collector for No. 15 District, offering Mr. Michael Hughes, Farmer, Castlelands, Kilanerin, vice Andrew Wafer, Ballygarrett, be recommended for acceptance to the County Council.

That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to prepare new Bond for Collector Sinnott."

PAYMENT TO RATE COLLECTORS - WORK AT ABATEMENT FORMS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That £106. 19. 0 being at the rate of 6d per form, be paid Rate Collectors for work in connection with examination of data on Abatement Forms (Rates on Agricultural Land) as per Schedule submitted by County Secretary to this meeting!"

RESIGNATION OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 17 DISTRICT

The following, under date 9th June, 1937, was read from Rate Collector Matthew Murphy:-

"I beg to state that I am resigning my position as Rate Collector for No. 17 District.

The District, being so small and so much arrears, I could not carry on on what I receive in poundage for same. And, also, I may state I expect a better job in the near future.

Thanking you for your kindness in the past. Hoping this, my resignation, will be accepted by you and your Committee."



The following, under date 8th June, 1937, was read from Rates Inspector:-

"I wish to inform you that on Saturday, 5th June 1937, Collector M. Murphy attended here to close his warrant for the year ended 31st March 1937.

I found that a lodgment of £154. 10. 11 would have to be made to close the warrant and informed the Collector of this.

He said the amount would be lodged on the following Monday, the Bank being closed when his checking was completed.

The amount was not lodged on Monday. The Collector sent me a wire saying he would present the Bank receipt on to-day, Tuesday. So far, he has not done so."

The Secretary stated that the amount in question was lodged on Tuesday, the 8th June 1937.

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

"We recommend the County Council to accept the resignation of Rate Collector M. Murphy (No. 11 District) subject to his lists of temporary uncollectable and irrecoverable Rates being certified correct by Rates Inspector."

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

"We recommend the County Council to allocate temporarily in respect of 1937/38 Warrant and arrears, the four district electoral divisions in No. 11 district as follows:- To Collector W. Cummins (No. 10 District) Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castle Talbot, and to Collector J. Cummins (No. 8 District) Bolaboy, provided these Collectors agree to take over said divisions and that this proposal meets with the approval of Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

This arrangement is to be regarded as of a temporary character and to be open to further re-adjustment after the close of Warrants for current financial year should the Council so decide."



RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS

Adjourned application from Wexford Branch of Irish Local Government Officials Union as to the County Council paying the full amount of premium on Fidelity Guarantee Bond, viz., £5. 12. 6d for the nineteen Rate Collectors, was considered. The Council paid half the amount of this premium last year.

The Secretary stated that a sum of £106. 17. 6d was involved.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That the County Council be recommended to grant the same contribution towards the cost of Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds as obtained last year viz., 50 per cent in each case; this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Passed.

MECHANICAL HAULAGE V. HORSE

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee a resolution was adopted that the previous permission of the Finance Committee should be given for Assistant Surveyors to employ mechanical haulage in future.

In connection with this matter, the following letter was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, under date 9th June, 1937:-

"In reply to your recent circular, I wish to notify the Finance Committee that I propose to use a Railway tractor at Carrigfoyle Quarry in connection with R.R. Grant on Barntown Wexford Road.

I propose to do the same in the near future on the completion of the Carne-Killinick Road. Also on the R.R. Grant at Rosslare Strand.

These works cannot be carried out by horse hauliers for many reasons the principal of which are:-



- (1) Distances in cases are too great.
- (2) Machines and Labour Exchange Workers must be kept going.
- (3) Sufficient horses not available in any part of my area to keep such work going.
- (4) All carters in my area have sufficient work. There is no complaint, and in no case are horses dispensed with where it is at all possible to use them."

The County Surveyor said that where they were mixing tar material it was absolutely necessary it should be taken away and put on the road at once. By using horses for this class of work they would not have as good a job and the expense would be increased.

The Chairman said that looking at the matter from the economic point of view he could not see that a grant could be accurately described as a relief grant if a large amount of it went in hire of Railway lorries.

Mr. Colfer said what was wrong was the stuff was not put out on the roads in time and then when the resultant rush came horses were not able to deal with it. But there would not be any difficulty in employing horses if the material was provided in good time.

The Chairman said that by employing lorries they might be doing injury to a large number of people and not doing the County Council any good. If Railway lorries were employed they were really evading the purpose for which relief grants were given.

In reply to Mr. Keegan the County Surveyor said that excluding carters and gangers about 60 per cent of the expenditure under these grants went in wages.

Miss O'Ryan said that with a long distance haulage, a lorry might be justified, but in the first road mentioned in Mr. Birthistle's letter the distance was only a couple of miles.

The County Surveyor said that where the work had not to be carried out in a definite time provision could be made



for horse haulage.

The Chairman and Miss O'Ryan were under the impression that if Road work under these grants was organised at an earlier period of the year than now obtained, it would be possible to employ horse haulage.

The County Surveyor said that as regards haulage from Tinnacree quarry near Kilmuckridge carters were asking a prohibitive price and at the start the Railway Company were not inclined to take up this class of work.

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor could fix what he considered a fair rate for haulage, and if carters did not see their way to accept that it was their own look out.

The County Surveyor said the average cost for horse haulage was 10d per mile and for mechanical haulage 6d.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the Railway lorry was loaded by County Council men at the breaker, while the carter had to load himself. He suggested the Finance Committee should adopt a resolution putting the two classes on the one level as regards the loading of their vehicles, and let the Railway Company provide workers to load their lorries.

Mr. Birthistle said that the stuff was discharged into lorry by means of a chute. Continuing, Mr. Birthistle stated he would always favour horse haulage where it was available and effective. He gave the names of the carters in Barntown area with the amount of haulage already secured by them from Tenders Committees and otherwise, and pointed out that several of these men were also road contractors. He had 17 men employed in the quarry and he would not be able to keep them going with horse haulage. He strongly held to this statement that horse haulage was not available to the necessary extent in the Barntown area. He had experience of the failure of two or three carters in a



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section of ten not turning up on certain occasions, with the result that the work was dislocated. He had £1000 for the Barntown job. £500 would be spent in wages. The haulage by Railway Company would come to about £100, and the balance would go for bitumen and for hire of roller and breaker.

The Chairman said it was probably natural that the Surveyors were allowing mechanical haulage to creep in for road work. It was easier dealt with and would not call for the same amount of organisation. But they should not forget the economic side of it and as he had already pointed out there was not much relief in the employment of a Railway lorry.

Mr. Birthistle was positive that the carters in his area had all the work they could carry out and that the mechanical haulage he proposed employing would not, in any way, interfere with them. He suggested he should be allowed to put his case before the Councillors for Wexford County Electoral area as he was confident he would be able to prove to them that what he proposed was in the interests of the Council and in the interests of the road and would do no harm to the local carters.

This was agreed to.

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

"That when Assistant Surveyors consider it absolutely necessary to employ mechanical haulage they should obtain the previous permission of the County Councillors for the County Electoral area in which the work is located."

#### RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT LOAN

Under date 7th June, 1937, S. Wexford, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote approving of the raising of loan of £950 for the relief of



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Unemployment - £125 to go to the improvement of Main Roads and £825 to the improvement of County Roads - the loan to be obtained from the National Bank and be repayable over a period of three years with interest at the usual rate.

Sealed Order of the Minister consenting to this Loan was also received.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the payment by the Office of Public Works of the sum of £3500, balance of loan (No. 8547 - £10,000) obtained for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

APPLICATION FROM ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Edward Hawkins, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, forwarded application for loan of £200.

It was decided to point out to the applicant that, as the proposed dwellinghouse was only a quarter of a mile from the Urban Boundary, while the County Council regulations prescribed that loans would be advanced only in respect of houses to be located at least a mile from the Town of Enniscorthy, the Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to advance loan in this case.

PROPOSED SALE OF HOUSE: Under date 4th June 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that in regard to proposed transfer of house erected by Michael McGrath, Enniscorthy, to Mrs. Alicia Shortall, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, he had returned draft conveyance and release to Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, who are acting for Mrs. Shortall, and asked for an engrossment of the deed and cheque for £183. 15. 0 to clear off McGrath's indebtedness to the County



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Council, but had heard nothing further in the matter to date.

Miss O'Ryan said she had received a letter from Mrs. Shortall stating that Mr. McGrath did not intend selling the house as he decided to reside in it himself.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to take steps to recover from Michael McGrath any accrued rent.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction transfer of loan of £155 approved to Patrick Byrne, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, (H - 5th March 1936 - 40235/36 - Loch Garman) to Denis Redmond, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, as Patrick Byrne has left the country. That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, take the necessary steps to see that this arrangement will not result in Wexford County Council having to assume any responsibility for payment to Building Contractor, Builders' Providers or any other person concerned in the erection of this house."

HOUSE OF JOHN EUSTACE, CLONLEIGH - NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Under date 26th May, 1937, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had called on Mrs. Eustace, Clonleigh, a week ago in connection with having the house - for which a loan had been granted by the County Council - completed. She informed him that the mason would not complete the house unless Mrs. Eustace would be responsible for the payment of his wages. The mason, later, told the Road Ganger that if Mr. O'Neill agreed to pay his wages he would finish the house, and Mr. O'Neill considered that unless some agreement to this effect is made with the mason there would be small chance of having the work completed.

The Secretary stated he had written to Mr. O'Neill asking him to call on Father Murphy, C.C., Poulpeasty, who



was interested in the erection of this house and endeavour to enlist his good offices to have the mason concerned finish the building.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: Patrick Merriman, Forth Commons, Murrin-town, Wexford, applied for loan of £70 for erection of house (Plan H.4). He stated he would be able to provide building stones and with his own labour he believed he could erect the house for £140.

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

"That provided he be able to satisfy the regulations made by the County Council governing advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and to make title, the County Council be recommended to agree to loan of £70 towards the cost of erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to Patrick Merriman, Forth Commons, Murrintown."

#### COMPLAINT OF GANGER AND WORKMEN

The following was read from Patrick Waters, Loftus Hall, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"I would like to know is the ganger on Loftus Hall Road allowed to kick and box me on the Road on Wednesday, 18th of May, as I was doing my best with the stones. Please, sir, do something in the matter, so I hope you will cool him down."

Under date 5th June, 1937, the following letter from Ganger P. Fitzpatrick was read:-

"I wish to inform you that Patrick Waters of Loftus Hall is giving me considerable trouble since I started him to break the material under Grant, and is now causing dissension amongst the other workers. I have warned him several times, and on one occasion, had to send him home. He aggravated me to the utmost, and finally, went about using the hammer on me. I am giving him the usual week's



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notice, and subject to your approval, will deal with the matter. I hope to see you early in the week, He will only break about half a cubic yard per day, and some days not that much. The other men now complain that if he is to break only this amount and be paid 5/- per day they are entitled to do likewise. I am told he has sent a complaint to the County Council, consequently, I will leave the matter stand until I see you."

Under date 9th June, the following was read from Patrick Waters:-

"Just a line to let you know that I cannot stand the Road Ganger. He got a great big box to throw the stones in for me as I am willing to break them if I was let alone, and is breaking with Philip Walshe, and then he would expect me to have as much broke. He have his eye on me all the time and I am doing my best all the time. So if you please do something in the matter for me. He don't want to have me on the Road at all."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, regarding dispute between P. Fitzpatrick (Road Ganger) and Patrick Waters as to employment on Fethard Road.

That the Finance Committee desire to call to the attention of the County Surveyor the resolution that workmen were to be employed and discharged by the Assistant Surveyors and not by Road Gangers. If the Ganger has any complaint of workmen he should report to the Assistant Surveyor for the district who will investigate the matter immediately and report to the County Surveyor."



SANCTION OF NEW SALARY - MR. DONOHUE

Under date 8th June 1937 the following letter (No. G.32529/37) Loch Garman was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to previous correspondence on the subject, and to state that he has sanctioned Mr. P. M. Donohoe being placed on a salary scale of £156 per annum, and proceeding thence by annual increments of £7. 10s. to £201, and thence by increments of £10 to a maximum of £234 per annum, the new scale to have effect from the 12th April, 1937."

MILLQUARTER LANE

A Memorial signed by Rev. E. Kehoe, C.C., Monaseed, and a large number of ratepayers asking the County Council to take over the maintenance of Millquarter Lane, Monaseed, as a public road, was read.

It was pointed out that 48 families used this lane to attend Mass at Monaseed every Sunday, and their children for attending school at Monaseed.

The Chairman gave notice of motion for meeting of County Council on 9th August 1937 to ask the County Council to take over Millquarter Lane as a public road.

It was also decided that the usual advertisements in connection with this proposal be issued in the three local newspapers.

AUGHNAMAULMEEN LANE

Eleven ratepayers forwarded representations as to repair of this lane, and pointed out that the Council had approved of its repair six years ago, but nothing had been done. The Council's attention had been drawn to it several times without avail.

It was decided to point out to the memorialists that



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repairs to this lane had been submitted to the Office of Public Works after approval by the County Council, but the Office of Public Works did not accept the recommendation, and hence no action was taken as the County Council had no power to expend any of their own funds on the repair of private lanes.

It was decided to again call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the fact that the County Council had already recommended that the repair of this lane should be carried out under Minor Relief Scheme and they requested Office of Public Works to give it favourable consideration.

#### TAGHMON STREET

Under date 9th June 1937, the Secretary, Taghmon Development Association, wrote that at the monthly meeting of the Association, the present bad condition of the street leading from the National Bank to the Catholic Church had been considered and he had been instructed to ask the County Council to have it put in proper repair. The Council's steam roller was engaged locally and the time to have this work done at little cost was opportune.

The County Surveyor said he would be able to carry out some repairs at the place mentioned, but he feared that the full section could not be dealt with until more money was available.

#### KILCORKEY LANE

Messrs. W. Tomkins, Curratubbin and A. Hughes, Kilcorkey, attended the meeting of the Finance Committee in connection with repair of Kilcorkey Lane.

This matter was before the County Council on 14th December last when the County Council pointed out that a proposal had been agreed to by the Office of Public Works for the repair of lane at Seamount, near Courtown, but as one of the adjoining land owners would not sign the usual



agreement in connection with the repair, the project had to be dropped.

The County Surveyor then suggested that the money should be applied to Kilcorkey Lane and this was agreed to.

The County Surveyor stated that representations had been made to the Board of Works regarding the transfer of the amount set aside for Seamount to Kilcorkey. He said he had been informed at Office of Public Works that the application for the transfer would have to stand over until there was more necessity for work in the area. On his next visit he would ask that this application receive special consideration.

Mr. Tomkins said the farmers concerned would give assistance so far as horse work was concerned, and the men who had land adjoining were prepared to sign an undertaking that they would offer no objection to the lane being repaired and widened.

The Chairman said the County Council would do what was possible to have some money from Minor Relief Schemes Vote provided for the repair of this lane.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

The following letter under date 7th June, 1937, (No. G.30326/37, Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of a Telephone Attendant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that if at the end of the experimental period the post of telephone attendant is continued it should be filled by way of competitive examination open to female candidates who have had at least three months experience as telephone operators. The procedure in connection with examinations is set out in Circular Letter of the 25th May, 1936.

The age limits might be 18 -30, the standard National School Sixth Standard, the subjects Irish English, Arithmetic and General Knowledge or, instead of the last mentioned subject, Typewriting if the person appointed is likely to be called on to assist at office work. It should be a condition of appointment that the candidate appointed may be required to do office work of a routine character (filing &c.) in addition to attending at the switchboard. Provision should be made for resignation on marriage and



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candidates may be confined to residents in the County or the children of such residents. A medical certificate will be required if the post is permanent. The Conditions of Appointment should be submitted to Department before publication."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to establish on a permanent basis telephone switch board for County offices as it has given satisfaction in the experimental stage."

On the motion of Mr. Cullimore, seconded by Mr. Colfer it was proposed that the age limits for this position be fixed at 25 to 40 and that competitive examination be open to female candidates who have had at least three months' experience as telephone operators. Candidates must be residents in the County or the children of residents on 1st June 1937.

It was decided that County Secretary submit draft advertisement to the Department of Local Government and Public Health in accordance with letter under date 7th June 1937 (G.30326/37 Loch Garman) with change in age limit.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Miss O'Ryan that Miss B. Moran be continued as Telephone Attendant in County Hall, Wexford, until the permanent officer for this position takes office. That Mr. A. K. Killeen, C.E.O., County Wexford Vocational Education Committee be asked to act as Examiner and Superintendent in connection with examination for permanent appointment of Telephone Attendant.

Passed.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

John Breen, Ballydonegan, Ferns, and Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, applicants for award of University Scholarships, came before the meeting and were questioned by Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman as to their practical knowledge of Agriculture, it being provided by University Scholarship Scheme that students taking Agriculture for Degree should



be able to produce evidence of this character.

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

"That, in the opinion of the Finance Committee John Breen, Ballydonegan, Ferns, and Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, have a sufficient practical knowledge of agriculture to be considered eligible to compete for the University Scholarship set aside for Agriculture and to proceed to a Degree in that subject in the event of being recommended for Scholarship by the University Authorities, award to be made to student securing the highest marks."

#### WIDENING ROSSLARE ROAD

Under date 28th May, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RB/32) that the Minister had authorised such departure from the Public Bodies Orders as would enable the County Council to raise a loan for the purpose of carrying out the work of widening road at Rosslare.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, wrote that application would be made at Enniscorthy Court on 10th June 1937 for committal to an Industrial School of James Hayden, Kilcormack, Oulart, aged 13 years and one month. The boy was being charged with housebreaking and larceny (Kilcormack National School) in May 1937 and case would be heard on 10th June.

Under date 1st June 1937, the Inspector National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, wrote that application would be made at Children's Court, Wexford, on 9th June 1937 for committal of Mary Fenlon, Kilsoran, Tagoat, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, illegitimate child of Mary Anne Fenlon, aged 6 years.

Sergeant O'Connor, Garda Síochána, Campile, wrote under



date 31st May 1937, that an application would be made at New Ross Court on 8th June 1936 for the committal of John and James Phelan, Ballykerogue, Campile, to an Industrial School. They were both accused of breaking into the house of Bernard Mulhern on 17th May, 1937.

These applications were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### PROPOSED BUILDING AT HALSEYRATH, BALLYMITTY

In connection with application of P. Martin to erect a building on his farm at Halseyrath, the site of which was within 30 feet of the centre of the road, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, furnished rough sketch and stated he did not see any objection to the construction beyond the fact that it came within the statutory 30 feet of the road centre. The building appeared to be 19 feet, 3 inches, from the centre of the road.

It was decided to make no order on the application.

#### INSURANCE OF CARTERS

The County Surveyor said he would consult further with County Solicitor in connection with agreement suggested by the County Councils General Council to be entered into with carters and by which contributions under Insurance Acts would not be payable to these workers.

#### WARBLE FLY ORDER

Dermot E. Druhan, Inspector (No. 13 Area) stated he had served detention notices on the following:- J. Barry, Rackardstown, Kilmore; P. Doyle, Ballyharty, Kilmore; W. Jones, Park, Wexford; P. O'Toole, Park, Wexford; W. Joyce, Butlerstown, Cleariestown; Fintan Murphy, Churchtown, Kilrane and John Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford.



RATE LEDGER

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer, the tender of Messrs. J. English & Co. to supply a Rate Ledger at £2. 15. 0d was accepted.

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Under date 3rd June 1937 letter was read from Secretary County Councils' General Council, that the Annual Meeting would be held during Horse Show Week (August 3rd to 7th). Notice of any matter which the Council desired to have placed on the agenda should be furnished on or before 20th July 1937.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th June 1937 be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION - CARRYING FORWARD ARREARS: Mr. T. Redmond proposed:-

"That we dissent from the proposal of the Finance Committee and direct that instead of two years' arrears being brought into ordinary warrant only one year be so dealt with and the balance of the arrears included in special demand notes."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Col. Gibbon supported the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as did other members.

After further discussion, Mr. T. Redmond withdrew his motion and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

MECHANICAL HAULAGE: Under date 11th June 1937, the following was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In connection with haulage I follow the principle adopted by the Tenders Committee of the County Council. Where possible I use horse haulage, provided the difference in cost is not too great. For some grant jobs in my district horse haulage would not be suitable e.g., from Carrigbyrne to New Ross, and from Burkestown to Fethard. The distance is too far, and the use of horses is impossible. It would not be possible to keep a mixing plant going with a number of carters working over a long distance - any delay with a cart would throw the whole staff out of work as well as waste material. In shorter haulage I have used carters with lorries for haulage of rough material e.g., at Campile. I would find it impossible to get sufficient carters to keep a roller going, and it is not desirable, on narrow roads, to have material lying for a considerable time waiting for horse haulage to put out enough material to start a roller. In case of haulage of tar it is usually impossible to leave a consignment lying for days at a railway until the haulier is able to move it."

Under date 11th June 1937 Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote:-

"With reference to above, I beg to report that I have had very little mechanical haulage in my area until recently when I found I could not proceed with work if I were to



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depend on horse haulage, particularly on Grant Work. For instance, when arranging for Rolling Work on Ballycanew Road I wanted at least twenty four carters per day, and after a canvass of area was promised twenty - out of this number eight turned up, but not regularly, with the result that instead of twenty four hourses being available I only had an average of four or five per day. Because of this I was obliged to shut down work, and move Rolling Plant to another job so as to enable me to make such arrangements as would make it possible to proceed with the work.

Where sufficient horse help is available I have used same in all my haulage work, but must say I find it increasingly difficult to obtain carters for some time back owing to increased tillage and other public works now in progress.

At last Meeting of Tenders Committee for Haulage Tenders held in Gorey in February out of a total of one hundred and thirteen roads put up for tender only eighty three were taken by fifty one individual carters, and since then I have not had any inquiries from hauliers as to setting of untendered roads. In previous years it will be remembered there was keen competition for this work so much so that it was limited to land holders up to a certain acreage, and it was quite an easy matter to get any untendered roads taken up. In one Section where fourteen roads were for tender only four roads were taken and these by two people.

I have since endeavoured to get hauliers to undertake carting where same was on hands, but so far have not succeeded. In cases even where work allotted on some of Main Roads tar patching is being held up as those who got this haulage work say they cannot reach on it.

With regard to distribution of tar drums I have had somewhat similar difficulties to contend with, and having in view the scarcity of hauliers had my consignments booked direct from depot to Road. In this way I had all my material delivered quickly and as drums were rolled from lorries on skids they were deposited without breakages thus saving considerably from avoidance of waste through leakages from damaged casks."

Miss O'Ryan said that several carters in the Barntown district who stated they spoke for all, were quite satisfied that Mr. Birthistle should employ mechanical haulage, as they had in hands as much work as they could carry out. The seventeen men in the quarry had to be kept going, and at the present stage this could be done only by mechanical haulage. If the material could have been put out on the road six months ago horse haulage could have been arranged for.

The County Surveyor said this could not be done under a Relief Grant. Relief men were working in the quarry, and in consequence, the stuff could not be put on the road at



an earlier period.

Mr. Birthistle said he would not stand for mechanical haulage unless its employment was absolutely necessary. It would be impossible to provide for 1200 yards of material on the road within a very limited period unless with mechanical haulage. It was economic to employ mechanical haulage for long distances, but on short draws it might not be as cheap as horse haulage. Besides the seventeen workers in the quarry there were six other men employed on the road. If they were to cart out the material there would be a big gap in the work. All the tenders Committees have recommended that mechanical haulage be adopted over long distances. There would not be the discrepancy of as between 6d and 10d over short distances.

COMPLAINT GANGER AND WORKMAN: In reply to Mr. Ronan, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said he did not obtain a statement from Waters.

Mr. Ronan said if Mr. O'Neill had dealt with the two men face to face it would have been more advisable.

The Chairman said that they would not be able to secure as good an output from men supplied by the Employment Exchange as from their own staff. These men were employed only for four days a week and there should be a little give and take in accordance with circumstances.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col. Gibbon it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

TELEPHONE ATTENDANT: Mr. O'Byrne moved and Mr. Lawlor seconded the following resolution:-

"That we dissent from the resolution of Finance Committee fixing ~~the~~ limits of age for Telephone Attendant at from 25 to 40 and fix same at from 18 to 40."

Passed.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th June 1937, as submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved, unless where dissented from or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Report of meeting of Scholarship Committee held on 15th May, was presented with drafts of Secondary & Vocational and University Scholarships Schemes.

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

"That report of Scholarship Committee relative to Secondary & Vocational and University Scholarship Schemes for 1938 be received and considered."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHEME: Under date 12th June, 1937, (No. O11.2/48582) letter was read from the Office of National Education, Dublin as follows:-

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th instant relative to the scheme for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, which Co. Wexford desires to introduce for the year 1938, and I am to convey the Department's formal approval of the scheme.

In connection with the printing of the scheme, I am to make the following observations and suggestions:-

Clause 6, line 2, word "if" should read "of".

Clause 8. As previously notified to your Council, should any case arise in connection with the award of a scholarship to a Preparatory College student, it will be open to full consideration by the Department. I am to add, however, that as the Pupil Teacher Scheme is now being discontinued, the words "pupil teacherships or" should be omitted from line 2 of this section.

It is suggested that the three paragraphs immediately



following Clause 13, headed "Programme and Examination Conditions", could now be omitted; also that the sections "Subjects of Examination" (amended in accordance with the terms of the recent circular relative to the Irish and English versions of the examination papers) and "Conditions for Passing the Examination" be inserted after Clause 7, and be numbered 8 and 9.

The addition to Clause 9 (which now becomes Clause 10) regarding the rate of refund, is noted.

Clause 8 - now becomes Clause 10.

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"	12	"	"	"	14
"	13	"	"	"	15.

A copy of the scheme, setting out the suggested amendments, is enclosed.

Kindly submit, for use in the Department, twelve copies of the scheme when printed."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the meeting accepted the following alteration in this Clause of the Scheme:-

"In the case of applicants from Urban and Rural districts, the means of the family with number of children as at

- (a) must not exceed £360 per annum from all sources:  
six children or more.
- (b) " " " £310 per annum from all sources;  
four or five children.
- (c) " " " £270 per annum from all sources;  
two or three children.
- (d) " " " £226 per annum from all sources:  
one child.

Children referred to in this clause must be under 18 years of age."

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



"That the Secondary & Vocational Scholarship Scheme as furnished by the Office of National Education in letter under date 12th June 1937 (O11.2/48582) be and the same is hereby approved with the alteration covered by the resolution of the Chairman fixing the means of all parents or guardians of applicants on the same level."

UNIVERSITY SCHEME: The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That, in view of the fact that Gerald Coffey and his mother have resided at Baldwinstown, County Wexford, with her brother, for over five years, he be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarship even though Mrs. Coffey cannot be described as a Ratepayer."

Mr. Corish, in moving his motion, said that the Finance Committee had recognised the fact that the residence qualification to enable students to compete for University Scholarship was too rigid, as they had recommended that in addition to the children of ratepayers who were residing in the County for five years, the children of persons residing in premises in respect of which rates were payable for the previous five years or the children of parents who were caretakers of public institutions should be allowed to compete for Scholarships. In the case of Gerald Coffey, his mother had been residing at Baldwinstown, with her brother, who was a ratepayer, for a number of years past.

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

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

"That we hereby regard John Breen, Ballydonegan, Ferns, Timothy J. Murphy, Knockreigh, Adamstown, and Michael Prendergast, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, as eligible to compete for award of University Scholarships."



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

"That, as recommended by Finance Committee, the following addendum be inserted in line 2 of University Scholarship Scheme after the word Ratepayers - "And all who have resided for five years in premises in County Wexford in respect of which Rates are payable or for the same period as caretakers of public institutions".

And that as recommended by Scholarship Committee <sup>other</sup> the provisions be approved.

#### LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD ROLLERS

The following motion stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 14th June, 1937, that the said County Council agree to borrow the sum of £2050 for the purpose of purchasing two Road Rollers and living vans for same, period of repayment to be ten years or such shorter period as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is prepared to sanction."

This motion was circulated to County Councillors on 1st May, 1937.

Miss O'Ryan moved the motion which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the charge for the use of rollers had been increased so that they could realise through the hire of Machinery the amount of instalments on the loan now proposed to be borrowed.

#### MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. FUNGE

Under date 19th May, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.39512/37 Loch Garman) that as regards the proposed marriage gratuity of £80 to Mrs. Funge (nee Doyle) as her permanent appointment could only be regarded as dating from 4th August, 1928, the



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maximum gratuity to which she would be entitled was £76. 11. 1d, and accordingly, a fresh resolution granting a gratuity not exceeding this amount was necessary.

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, and which appeared on agenda paper for meeting was moved by Mr. Colfer:-

"That, in consequence of the decision of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to date of permanent appointment of Mrs. Funge (former Assistant Librarian), marriage gratuity voted to her be fixed at £76. 11. 1d vice £80 agreed to by the County Council."

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

#### SEALED ORDER - WATER SUPPLIES

Under date 5th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. P.H.22302/37 Loch Garman)(Pg), forwarding copies of Sealed Order for supplies of water and maintaining same at St. Senan's, Enniscorthy, and Bellefield, Enniscorthy, Area of Charge being Enniscorthy Rural District, as constituted immediately before 1st day of October 1925.

#### WIDENING ROAD ROSSLARE

Under date 4th June 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote S. that notice of the intention of the County Council to raise a loan of £1,500 for the widening of road at Rosslare should be advertised once in some newspaper circulating in the district, after which application for sanction to the loan will receive early attention.

The Secretary stated the advertisement required by the Department had been published in the three local papers, and copy had been supplied to the Department.



NEW SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Under date 12th May 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.6111-35) that a new Sheep <sup>Dipping</sup> Order to replace the Order of 1915 was about to issue. Under this, the Summer and Autumn dipping periods would be replaced by one double-dipping period in each year extending from 1st August to 31st October inclusive. For the former "Market periods" there would in future be one such period extending from 1st September to 31st October in each year.

Draft copy of specimen Regulations for Counties in which dipping stations etc. existed, were enclosed.

The Minister, in view of the modification of the obligations hitherto imposed on sheep owners and Local Authorities expected a more general co-operation on the part of owners and Authorities in the work of organised dipping, which is of paramount importance to the welfare of the sheep industry.

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

"That advertisement in connection with new Sheep Dipping Order be issued in the three local papers, and that the question of the appointment of the lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors be referred to Finance Committee meeting of the 25th June 1937 which is also asked to report relative to the general administration of the Order to the Annual Meeting of the County Council to be held on 28th June, 1937."

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to re-appoint present Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors, and should they consider it necessary for the proper administration, they be empowered for this year to appoint further Inspectors."

"That our Secretary submit Draft Advertisement to Department of Agriculture for sanction."



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FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

Under date 1st June 1937 (P.A.26538/37 - Estates R.H. Ryland Record No. E.C.8483 - E.M. Gallwey Rec. No. S.855), the Irish Land Commission wrote they did not consider any useful purpose would be served by the suggested interview of a deputation from Wexford County Council relative to the flooding of lands at Fisherstown and Great Island.

Mr. Redmond asked could nothing further be done.

Miss O'Ryan said that although the Land Commission would not receive a deputation they might not have turned down the application.

Mr. T. Redmond then proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was passed nem.con.:

"That the Irish Land Commission be requested in connection with flooding of lands of Fisherstown and Great Island to increase their contribution towards repair of embankment on the River Barrow from £250 to £400, the last named figure being based on the estimate of a competent engineer. That this money be furnished by State Grant and that no contribution be asked from the landowners concerned in the flooding!"

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

Under date 19th May, 1937, the Office of Public Works wrote (C.87.60/1/36) enclosing Agreement for hire of their Dredger "Saxifrage" for execution and completion in respect of dredging at Courtown Harbour.

The Grant of £450 available for the works at Courtown is intended to cover cost of the works already carried out by the Council in preparation for the operations of the dredger as well as the actual cost for dredger, and only such dredging work as will be covered by the balance of the £450, after deducting the cost of the preparatory works already carried out, can now be done. A certified statement of the cost of the preparatory works so that the



balance available to meet the cost of dredging may be determined, was asked for.

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

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to the agreement between the said Council and Office of Public Works in connection with hire of dredger "Saxifrage"."

The County Surveyor stated he had supplied information as to the cost of the preparatory works.

REPRESENTATIVE - IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Under date 26th May, 1937, the Irish Tourist Association wrote asking that the County Council should nominate a Representative on the Board of Directors of the Association.

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

"That Councillor Corish, T.D., and Mayor of Wexford, be re-appointed as Representative of this County Council on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1938."

URBAN DISTRICTS DEMANDS

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

"That the Finance Committee report from next meeting as to the payments and outstanding amounts for the three Urban Districts of the County on foot of County Council demand."

WORKMENS' HOLIDAYS

Mr. Lawlor said it was a hardship on some workmen to find when work was shut down for the week's holidays to comply with the Conditions of Employment Act that they got only a day's pay and some other men nothing at all.

The County Surveyor said that all workers received a



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day's pay for every two months they were in the employment of the County Council. That was the legal position and the Council had no power to alter it.

#### CURRATUBBIN ROAD

The following, under date 11th June, 1937, was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, relative to above:-

"The portion of this road complained of is not a part on which improvement work is in contemplation, but a part on which such work is actually in progress. I was notified of two grants last September, one on this road, and another near Killealy. The Killealy Grant was almost completed before the Winter, while on this road the foundation was put in. This foundation gave a much improved road for the Winter. I had intended to put on the top course and finish the job during April and May. Shortly before Christmas I was notified of five Relief Grants to take priority of everything else. Consequently, all preparations for finishing this grant on Road No. 29 were held up, and it will not now be finished until August. The foundation which had been put in, while good enough for Winter wear, was never intended to stand dry weather. It became loose during May. I instructed the foreman to get it raked and covered down. On account of the weeks holidays this was not done until the first week of June. Incidentally, the foreman was laid up with pleurisy for two months previous to the middle of May.

I may say I resent very much the tone of the letter from the Finance Committee. It is founded on an entire misconception of the facts. With the amount of machinery at our disposal and the amount of small scattered grants we are now expected to carry out, it is impossible to have things as we would like."



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The County Surveyor said that the Finance Committee had not written to Mr. Ennis; the letter relative to this road was issued by him (County Surveyor).

Miss O'Ryan said the condition of this road was a disgrace to their road administration.

The Chairman said that for years four miles of it had been extra bad.

The County Surveyor said he would look into the matter again with Mr. Ennis.

#### SEA "GAPS" IN BLACKWATER DISTRICT

Miss O'Ryan said that in reference to coast erosion at Ballyconnigar, she had been told by a man from Blackwater, that two gaps had been stopped by barbed wire. Was that right?

The County Surveyor said this had been done for protection of people walking there. Cush Gap, with a sheer drop of 40 feet was even worse.

Miss O'Ryan said her information was that visitors could not get down there, even walking, without great difficulty owing to the wire there. She wondered if they had the right to stop people.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that there was a sheer drop of 40 feet, and a strange motorist might go over the cliff. People could not get down there at the moment, it was too steep.

Miss O'Ryan thought the fences should have been put further up the road, and notices put up. Then, if people wanted to get down, let them. It was a favourite bathing place.

The County Surveyor said he would make some temporary arrangement, but it would be washed away by the first storm.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting, and that the County Surveyor see the place



in the meantime. If only minor alterations would meet the case the County Surveyor be directed to carry them out.

Miss O'Ryan said they should see that the fence would not prevent people from bathing.

The Chairman said that the Summer season was in now, and it was reported to him that residents who were in the habit of keeping visitors, would lose them if something were not done.

The County Surveyor said they could do something to provide for ordinary active people.

Mr. Kelly seconded Col. Gibbon's motion which was adopted.

#### FETHARD DOCK

Mr. T. Redmond said that two men had been with him to know if Fethard dock had been forgotten altogether, or if the Council could do anything with it.

The County Surveyor said that what the local people wanted there was too big a job.

Mr. Redmond - Haven't we £250 allotted for the cleaning out of the dock?

County Surveyor - No; there is no money allotted for that. It was suggested to make application to some of the Departments. The men said they did not want that. There is a rock in the bottom there, and if we cleaned the sand out without maintaining a sufficiency of water in it, they would be worse off.

Col. Gibbon - It would be better to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Mr. Redmond said the trouble was that the dock was no protection for boats.

The County Surveyor said the cost of what the fishermen wanted would be anything up to £1,000.

Mr. Redmond suggested that the Chairman would very



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likely be in the district in the next couple of weeks, and the people could show him the place. There was no doubt that what they expected would mean considerable expenditure—much more than twice £250. What they wanted was the building of an arm like a breakwater to prevent the rush of the tide when there was a storm. There were surely twenty boats at the place, and they had to be brought a mile away from the dock when there was a storm.

Mr. Colfer said that some of the people down there had bought new boats.

It was decided that the County Councillors for New Ross Electoral Area, with the County Surveyor, inspect the place and report to the Council, the Chairman to attend if possible and the County Surveyor to furnish report to Finance Committee.

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

It was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. M. Redmond and adopted:—

"That renewals of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Denis Lennon, Merchant, Bunclody; James S. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross ~~and~~ John Roche, Camolin, James J. Codd, 26/27 Court Street, Enniscorthy, Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross (P. Tierney & Co.) and Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford."

#### OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES

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

"That, as requested by Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Wexford County Council offer no objection to the erection of overground Telegraphic Lines (1) along Irish Street and County Road from Market Square to a point 740 yards south in Bunclody ~~and~~ (2) along Station Road, Rosslare Strand and (3) from Campile Post Office to Piltown House."



COMPENSATION RE BURNING OF BALLYNESTRAGH

The following resolution was held over from last meeting of County Council on 10th May, 1937:-

"That, as regards the balance of award of £31,000 for burning of Ballynestragh House, we strongly recommend that this should be paid to Mr. J. L. Esmonde, B.L., to be applied in the erection of houses in Gorey or in some portion of the County which is under the control of the County Council."

The Chairman said that the question of the payment of the balance of the award was a matter for the Department of Finance and Mr. John L. Esmonde.

Mr. O'Byrne said it would appear from the figures that there was a balance of £8,000 of the award held by the Government and which under the original award would have been spent in the County. They should protest against its retention.

The Chairman said the Council had no grievance in the matter. The decrees in these cases were all subject to amendment by Department of Finance. The compensation in this instance was for the burning of a residence, and so far as applicant was prepared to carry out reconstruction sufficient money was being provided by the Government.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL AND NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION.

Under date, 13th May, 1937, letter was read from the Gaelic League, Dublin, asking the Council to adopt the following resolution passed by the County Councils' General Council:-

"That we recommend to the Minister for Education to hold an Inquiry into how far the Universities and Constituent College have adjusted their educational programme so



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as to ensure the greatest possible services from them in  
the policy of national reconstruction."

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £983l. 0. 5d was examined  
and signed.

N. O'Byrne . 28<sup>th</sup> June 1937



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL MEETING 28th JUNE, 1937.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 28th June, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, P. Colfer, William Cullimore, Col. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, and County Surveyor were in attendance.

Miss O'Ryan was moved to the Chair on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond.

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

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £12050. 6. 0d (Ordinary Payments) and £23007 (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

"That Mr. Denis Allen be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for year 1937-38 and to hold this position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

Mr. Allen, having returned thanks, subscribed the usual declaration of office.

#### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

"That Mr. Corish be re-elected Vice-Chairman of this County Council to hold this position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."



CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th June 1937 were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th June, 1937.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) subsequently attended, and presided for the remainder of the business.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4298. 8. 7d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, SOLICITOR

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Michael J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, and particularly with Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, son of deceased, and Coroner for South Wexford. The late Mr. O'Connor was very prominent in the industrial and social life of Wexford, in fact, he was one of the best known and most popular men in the whole country.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

The motion was spoken to by Mr. Kelly, the County Secretary and County Solicitor, and adopted in silence.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following joint report from the Secretary and County Solicitor, was submitted in connection with the proposed change of dealing with Rate Collection:-



"As regards handing over the control of the Rate Collection to the County Secretary and County Solicitor, the latter does not consider it advisable that the name of the Rate Inspector should be included in Warrant jointly with the Rate Collector.

For all purposes for which a warrant is needed the name of the Collector is entirely sufficient.

Under the new arrangement it is to be understood that the Secretary will have full discretion to direct Rate Collectors and see they carry out their duties according to their obligations.

It is the intention to set a certain percentage of rates for collection each month. If that be not reached, the Collectors in default must attend at County Council Offices where their outstanding items will be closely examined and directions given them after consultation with County Solicitor, to proceed against all who appear to be in a position to pay.

The County Solicitor will secure registration of Judgment Mortgages in suitable cases, and in which the arrears are substantial. The costs of these may run to £8 or £10, as the costs of Solicitor holding decrees must first be discharged.

It is suggested that no alteration be made in regard to procedure of Collectors for recovery of current Rate and they be allowed to employ their own Solicitors.

The County Solicitor will take charge of recovery of arrears over two years. The costs allowed by Court to be retained by County Solicitor; in the event of non-recovery of costs the County Council are to be liable to the County Solicitor for the amount.

It will be necessary that a Rates Clerk with some years experience in a Solicitor's office be appointed to cover



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extra work of County Solicitor, etc.

Salary to be fixed at £3 per week and appointment to be for a provisional period of six months.

It is not considered desirable to make any further changes for the present.

It is understood that nothing will be done until these proposals receive the sanction of the Minister."

The Chairman considered it would be more advisable if the suggestion he made at last Finance Committee was carried out in full and that the County Solicitor would take over all legal business in connection with the current rate and full amount of arrears. In this connection, he pointed out that if an outside Solicitor was dealing with rate cases he would have to supply his own staff and possibly be satisfied with the amount of Court costs as remuneration. It might be difficult to convince the Council that they should supply Mr. Elgee with an extra clerk and that also he should be entitled to receive all fees and costs in connection with the full amount of the collection. He would be prepared to move the adoption of this proposal but considered that probably it might be necessary for Mr. Elgee to submit a memo to the next meeting of the Finance Committee as to how he would be affected by the suggestion which he made and by the system generally. When the Finance Committee considered this they would probably be in a position to make a final recommendation to the County Council.

The Chairman's suggestion was agreed to.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Letter under date 12th May 1937 No. E.6111-35 from Department of Agriculture relative to new Sheep Dipping Order and which was before the meeting of the County Council on 14th June 1937 was read.

Letter under date 19th June, 1937, with same number, forwarding copies of New Order etc., was also read.



The Finance Committee had been empowered by that meeting to re-appoint Sheep Dipping Inspectors and to make any other recommendations which they considered advisable, for the proper administration of the work of dipping.

The Secretary stated he had submitted draft advertisement to the Department of Agriculture calling attention to the new double dipping period extending from 1st August to 31st October, which replaced the old dipping periods, running from 1st June to 15th November. Under the new Order, the Dipping Period covered 92 days and the old dipping periods covered 168.

In reply to queries, the Secretary stated that the Inspectors were paid at the rate of £1 per week for the full period plus postage, being approximately £125. Under the new dipping period, if the Inspectors were paid at the same rate the amount would run to about £70. The Finance Committee were of opinion that there was a possibility of stimulating the interests of the Inspectors by a small increase in the amount of their remuneration.

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

"That Messrs. James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, be re-appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Enniscorthy District."

"That Mr. Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew and Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, be re-appointed for Gorey District."

"That Mr. M. J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathnure, be re-appointed for New Ross District."

"That Mr. James Hayden, be re-appointed for Wexford District."

"That remuneration in each case be £20 for the period, plus actual outlay for postage."

It was decided that draft advertisement submitted by



the Secretary be inserted in the three local papers for the information of sheep owners when sanction to same had been received from Department of Agriculture.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy, Solicitors for John Dunne, Killagoley, Enniscorthy, wrote that the loan of £200 in this case was approved in October 1934. The location of site was very little short of the requirements of County Council that it should be situate more than a mile from Urban boundary. Dunne might be able to obtain an alternative site, but this would still be a few yards inside the Urban boundary. In the circumstances, the Council were asked to waive the condition of distance from the Urban boundary.

The meeting considered it inadvisable to vary the regulations referred to in Solicitor's letter on behalf of Mr. Dunne and recommended he should endeavour to secure a new site at least ~~to be~~ one mile outside Urban District Boundary.

Under date 16th June 1937 Mr. William F. O'Regan, National Teacher, Caim, wrote stating he had built a residence two years ago for which he had received Government Grant. He now applied for loan of £100 from County Council.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Regan the Committee regretted they were only empowered to advance loans for houses which had been erected under the supervision of the Officers of the County Council.

APPLICATION NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Francis Browne, Sheilbaggan, Ramsgrange, applied for loan of £165 on a £250 house. This application is in substitution of application for loan from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Howlett, Shelbaggin.

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



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"That subject to compliance with regulations governing advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and also to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a loan of £165 be advanced to Francis Browne, Sheilbaggan, Ramsgrange."

HOUSE OF JOHN EUSTACE, CLONLEIGH, NEW ROSS: Under date, 17th June, 1937, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that the mason who was formerly at work at Eustace's house promised him he would see Eustace and make some agreement about finishing the building. He (Mr. O'Neill) found the mason working at the house on 15th June and there was now a possibility of getting the work completed.

It was decided that the allocation of outstanding credit balances of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for the Districts of New Ross and Wexford be allocated to applicants in Enniscorthy and Gorey at next meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 9th July, 1937.

#### APPLICATIONS REVISIONS OF VALUATION

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

"That the several applications presented to this meeting by our Secretary from Rate Collectors and others, be agreed to and forwarded General Valuation Office."

#### GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND ENCLOSURE OF SMALL PLOT OF GROUND

Under date 11th June, 1937, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote asking for permission to enclose a small portion of the entrance to the Stream at Gorey Town Hall so that the front wall and the line of new houses will run parallel at this point.

Under date 18th June 1937, the County Surveyor forwarded the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-



"I made inspection of above on 12th instant with Town Clerk and found that, as same does not interfere with road permission may be granted."

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

"That, in view of report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, no objection be offered to the Gorey Town Commissioners enclosing small portion of the entrance to the stream at Gorey Town Hall, in order that front wall and line of new houses will run parallel to this point."

#### RECONSTRUCTION BUNCLODY STREETS

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 21st June, 1937, RGR/32, stating that an effort should be made to provide for the streets of Bunclody, a dust free surface of a much cheaper character than concrete. This re-surfacing should be carried out as soon as possible and not deferred until money <sup>was</sup> available for concrete work.

The County Surveyor said he would lay down tar macadam at Bunclody with the next Improvement Grant.

This was approved.

#### WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

Under date 8th June 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RS/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the arrangement for writing up records of Enniscorthy machinery yard as approved by the County Council on 10th April being adopted for six months.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER AT RAILWAY BRIDGE, GOREY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the District Engineer's Office, Waterford, Great Southern Railways, in connection with the proposal for the improvement of corner at Gorey Railway Bridge:-



"With reference to your letter of the 8th instant, and your interview with my assistant, Mr. Meleady, I enclose herewith tracing setting out the proposed alterations which you wish to carry out at Bridge No. 280 Harcourt Street / Wexford Line. I should be glad if you would let me know if the tracing sets out fully the work which you wish to carry out.

Permission to carry out the alterations will be granted subject to the following conditions. I shall be glad to know from you if your Council will agree to the conditions before I take up with my head-quarters:-

1. The Council to carry out the work in so far as it effects the Railway Company to the satisfaction of the Company's Engineer, and relieve the Company of all responsibility for any accidents or injuries to persons or property as a result of the required permission being granted.
2. The Council to erect a concrete retaining wall to replace the loose stone wall which they intend taking down. Said concrete wall to be maintained afterwards by the Council.
3. The Council to erect and maintain afterwards reinforced concrete posts and 7 wire fencing to replace the Company's boundary walls where same are to be removed.
4. The Council to dress back the Railway slopes where necessary and to the satisfaction of the Company's Engineer and to agree to under-pin any foundations which may be exposed as a result of the said dressing back.
5. The Council to extend and cover in the Railway Company's gullet and afterwards maintain the covered-in portion.
6. The Council to bear the cost of the work carried out including the cost of the necessary agreement with the Railway Company."

Some members of the Committee considered that the Railway Company should be responsible for the maintenance of any



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portion of the place previously in their possession, and that the County Council's responsibility should be limited to the particular section previously maintained by them.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the maintenance referred to in the letter would probably mean only a few shillings in the year and he recommended the acceptance of the conditions laid down by the Railway Company.

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

"That, in view of the recommendation of the County Surveyor as to easement of corner at Gorey Railway Bridge, we recommend the County Council to agree to the conditions laid down in letter from the Engineer of the Great Southern Railways under date 22nd June, 1937."

#### CINEMATOGRAPH ACT 1909

The Secretary, Department of Justice, wrote under date 18th June (98/10) that the Minister for Justice had given consideration to the question of fuller co-operation of the Garda Síochána in the enforcement of the Cinematograph Act and proposed to issue instructions to the Garda to prosecute in future for any offences under the Act which they may detect.

For this purpose it was necessary that the Garda should be furnished with copies of all Cinematograph Licences issued under the Act and to have a copy of every new licence or renewal of existing licences furnished to them. Licensing Authorities were requested to make this arrangement.

It was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That Wexford County Council are prepared to offer all possible facilities such as furnishing copies of Cinematograph Act Licences etc. to the Garda Síochána in effecting the more efficient administration of the Cinematograph Act,



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL DEMANDS

In compliance with resolution adopted at last County Council meeting the following statement as to the payment of County Council Demands on Urban District was submitted:-

Enniscorthy	£1605 (half-year)
New Ross	£237 Roads (half year)
" "	£737 Ordinary Demand (quarter)
Wexford	£3162 (half-year).

DRAINAGE FERNS DISTRICT

The Boolavogue Fianna Fail Club, under date 23rd June 1937, wrote asking for a Minor Grant under Drainage Scheme to have main drain from Kilcoilshy Bridge to Kilcormack Bridge a distance of about four statute miles opened and cleaned. The lands were heavily flooded and dangerous for live stock.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

REDEMPTION COUNTY HALL RENTS

With reference to proposal for the redemption of rents of County Hall, Wexford, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the amounts proposed to be paid (based on 20 years' purchase) appeared to be somewhat excessive. It was suggested that instead of present proposals the Council should arrange with the landlords for the acceptance of amounts based on 15 to 18 years' purchase.

Mr. Elgee said that a lesser number of years' purchase had been offered and refused by the vendors. Even with 20 years' purchase taking the present rate of Interest into account there would be a drop of 20% as compared with the existing rent and a cut of 27% on an 18 years' basis.

It was decided to inform the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the County Council had offered, without success, a lesser amount than what would be realised by 20 years purchase of County Hall rents.



### WARBLE FLY ORDER

Under date 10th June 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L/651/37) stating that on the 5th instant a Departmental Inspector, while on duty at North Wall, Dublin, examined a lot of 17 cattle which it is alleged, were purchased on that date by Mr. J. O'Reilly, Prussia Street, Dublin, from Mr. J. Webb, Gorey. Though 12 of the cattle were heavily infested with warbles, as far as could be ascertained, there was no evidence of their having been dressed as prescribed by the Warble Fly Order. The Department directed that the matter should be investigated. The local Warble Fly Inspector should furnish his full observations in the matter.

Patrick Lawlor, Camolin, Inspector, wrote that when he called on Mr. J. Webb on the 14th June, he was informed by him that he sold three cattle on 5th instant at Gorey fair, one to Mr. Lyons, Cabra, Dublin, one to Mr. Counihan, Dublin and one to Mr. O'Reilly, Dublin. The Inspector then saw Mr. John Webb, Beech Lodge, Gorey, who said he had sold five cattle to Ignatius Byrne, Dublin and four to Mr. Counihan, Dublin. He next called on Mr. John Webb, Junior, Coolishall Gorey and he stated he had sold three cattle to Mr. A. Lyons, Cabra, Dublin, and one to Mr. Laing, Belfast. The people that Mr. Webb mentioned were all cattle dealers and are constantly buying and selling cattle in different fairs.

The Secretary stated a report would be furnished by Mr. Mernagh, Veterinary Surgeon for the district.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until this report was at hand.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from the Inspector for the N.S.P.C.C. as to application to be made under Section 58(1) (H) Childrens Acts 1908-24 for the committal to an Industrial School of Teresa Anna Mary and Margaret Doyle, of Bally-



eland, Davidstown, to St. Michael's Industrial School. The father, John Doyle, was a labourer with Mr. Stafford of Ballyeland and in receipt of 10/- per week as wages. He had to maintain himself and six children on this amount. The mother died in January 1935.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

RENTS OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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

"That the County Solicitor submit report to next meeting of Finance Committee giving particulars of the unredeemed rents of Old County Courthouse."

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS  
FOR WORK AT REGISTER OF ELECTORS

In connection with query by Mr. T. Redmond, County Councillor, at last County Council meeting as to why Rate Collectors had not been paid for work of preparing Register of Electors up to then, as the main portion of the work had been carried out in November last, Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar, wrote that no complaint in the matter had been received by him from any Rate Collector. He had to wait for the money from the County Council to make payment. The accounts were very detailed and had to be very carefully prepared for submission to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for checking. The Department took weeks and some times months to carry out this work and he had never been in the position of being able to pay until the lapse of some months after 1st June. At the moment, he could not put aside the work in connection with the General Election to attend to anything else.

It was decided to send copy of letter to Mr. T. Redmond.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - REQUISITION FOR SUPPLIES

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



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"That we agree to provide the various articles for use of Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts set out in requisition of Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, and that small articles referred to therein, such as twine, sealing wax, ink, envelopes (ordinary) and blotting paper etc. be - where possible - purchased locally."

#### COMPLAINT OF PATRICK WATERS, ROAD WORKER

In connection with complaint of Ganger Fitzpatrick, by Patrick Waters, who was working on Fethard Road, the County Surveyor said he had investigated the statement made by Waters. The Ganger had every reason to complain of Waters as he took  $2\frac{1}{4}$  days to break  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cubic yards of material while other men working alongside were producing  $2\frac{1}{2}$  yards.

It was decided that the County Surveyor take what steps he considered most advisable in the matter.

#### INSURANCE OF CARTERS

The County Surveyor stated he had not yet completed consultation with County Solicitor as to insurance of carters but expected he would be able to present a report in the matter to next meeting of Finance Committee.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation to a limit of £35,000 for the three months ended 30th September 1937."

#### EXPENSES COUNTY SURVEYOR

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

"That expenses of County Surveyor for various visits to Dublin on County Council business from 23rd September 1936 to 7th May 1937 amount £11. 5s. be passed for payment."



PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT KILMORE PIER

Mr. Carson, Engineer to the County Board of Health, came before the meeting relative to keeping Public convenience at Kilmore Pier in proper order. He said its condition some time ago was very bad. In order to maintain the place in a proper state it was necessary to have the tank cleared out once a month, as grit and dirt was carried in by the pipes from the sea when the latter was turbulent.

The County Surveyor said that the real cause of the damage he found was small whisky bottles etc., being thrown into the place, but Mr. Carson mentioned that he had so altered the lay out that this could not happen again.

The County Surveyor stated when this convenience was erected the Finance Committee and County Council had considered what responsibility the Harbour Master had for its care. They came to the conclusion that he was responsible for the sanitary arrangements of the Pier.

Mr. Carson said that three things were necessary with this place:-

- (1) The pumping of water to keep the tank full.
- (2) The cleaning out of the premises, and
- (3) cleaning of the tank.

The Harbour Master considered that while he was obliged to attend to the first two operations, he had no responsibility for the cleaning of the tank, although this would only take about half an hour, about once a month.

The Finance Committee considered that the Harbour Master should be responsible for this work, the County Surveyor to arrange accordingly.

HOLIDAYS OF OFFICIALS

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

"That the Secretary and County Surveyor be granted their usual Summer holidays and that they arrange the holidays of their staffs in accordance with the exigencies of the work in their departments."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 25th June 1937 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

THE LATE MR. M. J. O'CONNOR: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon, it was decided that the following letter from Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, (son of deceased) be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"We are all deeply grateful to you and the County Council for your kind and sympathetic resolution, and for your own personal condolence in the death of my father. He often told me of his early association with you in his first days at the Petty Sessions Courts, and spoke highly of your ability and energetic efficiency."

RATE COLLECTION NO. 11 DISTRICT: Under date 25th June, 1937, Rate Collector Joseph Cummins wrote that he would accept the collection of the Electoral Division of Bolaboy as suggested by the Council.

Under date 25th June, 1937, Collector W. Cummins wrote that he was prepared to undertake the collection of rate for next financial year in the Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis, and Castle Talbot, as suggested by the County Council.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Veterinary Inspectors be requested to pay particular attention to the manner in which the lay Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping Order carry out their duties and in specific cases in which they consider sheepowners are neglecting to carry out the Order, with efficiency, to



call the attention of the County Council to the matter. That it be pointed out to the lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors that the Council, in view of the proposed increase in their remuneration, will expect their duties will be carried out most efficiently in the future. Steps should be taken by them to deal with Sheep Owners who, during the previous dipping periods, failed to carry out the Order or carried it out in a haphazard and inefficient manner."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Mr. T. Redmond proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution, which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee providing for the allocation of unused balances of loans in New Ross and Wexford districts to applicants in Enniscorthy and Gorey districts at meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 9th July, 1937, and that consideration of this proposal be dealt with at meeting of the County Council on 9th August 1937."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 25th June, 1937, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved unless altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

THE LATE MR. HILLOCK, INSTRUCTOR IN HORTICULTURE

A vote of condolence with the family of Mr. W. Hillock, for many years Instructor in Horticulture and Bee-keeping for County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. <sup>M.</sup> Redmond.

POSTPONEMENT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

Under date 10th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No. F.80/37)



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forwarding copy of Local Elections Act, 1937, which pointed out that the Election of Local Authorities would be held on an appointed day not later than 30th September, 1940."

SANCTION MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. FUNGE

Under date 25th June 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.53650/37) Loch Garman, that in pursuance of Section 44(4) of the Local Government Act 1925, the Minister had sanctioned the payment of Marriage Gratuity amounting to £76. 11. 1d to Mrs. E. Funge (nee Doyle) formerly employed as Library Assistant, under the Wexford County Council Library Committee.

TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

Under date, 25th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.52612/37 Loch Garman) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 16th instant, containing suggested draft conditions for the forthcoming examination for a Telephone Attendant, and to forward herewith an amended draft which is considered suitable for filling this post. It is suggested that the advertisement might be brief, indicating the nature of the post, the salary, the method of recruitment and the latest date for the receipt of applications. A copy of the detailed conditions could be furnished to any persons applying for forms of application."

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

"That, in connection with the post of Telephone Attendant, we approve of draft advertisement submitted to this meeting by the Secretary, also the conditions governing the



appointment as laid down by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, examination to be held on 20th July 1937, the paper to be prepared and examination to be superintended by Mr. A. K. Killeen, C.E.O., County Wexford Vocational Education Committee."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE (ROADS RURAL)

Under date 12th June 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RW.204/201) that a grant of £4,125 for the provision of employment during the current financial year had been allocated to the Wexford County Council subject to a local contribution of £1375, making a total of £5500 for which sum the County Council were asked to furnish a Scheme to the Department.

In order to avoid the disemployment of large numbers of workers in March 1938 arrangements were being made to provide for supplemental Schemes and County Councils would be informed in time to enable them to make provision in their estimates for local contribution which, in the case of Wexford County Council would be £229 and for which it was expected a proposed grant of £688 would be available.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be informed the Wexford County Council have already agreed to provide £1,375 to supplement State Grant of £4125 for relief of unemployment during current financial year. They hereby also agree to include in Estimates for next financial year provision for local contribution of £229 to supplement proposed State Grant of £688."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE (ROADS) (URBAN)

Under date 12th June 1937 (RU/204/201) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that for the



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current financial year a grant of £1450 had been allocated for employment in New Ross Urban District subject to payment of a local contribution of £200. To keep workers in employment after March next it was proposed to provide a grant of £870 subject to payment of a local contribution of £120.

The Secretary stated that the New Ross Urban Council had agreed to provide the £200 local contribution for the scheme of current financial year, and the Town Clerk had been informed of the intention of the Department to provide for next financial year supplemental grant of £870 subject to local contribution of £120.

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

"That New Ross Urban Council be requested to inform Wexford County Council if they will be responsible for local contribution of £120 for employment Scheme for next financial year, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) providing £870 by way of Grant."

#### NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT 1936

Under date 26th June 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.5853/37) forwarding notice relative to the principal provisions of the above mentioned Act and which had appeared in the Press. The Act was now in operation in every County in the Saorstát and the necessary inspection under it would be undertaken by the Garda Síochána. It was anticipated by the Minister that the destruction of noxious weeds would be effectively and generally carried out, and he trusted the Council would co-operate in the matter by having special instructions issued with a view to having any noxious weeds on lands (including roadsides) for which the County Council was responsible, destroyed in good time this year, so as to prevent their producing seeds.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer



the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as regards the effective administration of the Noxious Weeds Act 1936, advertisement be inserted in the local papers directing attention to its principal provisions, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to direct his Assistants to comply with the wishes of the Department in this respect, particular attention to be paid to the habit of dumping weeds on roadsides by adjoining land owners. This practice should be discountenanced, and Assistant Surveyors should take steps to secure its discontinuance."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

Under date 22nd June, 1937, (Oil. 11/48582) the Secretary, Office of National Education, wrote, conveying official approval of the proposed alteration in Clause 2 of the above Scheme.

It was decided that the Scheme be printed and circulated as soon as possible.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

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

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement between them and the Irish Tourist Association as to Rate Contribution."

BALLAGH ROAD

Under date 25th June, 1937, (No. R/RG.R/32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote in reference to resolution from the Council relative to the application for a grant of 50 per cent of the cost, estimated at £6,000, of improving the Ballagh road, stating that having regard to the proximity of an existing main road, the proposal could not be entertained. In view, however, of the heavier traffic on the Ballagh road the Department requested



a report from the County Surveyor on the question of substituting this road for the existing main road.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to include in Main Road Class, roads Nos. 416 and 522, vice roads Nos. Part 39 and all of Road No. 40."

Mr. Smyth stated that the Oulart people would be up in arms if the Council decided to de-class their main road.

The County Surveyor pointed out at present they were spending £80 or £90 per mile on the Oulart road and if it were put into the third class, maintenance would be from £9 to £12 and on this figure it was bound to deteriorate.

The Secretary suggested that consideration of Mr. O'Byrne's motion should be adjourned for the present and in the meantime advertisement be issued asking persons affected by the proposal to forward any representations they desire to the County Council. These could be considered when the proposal came up again.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman that advertisement issue in the three local papers pointing out to all concerned that Mr. O'Byrne's motion for the substitution of Roads Nos. 416 and 522 vice Oulart Main Road (Part 39 and all of No. 40) will be considered at the meeting of the County Council on the 9th August, and that all persons desiring to make representations in the matter should furnish their views to the Council previous to that date.

#### LOAN - WIDENING ROSSLARE ROAD

Under date 16th June 1937, the following letter (S. Loch Garman,) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-



"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant and previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the Wexford County Council of a loan of £1500 to defray expenditure on the widening of road at Rosslare, the loan to be obtained from the National Bank Limited and to be repayable over a period of ten years with interest at the usual rate."

ENNISCORTHY-KILTEALY ROAD - PROPOSED LOAN OF £2500

Under date 16th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (5) that the proposal to raise loan of £2500 to defray portion of the cost of improvement of Enniscorthy-Kiltealy road, should be duly advertised in some newspaper circulating in the district.

The Secretary stated that advertisement had appeared in the three local papers and copy furnished Department of Local Government and Public Health for their information.

CURRACLOE ROAD

Mr. Kinsella inquired from the County Surveyor if anything would be done towards the improvement of the road between Fahy's Cross and the improved portion of the Curracloe road.

The County Surveyor pointed out it was only recently this road was included in the Main Road Class and they were making a beginning towards its improvement. Men were actually at work on this road.

BALLINDAGGIN-BALLYCARNEY ROAD

Mr. Keegan referred to this road and said it was the "rottenest" road in Ireland.

The County Surveyor disagreed and considered it a very fair road. Part of it required drainage and he intended to schedule it for an Employment Grant.



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Mr. Keegan considered this road could be kept very easily by using a small amount of tar.

Mr. Bowe said that this road was bad near Ballyhamilton, but the rest of it was fair.

Referred to County Surveyor.

#### RIVERCHAPEL - KILMUCKRIDGE ROAD

Mr. Smyth referred to the condition of the surface at corners on the Riverchapel-Kilmuckridge road, and said very few people were aware of the volume of motor traffic passing over this road section.

The County Surveyor said the surface loosened up in dry weather.

Mr. Smyth mentioned that 15 motor cars passed him in less than half an hour on this road, and when rounding corners these cars shot the surface gravel into the ditches.

The County Surveyor said this road had been scheduled for an Employment Grant. He would try and deal specially with the corners by spraying them with bitumen. He agreed with Mr. Smyth that when motor cars negotiated the corners they dashed the sea gravel into the sides.

Mr. Keegan believed it was a scandalous waste of public money to be spreading sea gravel on roads carrying motor traffic.

#### MISTERIN LANE

Memorial was received from ten ratepayers asking for the repair of Misterin Lane, Adamstown, under Minor Relief Scheme.

Referred to Finance Committee and to be considered with report of County Surveyor.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE 1908

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



"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mr. Myles Byrne, Market House, Gorey, provided no objection be received from the Garda Síochána."

M. O'Ryan ,

9.8.37.