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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 13th JUNE, 1938

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M I N U T E S

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th June, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman), presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, P. Colfer, R. Corish, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Col. Quin, Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £12160. 4. 3d was examined and signed.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT VOTE CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that the following reply from Mr. Keegan, County Councillor, to vote of condolence to him in the death of his brother, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:

"Please convey my most grateful thanks to your Council for their kind sympathy occasioned by the death of my brother, and accept same for yourself and staff."

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT APPOINTMENT ON COMMITTEE

Under date 25th May 1938, Rev. Joseph Ranson, C.C., St. Aidan's, Enniscorthy, wrote acknowledging his selection as a member of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee vice Very Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., deceased.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, and adopted:-



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"That the annual meeting of Wexford County Council for 1938 be held on 27th June. And that, in consequence, no meeting of County Council be held in July."

STRIKING OF RATES FOR 1938-39

Under date 10th June 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.7846/3/38 - Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 82 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as was necessary to enable the Rate for the service of the current financial year to be made by the Wexford County Council by a date not later than 13th June 1938.

The following resolution was proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, and adopted:-

"That we hereby allow and make the Rates for financial year 1938/39 as agreed to at meeting of County Council on 8th March 1938, and as set out and assessed in Rate Books for each Collection District for the 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 1939, 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 Council held on 8th March 1938 be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County for financial year 1938-39:-



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	£.	s.	d.	
Enniscorthy	3802.	16.	6	
New Ross	3415.	4.	11	Ordinary
	225.	0.	0	Roads
Wexford	7785.	13.	1	

(This was the special business of the meeting).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 13th MAY, 1938: Minutes of  
above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th May, 1938.

Present:- Messrs. R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean Murphy (new member who signed his declaration of office), Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Murphy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed, after which Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council attended, and presided for consideration of the remainder of the business.

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4766. 7. 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Current Rate and two years' arrears.</u>
1. J. Curtis	95.3
2. E. J. Murphy	94.4
3. J. J. O'Reilly	92.9
4. J. Cummins	92.3
5. D. Kenny	92.0
6. M. Kehoe	91.0
7. S. Gannon	90.7
8. J. Deegan	90.5
9. P. Nolan	88.6
10. P. Carty	87.7
11. P. Doyle	87.4
12. M. McCarthy	85.9
13. A. Dunne	85.6
14. J. Flood	84.9
15. W. Cummins	81.7
16. W. Doyle	80.5
17. J. Quirke	79.5
18. J. J. Sinnott	<u>78.5</u>
Average	87.4



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POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: Under date 2nd May, 1938, No. G.3043/6/38, the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 16th ultimo, and enclosure, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of third interim poundage to Rate Collectors who lodged by the 31st March 1938, the appropriate proportion specified in the Scheme. Pending the closing of the warrants the Minister is unable to sanction payment to Collectors who lodged the specified proportion later than that date.

I am to add that the sanction now given does not determine any right to assume that the maximum poundage will be paid on the moiety as a whole."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision refusing to sanction third interim payment of poundage fees to the following Rate Collectors:- J. Quirke, William Doyle, M. McCarthy, W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott, who lodged after the 31st March last the required amount to reach the standard necessary to qualify for poundage."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 25th April 1938 Thomas Gaffney, Kilbraney, Gusserane, wrote that the Contractor whom he had employed to erect building under above Acts told him that the £50 loan was not sufficient to finish the work, and in consequence, Mr. Gaffney asked that loan should be increased from £50 to £70.

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

"That extra £20 be advanced under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Thomas Gaffney, Kilbraney, Gusserane, making total amount of loan £70."

Michael Kirwan, Attendant, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, applied for a loan of £160 but £130 was the original figure agreed to. Subsequently, letter was read from Mr.



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Kirwan that this amount would not be sufficient to allow him to proceed with the building of the house, and it was decided that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, be asked to revise his valuation of the building.

Certificate on Form 3 was now read from Mr. Cullen to the effect that the market value of the house when completed would be £220 and site £20.

The Secretary stated that accepting Mr. Cullen's new figure, the total amount of loan which could be advanced to Mr. Kirwan was £145.

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

"That, in view of the revised valuation of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, relative to house proposed to be erected by Michael Kirwan, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, the advance be increased from £130 to £145. This is subject to Mr. Kirwan making title and carrying out the other regulations governing advances."

In connection with the case of John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, letter was read from applicant stating that the amount proposed to be advanced, viz., £175, was not sufficient. This letter was referred to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to ascertain maximum value of house, etc.

Report was read from the latter which stated that the house could be valued at £350 and it appeared Byrne had paid £100 for the site.

The Secretary stated that the maximum site value approved by the Department was £20 so that the value of the house and site must be calculated at £370. According to County Council regulations half of this amount, viz., £185 would be the full sum which could possibly be given for the loan in this case.



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On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to increase amount of advance to Byrne to £185.

Under date 5th May, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote he had informed Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, that unless she procured a site which would comply with the Council's regulations, they could not consider her application for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following report of Mr. A. Delap, M.A., M.Inst. C.E., and M.Inst.C.E.I. (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin), was read:-

"Wexford New Bridge, as it is called on the map, was built in 1863 and is therefore 75 years old. It has 30 spans of 40 ft., 2 of 20 ft., and 2 of 25 ft. each, and one opening span of 50 ft. Total length between abutments of about 1340 feet. The piers, or bents, between these spans each consist of 8 piles in a single row across the line of the bridge, the middle 6 at 4 ft. centres are vertical, the outer piles Nos. 1 and 8 rake outwards at an angle of  $12^{\circ}$  to the vertical. The piles, vertical and raked, are tied together by upper and lower pairs of wales  $12'' \times 16''$  and one pair of diagonals of  $12'' \times 6''$  pitch pine. Each row of 8 piles is capped by a  $14''$  sq. really and generally about  $13''$  to  $13\frac{1}{2}''$  square. Each beam is strengthened by being trussed or stiffened with a W.I. tie rod  $2\frac{1}{4}''$  dia. which runs parallel to the timber beam for its centre third and 2.75 ft. below its centre line.

The end of each timber beam rests in a C.I. shoe or saddle to which the tie bar is attached, the 2 shoes of 2 adjacent beams are coupled and form a saddle on the main crosshead of each of the piers. Resting on these longitudinal beams are C.I. buckle plates about  $\frac{3}{8}''$  thick, and on the buckle plates is about 1 ft. thick of road material. The road material, the C.I. plates, the beam itself and the tie bar form the dead load which each beam must carry. The weight of the shoes, which are heavy, are assumed to be carried directly by the piers. The cast iron supports of the tie rods, and the transverse members which steady the whole, are ignored in adding up the dead load as they are troublesome to measure up and they are not necessary to prove the case.

The case is, that the bridge as designed, is not fit for the load it carries.

The factor of safety, which is the allowance always made for possible faulty material, or faulty workmanship or our own ignorance, is usually 5 in cases of this sort; that is, for instance, where wrought iron is used that has a breaking strength of 25 tons per square inch, it is sound



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practice to use a factor of safety of 5 and a working stress of  $\frac{25}{5} = 5$  tons per square inch.

No engineer with a sense of responsibility will cut down his factor of safety, it is a sacred matter on which the safety of the public depends.

In Wexford bridge, as shown by the figures to be submitted, the factor of safety has been cut down to an alarming extent, and there is worse still to come. At an early stage of this investigation it became clear that of the two parts which together go to make up each beam, viz., timber and tie rod, the timber is amply strong, while the tie rod is not nearly strong enough.

The bridge as designed is not strong enough to carry its own weight without encroaching on its factor of safety, a thing no responsible engineer will do. Besides its own weight, 4 ton loads use it under the present restrictions, this load put a stress on the bridge 50% beyond the safety point.

All this is on the assumption that the bridge is as it was when it was first put up 75 years ago. This is far from being the case. Much of the timber is patched and rotten, but the timber is several times larger than the original loads call for and it is not the timber that will first fail.

The tie rods of wrought iron  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " dia. which give strength and stiffness to each beam were always too light for their job even when full  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " dia. They have rusted badly and their strength is thus reduced in a number of places to under 2" dia. in one to  $1\frac{3}{4}$ ", and in one case the tie rod is rusted through and hangs under the bridge useless. In one case, at least, the C.I. shoe to which the tie rod is secured is broken across and this tie rod is useless.

There is much more that could be said about the condition of the bridge, but nothing to modify what this report is intended to convey, viz., that the bridge - always too light for any traffic - has become very dangerous; the action of wind and weather has cut down the margin of safety, which was always too small, to a point where it must soon vanish, and at the same time the increasing weight and speed of modern traffic all tend to still further narrow the margin on which the lives of the public depend.

With a full sense of the inconvenience this must cause to the users of the bridge, the bridge must be closed to everything of more than one ton in weight on two wheels, or two tons on four wheels, and these must not move at more than walking pace, and, further, the bridge must be inspected every day for signs of failure by a reasonable individual who will be instructed to report daily to the Council through their Surveyor.

Certain things have been referred to, such as a broken tie rod and broken or cracked shoes - these should be replaced at once, unless it is decided to shut the bridge to all wheeled traffic.

This report has been written in haste and much has been omitted because the writer considered the matter was of such importance that it should be brought before the



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Council with the least possible delay.

Should anything in this require further explanation, the writer will be glad to attend and answer any questions."

The County Surveyor stated that on receipt of this report he had interviewed County Secretary and County Solicitor as to the powers which the County Council had to restrict traffic on this bridge and in view of the serious statements in the report he (County Surveyor) took it on himself to fence off two spans which were referred to as defective. As regards weight, he arranged to have notices put up on the bridge that the maximum load would be 2 tons (all in) which was a "cut" of two tons in the present weight. He had fenced off both approaches leaving a ten foot gap, had also restricted vehicular speed to a maximum of five miles and had notified the Bus Office that their vehicles could no longer cross the bridge.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee would approve of the steps taken in the matter by the County Surveyor, and asked Mr. Delap who was in attendance, if the bridge would be worth repairing.

Mr. Delap replied in the negative. This was not an off-hand opinion, but was borne out by his close examination. They would not - in the ordinary course - erect a timber bridge on the site which would be capable of carrying modern traffic and to erect a grand new bridge of modern constructional materials on the present rotten structure would be waste of money. The present bridge had to bear two loads (1) the dead load which was the weight of the bridge itself, and (2) the live load, viz., vehicles, passengers, etc., passing over it. The dead load even produced a strain which was undesirable, but when added to the live load the strain was much greater than was legitimate on the standard engineering figures universally accepted. They were cutting the margin of safety in the



design of the bridge by half and it could not stand up to that. No bridge would now be erected in accordance with the plans of this bridge. The only reason which prevented him from telegraphing to have the bridge closed completely was because it had been so carefully and constantly looked after. He admitted that by leaving it open even to light traffic they were taking a certain risk but as it would be watched day and night this risk would be greatly minimised.

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

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor as regards restriction of traffic etc. on Wexford Bridge and, in view of the serious nature of the report of Mr. Delap we empower the County Surveyor to close this Wexford Bridge to all traffic should the occasion arise. Any person who brings traffic over and above the regulations published by the County Surveyor will be prosecuted. That the County Surveyor be further empowered to employ day and night watchmen at the structure to ensure the safety of the public. And we also empower him to take such further action in this matter as he may consider necessary."

The Chairman said that as regards alternate route to Wexford the Ballyboggan road should be strengthened to carry the traffic which was up to the present utilising Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor said he had met heavy lorries travelling what would be the alternate road - Kylecross to Castlebridge - which would be about 4 miles.

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

"That County Surveyor be instructed to put Ballyboggan road - Kyle Cross to Castlebridge - into such a condition of repair as will allow of its use by modern traffic.

That he apply to the Department of Local Government and



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Public Health for a State contribution to enable suitable repair to this road being carried out.

That a special meeting of the County Council be held on 23rd May, 1938, at 2.15 p.m. for consideration of Mr. Delap's report and of notice of motion by Mr. Corish as regards erection of new bridge.

That copy of Mr. Delap's report be furnished County Councillors with agenda paper for above meeting."

#### ROCK DRILLING WORK

Under date 9th May, 1938, Thomas O'Donohoe, Dunmain, Gusserane, Rock Driller, made application for increase in his wages, similar to that awarded to T. Stafford and Nicholas Carroll, Rock Drillers.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to increase the wages of Thomas O'Donohoe, Rock Drill operator, from £3 per week to £3. 7. 6d as agreed to by Council in the cases of Thomas Stafford and Nicholas Carroll and as recommended by the County Surveyor."

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter, under date 13th May, 1938, from Patrick Doyle and John Kinsella, Blacksmiths, employed in connection with Rock Drilling Plant:-

"We have seen by the report of the County Council Meeting in this week's "People" that it has been stated we are not qualified blacksmiths.

There must be some misapprehension about this.

Patrick Doyle has worked as blacksmith in the County Council Machinery Yard previous to Mr. Wm. Byrne, the present blacksmith, and this statement can be verified from your records.

We are both qualified blacksmiths and are prepared to do all the blacksmith work in connection with our plant.



We would be obliged if you would request the County Council to reconsider our application for an increase in wages."

The County Surveyor said that as he had stated at the last County Council meeting, the work of these two blacksmiths was not as onerous nor as skilful as that carried out at the Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy. It certainly was not as trying physically as the work of the Rock Drillers.

After discussion it was decided to make no order as regards the application of Messrs. Doyle and Kinsella for increase of wages.

#### CARNE PIER

Mr. Richard Spring, Polehore, Glynn, introduced the following deputation in connection with proposed repair to Carne Pier:-

Messrs. John Tierney, Joseph Rea, Thomas Ryan and James Ryan.

Mr. Spring said that Carne had the best lobster fishing on the coast and had also a good local market for pollock and mackerel. The industry was, however, greatly hampered owing to the short period boats could be used because of the restricted nature of the pier. He then read the following memorial signed by 37 fishermen and others:-

"We, the undersigned fishermen of Carne, and others who use this pier as a halt or perhaps refuge desire to place before the Wexford County Council the absolute and immediate necessity of raising the flooring and storm wall of the present Pier and lengthening same if possible.

We are very much handicapped owing to its present condition, being unable to start our fishing till late in the Season and having to end early. The number of boats fishing out of this place is 10, a very large proportion



of which are keel and, therefore, of deep draught. We are in a very exposed position, extreme South East of Eire and one of the worst spots for foul tides and winds. We would wish to point out that we have built up against the adverse odds of our Pier and weather conditions on this part of the coast a very good effort in trying to prove that an Irish fisherman can compete with the French poachers from whom, so far, we have not had much protection.

With the movement to improve the inland Fisheries that is being discussed at present, we, sea fishermen, would like some consideration to help us earn our living. The sea is very different to the inland waters for we stand so much to lose in gear, damage to our craft and risk to ourselves.

The plucky enterprise of Mr. Doyle in opening a bakery and store here, should be considered also as several visiting yachts have called here for supplies and would have stopped longer with us if our Pier gave decent protection. Mr. Ennis, the well-known boat builder of many boats would also benefit.

We believe that we are the largest lobster fishing port between Arklow and Kilmore. We are also only six miles from the Tuskar fishing ground.

There has been so much talk about the beneficial effects of the Trade Agreement with Great Britain and what benefit it will be to Eire that we earnestly request that our fishing industry, which is the most difficult industry of all, should be supported and the work we request done on the Pier should be put in hands at once."

Mr. Tierney said what was required was to raise the floor of the pier about 3 feet and the storm wall 5 feet to afford protection from South East gales which hit the boats broadside on. If this was done the fishing would be extended from about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  months to seven months. They were



obliged to pull up their boats from September to May. There were 20 families at least depending directly on the fishing, average 3 or 4 in each family. In addition to the ten large boats there were eight or ten small boats with a crew of two each. If the request now made was acceded to they would be able to deal with the herring fishing. Lobsters were exported and in a good season the big boats would average about £6 per boat.

Mr. Rea said if a grant could be secured from the Government it would help the unemployed in the area.

The Chairman said that the County Council would give every possible consideration to the request of the Carne fishermen.

The County Surveyor said that some time ago he prepared a scheme for extending the pier but the Department turned it down. The scheme for raising the pier did not go as far as the present application. They asked the Government for a grant and were informed that the application had been scheduled for consideration when money was available for that class of work and when unemployment in the district would warrant.

Mr. Rea said the boat slip had gone completely.

The County Surveyor said this slip was not built by the County Council. The latter had intended to do some work at the place but the local people put in this slip and did not provide for a sufficiently thick surface.

The Chairman said that the application of the fishermen would be considered at the June meeting of the Council.

The County Surveyor stated he would submit preliminary plans in the matter to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.



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APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY

Under date 6th May 1938 the following was read from Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector for Enniscorthy district:-

"Will you be good enough to bring before the next meeting of the Council an application for increase of salary from me, as Inspector and Tuberculosis Officer for Enniscorthy District. I think I am correct in stating that I am the lowest paid Veterinary Inspector in the County Wexford, and my district is very large and most of my Sheep Scab inspections are in the Mountain District near Bunclody. During the year 1937 I had to deal with eighteen cases under the Tuberculosis Order (the number would have been much larger were it not for the Roscrea Factory taking a lot of the cows).

As each case of Tuberculosis entails two visits, I think the Council will agree that the remuneration is very small. I trust the Council will see their way to give me an increase as Inspector and Tuberculosis Officer."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that Mr. Ringwood was Veterinary Inspector for all Enniscorthy district. The salaries paid the other Veterinary Surgeons were:-

Gorey District: T. A. Mernagh, £140.

New Ross District: Mr. Lynch £120 and Mr. Taylor £71. 1. 0.

Wexford District: Mr. Staples £140.

Mr. Kelly gave the following notice of motion:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 13th June 1938 that subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture the salary of Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, be increased from £120 to £140 to bring him to the level of Veterinary Inspectors in Gorey and Wexford, and



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that in the event of the adoption of this motion the said increase date as from 13th May 1938."

#### COMMEMORATION OF 1798 AND COUNTY FEIS

Under date 11th May, 1938, the following was read from the Secretary of Feis Charman and 1798 Commemoration Association:-

"I have been directed by my Committee to invite the members of the Wexford County Council to march in state in our procession at New Ross on Whit Sunday, the 5th proximo. This procession is being organised in connection with the Feis and Commemoration Celebrations, and all public bodies have been invited to attend. Special travelling facilities have been arranged as on that date the County Feis will be officially opened. Would you please let me know at an early date if the Council will attend so that we may complete our arrangements."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that County Councillors be asked to march in the Feis and '98 Procession in New Ross and that when County Secretary has ascertained hour and place for lining up he communicate with the Councillors.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 9th May, 1938, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That Messrs. J. N. Anglin, F. P. Barry, J. J. Kelly (Camblin) and R. Ryan (Ardamine), who have selected course in Agriculture in connection with University Scholarship Scheme be invited to attend next meeting of Finance Committee on 13th May 1938 with a view to having their knowledge of practical agriculture tested by the members of the Committee."

The Chairman put a number of questions in connection



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with work on an ordinary farm to each of the applicants and as all answered in a satisfactory manner the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, Messrs. Anglim, Barry, Kelly and Robert Ryan have sufficient knowledge of practical agriculture to cover the provision to this effect in University Scholarship Scheme."

#### ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Dr. T. R. McCabe wrote under date 13th May 1938 that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant in County Council Office was suffering from influenza since 4th May 1938 and would be unable to resume work for a further period of ten days from 13th May 1938.

It was decided that the County Secretary be empowered to employ a temporary Clerical Assistant should he find this step necessary.

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 9th May, 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote L.1784/38 as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo and its enclosed letter from Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, containing suggestions as to action which might be taken to secure more general compliance with the requirements of the above Order, I am to state that the exercise by your Local Authority of the powers conferred on them by Article 8 of the Order should have the desired effect in that respect. I am, accordingly to suggest that, where such action is considered necessary, your Local Authority will authorise the temporary Inspectors to serve on stock-owners the prescribed notices as to Detention and treatment."

Reports were received from Warble Fly Inspectors as to serving of Detention Notices as follows:-

Inspector John Morrissey, Camross, Foulksmills (No. 9 Area). Notice on John Murphy, Courthoyle, Raheen.

Inspector D. E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway (No.13 Area). Notices on

W. Joyce, Butlerstown, Broadway.



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J. Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford.

A. Murphy, Moortown, Broadway.

P. Murphy, Churchtown, Kilrane.

N. Pettit, Rathmore, Broadway.

H. Boxwell, Ballymacane, Broadway.

Inspector W. Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane (No. 10 Area). Notice on James Whelan, Loughnageer, Foulksmills.

Inspector T. Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew (No. 5 Area). Notice on Patrick Nolan, Drummond, Carnew and Michael Byrne, Tinnabawn, Inch.

Under date 6th May, 1938, the following letter was read from Edward Woods, Barntown (Inspector No. 11 Area):-

"I wish to bring to the notice of your Council an incident which happened at Taghmon Fair on the 2nd instant. During my inspection of cattle on the fair I came to James White of Ballyclemock, Newbawn, who had seven cattle. When I put my hand on the first beast he asked me was I going to buy them and I said no I was looking for warbles. He then told me to get to hell or he would put me away. I examined five of his cattle and then asked him for his name and address. He gave them to me in a very bad manner and with abuse. I then examined the other two and he again ordered me away. I went to explain to him the position as regards my duties on the fair and he told me his cattle were his own and he did not care for me or the law. He then caught me by the neck and tried to knock me to the ground. I asked him did he not wash his cattle and he said yes. I said he did not as I could not find even one dead Warble on any of his seven cattle. He then threatened to strike me with a stick if I did not get away. I told him I need not go away as I had my duties to do and he then began to jeer me. I am sure he had not his cattle washed at that time as I could not find any signs of them being done. I would ask your Council to take a serious view of this case because



this man made a very bad impression on all farmers in the Fair as regards the Warble Fly Order. He got a very large amount of support in his attitude towards me and I found it rather difficult for the remainder of the Fair. There is a Fair on the 28th instant in Taghmon and I am of the opinion from what I heard farmers say it will be difficult for me to inspect cattle on the next Fair unless a serious view is taken on the case on which I report."

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with Mr. James White, Ballyclemock, Newbawn, in regard to the incident described in Mr. Woods' letter and that in the meantime, he interview Mr. E. Woods and base the provisions of his letter to Mr. White on information obtained from Mr. Woods at this interview. That Mr. Staples, M.B.C.V.S., be requested to attend Taghmon Fair on 28th May 1938 and report to the County Council any interference with Warble Fly Inspectors when carrying out their duties.

CORNER - JUNCTION MILL ROAD AND COURTTOWN ROAD, GOREY

The following under date 9th May 1938 was read from Mr. Joseph J. Stafford, Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to draw the attention of your Council to the opportunity which now offers for the widening of road at the junction of the Mill Road and Courtown Road here. The house which stood at this point and which rendered the improvement impossible heretofore has now been demolished.

My Commissioners consider this one of the most dangerous bends in the area, and consider that the job should be undertaken before the heavy traffic to Courtown for this summer begins.

Would you please give the matter your early attention."

The County Surveyor said he always intended to deal with this corner and would have a report relative to it for submission to the Finance Committee meeting of 27th May 1938.



### LOSS OF MARE

The following under date 11th May, 1938, was read from Mr. William Wilson, Mount George, Ferns:-

"My son was taking pigs into Gorey on Monday. He had a very good mare. She slipped on the tar at Corrigneagh. Col. Quin came first to his assistance and helped him. He also put clay on the road to keep her from slipping. But, she was so much broken and hurt inside that she died that evening. She was worth £30, 7 years old.

If you would be good enough to bring it up before the meeting they might give me some help to get one, as I am in poor circumstances."

The County Surveyor said he had reported the matter to the Insurance Company.

### CURRACLOE ROADS

Under date 7th May, 1938, Miss B. O'Connor wrote:-

"I am directed by the Curracloe Development Association to draw the attention of the County Council to the bad state of the following roads, Enniscorthy - Curracloe and Wexford-Curracloe from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown.

As the Summer season will commence in a few weeks' time we would be glad if your Council will put them in proper repair as soon as possible."

Referred to County Surveyor.

### APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION ALLEGED MALICIOUS INJURIES

Applications were received for compensation of £30 for the burning of trees, shrubs etc., the property of Captain C. S. Cookman, Ardcanrisk, Wexford; on behalf of John Leacy, Ballybuckley and John Stafford, Ballyeden, as Trustees and John Wickham, Bree, as tenant for life, for £100 for the burning of knock or coppice of heather gorse and underwood at Bree; £10 for rick of straw, the property of Richard Bishop of Garryntinodagh and £7 for destruction



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of thresher, the property of William O'Brien, Garryntinodagh, by fire.

The Secretary stated that these applications had been forwarded to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to oppose.

#### WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

Under date 25th April, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the arrangement, under which Mr. O'Kennedy, of the County Surveyor's Office, was paid 10/- per week, for writing up records at the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, being continued for a further six months from the 10th April, 1938.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL PRINTING

Under date 2nd May, 1938, the following was read from Mr. James Meyler, 17 Carrigeen Street, Wexford, Secretary of the Typographical Association (Wexford District):-

"I have been instructed by the above Branch to inform you that the Printing firms recognised as paying Trade Union Rate of Wages and observing Agreed Working Conditions in this County are as follows:-

"The People" Newspapers, Ltd., Wexford.

"The Free Press", Wexford.

"The Echo" Printing Works, Enniscorthy.

Messrs. English & Co., Wexford.

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.

These firms are quite capable of catering for any printing requirements of your Council without going outside the County."

It was decided to ask Mr. Meyler if there was any special reason why his communication was forwarded to the County Council.



SICK LEAVE - MR. O'KENNEDY

Under date 13th May, 1938, Dr. T. R. McCabe, L.R.C.P. & S.I., Selskar, wrote:-

"This is to certify that John O'Kennedy, Wexford, was under my care on February 7th, 1938, I advised him not to work for a further period of three weeks, but I am informed that he did so against my wishes."

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

"That leave of absence in accordance with certificate of Dr. McCabe be granted Mr. O'Kennedy, Assistant in County Surveyor's Office and that continuance of employment of Michael Kirwan for the period be approved."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 13th May, 1938, be received and considered."

ROCK DRILLING WORK: Mr. Corish said the men resented having been described as unqualified Blacksmiths. They had previously worked in the Machinery Yard.

The County Surveyor said he believed the men were qualified blacksmiths, but they could not weld a bar with the same skill and efficiency as the blacksmiths employed in the machinery yard.

APPLICATION INCREASE OF SALARY - MR. RINGWOOD, M.R.C.V.S.:

In connection with this matter, the following motion of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:-

"That, subject to approval by Department of Agriculture the salary of Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., be increased from £120 to £140 to bring him to the level of Veterinary Inspectors in Gorey and Wexford Districts, and that, in the event of the adoption of this motion, the said increase of salary date as from 13th May 1938."

Mr. Kelly said as his motion set out, Mr. Ringwood who had the largest district in the County, would only have his salary brought to the same figure as the other Veterinary Inspectors in charge of an entire district. Mr. Ringwood was an excellent official.

Mr. Colfer seconded and the motion was adopted without dissent.

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



"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 13th May 1938, as submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 27th MAY, 1938: Minutes of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th May, 1938.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6399. 9. 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and two years' arrears collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	96.0
2. E. J. Murphy	94.7
3. J. J. O'Reilly	93.4
4. D. Kenny	93.0
5. J. Cummins	92.5
6. M. Kehoe	92.4
7. J. Deegan	92.1
8. S. Gannon	91.3
9. P. Carty	90.2
10. P. Nolan	89.0
11. P. Doyle	87.8
12. J. Flood	87.6
13. A. Dunne	87.1
14. M. McCarthy	86.9
15. W. Cummins	83.4
16. W. Doyle	80.9
17. J. J. Sinnott	80.9
18. J. Quirke	<u>79.8</u>

Average 88.5.

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

"That lists of temporary uncollectable and irrecoverable Rates be submitted to the next meeting of the Finance Committee, and that Collectors be informed they will be



called upon to lodge any items included in these lists, which it is considered they could have collected during the year."

POUNDAGE RATE COLLECTORS: The following under date 23rd May 1938 (G.3043/7/38 - Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant regarding payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to reconsider his decision in the matter as conveyed in this Department's letter of the 2nd idem."

PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS: The following recommendation of Sligo County Council was referred to Wexford County Council for their views by the County Councils' General Council:-

"That Rate Collectors should be paid quarterly on a salary basis, plus Commission, as we consider the present system does not tend to expedite the collection of rates and is unjust to collectors who perhaps may have to wait for six or twelve months before they receive their poundage fees."

It was decided to inform the County Councils General Council that a similar recommendation was adopted on a couple of occasions by Wexford County Council.

SEIZURE AT TEMPLEDERRY, CLONEVAN: Mr. O'Byrne said it was stated that Rate Collector Sinnott seized six cattle, and it was alleged that three of these were taken from him by force.

The Rates Inspector said that six cattle were seized. He went to make arrangements with the Garda Síochána, and when he returned there were only three cattle at the place;



he had been informed the three others had been taken. He (Rates Inspector) considered this was a matter - not for him - but for the Rate Collector.

The Chairman said the rumour was that a man fought the Rate Collector and got away with three of the cattle.

In reply to Mr. Colfer, the Rates Inspector said the Garda knew what happened and took no action as far as he knew.

It was decided on the motion of Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that County Solicitor ask Rate Collector Sinnott for a report on the incident referred to and that Mr. Elgee advise the Finance Committee as to what steps should be taken regarding the matter.

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS: The following letter from the Enniscorthy Urban Council was referred by County Council to Finance Committee which was empowered to deal with same and also as to payment of demands on Urban Council generally:-

"Referring to your letter of the 20th ultimo relative to the Resolutions adopted at your County Council meeting in connection with the arrears due on foot of Demand I am directed to hand you the sum of £925 on account and to state that my Council have arranged to meet your Demand on each quarter day and to pay in addition the sum of £125 on account of arrears.

My Council have now made provision in their Estimate to meet these charges in future and if your County Council agree to my Council's proposal for the liquidation of their debt on these terms no further trouble will arise. My Council is of the opinion that the Department of Local Government will not agree to sanction the raising of a special loan to clear off the arrears, but the recommendation will be made to raise a loan in due course."



The Secretary stated that Enniscorthy District Council owed 72% of 1937/38 Demand.

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

"That, before arriving at decision on the offer of Enniscorthy Urban Council to pay off their full indebtedness on the 1937/38 Demand, we are of opinion that Enniscorthy Urban Council should make further efforts to obtain sanction to overdraft or Loan to meet their debt to the County Council. Now that Enniscorthy Urban District Council have agreed to raise an adequate rate they may find it possible to secure sanction to overdraft or loan."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION OF ADVANCE: Under date 19th May 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.14715/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposed advance of £185 to John Byrne, Gorey Corporation Lands.

MICHAEL KIRWAN, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 19th May 1938, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had written to Solicitor for Michael Kirwan, Enniscorthy, informing him that the Finance Committee had agreed to increase amount of his loan from £130 to £145 but had not heard from him.

The Secretary said that certificate of Title had not yet been received in this case.

MISS MOLLIE FORTUNE: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 19th May 1938 that on 5th May he had written Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital, Attendant, that she would have to procure a new site for her proposed house. So far he had not received any reply.

NEW APPLICANT: John Wickham, 22 Irish Street, Enniscorthy, applied for loan of £230 for house estimated to cost £300.



The proposed site was only quarter of a mile outside the Urban Boundary and advances under recent loans could be made only in respect of houses to be erected a mile outside Urban boundaries.

The Chairman said this regulation did not apply to some of the older loans and proposed the following resolution:-

"That application of John Wickham, 22 Irish Street, Enniscorthy, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be agreed to, maximum sum not to exceed £200, amount to be allocated from any balance available from old Loan Schemes."

Mr. O'Byrne raised the question as to the payment of three guineas to County Solicitor in respect of surrender of mortgage under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Elgee should accept £1 in connection with this matter and Mr. Elgee agreed.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Under date 16th May 1938 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2026-38) asking for particulars as to the arrangements which the County Council proposed making in 1938 to secure the effective dipping of sheep during the dipping period - 1st August - 31st October.

The Chairman said that a few years ago the Council had obtained the views of a large number of sheep owners in the County when it was found that these farmers had private dipping baths and were very strongly opposed to any regulation compelling them to drive their sheep on a particular date to a public dipping place where they believed it would be possible for their animals to contract disease. In view of this, the County Council appointed five Inspectors to supervise dipping and as he believed this to be the most advisable course to take he proposed the following resolution:-



"That the County Council be recommended to re-appoint the following as Inspectors under Agricultural Act 1931, and the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894 to 1935 and the Orders made thereunder (Sheep Dipping Order in particular):-

Enniscorthy District:- Mr. James Murphy, Johnsville, Ferns, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's, The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

Mr. Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kildealy and The Leap.

Gorey District:- Mr. Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Mr. Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossminogue and Wells.

New Ross District:- Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

Wexford District:- Mr. James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin."

It was decided to inform Thomas Prendergast, Inspector, Gorey District, that unless he shows more activity in the discharge of his duties than was apparent for portion of last year's period the Finance Committee will recommend that his appointment be determined.



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~ OVERHANGING TREES

Under date 25th May, 1938, the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Wexford Engine & Threshing Machine Owners' Association, was read:-

"That the County Council be advised of the fact that on a number of roads throughout the County overhanging branches of trees prevent the free passage of Engines, causing damage to Trailers &c., and that the Secretary be instructed to request the Council to look into the matter."

The County Surveyor stated he had, prior to receipt of this resolution, communicated with the Assistant Surveyors and asked them to have the matter complained of attended to as far as was possible. It would be rather difficult to carry it out on a wholesale scale, but the bad cases were dealt with as they arose. If the Engine and Threshing Machine Owners would furnish lists of the places at which trees were interfering with their business, he would endeavour to deal with the matter.

The Secretary stated that hedges and branches of trees could only be lopped and pruned between the 30th September of one year and the 31st March of the next year.

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Wexford Engine & Threshing Machine Owners Association explaining the position.

~ PROPOSED NEW ALLOCATION OF AGRICULTURAL GRANT

The following suggestion from Meath County Council as to new method of allocation of Agricultural Grant was referred to Wexford County Council for their observations:-

"That, having considered the grave effect of accumulating arrears of Land Annuities on the finances of County Councils and as Councils are helpless to remedy this great deficit with which they are faced yearly, we recommend that existing legislation relating to the allocation of the



Agricultural Grant be amended. Such amendment to provide that Councils be authorised to distribute the whole of the Agricultural Grant payable to them over ratepayers holdings in the Rate Book in accordance with existing procedure, but that instead of allowing it by way of abatement of Rates on Demand Notes, it be issued in the form of a credit note to each Ratepayer. That the Rate Collector be authorised to accept this credit note towards payment of rates only where evidence is produced by the ratepayer that the land annuities for the last accruing period have been paid. We consider this method would be just, as that part of the Agricultural Grant withheld from the Council to meet the deficit in the land annuities would be withheld from those who caused the deficit."

The meeting considered that the proposed new procedure was not feasible and could not be carried out without considerable expense and even then it would not be satisfactory.

#### COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES

The Secretary of the County Councils' General Council wrote under date 16th May, 1938, stating that at the Spring meeting of the Council divergent views were expressed as to the desirability or otherwise of having the laws relating to Malicious Injuries repealed. It was urged that they were imposed on this country by Great Britain and were a reflection on the Irish people while, on the other hand, it was contended that they served a useful purpose by acting as a deterrent on maliciously disposed persons, and further that their repeal would result in greatly increased rates for Insurance. The General Council asked for the views of the Wexford Council.

It was decided to point out to the County Councils' General Council that on at least two occasions Wexford



County Council had adopted resolutions calling for the repeal of the laws providing compensation for alleged criminal injuries; but no action had been taken by the Government thereon.

It was also agreed that the Secretary should submit memorandum to next meeting of the Finance Committee relative to the position of Councils and ratepayers in the event of repeal.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS - RE-ADJUSTMENT OF AREAS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

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

"That the following scheme of re-adjustment of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee Areas, which has been arrived at by Finance Committee, after consideration of representations by these Sub-Committees, be submitted to the latter for final consideration prior to submission for approval to the County Council and Department of Local Government and Public Health. That it be pointed out to the Sub-Committees that it is not the intention of the Finance Committee to recommend any change in the remuneration of the Clerks of Sub-Committees consequent on adjustment of areas:-

No. 1 Sub-Committee:- To embrace the District Electoral Divisions of Aghwilliam; Ballymitty; Bannow; Bridgetown; Clongeen; Drinagh; Duncormack; Harperstown; Harristown; Kilcowan; Killag; Killinick; Kilmore; Kilscoran; Lady's Island; Mayglass; Newcastle; Rathaspeck; Rosslare; St. Helen's; Tacumshane and Tomhaggard.

No. 2 Sub-Committee: District Electoral Divisions of Ballyhack; Dunmain; Fethard; Inch; Killesk; Kilmokea; Rathroe; Rochestown; Templetown; Tintern and Whitechurch.

No. 3 Sub-Committee: To consist of the following District Electoral Divisions Artramon; Adamstown; Ballyhogue; Carrick; Forth; Glynn; Horetown; Kilbride; Kilgarvan;



Killurín; Kilpatrick; Newbawn; Taghmon; Wexford Rural and Whitechurch (Glynn).

No. 4 Sub-Committee: To consist of District Electoral Divisions of Ardamine; Ballycanew; Ballygarrett; Ballylarkin; Ballynestragh; Coolgreany; Courtown; Gorey Rural; Gorey Urban; Huntingtown; Kilgorman; Killenagh, Kilnahue, Limerick; Monaseed; Rossmínogue and Wingfield.

No. 5 Sub-Committee: To comprise the District Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin; Bree; Castlebor; Edermine; Enniscorthy Rural; Enniscorthy Urban; Killanne; Killoughram; Kiltéal; Marshallstown and The Leap.

No. 6 Sub-Committee: To comprise the District Electoral Divisions of Ballybeg; Ballycarney; Ballyellis; Ballymore; Ballyoughter; Buncloody; Castledockrill; Ferns; Kilbora; Kilcomb; Kilrush; Moyacomb; Rossard; St. Mary's; The Harrow; Tinnacross and Tombrack.

No. 7 Sub-Committee: To consist of District Electoral Divisions of Ballyanne; Barrack Village; Barronstown; Carnagh; Carrigbyrne; Clonleigh; Clonroche; New Ross Rural; New Ross Urban; Oldcourt; Old Ross; Rosbercon Urban; Templeudigan and Whitemoor.

No. 8 Sub-Committee: To consist of District Electoral Divisions of Ardavan; Ardcolm; Ballynuskard; Ballyvaldon; Bolaboy; Cahore; Castle Ellis; Castle Talbot; Ford; Kilcormack; Killincooley; Kilmallock; Monalmolin and Wells."

ANNUAL LEAVE - COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 21st May, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.15392/38 Loch Garman (Sc.)) stating that the Minister had approved of the granting of annual leave to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for the period from the 1st June to 30th June 1938.

Under date 23rd May, 1938, the Department of Local



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Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.15392/38 Loch Garman (Sc)) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 17th instant with regard to the grant of annual leave to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, and I am to state that the Minister would be glad to be informed at the earliest possible moment as to the arrangements which have been made for the discharge of Dr. Bastible's duties during the leave of absence in question."

The Secretary stated he had forwarded the following reply to this letter:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant No. P.H.15392/38 Loch Garman (Ac), and in reply have to state I understood that the Assistant County Medical Officer of Health would carry out the duties of County Medical Officer of Health during Dr. Bastible's absence. In this connection, I enclose copy of letter from Department dated 24th June 1936.

Dr. Bastible's leave has been approved by the County Council. The County Board of Health have also been notified."

The following is copy of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th June 1936 (P.H.133273/36 Loch Garman (Ab)):-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the proposal of the Wexford County Council to grant three weeks leave of absence to Dr. G. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, from the 1st proximo.

As regards the question of the appointment of a substitute for Dr. Bastible, I am to explain that Dr. H. Aughney, Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, is required by the conditions of her appointment to discharge the ordinary duties of County Medical Officer of Health during Dr. Bastible's absence, and there is therefore, no necessity for the appointment of Dr. T. J. O'Sullivan as substitute for Dr. Bastible."

It was decided that Finance Committee before taking further action in the matter, await reply from the Department of Local Government to letter of County Secretary under date 24th May, 1938.



CARNE PIER

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 27th May 1938:-

"As directed, I have examined the proposed scheme for improvement of Carne Pier. On the 20th instant I visited Carne and made a special inspection, and am not prepared to recommend the Council to adopt the proposal in its entirety. In September of last year I wrote a report for the Office of Works suggesting improvement at a cost of £500. In January last I wrote enquiring as to how the matter then stood, and got reply from Office of Public Works "That this proposal is not being overlooked". My proposal was to raise the Pier for a length of sixty yards by 1'6" in height - the new proposal asks for a height of 3 ft. and a length of 80 yards. I believe this latter will entail undue stresses on the existing work unless great expense is undertaken, cutting away and reinforcing portions of the existing work.

I am prepared to recommend a modification of my former plan by putting in a timber fender along the <sup>sharp</sup> side of the pier. This will give an increased height of 2'6" as protection to vessels and prevent them over-riding the edge of pier. I find my former estimate on the low side, and amend same, covering the fender. The cost will be £650.

If the full extent of the recent suggested improvement be undertaken the cost will be £1,550."

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

"That recommendation of County Surveyor as to repair and improvement of Carne Pier be recommended to the County Council for adoption on the understanding that the Council will receive a State Grant of 50% of the actual expenditure on the work."



COUNTY FEIS AND NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following under date 22nd May, 1938, was read from Hon. Secretary, County Feis:-

"It is the wish of the Feis and Commemoration Committees that New Ross Bridge be cleared of any obstruction for the Sunday of the Feis and Commemoration owing to the large contingents coming from many areas by train and bus.

I discussed the question with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and is prepared to facilitate us if granted permission by the Finance Committee, and so instructed. He estimates that the cost of clearing the Bridge would be roughly £5.

The Committees would appreciate your consideration of this matter at your next meeting."

The County Surveyor said if the Feis had been fixed for Sunday, 29th May 1938, he could have arranged, but to meet the request of the Feis Committee work for the local carpenters employed at the repair work must be stopped. He would, however, see that the Bridge would be cleared for the procession in connection with Feis on 5th June.

ENNISCORTHY MAIN ROADS

The County Surveyor reported that carters in Enniscorthy Urban District were in the habit of spreading sand on the main road between the Bridge and the turn to the Railway station. As a consequence, the people living there had been greatly inconvenienced by the dry sand blowing into their houses and had threatened to seek a mandamus to prevent this nuisance in future. The matter had been brought to the attention of the Enniscorthy Urban Council but they decided they would not institute proceedings against the carters concerned. Unless something was done to stop the practice the residents would certainly take action against the Urban Council or the County Council. One effect of the sand was to polish the concrete, as it wore away the little runlets in the concrete which prevented it becoming slippery.

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



"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Urban Council of Enniscorthy and notify them that the County Council require the Urban Council to take the necessary steps to prevent injury to Main Road between Enniscorthy Bridge and turn to Railway Station at Donohoe's Stores."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED WAGES

The County Surveyor submitted the following under date 21st May, 1938, from the men engaged in Kerlogue Quarry:-

"Now that all workers are having their wages increased, we, the County Council workers, apply to have our wages increased by 10/- weekly. Owing to the very high cost of living we find it impossible to support our wives and families and to procure the proper food necessary for such strenuous work required to be done by men working in the quarries. Will you please have application laid before next meeting of your Council."

It was decided to make no order on this application.

IMPROVEMENT GRANT BARTOWN - WEXFORD ROAD

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, asking him to report to the Finance Committee that subject to their sanction, he proposed using railway tractor and trailers for haulage on Bartown-Wexford Road from Carrigfoyle quarry. In case there should be any question as to the carters in the area, Mr. Birthistle wrote "I would like to mention that there will be work enough for all as happened on our previous grant work on this road."

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

"That application of Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for permission to hire railway tractor and trailers for haulage from Carrigfoyle quarry be agreed to, provided he obtains from the carters of the area information that they (the Carters) are not in a position to carry out the work."



ILLNESS OF MR. O'KENNEDY - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

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

"That, in accordance with Medical Certificate from Dr. T. McCabe, L.R.C.P.S.I., seven days' sick leave as from the 18th May 1938, owing to Bronchitis, be granted Mr. O'Kennedy, County Surveyor's Office, and that the County Surveyor be empowered to employ Michael Kirwan, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, remuneration to be calculated at £3 per week during the absence of Mr. O'Kennedy."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Education, the County Council be recommended to allow transfer of Edward Rutledge, Parnell Street, Wexford, County Council scholar under Secondary & Vocational Scheme from Christian Brothers, Wexford, to St. Peter's College, Wexford, as from the 8th February 1938."

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

"That as Joseph Lacey, Blackwater, candidate for award of Scholarship under Secondary & Vocational Scholarship Scheme at Easter 1937 received over 30% of marks for the four obligatory subjects, <sup>he</sup> be paid 12/6d expenses, viz., 3/6d to cover bus fare and 9/- for three days' board and lodgings at 3/- per day. That he be informed the County Council are not responsible for Medical or Birth Certificates or books etc."

PRINTING WORK OF COUNTY COUNCIL

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee on the 13th May, 1938, letter was read from James Meyler, Secretary Wexford Branch Typographical Association, pointing out that



the Wexford Printing firms were capable of carrying out any printing required by the County Council etc.

The Finance Committee decided to ask the Association if there was any reason why they had forwarded this communication.

Under date 19th May, 1938, the following was read from the Secretary, Wexford Branch Typographical Association:-

"In reply to your letter of yesterday re County Council printing in which you ask if there was any special reason for writing to the County Council, I wish to state that at a Committee meeting of the above Branch, attention was drawn to the fact that a Poster at the New Bridge with reference to the Bridge was printed in Dublin. I was instructed to write to the County Council and County Health Board with regard to printing being done outside the County."

The Secretary stated that he had furnished the County Surveyor with copy of letter from the Association and had received the following reply, under date 24th May, 1938:-

"In reply to your letter of 23rd instant re complaint of Wexford Typographical Association, I beg to inform you that I endeavoured to get posters for Wexford Bridge printed in Wexford, but was unable to do so. I enquired from Messrs. The People Ltd., Free Press and Echo, and the People supplied me with proof which I had to return. I had specifically set out in my draft the requirements of the Act in regard to size of type, and the proof supplied to me did not comply with these regulations. I was given to understand that such type was not available in the County and then I communicated with Messrs. Browne and Nolan, and also Messrs. Helys in Dublin, neither firm could undertake the job. I was then referred to Messrs. Corrigan & Wilson, who undertook the job and completed it to the requirements."

The Finance Committee decided that copy of County Surveyor's letter be furnished to the Typographical Association and also the opinion of the Finance Committee that the Association had no grievance in the matter.



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APPLICATION COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Notification of application was received from the Inspector, National Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Wexford Branch, as to committal of Bridget Murphy, Screen, illegitimate child of Rose Anne Murphy.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for compensation for alleged criminal injury was received on behalf of Bridget Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford, for destruction of trees, slates and bricks at Distillery House, Wexford, amount claimed £7. 10. 0.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

COMPLAINT OF SUMMER TIME

The following resolution was received from County Longford Vocational Education Committee:-

"That this Committee draw the attention of the Government to the hardship on parents and students occasioned by the operation of Summer Time and to the unsuitability and inconvenience of Summer Time for the farming community, and, further, that this Committee ask the Government to abolish Summer Time."

The meeting decided to make no order on this resolution.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 27th May, 1938, be received and considered."

APPLICATION INCREASED WAGES: Mr. Colfer said that in view of the increased cost of living he would raise the question of increasing the wages of road and quarry workers at the meeting at which Road Works Scheme for next year would be considered.

COMPLAINT OF SUMMER TIME: Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the adoption of the Longford resolution asking for the abolition of "Summer" time.

The Chairman and other members opposed.

After discussion, it was decided to take a show of hands on Mr. Kinsella's motion, when six voted in favour and nine against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th May 1938 as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 10th JUNE 1938: Minutes of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th June, 1938.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4769. 9. 6d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

CLOSE OF: List of Temporary uncollectable rates was submitted as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	1192.	3.	11
W. Doyle	803.	10.	7
P. Doyle	479.	1.	7
M. McCarthy	491.	0.	2
P. Nolan	563.	6.	11
S. Gannon	527.	3.	10
J. Deegan	521.	4.	8
J. Cummins	459.	3.	9
J. Flood	459.	18.	7
W. Cummins	1433.	10.	4
J. J. O'Reilly	285.	18.	11
D. Kenny	294.	18.	7
A. Dunne	828.	17.	4
J. J. Sinnott	1017.	2.	8
E. J. Murphy	245.	10.	0
M. Kehoe	227.	19.	2
J. Curtis	136.	15.	0
P. Carty	230.	19.	10

Total £10198. 5. 10

The Secretary stated that the total to be carried forward - £10198 - was £963 more than at the corresponding period last year. The Collectors said this was accounted for mainly by the additional year's Rates on derelict holdings. Six of the most backward of the Collectors had attended at the County Council Offices for interview.

Explanations as to increase of arrears in their



districts were read from Collectors J. J. Sinnott, Art Dunne and W. Doyle.

The principal point made by these Collectors was the difficulty of setting land. They had constantly visited derelict holdings, but could find nothing on them to seize.

Decrees had been obtained in a number of cases, but the Sheriff had in several of these made a nulla bona return. They did not resort to Court examination orders.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the following was agreed to:-

That all Collectors in cases in which "no goods" are returned on a decree for Rates should apply for examination orders. They should also ascertain from the Sheriff what action was being taken in regard to all decrees lodged with him. Several of the holdings in each Collector's district reported to be derelict should be inspected from time to time and a return made to the Secretary if any evidence is available as to whether the farm is grazed or mowed or used beneficially in any other way.

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

"That the temporary uncollectable Rates List submitted to this meeting be approved and amounts be carried forward for collection. That the irrecoverable Rates List as follows be also agreed to:-

	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	109.	6.	3
W. Doyle	38.	6.	5
P. Doyle	32.	6.	3
M. McCarthy	97.	19.	11
P. Nolan	60.	11.	0
S. Gannon	50.	0.	1
J. Deegan	60.	3.	0
J. Cummins	19.	4.	7
J. Flood	29.	16.	3
W. Cummins	24.	12.	10
J. J. O'Reilly	14.	19.	3
D. Kenny	9.	19.	8
A. Dunne	158.	18.	6
J. J. Sinnott	13.	14.	2
E. J. Murphy	55.	18.	5
M. Kehoe	20.	18.	3
J. Curtis	23.	18.	4
Total	£890.	3.	6.



Arrears outstanding in respect of financial year ended 1934/35 and previous periods amount to £8506. 14. 0d as follows:-

No.	Name	<u>Total Arrears not carried forward to 1937/38 Warrant being arrears in respect of 1934/35 and previous periods.</u>			<u>Collected to 10th June 1938.</u>			<u>Arrears outstanding on 10th June '38 for year ended 31st March 1935 and previous periods and not carried forward to 1938/39 warrant.</u>		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1.	J. Quirke	813.	19.	1				813.	19.	1
2.	W. Doyle	913.	11.	4				913.	11.	4
3.	P. Doyle	116.	4.	6	1.	1.	11	115.	2.	7
4.	M. McCarthy	303.	14.	2		5.	0	303.	9.	2
5.	P. Nolan	874.	13.	5				874.	13.	5
6.	S. Gannon	799.	2.	7	36.	13.	6	762.	9.	1
7.	J. Deegan	118.	15.	1	3.	17.	3	114.	17.	10
8.	J. Cummins	338.	2.	10				338.	2.	10
9.	J. Flood	124.	12.	3	5.	14.	11	118.	17.	4
10.	W. Cummins	1439.	12.	5				1439.	12.	5
11.	J. J. O'Reilly	166.	12.	10				166.	12.	10
12.	D. Kenny	287.	18.	6				287.	18.	6
13.	Art Dunne	1083.	1.	11				1083.	1.	11
14.	J. J. Sinnott	747.	4.	11	13.	0		746.	11.	11
15.	E. J. Murphy	32.	16.	5				32.	16.	5
16.	M. Kehoe	252.	10.	0				252.	10.	0
17.	J. Curtis	88.	15.	7				88.	15.	7
18.	P. Carty	58.	15.	1	5.	3.	4	53.	11.	9
		£8560.	2.	11	£53.	8.	11	£8506.	14.	0

RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS: Under date 1st June 1938 the following was read from Rate Collector Curtis, Hon. Secretary, County Rate Collectors:-

"I am instructed by the Rate Collectors to ask the County Council to pay the full amount of the Guarantee Bond for them in future as they find it very hard to meet half the amount every year with the other expenses incurred in their work."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary said that the amount of premium was £5. 12. 6d for each Collector or £101. 5. 0 for the 18 Collectors of the Council.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to pay the full amount of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds for County Rate Collectors."



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That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

RATE DISTRICT NO. 11: The Secretary stated that application had been made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the permanent transfer of District Electoral Divisions in No. 11 Area to the following:-

Collector Joseph Cummins (No. 8) - District Electoral Division of Bolaboy, and Collector W. Cummins (No. 10) District Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castle Talbot.

APPLICATION BY RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 30th May 1938, the following was read from Rate Collector Nolan (No. 5 District):-

"I respectfully ask the Finance Committee to pay me the sum of £5. 7. 0, the amount of Court Costs and Sheriff's expenses due in the case against Peter O'Brien, Ballyhire, for recovery of Rates.

I wish to point out that everything possible was done to recover the above costs. There was a seizure made on Mr. O'Brien's holding. The stock taken was belonging to a neighbouring farmer but as some point in regard to fencing came up the stock had to be released. The Land Commission then took over the place and this year they paid £80. 19. 3d Rates, but under the circumstances I could not pay the above costs due out of the amount received as would be done in every other case. So again, I ask the Finance Committee to be good enough to let me have this amount."

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

"That the Finance Committee consider the County Council should refund £5. 7. 0 law costs to Collector P. Nolan (District No. 5) in view of the facts set out in Collector's letter of 30th May, 1938."



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APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Rate Collector E. J. Murphy wrote applying for payment of the balance of poundage as he had closed his warrant.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to make application for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the payment in full of balance of poundage fees to all Rate Collectors who have now closed their Warrants."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO ADVANCES: Under date 20th May 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.14417/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would not raise any objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to advance loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the following:-

Patrick Byrne, Ballycomelone, Gorey. £200.

Richard Murphy, Carrigabruise, Enniscorthy. £180.

John Redmond, Ballyclemock, Newbawn. £50.

Under date 31st May 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.14417/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would not raise objection to the proposal to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Daniel Sullivan, Ballyeland, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, £130; and Mrs. Stasia Wallace, Coleman, Arthurstown, £150.

Under date 2nd June 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.15681-38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would not make objection to the County Council advancing under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, loan of £225 to Thomas Kenny, Wexford Street, Gorey.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION: Mr. James Doyle, Garryhasten, Clonegal, wrote that he was not proceeding with his application © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES Acts.



APPLICATION JAMES DEMPSEY: In the case of James Dempsey, of Piercestown, who applied for loan of £175, it was decided to ask Mr. Martin Kelly, Home Assistance Officer, Wexford, if, in his opinion, Dempsey would be able to repay the amount of the Loan.

Under date 3rd June, Mr. Kelly wrote:-

"I made enquiries concerning James Dempsey, Piercestown, I believe he is temperate and industrious. He has about eight acres of good land. He should be in a position to pay 4s. 6d weekly rent. I believe his friends in Wexford would help him. Also, Miss Dempsey, South Main St., Wexford."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to loan not to exceed £175 to James Dempsey, Drinagh, Piercestown, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

THOMAS GAFFNEY, KILBRANEY: The Secretary stated he had forwarded under date 2nd June 1938 the following letter to Thomas Gaffney, Kilbraney, Gusserane, who applied for loan of £140 and to which no reply had been received to the present:-

"It would appear from your letter that you intend putting up a house which is estimated to cost £140. If this is so, you will not be able to obtain loan of £70 from the County Council. The maximum loan which the County Council can grant in respect of a house valued at £140 is £55 and out of this all legal expenses, valuers' fees, cost of mortgage deed, etc. must be paid. I am writing to let you know this so that there will be no misunderstanding about the loan.

No commitment should be entered into in connection with house until you are notified by Mr. Elgee, County



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Council Solicitor, that the loan has been sanctioned by the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

NICHOLAS CARR, KILLANNE: Under date 8th June, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote:-

"Referring to yours of the 5th ultimo, I have now heard from Mr. Nicholas Carr, Killanne, apologising for the delay in answering my letter and stating that he was satisfied with the loan of £90 sanctioned to him but that he was afraid he would have some difficulty in getting the tradesmen to build the house. However, he was to let me know in the course of the next few days as to how the matter actually stood."

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS: Andrew Browne, Clonamona, Craanford, applied for loan of £100 on house value £200. He stated he was a farmer and that his annual income was 8/- weekly.

It was decided to ask Mr. Whitty, Home Assistance Officer, Gorey, for report as to whether, in his opinion, Browne would be likely to be able to meet his loan instalments. The instalment in this case would be 2/5d per week.

Miss Mary Keegan, Grattan Street, Gorey, applied for loan of £200 on house valued at £350. She gave her income as £50 but the Chairman stated several other members of the household were earning and that income of the family was up to nearly £4 per week.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to recommend the County Council to advance loan not exceeding £175, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Daniel Sheehan, Mason, Clohamon, applied for loan of £200 on house valued at £280. The income in this case was given as £150 per annum.

It was decided to ask Mr. Ronan, County Councillor, and



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Gangers to inform road and quarrymen they could be absent from work on 17th June 1938 without pay but that this absence would not interfere with their payment for Church Holiday on 16th June 1938.

Mr. C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, applied for leave of absence on 17th and 18th June 1938 in connection with general election.

Application for leave of absence on Election Day, 17th June 1938, was received from Miss Cathleen Tobin, Typist.

Applications for leave of absence for Election Day, 17th June and for the period of the Election Count, were received from Mr. J. H. Cadogan, John Moloney and P. M. Donohoe, Assistants in County Council Offices.

Mr. D. E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway, Warble Fly Inspector, wrote asking permission to be absent from duty on 17th June, date of General Election.

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

"That leave of absence be granted to members of the Clerical Staff of the Council for the period during which they will be engaged at work in connection with General Election ~~work~~. That Mr. Druhan, Warble Fly Inspector, be given permission to be absent from duty (without pay) on 17th June 1938."

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor said he was not yet in a position to furnish definite report as to repair of this Bridge. He had made enquiries as to pitch pine baulks. He had gone into this side of the matter assuming pitch pine was available and found that with stronger ties and shoes the cost might run up to £20,000, and which would give a fairly sound bridge for a number of years, but it would not deal



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with traffic above five tons all in. This, provided pitch pine was not available, would be putting a permanent structure on a poor base and the timber underneath could not be repaired without stripping the whole bridge. He had been thinking of strengthening the bridge with steel work, which could be done for about £5,000. It would, of course, be only a temporary job but might hold for at least five years and would carry traffic up to 5 tons all in. He had discussed the matter with Messrs. Delap & Waller. At first they did not approve of the proposal but afterwards, admitted it was worth consideration. By using rolled steel joists he would not interfere with the decking at all. When he had the details of the project further advanced he would submit it to the Council.

#### CARNE PIER

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Office of Public Works under date 27th May 1938 (S.W.1.22/2):-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to previous correspondence relative to the proposed improvement of Carne Pier and to inform you that the Parliamentary Secretary is prepared to recommend the Minister to sanction a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote of  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  of the cost of the proposed improvements estimated at £500 provided the work can be carried out during the winter months."

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

"That the Council be recommended to inform the Office of Public Works they would be prepared to make a 50 per cent contribution to the County Surveyor's revised estimate of £650 for the repair of Carne Pier, work to be carried out at a period of the year which the County Surveyor considers suitable. The County Surveyor is not prepared to deal with the matter as a winter job."



POULDUFF PIER IMPROVEMENTS

The following under date 27th May, 1938 (C.87/13/36) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to previous correspondence relative to the making of a grant towards the cost of extending the Pier at Cahore (Poulduff), Co. Wexford, and to inform you that the question has recently been raised with the Parliamentary Secretary by the County Surveyor.

I am to state, for the information of your Council, that the Parliamentary Secretary is prepared to recommend the Minister to sanction a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote of one-third of the cost of the proposed extension estimated at £3028 on the assumption that the work can be done in the Winter months."

The County Surveyor said the work at Poulduff could not be satisfactorily carried out during the winter months. The County Council, when the matter of improvement at this pier was mooted, stated they would put up one-third of the cost. The Government said this was not sufficient, after which the Council increased their offer to half cost which every one considered a very liberal proposal. Now, the Council were expected to put up two-thirds and to have the work done in the winter months. He would not undertake the responsibility for carrying out the work during the period of the year suggested by the Department of Public Works.

The meeting was considering the advisability of calling attention to their former offer of half cost and to the fact that this work could not be carried out satisfactorily in winter when, at the suggestion of Mr. Keegan, it was decided to adjourn further consideration until next meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 24th June, 1938.



ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The following resolution was adopted at County Council meeting on 9th May 1938:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate immediately with the Department of Fisheries in connection with Grants for repair of Pier at St. Helen's and inform the Department that the Wexford County Council are prepared to make a substantial contribution towards the cost of repair and to instruct the County Surveyor to carry out the work as expeditiously as possible."

The County Surveyor said he believed a communication from the Government Department concerned would be received soon.

SAND ON MAIN ROAD - TOWN OF ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, under date 2nd June, 1938:-

"Your letter of the 30th ultimo in connection with the throwing of sand on the street at Templeshannon by the carters of the town was submitted to a meeting of my Council on the 1st instant. They passed a resolution requesting the Council to put the street in order immediately so that horse drawn traffic can travel safely over it, and thus eliminate the sand throwing by carters for the safety of their animals drawing loaded vehicles.

The sand is causing a nuisance to the traders of street and they have threatened legal proceedings against the Council if they do not abate the nuisance. The carters state that the street is so slippery that unless they throw sand on it their horses will fall.

When you inspected the street recently I explained the position of my Council in the matter and it is imperative that some steps should be taken to remedy the matter.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that, in his opinion,



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the people who suffered any hardship through sand blowing into their premises had a remedy against the carters who were directly concerned in spreading this sand on the street.

It was decided to refer the matter to County Council meeting of 13th June 1938.

DUFFRY GATE FOOTPATH, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 3rd June 1938 from Mr. Thomas McCarthy, County Councillor, 11 Rafter Street, Enniscorthy:-

"In view of the approaching All-Ireland '98 Demonstrations here on 26th June, I have been asked by the Committee to endeavour to get something done with the wide pathway at left hand side Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, in the way of having tar and chippings put down. This pathway is in a very bad state and the Urban Council have also passed a resolution to be forwarded to you in connection with the matter.

The procession will assemble at Duffry Gate, and as it is expected there will be from 20,000 to 30,000 people present, I would like the roadway there to be in a fairly decent condition. I hope you may be able to do something."

The County Surveyor said it was incorrect to describe the place as a footpath; it was a clay/slope with a concrete footpath, four feet wide, in front of the houses. It would take 1000 square yards to carry out the request of Mr. McCarthy at a cost of £100.

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

"That the Council be recommended to have footpath at Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, laid down in tar and chippings, cost not to exceed £100 and that the Urban Council of Enniscorthy be requested to have the work carried out under the supervision of their Town Surveyor."



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IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND ROADS AT ROSSLARE STRAND

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 23rd May 1938 (RGR/22/3)(23/5/38):-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo addressed to the Irish Tourist Association regarding the indifferent condition of the road from Rosslare Strand, leading to Rosslare Pier, St. Helen's Pier and Carne Pier, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that you will be so good as to furnish your observations in the matter.

Your report should state the classification and number or numbers of the road, the estimated cost of reconstruction and the contribution, if any, which the County Council are prepared to provide towards the cost of the work."

The County Secretary said he had forwarded the following reply:-

"In reply to your letter, I beg to submit particulars of Roads in question which may be divided into three sections:-

- (1) Rosslare Strand (at Concrete Road Grange) to Carne Pier (all County roads).

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Perches</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Part 994	160	
Part 996	350	
Part 997	600	
Part 999	<u>290</u>	
	1400 Perches	£4,200.

- (2) Kilrane to St. Helen's - County Roads.

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Perches</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Part 1003	260	
Part 1004	<u>300</u>	
	560 Perches	£1600.

- (3) T.8 18 1050 do. £3,500.



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No. 1 is very much used by Tourists in Summer time. Part of Road No. 999 between St. Iberius Turn and Ballyfane Cross had been improved by aid of Loan and Grant S.881. The part of 999 from Ballyfane to Carne is bad and not improved.

No. 2 is also used by Tourists. The part 1003 is fairly wide, but Part 1004 is very narrow.

No. 3 is a Trunk Road and was improved partially only (under Grant) some time ago. It never was fully reconditioned. At the least it should now get a 3" coat of tar macadam with some widening and strengthening in places.

The matter has not been yet before the County Council re contribution. I shall bring it up at next meeting of County Council on 13th instant, and let you know result."

The Chairman said he did not believe the County Council would be satisfied to face an immediate expenditure of say £4,650, half cost of the Scheme as estimated by County Surveyor. He was of opinion it would be better take the proposal in sections and carry out first the work on the County Road from Rosslare Strand (at Concrete Road Grange) to Carne Pier, the cost of which the County Surveyor believed would run to £4200.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to contribute (to be raised by way of Loan) £1400 estimated <sup>improvement</sup> 33 1/3% of cost of County Road from Rosslare Strand (at Concrete Road Grange) to Carne Pier, the balance of cost to be obtained by way of Government Grant."

#### STATION ROAD, ROSSLARE STRAND

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 8th June 1938 from Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Would you please ask the Finance Committee to agree



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to an extension of the concrete work at Rosslare Strand. The Section from the Railway Station to the turn at the Strand (O'Brien's Corner) is urgently in need of widening and of a footpath. Traffic is very congested here and the place is really dangerous in the Summer months. There is also a portion of the road-widening and footpath work under the loan to be completed. This work proved somewhat more expensive than anticipated. I estimate the cost at £600.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to carry out the improvements at Station Road <sup>Rosslare</sup> and also widening and construction of footpath as suggested by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in his report of 8th June 1938, cost not to exceed £600 and amount to be taken from the balance of £4000 set out in Road Works Scheme as Relief money in anticipation of supplemental Schemes."

#### ROAD AT CASTLETOWN CHURCH

The following under date 9th June was read from Rev. G. Dunn, C.C., Castletown, Inch:-

"I would be very glad if you could see your way to have the road opposite Castletown Church rolled and tarred. During the Summer months, I find it impossible to keep the front doors open on account of the dust which is blown in. Many people pass by thinking the Church is closed. We have had the walls of church and cemetery replastered lately but the general appearance is greatly spoiled by the bad road."

The County Surveyor said he had asked Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, for a report in the matter. He (County Surveyor) would be prepared to take such steps as would be necessary to obviate the nuisance complained of by Fr. Dunn.



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MANGAN LANE

The following under date 6th June 1938 was read from Mr. James Lawlor, County Councillor:-

"I have been requested by the residents and users of Mangan(Killanne) road to draw attention of the County Council to the deplorable state of it at present. This is a road known as Mangan Lane and formerly was a contract road, but as no contractor turned up on a couple of occasions, it is now done by direct labour. I am informed that at the time it was under contract that 40 c.y. of stones were specified for it, but at present this is cut down to 12 c.y. and one week's work for a man. There is no such thing as watertables on this lane except in the centre of the roadway, and last winter no lorry would travel on it. What the people there want is to revert back to the contract system and they will take it up between them. I know roads or lanes not near as important as Mangan, for instance, Wheelagour, for which £40 was specified. If what the inhabitants say is true that only 12 yards of stones and one week's work for a man is all the attention given to it, it would be far better under contract. Please bring this matter before the Finance Committee and oblige.

In the dry weather at present the road is not bad to look at, but in the winter there is nothing to be seen only mud."

It was decided that Mr. Lawlor, the County Surveyor and Mr. Ennis, consult regarding this matter at the County Council meeting on 13th June 1938.

CLAIM FOR LOSS OF MARE

On the 16th November 1937 claim for £40 was received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey on behalf of James Sinnott, shopkeeper, Killinick, for loss of mare which he contended was fatally injured on the 16th October 1937, owing to obstruction left by County Council on the road at the entrance to his premises. The claim was heard at the Circuit Court and in connection with the matter the following report was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"The claim of Mr. Sinnott in respect of the alleged injury to his Mare at Killinick came before the Circuit Court Judge on 2nd June 1938 when he fully heard same and later inspected the site of the accident. He gave his decision to-day (3rd June) holding there was no responsibility on the County Council in respect of the accident,



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nor was there any breach of duty or of negligence on the part of the County Council officials in the matter, but that there was contributory negligence on Sinnott's part in as much as there was certain work at the entrance to his yard for which he sought to make the County Council and their officials liable. The Judge held he was not entitled to do this or to seek to make them responsible for work which he (Sinnott) should have done himself and accordingly dismissed the Civil Bill without costs."

#### WOODWORKERS WAGES, NEW ROSS

Under date 7th June 1938 Mr. John Crane, Branch Secretary (Irish Union of Woodworkers), 27 Ard-na-Greine, New Ross, wrote that the members of his Society had decided that the local rate of pay shall be 1s. 8½d per hour as from 11th June 1938 and the rate for apprentices 10/- per week for first year and 10/- rise each year after full time has been served.

It was decided to inform Mr. Crane that the County Council had always paid the recognised trade union rates of wages according to locality.

#### ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS - SMALL DWELLINGS ACTS

The Secretary stated that there were six borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acts heavily in arrear with instalments. He had sent a list of defaulters to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for legal action.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee stated he would take the necessary steps in the matter during the coming week.

Mr. Corish stated that in such cases the question of handing over the houses to the County Board of Health would be worth consideration.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, the meeting approved of the appropriate action being taken



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by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, against defaulters in the above and any future cases on lists supplied to the Solicitor by the Secretary.

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT - OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES  
AREAS

Under date 6th June 1938, the following was read from Mrs. Howard, Clerk No. 7 Sub-Committee:-

"Replying to yours of the 1st instant, my Committee at their meeting held on the 4th June on the proposition of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Colfer, decided that unless the Clerk be remunerated for the increased work consequent on the adjustment of areas they decline to accept the Finance Committee's transfer of three extra districts."

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the proposed adjustments of Areas of Sub-Committees (Old Age Pension Acts) which make very considerably for public convenience; also, to inform the County Council if, owing to transfer of certain units from one area to another there should be an adjustment of the remuneration of the Clerks to the Sub-Committees concerned and where there has been an addition to the area will the Department allow a proportionate increase in the Clerk's remuneration."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following under date 6th June 1938 was read from Edwin F. Todd, The Bungalow, Kilrane:-

"Owing to my education being not yet completed for the University Scholarship Examination I am wondering if it is possible that my Scholarship be extended for another year to allow me the opportunity of entering for it. I would be very much obliged if you would inform me of the same."



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Hoping it does not cause you any inconvenience."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of application to next meeting of Finance Committee, the County Secretary, in the meantime, to obtain from applicant explanation as to why he did not sit for the Leaving Certificate Examination in the present year.

Under date 7th June 1938 the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, C.2, wrote approving of the transfer of the Scholarship held by Edward Rutledge, Parnell Street, Wexford, from the Christian Brothers' School, Wexford, to St. Peter's College, Wexford, as from 8th February 1938.

#### SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 27th May 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.8195/2/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister had consented to overdraft not exceeding £35,000 up to 30th June 1938.

#### REVISION OF VALUATIONS

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

"That the various applications from County Council Rate Collectors etc., <sup>for revisions of valuation</sup> as submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved. That they be submitted to the Commissioner of Valuation for his decision."

#### SUMMER HOLIDAYS OF OFFICIALS

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

"That the County Secretary and County Surveyor be granted their usual Summer holidays and that they arrange for the holidays of their respective staffs to suit the exigencies of work in their departments."



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EXTRA CLERICAL ASSISTANCE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The County Surveyor applied for extra clerical assistance for three or four weeks, to make out the holiday pay cards of road workers and to write up road and quarry records in arrear. Owing to Industrial and other Returns his own staff were not able to deal with the matter.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the request of County Surveyor for extra clerical assistance for one month - remuneration to be at the rate of 1s. 1d per hour. Proposal is to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

ILLNESS OF MR. O'KENNEDY, COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 25th May 1938 a further certificate was received from Dr. McCabe, L.R.C.P. & S.I., that Mr. O'Kennedy (County Surveyor's Office) was still suffering from Bronchitis and required a further seven days' sick leave from 25th May 1938.

Mr. O'Kennedy returned to duty on 30th May 1938.

The following under date 8th June 1938 (R/RS/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 2nd instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to employment of Mr. M. Kirwan at £3 per week during the sick absence of Mr. J. O'Kennedy, clerk in the County Surveyor's office."

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

"That Michael Kirwan, substitute for Mr. O'Kennedy, in County Surveyor's Office, be employed from 25th to 30th



May 1938 - date on which Mr. O'Kennedy returned to duty."

APPLICATION ERECTION KERBSIDE PETROL PUMP

Application was read from Mrs. Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross, for licence for Kerbside Pumps at *her* premises. She had a dual hand operated pump but was substituting it for two single all electric pumps.

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

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from the Inspector, Wexford Branch of National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of his intention to apply at Gorey District Court for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Anne Gowan, Annagh, Inch, 4 years old. The child was destitute and both her parents were dead.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 10th June, 1938, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The Chairman said it seemed to the Finance Committee that the collection of rates on derelict farms was a failure. Nobody was looking closely after this matter. The Finance Committee should endeavour to ascertain if there was any possibility of devising some system to deal with these holdings. He believed it might be possible to get the Department of Local Government and Public Health to provide an Inspector for a close examination of the situation in regard to these holdings.

Miss O'Ryan considered that a Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee should be appointed to deal specially with these derelict farms and if at all possible, to secure some method by which rates would be made available. It was well known that in a great many instances use was being made of these farms.

After discussion it was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish, that the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 24th June discuss the question of arrears of rates on derelict farms with the Rates Inspector and report to the County Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to Deed made between John Hempenstall, The Very Reverend James (Canon) Furlong and the Very Reverend Martin Murphy, The Agricultural Credit Corporation and the County Council of the County of Wexford, whereby the County Council Releases part of the Lands of Island Upper containing 1a. 1r. 5 p.,



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from their Charge for £90, in respect of Loan under the Small Dwellings Acts. The remainder of the said Lands the property of the said John Hempenstall to remain subject to their Charge."

Mr. Elgee said that up to the present as regards costs in connection with the surrender of mortgages, he had charged the usual fixed fees, viz., Two guineas for approval and one guinea for having the Deed executed. However, in deference to the wishes of the Council he would charge £1 only in future.

LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES - GENERAL ELECTION: Mr. Ronan said he considered it inequitable that the ordinary road and quarry workers of the County Council would have to lose a day's pay in order to take part in the General Election unless a similar rule would apply to the County Council Clerical Staff.

The Secretary stated he understood the staff would not object to having Election leave deducted from their annual holidays.

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That leave as applied for by the County Council Clerical Staff to enable them to act as officials at the forthcoming General Election be granted, provided the period of leave taken be deducted from their annual holidays"

POULDUFF PIER: Mr. Smyth said the fishermen of Poulduff were very much disappointed with the delay which had taken place as regards the Harbour Improvement work. The Council would remember that they first offered one-third which the Department stated was not sufficient. In consequence of this the Council increased their offer to one half, which the Department stated would be considered. It was very



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unsatisfactory that now after waiting two years the Council were expected to put up two-thirds.

The Chairman said it was better await the decision of the Department on the proposals submitted by the Finance Committee before any further discussion took place and this suggestion was adopted.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Department of Fisheries and ask them if the Scheme which he had submitted had been yet considered and with what result.

SAND ON MAIN ROADS, ENNISCORTHY: It was decided to consider this matter in committee.

The County Surveyor said the maintenance of the Main Roads in Enniscorthy Urban District was carried out by the Urban District Council, through an agreement with the County Council for a fixed sum. Parts of the road in question were polished and were certainly dangerous in places.

Mr. McCarthy contended that it would be most unjust to expect the Urban Council to carry out such a job as was necessary to obviate the nuisance on this road for the money voted by the County Council for the general maintenance of the entire Main Roads in the Urban district.

The County Surveyor admitted that to roughen the surface of concrete by use of emery wheel would be a very expensive job and there was no doubt but the action of the sand on the road had smoothened it out and made it slippery.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that constant complaints were ~~being~~ received by the Urban Council as to the condition of the road. Cattle and horses were constantly falling on it.

Mr. Lawler said he knew the place well and in his opinion, horses could only with safety draw over it a load of 5 cwt.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, under



whose supervision the concrete road was laid down, stated that the work was carried out by a contractor in exactly the same way as obtained on the Ferrycarrig Road and the portion complained of should be no more slippery than any other section. He believed that the carters responsible for using the sand had old stiff horses which they were definitely overloading. They also had the shoes of the horses "caulked".

After further discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for consultation between himself, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor and Town Surveyor of Enniscorthy, this conference to be without prejudice to the rights or responsibilities of any Body or Person.

ROSSLARE ROADS: Col. Quin advocated that the improvement works on this road should be carried out in concrete, as it was the cheapest method owing to its long life.

The County Surveyor agreed with Col. Quin, but said that if the roads were all done in concrete employment in the future would be greatly curtailed.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 10th June 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACT 1937

Under date 4th June, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (F.69/38) as to the appointment of seven members of the Council to the Seanad Electorate not later than one month after the dissolution of the Dail, viz., 27th May 1938.

Regulations for the conduct of the Elections were also



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enclosed.

Col. Quin proposed that the meeting agree to select unanimously the requisite seven members to form portion of Seanad Electorate.

Mr. Kinsella seconded, and the motion was adopted nem. con.

The following seven members were then selected:-

1. Kelly John Patrick, proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer.
2. McCarthy Thomas, proposed by Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Smyth.
3. O'Byrne John, proposed by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. J. J. Bowe.
4. O'Ryan Ellen, proposed by Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Ronan.
5. Redmond Thomas, proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Lawlor.
6. Sweetman Malachi, proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.
7. Walsh James Edward, proposed by Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Smyth.

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - FILLING VACANCIES ON SUB-COMMITTEES

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

No. 6 Sub-Committee: "That Mr. John McGrath, Askamore, Carnew, be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee as recommended by same, vice Rev. C. Ffrench, P.P., Monageer, resigned."

No. 8 Sub-Committee: "That, as recommended by Sub-Committee, Rev. E. Wheeler, C.C., Kilmuckridge, and Mr. Peter Cooney, Oulart, be appointed to the vacancies caused by the death of John O'Brien and William Devereux on No. 8 Sub-Committee."



"That Rev. N. Redmond, C.C., Blackwater and Mr. Patrick Adams, Ballyhaught, Blackwater, disqualified through non-attendance be and are hereby re-appointed, having signified their intention of attending in future."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following stood in the name of Mr. Bowe:-

"That the Council, at their meeting to be held on 13th June 1938, consider how best to arrive at a decision relative to the eligibility of candidates to compete for University Scholarships of this Council in order to comply with the provisions of Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act 1918 which defines accepted candidates under this Scheme to mean such as are "in need of assistance" to secure the benefits of a University training. That the decision of the County Council in this matter apply only to their University Scholarship Scheme from 1939 onwards."

The Chairman suggested that copies of University Schemes obtaining in other Counties should be procured and examined as to the question of means of <sup>a</sup>parents or guardians prior to consideration of Mr. Bowe's motion.

Mr. Bowe fell in with the suggestion and his motion was accordingly adjourned for the present.

GOREY DUMPING GROUND

Under date 16th May, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.9948/38 Loch Garman (Pg)) enclosing copy of Sealed Order fixing Area of Charge <sup>on</sup> for the expenses of providing and maintaining dump at Gorey / Gorey Urban District Electoral Division.

UNIFIED ENGINEERING CONTROL

Correspondence was read from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, and the



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C.E.O., Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee, stating that the proposed system of Unified Engineering Control as outlined by the County Council had been approved by these Bodies.

The County Board of Health and Public Assistance had referred the matter to their Engineers from whom the following statement was read:-

"At a meeting of the four Engineers to the Board, it was unanimously agreed to give every assistance possible to enable the Board to carry out a scheme of unification of the Engineering services of the County. The Engineers are in complete approval of the scheme provided their conditions are not worsened in any respect."

#### ANCIENT MONUMENTS

Minute was received from the Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee asking the County Council to take steps to declare Ferrycarrig Castle and Mountgarrett Castle as Ancient and Historic Monuments, and also to communicate with the owners and ask them if they were prepared to hand the buildings over to the Council. That the Office of Public Works be requested to agree to the proposal that these Castles be regarded as Ancient Monuments.

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

"That we agree to the request of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee to take over as Ancient Monuments Ferrycarrig Castle (Wexford) and Mountgarrett Castle (New Ross) provided arrangements can be made with the owners. That the Office of Public Works be requested to advise the County Council in this matter."



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LICENCES POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That provided no objection be made by Garda Síochána licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

New Licences: Kathleen M. Codd, Baldwinstown.

Mrs. Christina Shortle, Castlebridge.

John Rochford, Main Street, Taghmon, and

Peter Cooney, Oulart.

Renewals: John Roche, Camolin and

John Farady, Camolin.

ENCROACHMENT ON ROAD AT UPTON, KILMUCKRIDGE

Mr. Smyth called attention to encroachment on road at Upton by Mr. Tony Bryan. He had been informed that flowers had been sown on the portion of the road taken in.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that he had brought up this matter at the last meeting and had asked the County Surveyor to go into it.

The County Surveyor said that some years ago there was a question about an encroachment by Mr. Bryan and he (County Surveyor) had visited the place with Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor. At that time, Mr. Bryan had built on an old foundation for his lodge and he has now extended the building further down still keeping to the line of the boundary wall. He recently had made a sort of projection or portico that went some distance out on the road, and he (County Surveyor) asked Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, to inspect the place and report.

Mr. Treanor said he could not see that the erection by Mr. Bryan could be described as a real obstruction, as the extent of the projection was only 18 inches. Mr. Bryan did not ask for permission nor was he given any for this



work but he said in order to make up for the encroachment he would widen the road at another point to provide a parking place for motor cars.

Mr. Keegan said he had been informed that at part of the place the encroachment was up to two feet. He could not see any reason why Mr. Bryan should have been allowed to do this. As a matter of fact, the attention of the Council should have been called to it long ago. He moved that Mr. Bryan be compelled to take down any portion of the building he had erected and which encroached on the public road.

Mr. Ronan seconded.

The Chairman said he had been informed about this matter, but from what he had been told he understood the projection was so small that it did not make any real difference to traffic.

The County Surveyor suggested he should inspect the place with Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, and report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

This was agreed to, Mr. Keegan's resolution being adjourned pending consideration of County Surveyor's report.

CLERICAL STAFF - RATE BOOK WORK

Mr. Bowe said that at the second last meeting he went through the list of applicants for jobs on the temporary rate staff. Mr. Kelly and himself agreed upon the names of the people to go on. There was one man who got seven weeks' work in the County Surveyor's Office before, and who, he (Mr. Bowe) understood, was in receipt of 30s. a week pension, and that man went on the staff, while he found that a man in receipt of unemployment assistance had not gone on.

The Secretary stated that the County Councillors appointed to select the members of Rate Book staff for



Enniscorthy district were Messrs. Kelly and Sweetman. The men selected by them had been employed and it was quite wrong for Mr. Bowe to insinuate that the persons selected by the Committee were not employed when the contrary was the case.

Miss O'Ryan held that if they appointed two men to look after each district, the whole discussion was out of order. She would no more attempt to interfere with Mr. Corish's selections in Wexford than she would cut off her own hand, and if Mr. Corish and Mr. Cullimore did the work whether it pleased her or not, she was not going to criticise them at the County Council meeting. The Council appointed two men and these men should take the blame or the credit.

Mr. Kinsella - Mr. Kelly did agree with Mr. Bowe.

Miss O'Ryan - That makes no difference. Mr. Bowe was not on the Committee.

Secretary - We were bound by the selections made by the members of the committee, and we carried out their instructions.

The Chairman remarked that Mr. Bowe could criticise the members of the Committee.

Mr. Kelly said that the man to whom Mr. Bowe was referring was not a nominee of his (Mr. Kelly's).

The matter dropped.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE CARETAKER

\ The following letter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, under date 10th June 1938, and marked "without prejudice" was read:-

"You may remember that on the 11th March last the possession Summons herein came on for hearing but the Justice adjourned it until today when he granted a Decree. We pointed out to him that this Decree would be effective as regards Robert Valentine and that it could not affect our Client's Mother, Mrs. Valentine's occupation of same. This point did not occur to us when the case was before



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the Court in March, but we think you will agree that it is a substantial point, and if Mrs. Valentine is interfered with in her occupation of the Premises we think she would have good grounds for an Action against your Clients. In any event, we are asking the Justice to fix Sureties for Bail and when this is done we shall prepare the papers to complete an Appeal.

Without prejudice, to our Client's rights, he expects to get possession of a House which is not yet completed, but which will be ready for him to occupy by the end of July. If therefore your Clients would undertake not to execute the Warrant before the 1st August, we will undertake not to prosecute the Appeal."

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

"That this Council are prepared to allow Robert Valentine and his mother to remain in possession of caretaker's premises in Gorey Courthouse up to and including 30th July 1938 on the understanding that clear possession of the premises will be then handed over to the County Council."

#### OLD GATE, ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. T. McCarthy, County Councillor, Enniscorthy, under date 9th June 1938:-

"There is an old door or gate at the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, which the '98 Committee would like to get for the windmill on Vinegar Hill. If it requires the approval of the Council I would be glad if you would mention it on Monday. As far as I can see this old gate will never be required for any purpose by the Council."

The County Surveyor stated the old gate referred to by Mr. McCarthy would never be required by the County Council.

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

"That old gate at Enniscorthy Courthouse be handed over to Enniscorthy '98 Commemoration Committee for erection on Vinegar Hill."



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL MEETING - 27th JUNE, 1938

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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 27th June, 1938.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided, and there were also present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, W. P. Keegan, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, and Myles Smyth.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs. J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen, R. J. Ennis and T. Treanor.

Mr. Delap (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16 Milesworth Street, Dublin) was also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £37418. 6. 7d instalments Public Bodies etc. and £336. 3. 4d monthly salaries, were examined and signed.

#### RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Colfer proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Denis Allen, T.D., be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year to hold Office until his successor has been appointed and has taken Office"

Mr. Colfer said that Mr. Allen had held the position for four years and he (Mr. Colfer) expressed his sincere wish that he would remain in office for a further four years.

Mr. T. Redmond seconded the motion which was supported by Mr. McCarthy, who stated that Mr. Allen had been most impartial in his rulings and had given everyone an



opportunity of putting their views fairly and fully before the Council.

No other proposal was made and Mr. Allen was declared unanimously re-elected Chairman.

He returned thanks for the kindness of the Council in re-electing him to the position. He would do his best with the help of the members which had been given so generously in the past. He asked for a similar measure of their support in the future.

Mr. Allen then signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

#### RE-ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution:-

"That Richard Corish, T.D., be re-elected Vice-Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year to hold Office until his successor has been appointed and has taken Office."

The motion, having been adopted without dissent, the Chairman declared Mr. Corish re-elected Vice-Chairman.

In returning thanks, Mr. Corish said that owing to the very regular attendance of the Chairman he had practically nothing to do as Vice-Chairman and he hoped the same circumstances would prevail in the coming year.

He then signed his declaration of office.

#### NEW MEMBER OF MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The Chairman (who had given previous notice of the proposal) moved:-

"That Mr. Sean Murphy, Tilladavins, Tomhaggard, County Councillor, be appointed member of Mental Hospital Committee vice Mr. W. Cullimore, County Councillor, resigned."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.



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RESIGNATION OF MR. WILLIAM KINSELLA FROM FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

The following under date 21st June 1938 was read from  
Mr. Kinsella:-

"I wish to inform you that I am resigning from the  
Finance Committee, so please inform the Committee.

Thanking you for your courtesy."

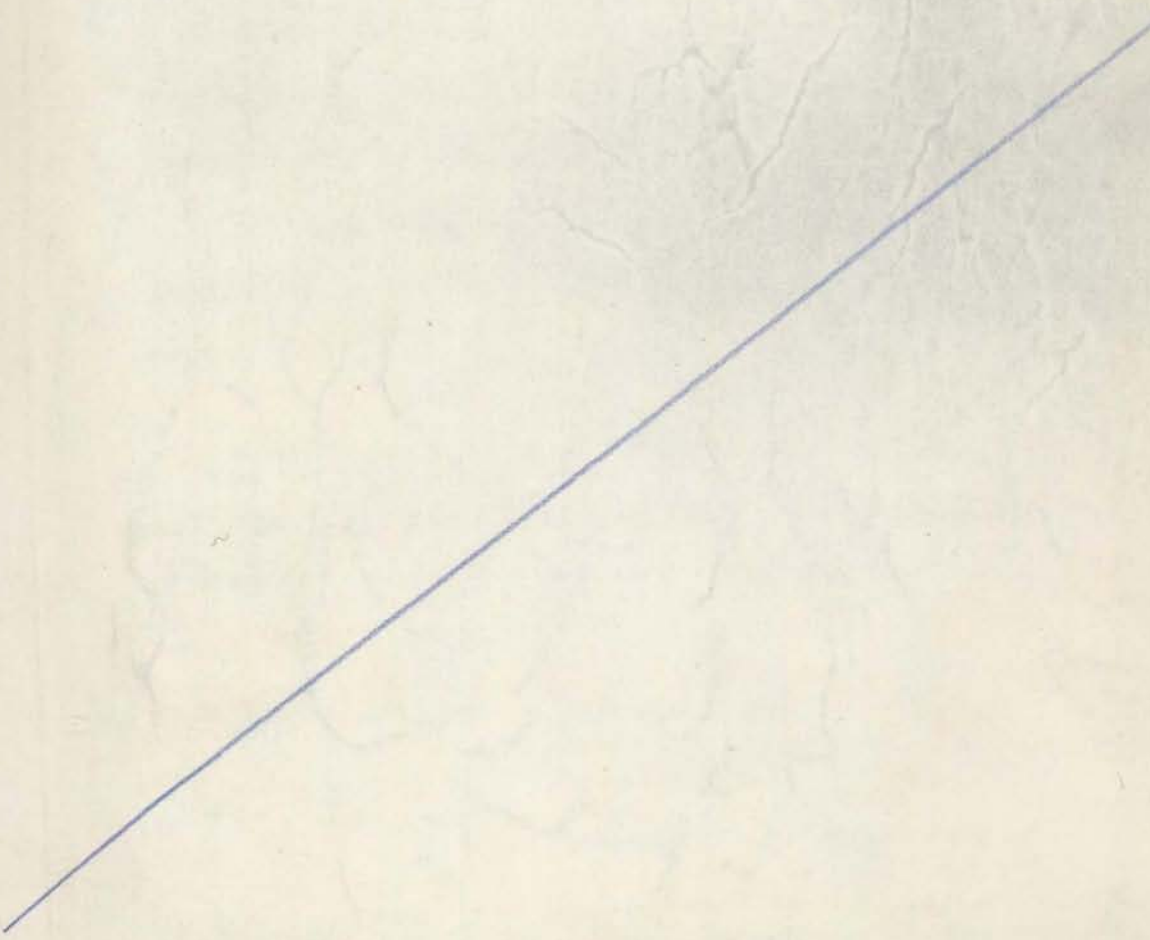
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth:-

"That the resignation of Mr. William Kinsella, County  
Councillor, be accepted with regret and that Mr. Thomas  
McCarthy be appointed to the vacancy."

The motion was adopted nem. con.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 24th JUNE 1938: Minutes of above meeting were  
submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th June, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. P. Keegan, Sean Murphy, 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 £5115. 3. 6d was examined and signed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, a vote of condolence was adopted to the family of the late Mr. Andrew F. Barden, formerly of Corse, Fethard, Ex-Rate Collector, New Ross Guardians and who died at Cambridge, New Zealand, on 23rd June 1938, in his one hundred and first year. Mr. Barden retired from office in 1897.

It was decided that copy of vote of condolence be furnished to Mr. Philip Murphy, M.C.C., Ballykerogue, nephew of deceased.

RATE COLLECTION

TEMPORARY UNCOLLECTABLE RATES: The following final (revised) lists of Temporary Uncollectable and Irrecoverable Rates were approved:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Temporary Uncollectable Rates to be carried forward to 1938/39 Warrant.</u>				<u>Irrecoverable Rates.</u>			
	<u>Amount</u>			<u>Percentage 1937/38 Warrant.</u>				
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.	
J. Quirke	1192.	3.	11	13.6	109.	2.	1	
W. Doyle	779.	13.	4	15.8	38.	6.	5	
P. Doyle	479.	1.	7	7.9	32.	6.	3	
M. McCarthy	491.	0.	2	8.3	97.	19.	11	
P. Nolan	563.	6.	11	7.5	60.	11.	0	



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	<u>Amount</u>			<u>Percentage 1937/38 Warrant.</u>	
	£.	s.	d.		£. s. d.
S. Gannon	527.	3.	10	6.9	50. 0. 1
J. Deegan	521.	16.	0	6.5	60. 3. 0
J. Cummins	459.	3.	9	7.0	19. 4. 7
J. Flood	459.	9.	3	10.7	29. 16. 3
W. Cummins	1433.	10.	4	15.9	24. 12. 0
J. J. O'Reilly	285.	18.	11	4.6	14. 19. 3
D. Kenny	294.	18.	7	5.5	9. 19. 8
A. Dunne	829.	15.	2	19.1	158. 18. 6
J. J. Sinnott	1015.	7.	7	14.5	13. 14. 2
E. J. Murphy	293.	7.	11	5.1	8. 0. 6
M. Kehoe	228.	9.	2	4.8	20. 18. 3
J. Curtis	136.	15.	0	2.2	23. 9. 4
P. Carty	230.	19.	10	4.4	69. 10. 4
	£10242.	1.	3	8.6	£841. 11. 7.

RATES ON DERELICT FARMS ETC.: The meeting discussed and approved issue of special Form to Rate Collectors to secure particulars as to extent and amount of Rates due on Derelict Farms and Holdings on which Rates are not being paid, in order that a close inspection of these places be made to discover if any use is being made of them so that the matter of recovering outstanding rates should be duly dealt with.

EXPLANATION FROM COLLECTORS: Mr. W. Cummins, Rate Collector (No. 10 district) wrote that the reason for the increase of arrears of Rates in his district was because of the current rate on derelict farms which alone was £78. 13. 9d, and on semi-derelict farms £50. 9. 11d; on farms in hands of Auctioneers and which did not realise sufficient to meet the current rate £58. 7. 5d and current rate on other holdings covered by decrees £221. 14. 1d, making a total of £409. 6. 0. He spared no pains, he claimed, to reduce his arrears, but owing to the handicap under which he was obliged to work he found it quite impossible to do this.

Mr. M. McCarthy (No. 4 District) wrote that in all



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suitable cases he had obtained decrees for rates. He would take out examination orders for the amounts if not paid to his Solicitor immediately.

RATE COLLECTORS AND PAYMENT BY SALARY, ETC.: The Secretary read letter from County Secretary, Dublin County Council, re payment of Rate Collectors in his area. The seven Rate Collectors received each remuneration of £460 per annum, made up of £300 salary and £160 commission based on a poundage of 3d in the £. The average warrant would be approximately £52,000. In County Wexford there were 18 Collectors and the total Rate Warrant would not amount to one third of that of Dublin County.

The meeting did not consider the conditions of salary and commission obtaining in Dublin County applicable to County Wexford and no order was made.

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following report under date 22nd June 1938 to the County Surveyor, was read from Mr. Alfred D. Delap (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin) :-

"On 9th May we reported to your Secretary on Wexford Bridge, and this report was considered by your Council on the 23rd, when you were asked to estimate the cost of making the bridge fit for traffic, either for the time necessary to design and build a new bridge, or for sufficient time to carry the rebuilding over to a later generation.

Since then we have, as you know, had several consultations with you, and have given the matter a great deal of consideration.

We have arranged to examine the bridge underwater, and hope to have this examination complete on the 24th June.

If this under water examination shows nothing worse than what we have seen above water, we think that the bridge can be made fit to carry reasonable traffic at reasonable speeds for a few years more, under a drastic system of inspection and a high annual percentage for maintenance and repairs.

The cost of this temporary restoration of the bridge we estimate as follows:-



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from the rest. For some reason these piles were strapped with wrought iron evidently when the bridge was being built. The conclusion he arrived at was that when these piles were being driven and met the hard they were split in the driving. It was difficult to make a close examination as all the piles on that side of the river were coated with mussel shell to a depth of six to eight inches. The strapped piles were held by iron which had greatly deteriorated and was now of no great use. Looking at the bridge as a whole there was nothing very wrong below water. From low tide, to high water it had deteriorated considerably and above that it had very seriously deteriorated. Between low and high water the tie bars were practically gone. As he had stated generally speaking the bridge above water had been very carefully and constantly looked after by County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said the £6,000 estimate would provide temporary strengthening to take vehicles of five tons "all in" at 15 miles per hour and would allow for the possible passing in opposite directions of two vehicles of the weight referred to.

Mr. Delap said it might be possible with the estimate under consideration to say that the bridge would have a further five years of life.

The County Surveyor said that even if the Council started that day to consider the erection of a new bridge it would take from three to five years to have it completed.

Mr. Delap said that with the proposals now made the main and cross steel girders could be afterwards taken out of the bridge uninjured and could probably be utilised for County Council work or, if steel prices advanced the Council would get what they cost.



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The County Surveyor pointed out that the proposed system of repair would not entail lifting the decking of the bridge whereas if the ties etc. were strengthened or replaced the entire structure would have to be stripped. Another advantage was that there would be no interference with the light normal traffic at present utilising the bridge and the repair could be done out of hand, while the repair of the tie rods would take at least 12 months with the decking of the bridge raised. The suggested repair would allow for bus traffic.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that the report of Mr. Delap and minute of Finance Committee thereon be referred to the County Council for consideration.

#### ROAD ENCROACHMENT AT UPTON, KILMUCKRIDGE

In connection with this matter consideration of which was adjourned from meeting of County Council of 13th June, 1938, for report of County Surveyor, the following was read from Mr. A. Loftus Bryan:-

"Will you please convey my regrets to the Council for having contravened their regulations. Far from trying to obstruct or in any way damage the amenities, I have endeavoured to improve them. You will see by the enclosed sketch that I have added a very considerable area to the roadway opposite my Hydro. My object in doing this was to give parking space free of the actual County road, thereby not causing other road users any inconvenience. I have not yet completed this scheme owing to pressure of work on the farm.

Since I took over possession of this property from my father in 1925, I have endeavoured to give the utmost amount of employment in the district. As you are, no doubt, aware the compensation money for the old Upton House was not received by me, it was spent elsewhere outside Wexford County. Every penny spent here on building and farm labour has come out of my own pocket. I am stressing this point in order to make it quite clear to everyone that I have the interests of my County, County and immediate district at heart. Upton Hydro is the first of its kind in this country. People have come and are coming in increasing numbers from all parts of the world for treatment.

In my own humble way, I am, therefore, helping to advertise and develop my country as a health resort.



I ask the County Council under the circumstances to be good enough to pardon any oversight on my part and to accept my apologies."

The County Surveyor said that the road in question was made in the "famine times" about 1847 and it was not until 1851 that an Act of Parliament provided for the 30 foot clearance of buildings from the centre of the road. The first extension was made at the place on the site of the old lodge. It had since been further considerably extended but the extension was kept in line with the old boundary wall. The porch in the first instance, (and at the time it was seen by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district) was out only six or eight inches but it was now out three feet and was nine feet wide. As a set off, Mr. Bryan had opened the road on the far side. The road was normally 25 feet wide but opposite the premises the width was 62 feet; it was 26 feet wide at the other side of the entrance gate. Owing to the manner in which the road had been opened a parking place for motor cars, clear of the travelling surface had been provided. If Mr. Bryan had, in the first instance, made application to the Council and had sent the sketch he (County Surveyor) would have approved.

Mr. Keegan said that a number of very influential people, who were large ratepayers, were not satisfied unless some action in the matter was taken against Mr. Bryan.

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

EMPLOYMENT ETC. IN KILMUCKRIDGE AREA

The Chairman said that during the meeting he had received the following:-

"A deputation from the Kilmuckridge Labour Branch would be thankful for a hearing in connection with the opening of Tinnacree quarry, or any other work in our district, as there are so many unemployed here at present, the names of whom we can supply."



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The following constituted the deputation:- Messrs. Michael Lawlor (spokesman), John McCarthy, Michael Sinnott, William Smith, Michael Donohoe, Myles Murphy and Patrick Dempsey.

Mr. Lawlor said they would like to know why Tinnacree quarry had been so long closed.

The County Surveyor said there was a surplus of material there.

Mr. Lawlor said the Council were drawing sea gravel eight miles to roads adjoining the quarry. If the surplus material was not utilised the quarry might remain closed for 20 years.

Mr. Lawlor also pointed out that the deputation requested that the road from Kilmuckridge to Ballinure turn (about 400 yards) be steamrolled and treated with tar macadam.

Mr. Keegan said that Tinnacree material might be a bit dearer than sea gravel but it made a better and sounder road. During dry weather and practically for a considerable time in Summer sea gravel roads ravelled and were really a nuisance.

The Chairman said it was the policy of the County Council to provide all possible employment and in the case of Tinnacree it would be to the advantage of the workers if the quarry was opened and all possible roads maintained from it.

The County Surveyor said that the real difficulty was that in the case of some of these roads, the quantity of quarry material to be provided would not be sufficient to fill the ~~exposed~~ pot holes. He understood that the average cost of sea gravel was from 5/- to 6/- per yard and the cost of haulage for the quarry material to Kilmuckridge street was 4/- per yard. It would be very expensive to



make an alternate road to the quarry. He considered the road from Blackwater to Riverchapel should be steamrolled out of the Employment Vote (Rural) and would be done in sections when money was available and this would allow of a substantial amount of material being taken from Tinnacree quarry. The section suggested by deputation could possibly be dealt with this year.

In reply to the Chairman he said he would substitute quarry material for sea gravel for the lower end of the district as far as he could reasonably do so.

After further discussion the meeting approved of the suggestion of the County Surveyor that he should approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health and ask them to sanction the opening of one of the works in the district on account of the difficulty of getting out material from Tinnacree quarry and the number of unemployed in the locality.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that the Council should discontinue the use of sea gravel on all roads for which quarry material could be made available.

Mr. Lawlor also referred to bog at Morriscastle, 25 acres of which required draining. Six people were concerned in the matter.

It was pointed out that application to have this work carried out under Minor Relief Schemes Vote had been made already.

It was decided that the County Surveyor again call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the application.

Mr. Michael Sinnott, Morriscastle, a tenant on the Boyce Estate which had been taken over by the Land Commission said he had no road into his holding and was obliged to use the strand as a thoroughfare. The attention of the Land Commission had been already called to the matter.

It was decided that Mr. Sinnott furnish a detailed



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written statement which the County Secretary is instructed to forward to the Land Commission with the opinion of the Finance Committee that Mr. Sinnott had a distinct grievance owing to the delay in providing him with a road to allow of his working his holding to advantage.

#### SALARY OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN

The following letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 10th June 1938 (G.8434-38) to the Library Committee was forwarded by County Librarian for consideration by County Council:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant and previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the salary of the County Librarian being increased by a sum of £25 as from 1st April 1938 with one increment of £15 as from 1st April 1939 and a final increment of £10 as from 1st April 1940. The maximum salary suggested by the Committee cannot, however, be sanctioned.

I am to add that the sanction now given is conditional on the County Council agreeing to place a supplementary grant of £15 at the disposal of the Committee during the current financial year, and that the necessary provision will be made in the subsequent Estimates to avoid any reduction of the amounts available for the purchase of books, etc."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan, and adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to handing over to County Library Committee for the current financial year £15 as a supplementary Grant in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 10th June 1938 No. G.8434/38."



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following report for presentation to the County Council was approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman:-

"The great trouble in connection with the administration of this Scheme has been the question of determining by valuation or by income the parents or guardians who were "in need of assistance" to provide University Education for their children.

The latest regulation to determine eligibility providing no income tax was payable on direct income was found to be unsatisfactory and the object of Mr. Bowe's notice of motion is to devise some better criterion.

It would appear that the provisions under this head in Secondary and Vocational Scheme are worth consideration. They are as follows:+

Competition for both Scholarships and Bursaries is limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the County of Wexford, and in respect of applicants from rural areas who are rated on a valuation not exceeding (a) £120 in the case of families with six children or more; (b) £110 for families with four or five children; (c) £105 two or three children; (d) £100 one child.

In the case of applicants from Rural and Urban 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 question of a Candidate's eligibility under this clause shall be determined before the date fixed for the examination.

In a number of the University Schemes for other Counties the valuation is given as not to exceed £100 and gross income £250 with increase in some cases of £25 in respect of each child under 16.

Having considered this point of income from several angles it would appear that the provisions in the Secondary and Vocational Scheme furnish the most satisfactory figures.

Other small changes could be made in the Scheme as follows:-

1. Medical Certificate to be provided.
2. Statutory Declaration by parents or guardians <sup>as</sup> to means.
3. Information as to matriculation of student.
4. Qualification as to residence to read as follows:-

The Children of persons 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 a Courthouse, or other public institution, are eligible to compete for University Scholarships provided they come within the provisions as to valuation and/or income.

5. The following clause which was inserted in Scheme for 1938 to be retained:- When two members of the same family are successful in the same year at University Examination and secure such marks as would entitle each to a University Scholarship, one scholarship only will be awarded, the parents or guardians of the candidates in question to make the selection."



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ERECTION OF HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, under date 22nd June 1938:-

"Three Contractors as under have tendered to do the work in connection with Harbour Master's House, Courtown at the following figures:-

James Mythen, Mount Alexander £350.

James Daly, Riverchapel, £320.

William Cousins, Ballycale, £290.

William Cousins, proposes building outside walls and parting walls in mass concrete. The others specify concrete cavity work for outside walls and concrete blocks for parting walls."

It was mentioned that Mr. Cousins had a good deal of work at cottage building and it was questionable if he would be able to complete the work within the specified period.

Mr. Keegan and Mr. Colfer were of opinion that a house as specified by Messrs. Daly and Mythen would be freer from damp than one built in mass concrete.

The County Surveyor said he favoured mass concrete. He had gone into the matter with Mr. Dunbar, Engineer to the Board of Health, but subsequently came to the conclusion it would be advisable to have the house erected by contract rather than by direct labour.

After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor select the tender which he considered most suitable and in respect of which the building would be completed by the scheduled period and that he report on the matter to the Council when he had made his decision.



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SAND ON MAIN ROAD, ENNISCORTHY URBAN

The County Surveyor said he had been in correspondence with Imperial Chemicals as to the use of Hydrochloric Acid to counteract the polished effect on the Enniscorthy Main Road from Enniscorthy Bridge to Donohoe's Corner and would report result of experiments later.

APPLICATION RE ERECTION OF GARAGE

The County Surveyor submitted the following application from Sergeant P. J. Mullen, Garda Siochana, Oulart, under date 20th June 1938:-

"I have erected a garage to house my motor-car in the garden at rear of Station to which access is from the Public road.

The garage is 16 feet by 10 feet by 8, and is a timber structure.

My Authorities direct that I have the permission of the County Council as the structure is built slightly less than the required distance from centre of the Public road. The structure is about 25 feet from the road but is in a field and it is not possible that any obstruction could be caused thereby. I would be grateful if you could let me have the necessary permission."

The County Surveyor said that as a matter of fact the building was 26 feet from the face to the opposite road and only 15 feet from the centre of the road.

It was decided that County Surveyor inform Sergeant Mullin that the County Council have no power to over-ride the law which provides that no new building can be erected within 30 feet of the centre of a public road unless on the site of a former building.



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ROAD AT TOBERDUFF, GOREY

Mr. Keegan asked if the County Surveyor had taken any steps with regard to flooding from public road at Toberduff Lane in which six farmers were concerned.

The County Surveyor said he had made application for inclusion of this <sup>in</sup> Minor Relief Schemes list.

The Chairman believed that it would be more advisable if the matter was dealt with direct by the County Surveyor as it meant only putting a pipe across the lane.

The County Surveyor said he would do what he could in the matter.

APPLICATION ERECTION KERBSIDE PETROL PUMP

At the meeting of County Council on 13th June 1938, application was read from Mrs. Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross, for licence for kerbside pumps at her premises. She had a dual hand operated pump but was substituting for it two single all electric pumps.

It then ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> decided to refer application to the County Surveyor for report.

The County Surveyor stated he had inspected the place on the 20th June and found that several years ago the County Council had allowed two pumps to be erected outside Mrs. Ellis' place which was adjacent to the Royal Hotel, New Ross. The street at this place was not very wide and what Mrs. Ellis proposed was to substitute two small pumps for one of the larger ones. This would mean that there would be three pumps instead of two in the row, but the pathway would be widened by six or eight inches. He considered the application might be approved.

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

"That, in view of report of County Surveyor, we recommend the County Council to agree to the application of



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Mrs. Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross, to substitute two small petrol pumps for one of the larger ones opposite her premises."

APPLICATION ERECTION ROAD SIGN

The following under date 17th June 1938, was read from Messrs. O'Connor, Dunne & Co., Hotel, Ferns:-

"Will you please give us the necessary permission to erect a small sign of direction to the Hotel at the corner opposite to Mr. Haughton's underneath or beside the Road sign.

It will be small and light, only 18" by 9".

I have been requested by the Cyclists Touring Club to which the Hotel is affiliated to have this done as the two roads are confusing to strangers."

The County Surveyor was not in favour of granting the application and read report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, that he would not be inclined to allow the sign with the name of the Hotel to be attached in any way to the road sign but if it were put on a separate post in an approved position and so as not to cause obstruction to road users he would not make objection.

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

"The Finance Committee are not prepared to recommend the County Council to agree to request of Messrs. O'Connor Dunne & Co., Ferns for placing of sign with name of Hotel underneath or beside the road sign, but consider if the Hotel sign be erected on a separate post and to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor the County Council should not withhold permission."

DRAINAGE OF "PILL" AT LOUGHARD (KILLINICK)

Memorial re above signed by nine land holders was submitted as follows by the County Surveyor:-



"We, the undersigned, would be thankful if you would include the draining of the Pill at Loughard, Killinick in your next scheme for relief work. Our lands are badly flooded in the Summer and Winter months and a comparatively small scheme would be of great benefit."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to schedule the work of draining Pill at Loughard, Killinick, for favourable consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

#### HIGH COURT ON CIRCUIT

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the County Registrar under date 21st June 1938:-

"As announced in the Press to-day the High Court Circuit will sit here on 6th July. On this occasion two Judges will sit. Hence it will likely be necessary to prepare the Council Chamber as a second Court. In this case it will be necessary to equip a robing room for the Judge. Some provision will have to be made for a supply of hot water. I shall be obliged if you will give the matter your immediate attention."

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Murphy to recommend the County Council to agree to the use of the County Council Chamber for High Court Judge and that the County Surveyor make the necessary arrangements to meet the convenience of the Judge. That if required, the Old County Council Chamber be placed at the disposal of the District Justice for his Court on 6th July, 1938.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

In regard to charges for use of rooms in Courthouse Building, Gorey, under the control of the County Council, query was received from Mr. T. Dwyer, Caretaker, if charge was to be made in respect of meetings of Gorey Town



Commissioners. He also asked permission to put a notice on bulletin board of the Courthouse that Caretaker should receive 12 hours' notice of all meetings.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan to inform the Caretaker of Gorey Courthouse that no charge should be made as regards use of room in Court building for meetings of Gorey Town Commissioners. There will be no objection to the Caretaker putting on bulletin board the notice as suggested in his letter to apply to all applications for use of rooms in Court Building.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, wrote as to application to Enniscorthy District Court, for committal of Margaret Hennessy (who was an inmate of County Board of Health) to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

The District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Gorey, wrote under date 13th June 1938 (767/38 Co.) that he intended to make application to Gorey District Court for committal to Industrial School of Michael Devine (12 years) some of Thomas Devine, Eire Street, Gorey, under Section 81(1)(B) of the Children's Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Some members of the Finance Committee expressed the opinion that Devine's father should be able to make a weekly contribution towards his maintenance in Industrial School and it was decided that the matter be referred to the County Solicitor with a view to taking action on this point.



REQUISITION FOOD AND DRUGS SUPPLIES

Under date 14th June 1938 the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, forwarded requisition for supplies for Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts for half year to end of December 1938.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to order supplies for Inspectors under Food and Frugs Acts as requisitioned by Chief Inspector, Garda Siochana, Wexford, under date 14th June, 1938."

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING

The Secretary to County Councils' General Council wrote that the annual meeting would be held during Horse Show Week (August 2nd to 6th inclusive) and that notice of any matter which it was desired to be placed on agenda should reach him before 23rd July.

Adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting.

EXTRA CLERICAL ASSISTANCE - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The following under date 17th June 1936 (R/RS/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 15th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to employment of a temporary Clerical Assistant in the County Surveyor's office for a period of one month at remuneration of 1/1d per hour.

The enclosed query form should be completed in respect of the person selected for employment."

EXTENSION PERIOD OF OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of period of overdraft accommodation to Wexford County Council of



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£35,000 from 1st July 1938 to 30th September 1938."

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

The Secretary to above forwarded Report of Directors with Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for year ended 31st December 1937. The Ordinary General Meeting had been scheduled for 30th June and the nominee of Wexford County Council had been notified.

It appeared from the Statement of Accounts that the claims paid represented only 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % of the premiums.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th June 1938 be received and considered."

POUNDAGE: Mr. T. Redmond said that the Collectors who had closed their Warrants had not yet received the balance of their Poundage.

The Secretary pointed out none of the Collectors had closed their Warrants by the prescribed date, viz., the 31st March 1938. The Finance Committee had passed a resolution asking for the Minister's sanction to payment of this balance. Payment could only be made, without sanction, if Collectors closed their Warrants by the 31st March 1938.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of balance Poundage fees to Rate Collectors. Many of the Collectors have no source of income other than that derived from Rate Collection, and it is a hardship on them not to be paid poundage immediately after Warrants have been closed."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Delap said that nine tenths of the timber under water was as good as when put down. He then referred to the statement which he made at the Finance Committee on 24th June 1938 and in reply to Mr. Corish said there was no immediate danger of the bridge collapsing with proper maintenance and constant inspection. There was no reason why the steelwork would not give the results expected. But five years' life was as much as they could count on.

Mr. Kinsella said that after spending £6000 on the bridge the Council would be in the same hole as at present. A number of ratepayers who were slow in parting with money



believed it was useless to spend the £6000 now. If the Council did not intend to erect a new bridge within five or six years it would be foolish to spend this large sum.

In further reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Delap would not commit himself to the repair of the bridge, giving the structure a longer life than five years. It would take fully a year to prepare all the preliminary work for a new bridge and before they would be ~~in~~ position to advertise for Tenders.

Mr. Corish asked if the County Council decided for a new bridge would a lesser sum than the £6000 keep the bridge going until a new bridge was erected.

Mr. Delap said it could be kept in its present condition with a lesser sum but that would mean the existing restricted light and slow traffic.

Mr. Corish considered that if they agreed to provide a new bridge it would be foolish to spend £6000 on the repair of the existing structure. And they should remember a loan would be given only for the period the bridge would be regarded as effective.

Mr. Kinsella contended that the position was very serious for "over the water" people and for the residents of the town of Wexford. The people of the rest of the County were not very favourable to Wexford Town and the three other towns of the County were benefiting at the expense of Wexford owing to the condition of the bridge.

The Chairman denied that the rest of the County was influenced against Wexford district in any shape or form. The people of the three other districts of the County and their representatives on the Council were concerned with the County as a whole and would be found in favour of having a new bridge in Wexford if it was necessary. Two could play at Mr. Kinsella's game and if they were to have an



inuendo such as he mentioned the rest of the County outside Wexford might be forced into taking a different line of action.

Mr. Kinsella stated he meant to convey to the Council by his remark that on this particular question it would not be natural to expect districts outside of Wexford to take the same interest as the people of Wexford who were so vitally affected.

Mr. Keegan said that the districts outside Wexford had voted in favour of providing a large sum for Wexford Harbour improvements and when the matter was under consideration every Councillor displayed the greatest interest in helping the people of Wexford in the matter.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be admitted that every Councillor considered the County as a unit and they were not in the habit of differentiating in any way as between district and district. If the County Council would recommend the spending of the £6000 they would be providing a bridge which would meet the present normal traffic. If they did not adapt the recommendations of the Engineers were they to leave the people without a bridge, or a bridge which would deal with only 2 tons "all in" at a very low speed.

Mr. Corish held that the matter under consideration was not alone serious from the point of view of Wexford and Castlebridge district but of the whole County. He would not suggest that the people of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross were in any way against having a new bridge if they were convinced it was really necessary. It was all very well to say "spend £6000 and you will have a bridge for five years" but that was only putting off the evil day. It was necessary to do something in the way of repair, but it was futile to wait to have in five years the same problem



as at present. The report of Mr. Delap and the County Surveyor was very serious from the point of view of Wexford County and it was very foolish to spend the £6000 for the anticipated results. The five years' plan would entail the equivalent of a penny in the £ and for a new bridge the cost would be  $2\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £. If they could make a temporary repair to carry on the bridge in preparation for the erection of a new bridge it would be very foolish to spend £6000. He had been speaking to a number of large ratepayers who shared this view. He thought they might ask the County Surveyor and Mr. Delap what would it cost to repair the bridge to bear its present traffic and they could proceed with the proposals for a new bridge in the interval.

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor had been asked for a report as to the cost of putting the bridge into reasonable repair. They had no report up to the present that the bridge had been unable to carry existing normal traffic. It had been carrying all the traffic of farmers and traders and no complaint had ever been made that it was not up to the work expected so far as trade and commerce were concerned.

Mr. Corish said that numbers of vehicles with a weight far above that stipulated by the County Council had used the bridge. If they borrowed £70,000 <sup>for</sup> the local contribution from Local Loans Fund they would pay £4200 for 35 years.

Mr. T. Redmond said that if they spent £6000 now and at the end of five years they had to spend a further £6000 they would find eventually a new bridge would have to be erected.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that even after spending £6000 there would be annual maintenance of about £200. Latterly the cost of annual maintenance had gone up to £700. He had inquired as to cost of pitch pine



and found it was double what they paid for it previously.

Mr. Keegan said they would have to maintain the bridge even if a new bridge was not built.

The County Surveyor said that the idea of spending the £6000 was to give the Council an opportunity of "looking round" in the matter of a new bridge.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the expenditure of the £6000 would reduce the annual maintenance by £500 and they would have for the five years a set off of £2500 against the £6000.

Mr. Delap said that the recommendation to spend the £6000 was really in preparation for the erection of a new bridge. Before the actual building of this could be undertaken it was necessary that borings (which meant a long and tedious process) to see what the foundations were ~~XX~~ likely to be and also an inspection and survey of the site should be made.

The Chairman said they had no guarantee that the Government would be prepared to furnish a grant of £30,000 towards the cost of a new bridge. In reality, he did not regard the building of a new bridge as urgent but it was urgent to put the present bridge into repair. Then they would not forget they were now at the peak period as regards building and of the cost of materials and they might save a very substantial amount by waiting for five years. They could realise the amount of building all over the country when they considered the amount in hand in County Wexford alone.

Mr. O'Byrne considered it was worth spending £6000 to provide for the convenience of the people at their normal traffic for five years. Then there was the difference in the cost of maintenance now and after the outlay for the five years' period which was worth consideration.



Mr. Corish asked were the Council going to spend the £6000 and leave the question of the new bridge in abeyance?

Miss O'Ryan moved:- "That the Council agree to the proposal to expend out of revenue £6000 on the repair of Wexford Bridge. That the Minister be requested for sanction of increase in amount of County Council overdraft to meet this expenditure and that the County Council make application for the 40% main road maintenance grant in this instance.

Mr. Michael Redmond seconded.

Mr. Kinsella said he could not see what harm would be done by starting negotiations for securing a grant and considering erection of a new bridge. In respect of this matter they had expert advice but they would not take it.

The Chairman said the Council were proposing to carry out what the Engineers suggested for strengthening the bridge for the next five years.

Mr. Corish held this was only a make-shift.

Miss O'Ryan said the only alternative to the proposal to expend the £6000 was to have a limit of weight on the bridge of two tons "all in" for the next five years.

Mr. Keegan said if they came to erect a new bridge in five years they might be able to have a large amount of material required in the structure manufactured in Ireland and probably prices would be lower.

Mr. Thomas Redmond held that in agreeing to spend the £6000 they were not ruling out the question of a new bridge; they were making provision for immediate needs.

Mr. Corish considered that if the Council gave unqualified support to the view that the £6000 would put matters right the question of the erection of the new bridge might be shelved for years. Was there any guarantee this would not happen?



The Chairman said that his attitude was that if the bridge, after the proposed repairs, was doing its work they should postpone the question of erection of a new bridge. They should have the clearest possible evidence a new bridge was absolutely essential before taking any further steps.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be the duty of the County Surveyor after a year or so to report to the Council and if it were necessary to move further it would be pointed out in this report.

Mr. T. Redmond considered that the County Surveyor should, when the proposed repairs were effected, report to the Council.

The County Surveyor said that if they secured the 40% Main Road Maintenance Grant the actual contribution by the Council would be £3600. If the repairs were executed out of loan no State Grant would be available.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan agreed to have the following addendum to her motion:-

"That when the repairs to Wexford Bridge covered by the £6000 are carried out the County Surveyor furnish a comprehensive report to the County Council. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and County Surveyor, arrange to discuss the question of Wexford Bridge, repairs etc. with Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health."

The motion with addendum was then put and adopted.

The County Surveyor said that in the event of the repairs being carried out extra money should be allocated in next Road Works Scheme for the maintenance of the alternate route.

In reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said the repairs would never reach a stage to block the traffic; they would take six or eight months.



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ROAD ENCROACHMENT AT UPTON: The County Surveyor said that as he had pointed out at the meeting of the Finance Committee he had inspected the place with Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, who would deal with any point of law which would arise. Having stated the circumstances as detailed in Minutes of Finance Committee of 24th June 1938 the County Surveyor said that if no action was taken by the County Council against Major Bryan the latter should ease the two corners at parking place. Major Bryan said that there were eight or ten cars constantly parked there and if they were allowed to remain on the ordinary road surface they might be a nuisance and a danger. If, as he informed the Finance Committee, Major Bryan had in the first instance, sought the permission of the Council and had supplied the necessary sketch he (County Surveyor) would have approved.

Mr. McCarthy proposed:-

"That in view of the statement of the County Surveyor as regards encroachment on road at Upton, Kilmuckridge, by Major A. Loftus Bryan, no action be taken by the County Council provided Major Bryan carries out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor easement of corners at motor parking place."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Keegan said it was a very bad example to allow Major Bryan to do what he liked as regards the County roads without applying to the County Council. People in the district were not satisfied and he should be obliged to restore the road. He proposed the following:-

"That Major Bryan be directed to remove the porch or projection at Upton which encroaches on the public road to an extent of three feet out by nine feet wide."

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. Smyth said that in view of Major Bryan's action



people in the district complained there was one law for him and a different law for everyone else. The alteration Major Bryan made gave a "wind" to what was formerly a perfectly straight road. Cars were constantly parked opposite the place and constituted a danger.

The County Surveyor said the object of Major Bryan in widening the road was to avoid the parking of cars on the travelling surface.

Miss O'Ryan said that Major Bryan seemed to believe he was working in the interests of the County. She thought it might be advisable to adjourn the matter until they had a report from the Gorey Members of the Council who could visit the place with the County Surveyor. She believed it would not serve any useful purpose to order the removal of the porch in question without very definite investigation. She then proposed:-

"That the County Council Representatives for Gorey District, with County Surveyor, inspect the encroachment at the road at Upton, Kilmuckridge, and report to the Council."

Mr. Murphy seconded.

Mr. Smyth said that even if the Council did not go so far as to direct Major Bryan to remove the projection they should record a very strong protest against his action.

Mr. Keegan said he would like to know if it was open to anyone to open a road to make a parking place for motor cars.

The County Surveyor said that the land for the widening was taken from Major Bryan's land.

The Chairman said he thought some other members of the Council and not the Gorey representatives (in whose area this particular place was situate) should inspect and report. He suggested Mr. Corish and Mr. Kinsella. It was a



"cheeky" thing for Major Bryan to erect this projection, but he (Chairman) could not regard it as in any way interrupting the flow of traffic.

County Surveyor - As I stated already, if Major Bryan had made formal application I would have agreed to it.

After further discussion, Miss O'Ryan withdrew her motion and a poll, with the following result, was taken on Mr. McCarthy's proposal.

For:- Messrs. Kennedy, Kinsella, Lawlor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Redmond (M), Redmond (T), and the Chairman (10).

Against:- Messrs. Corish, Keegan, Ronan and Smyth. (4).

Mr. Colfer (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

EMPLOYMENT KILMUCKRIDGE AREA: The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Yours of 24th instant re above. Herewith are particulars as requested.

The Roads referred to are Index No. 213 Section 8. No.344. Sec. 15. No. 345. Sec. 15. No. 346. Sec. 15.

Road Nos. 213. 344. 345. and 346	<u>Amount allowed</u> £160	<u>Length</u> about 10 miles
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	<u>c.yds.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Where obtained</u>
Road No. 213	80	2/8	Courtown
" " 344	100	3/0	Roney
" " 345	80	3/6	Cahore
" " 346	100	4/6	Roney.

If a breaking ground obtainable on road 346 I estimate <sup>of</sup> that cost broken material from Tinnacree on Roads No.s 344. 345. and 346 would be 13/6, 11/6 and 10/- respectively.

Road No. 213 is rolled for about three quarters of its length.



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The County Surveyor said that by using quarry material for sea gravel for first period it would mean a disadvantage as they would have potholes but after a few years the quarry material would prove the more suitable. He believed these Kilmuckridge roads should be done by quarry material. If these four roads were to be kept in reasonable condition a considerably higher price should be allocated. In his opinion, they were rather worse than any other road in the County and they were subject to bus and tourist traffic.

Mr. Smyth said some effort should be made by the Tourist Association to secure a grant for repair of these roads as during the summer months they were used largely by tourists.

The County Surveyor said they were able to do two small sections at Riverchapel, but if they had to wait for Relief Grant on the same scale it would take ten years to complete the entire road.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to request the Tourist Association to approach the appropriate Government Department with a view to securing State Grant to repair road Ardamine to Kilmuckridge and that he supply data etc. to the Association to assist in helping this application."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Bowe:-

"That the Council, at their meeting to be held on 13th June 1938, consider how best to arrive at a decision relative to the eligibility of candidates to compete for University Scholarships of this Council in order to comply with the provisions of Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act 1918 which defines accepted candidates under this



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Scheme to mean such as are "in need of assistance" to secure the benefits of a University training. That the decision of the County Council in this matter apply only to their University Scholarship Scheme from 1939 onwards."

Mr. Bowe was not in attendance and it was pointed out that as the Scheme had to be printed without further delay the County Secretary should explain to Mr. Bowe the recommendations of the Finance Committee in the matter of means and which recommendations had been accepted by the Council.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 24th June 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

#### LOAN ROAD MACHINERY

The following motion, which was circulated to the members of County Council on 17th May, 1938, stood in the name of the Chairman:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of County Council to be held on Monday, 27th June, 1938, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford - That the Wexford County Council borrow from the National Bank Ltd., £3,600 (Three Thousand Six Hundred Pounds) repayable in seven or ten years - whichever of these periods is sanctioned by Minister for Local Government and Public Health - for the purchase of Road Machinery."

In moving his motion the Chairman said as they believed it would not be possible to procure loan from Local Loans Fund they had decided to apply to the Treasurer of the



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County Council.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

REMUNERATION LAY SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

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

"That the remuneration of the six Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for sheep dipping period of 1938 be fixed at £20 each plus actual cost for items of postage."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

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

"That Licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to the following:-

New: Michael J. Redmond, 46 Main Street, Gorey;  
Garrett Byrne, Bree.

To issue provided no objection be made by Garda Síochána.

Renewals: Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, and Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that next meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 8th August 1938.

*J. H. C.*

*8th Aug. 38*