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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING, 12th JUNE, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th June, 1939.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided.

Also present:- Messrs. Moses Bolger, J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £12,475. 8. 2d were examined and signed.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That the following replies to votes of condolence adopted by the Council at last meeting be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

FROM MR. MALACHI SWEETMAN, M.C.C.: "On behalf of my wife and myself I wish to thank you personally for your kind sympathy on the death of Mr. O'Connor. I will be obliged if you would thank the County Council for their vote of condolence to me."

FROM MR. T. J. MAYLER, M.C.C.: "I acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 8th instant conveying the vote of condolence passed by the Council on the death of my Aunt -

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Miss Rossiter, Newbawn.

I also appreciate your note of personal sympathy."

FROM MR. R. J. ENNIS, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR: "Please convey to the County Council on behalf of Mrs. Ennis and myself our thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of Miss Rossiter.

We would also like to thank you for your personal expression of condolence."

FROM MR. JOHN DEEGAN, RATE COLLECTOR: "I have received your letter of the 12th instant and am deeply touched and grateful to the County Council for their vote of condolence on the deaths of my father and sister and for the wonderful tributes paid by you and the members to their memories.

Will you please convey to the Council my sincere thanks and accept the same yourself for your own kindness to me in these bereavements."

FROM MISS MULLETT, BREE: "The family of the late John Mullett return sincere thanks to all members of the County Council for their kind sympathy in their recent bereavement!"

STRIKING OF RATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1939/40

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. T. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Lawlor and adopted:-

26 "That we hereby allow and make the Rates for Financial year 1939/40 as agreed to at meeting of County Council on 13th March 1939 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 1940, 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 13th March 1939 be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County for financial year 1939/40:-

Enniscorthy	£3914.	18.	9
New Ross	£3531.	1.	4
Wexford	£8119.	9.	6."

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the annual meeting of Wexford County Council be held on 26th June 1939 and that the succeeding meeting be held on 14th August 1939."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Under date 1st May 1939, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.1471/39) asking to be furnished with particulars of the arrangements which the County Council proposed making under above Order for the Dipping Period 1st August 1939 to 31st October 1939. They also forwarded draft copy of specimen regulations. (This communication was adjourned from meeting of County Council held on 8th May 1939).

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

"That, subject to the approval of the Minister for Agriculture, the following be re-appointed Lay Inspectors

for season 1939 under the Agriculture Act 1931 Diseases of Animals Acts 1894 to 1935 and Orders made thereunder (Sheep Dipping Order 1937 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 and Urban, 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, Kilnaheue, 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, Rossmineogue and Wells.

New Ross District: MR. M. J. HENNESSY, MONAMOLIN, RATHNURE ENNISCORTHY.

Wexford District: MR. JAMES HAYDEN, CORLICAN, KILLURIN.

Remuneration in each case £20 for dipping period plus actual amount spent for postage."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 12th MAY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th May, 1939.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding) also, present, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

The County 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 Notes for £6299. 19. 9d Ordinary Payments and £700 (W. F. Barry, County Surveyor) Holiday Fund Account, were examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of Rate Collection to 11th May 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	95.7
2. J. J. O'Reilly	93.2
3. E. J. Murphy	93.1
4. D. Kenny	91.3
5. M. Kehoe	90.5
6. J. Deegan	90.1
7. S. Gannon	89.6
8. P. Nolan	88.7
9. J. Cummins	88.6
10. P. Carty	86.8
11. P. Doyle	86.6
12. M. McCarthy	85.1
13. J. Flood	83.7
14. A. Dunne	83.7
15. J. Quirke	78.9
16. J. J. Sinnott	78.7
17. W. Cummins	78.6
18. W. Doyle	77.8

Average 86.4.

It was stated that the average on the collection was 1% below that of the corresponding period last year.

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POUNDAGE: Under date 2nd May, 1939, (No. G.2732/7/39 Loch Garman) letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health which was referred to the Finance Committee from last general meeting was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo on the subject I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection on this occasion to the payment of 3rd interim poundage to the collectors referred to. This is given on the understanding that final rates of poundage are not agreed to and that when the warrants are closed the balance payable will be determined on the merits in each case.

The Minister must now ask the Council to consider whether for the future and current years the favourable remuneration scheme recently adopted should be abandoned and the ordinary provisions regarding payment only when the moieties are closed applicable in most counties again come into operation. There is no purpose in retaining a scheme which is not being adhered to and which is not achieving the object of a substantial improvement in the collection."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman to send copy of this letter to Rate Collectors and to notify them that the Finance Committee would be obliged to consider the advice of the Local Government Department in this matter at the time of the issue of Warrants for 1939/40.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN WICKHAM, 22 IRISH STREET, ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, for this applicant, under date 2nd May, 1939, asking for amended Certificate of Value from the Assistant Surveyor to enable loan to be increased to £200.

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The Finance Committee decided that the proposal of the Chairman adopted at meeting on 8th May 1939 allowing a maximum loan of 90% of value of house, less amount of Government Grant for houses valued up to £350 should apply in this case in which the house is valued at £340. According to the new proposal Mr. Wickham would be entitled to a maximum loan of £236.

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

"That loan of £170 agreed to in the case of John Wickham, 22 Irish Street, Enniscorthy, be increased by £30, in view of change in regulations made at meeting of County Council on 8th May 1939."

JOHN FIELDING, SEAVIEW, BARN TOWN: This applicant was approved for loan of £100. He made application for an extra £30.

In his initial valuation Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, pointed out as the house was in a backward position he had not valued it as highly as if it were in a more favourable situation. However, after further examination of all details he considered the value could be taken at £225, £205 for the house and £20 for the site. On this, the maximum amount the applicant would be entitled to would be £130.

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

"That loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts of £100 agreed to in the case of John Fielding, Seaview, Barn town, be increased to £130 in view of revised valuation of Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor."

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JOHN MURPHY, ADAMSTOWN, AGRICULTURAL LABOURER: This man applied for £200 and on the plan of house he estimated the value at £400. Some members of the Committee believed it to be valued at £300 only and they were of opinion that an agricultural labourer would not be in a position to pay a rent of 4s. 10d per week for 35 years to discharge the loan of £200.

Subsequently, Mr. Colfer pointed out that Murphy had a son in a good position who would be satisfied to assist in paying the instalment of loan, if necessary.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, ascertain if a joint tenancy could be effected in this case for John Murphy and his son.

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

"That the maximum amount of loan be advanced in this case to John Murphy, on a Certificate from the Assistant Surveyor from the district and also subject to a report from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that a joint tenancy could be entered into, ^{to} be reported to the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

THOMAS MURRAY, BOGWEST, MAYGLASS: This applicant had been approved for £120 and a letter was read from Mr. J. K. Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, acting for Mr. Murray, asking if ~~the~~ loan could be increased by a further £100.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Cooper that in view of the Certificate as to value of House and Site from the Assistant Surveyor for the district (£250) the maximum increase could be £45 only and the Finance Committee were prepared to recommend this amount to the County Council, if Mr. Murray was satisfied to avail of the amount and provided sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be obtained to the proposed increase.

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ADJOURNED APPLICANTS: It was pointed out that a number of applications provisionally approved a considerable time ago had not been completed owing to Title not being submitted and lack of other information which had not been supplied by applicants. If loans were granted in respect of all these applications the available amount would be exhausted.

It was decided that the County Solicitor communicate with all applicants concerned and that new applications be considered at the end of June 1939 when the amount available in respect of any approved applicants who may withdraw will be ascertained.

The following new applications were then adjourned:-

Edward Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart. Commission Agent.
Application for loan of £255. House valued at £300.

P. O'Keeffe, Mulrankin, Bridgetown. Beet loading Agent
Application for loan of £200. House valued at £300.

Thomas Hayes, Kilcannon, Enniscorthy, for loan of £200
and house valued at £300.

VESTING OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACTS:

Under date 3rd May 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. H.60/39) pointing out that before making an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899, the County Council should be satisfied that repayment of the advance is secured by an instrument vesting the ownership of the property in the County Council subject to the right of redemption by applicants for the advances.

The following under date 12th May 1939, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing copy of circular letter dated the 3rd instant (Circ.H.60/39) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and with reference thereto I write to say that:-

All the Loans which the Wexford County Council have

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made under the above Acts to Borrowers, are secured by Deeds of Mortgage which vest in the County Council the Property on which the House to be erected, out of the Proceeds of the Loan is situate in Fee Simple (except in two or three cases where the Tenure is Leasehold, with over 60 years to run, in which cases, the Residue of the Term is vested in the County Council) subject to the repayment by Annual Instalments during a period of 35 years, of the amount of the Loan, with Interest thereon at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %. In addition, the Borrower has the option of, at any time on giving at least six months² Notice to redeem the whole or any part of the Loan.

No Advance is made until the Mortgage Deed is actually signed, and a Certificate to that effect given by me to you, as Secretary of the Council."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936

The following under date 5th May 1939 (G.446-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the operation of the above Orders, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your local authority, that he has made a new Order entitled the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle)(Amendment) Order, 1939, a few advance copies of which are enclosed.

The principal effect of this new Order is to extend to Inspectors of the Minister the power of serving Detention Notices on defaulting stockowners. This power, as you are aware, under Article 8 of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, was restricted to Inspectors of local authorities. It was also a condition attached to the service of such a Notice that a report must first be furnished by the Inspector to the local authority and that body's direction in the matter obtained. Under the new Order an

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Inspector of the Minister is now, however, required to report to, and await a direction from, a local authority before proceeding to serve a Notice of the kind and an Inspector of a local authority is also placed in the same position in this respect as an Inspector of the Minister, that is, he may now serve a Notice without reference to his local authority.

The form of the Detention Notice as prescribed in the schedule to the principal Order, that is the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, has also been amended so as to ensure that the Notice cannot be withdrawn by an Inspector either of the Minister or of a local authority until treatment of the cattle specified has been carried out in the prescribed manner."

The Secretary stated that copies of this communication had been furnished to the Lay Inspectors appointed under Warble Fly Orders and also to the Supervising Veterinary Inspectors.

The Secretary stated that John Flynn, Inspector for No. 8 Area, under Warble Fly Order, was absent on sick leave. Medical certificate stated he would require leave from 1st to 15th May 1939.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY SCHEME: Mr. Colfer gave the following notice of motion for consideration at meeting of 12th June 1939:-

"That the decision of County Council at their meeting on 8th May 1939 declaring John P. Leonard, Westlands, St. John's Road, Wexford, as ineligible to compete for award of University Scholarship be rescinded and that the said John P. Leonard be recognised as eligible to sit for examination for said Scholarship.

The following report of Scholarship Committee was submitted:-

A meeting of Wexford County Council Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th April, 1939.

Present - Messrs. S. O'Byrne, G. Hurley and Miss O'Ryan.

The County Secretary was in attendance.

The principal item considered was the necessity for making some provision for the after education of pupils from elementary schools between the ages of 14 and 16.

The Committee recognised that with a large majority after leaving National schools education and books were put completely to one side with the result that at the age of 16 a good deal of the knowledge acquired at the elementary school becomes rusty and hazy and if scholarships are awarded to pupils in this category too much time is wasted in brushing up their elementary education.

The Committee believe it would be of great advantage - more particularly to residents in rural districts - if some means could be devised by which provision would be made to hold those as students after 14 years old. The result would be if awarded even ordinary secondary scholarships they would be in a much better position to benefit by them and their mental activities would be awakened and stimulated.

The Committee felt that one of the ways by which this could be done would be through Vocational Schools and more particularly through those in which the Principal held a Degree in Agricultural Science.

The Committee also wished to point out that the present schemes of the County Council are of very limited advantage in the development of Agriculture. So far as Wexford County is concerned these were catered for through the

Scholarships of the County Committee of Agriculture, six being provided for boys tenable at the Provincial Schools of the Department of Agriculture and four for girls tenable at Ramsgrange.

In addition there are two Higher scholarships available at the Albert Agricultural College, Glasnevin. The Committee are of opinion that in districts at a distance from a Vocational School the County Committee might arrange for the holding of agricultural classes.

It was suggested (from outside sources) that if the four scholarships in University Scheme were cut down to two this would release £140, and should the County Council agree to hand over this amount to the County Committee of Agriculture it was expected that a similar sum would be provided by the Department of Agriculture, thus leaving £280 which would provide for 14 Agricultural Scholarships at Provincial Schools and at Ramsgrange.

A further point discussed in relation to the University Scholarship Scheme was a suggestion that the figures for valuation and Income should be increased by 10% in both cases.

The Committee decided to place these suggestions before the next meeting of the Finance Committee, as they felt that careful examination of any such proposals should be made before recommending any change.

It was decided to ascertain from the Department of Agriculture if they will agree to provide £140 for extra Agricultural Scholarships should the County Council hand to the County Committee a similar amount.

APPLICATION EXTENSION UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP: The County Solicitor said he was not yet in a position to advise the County Council as to whether they were empowered to extend a University Scholarship for a fourth year as requested by Mr. J. J. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn.

The following under date 1st May 1939 was read from Very Rev. James Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford:-

"I am making a formal application on behalf of Laurence A. Jordan of Ballyvelig, Campile, for the renewal of his Scholarship for a fifth year. During the School Year of 1937-1938 he was absent from the College from September 1937 to January 1938 owing to illness. He had not the benefit of the Scholarship during his period of absence. I enclose financial statement in verification. I shall be grateful if the County Council give every favourable consideration to his application. He is entering for the University Scholarship this year, but his chance of success has been made difficult by his absence from College through illness."

It appeared that in respect of 1937-38 Scholarship Fr. Doran had refunded £13. 6. 8d to the County Council in consequence of the illness of the Scholarship Holder.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Education, Scholarship (under Secondary & Vocational Scheme) be awarded Laurence A. Jordan, Ballyvelig, Campile, for a fifth year in accordance with application from Fr. Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, under date 1st May, 1939"

VACANCY IN COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

It was decided to adjourn action as to filling vacancy on County Council staff created by the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes until the latter had submitted Medical Certificate in the form required by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

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

"That Miss B. Moran, Telephone Attendant, be appointed on the permanent staff of the Council as from 9th August 1938."

FLOODING AT KILMACREE, DRINAGH

After some discussion as to the visit of Sub-Committee to Kilmacree in connection with the flooding of the cottage of Patrick Whelan it was decided that County Surveyor and County Solicitor should again inspect and submit a written report to the Finance Committee.

ERECTION OF STORE

Mr. Michael Shannon, Campile, wrote under date 5th May 1939 that he intended building a store at Campile village and enclosed sketch of location.

The County Surveyor said that the site was not 30 feet from the centre of the road but it would not be an obstruction to traffic.

It was decided to make no order on the application.

APPLICATION FROM COUNTY ANALYST FOR INCREASED FEES

The following letter from Secretary, County Board of Health, under date 11th May, 1939, was read:-

"With reference to yours of the 10th instant in connection with fees for the Public Analyst, I beg to inform you

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that during the year ending March 31st, 1939, fees were paid to the Public Analyst by the Board of Health as follows:

Water @ one guinea each	-	£22. 1. 0
Medicines @ 5/- each		£50. 15. 0.

On the new basis there will be no difference in the payment for water samples.

If medicines were taken at a 6/- sample rate the figure would be £60. 8. 0. If they were taken at the Sending Station rate the figure would be £96, so that on the per sample basis, the increase over last year's figure would be £10. 18. 0., and on the Sending Station basis increase on last year's figure would be £45. 5. 0."

It was decided to adjourn further consideration to next meeting and that in the meantime County Analyst be asked to say if she would be satisfied to accept a salary to cover all the work of County Council and County Board of Health.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 11th May 1939 the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, wrote that he intended to apply for committal of Patrick Larkin, Monart, Enniscorthy, to an Industrial School to the District Justice at Enniscorthy on 25th May 1939.

Referred to County Solicitor.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted the following tenders for the painting of New Ross Bridge:-

Mr. Michael E. Stokes, 13 Quay, Waterford	£487. 10. 0d.
M. O'Connor & Co., Wexford	£698. 10. 0.
H. G. Whalley, 21 O'Connell St., Waterford	£825 and
James Warren & Son, 4 Nath Summer St., Dublin	£830.

The County Surveyor said the work cost £600 on the last occasion when there was only the one tender. He had made

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special enquiries as to the standing of Mr. Stokes who submitted the lowest tender. Mr. Stokes had carried out some important jobs in Waterford including the Ursuline Convent, the Post Office and the County Infirmary. The Resident Medical Surgeon of the last named institution informed him that Mr. Stokes was a most satisfactory Contractor.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept the tender of Mr. Michael Stokes, 13 Quay, Waterford, at £487. 10. 0d for the painting of New Ross Bridge, work to be carried out according to specification and to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

It was decided that the County Solicitor prepare bond and arrange for its completion by Mr. Stokes and his Sureties

ROAD MATTERS

STEAM ROLLING SQUARE, BUNCLODY: The following under date 3rd May 1939 was read from the Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Buncloody:-

"At their meeting on 1st instant, my Committee directed me to suggest to Council that the present would be an opportune time to have Mr. Halldare's Square steam-rolled. They understand that the men are laid off and that the two steamrollers are idle. It is not now a question of cost to the Council as that will be borne by Mr. Halldare.

The large heaps of stones dumped on the Square proved very awkward for cattle and their owners the last fair day.

The Committee hope that their suggestion will meet with the favourable consideration of the Council."

The County Surveyor said that the Town Improvement Committee could be informed that the work would start shortly.

ROAD CARRIGMANNON BRIDGE AND GLYNN: The following under date 4th May 1939 was read from Glynn Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"Would you kindly submit the following resolution passed at the meeting of the Glynn Fianna Fail Cumann on May 1st.

" That in view of the large amount of unemployment in the Killurin and Glynn area and the failure of the salmon fishing on the Slaney, that the County Council proceed with the work on the road between Carrigmannon Bridge and Glynn."

Miss O'Ryan said that some steps should be taken at once to see that work under Unemployment Relief Grant would be started at once. They did not know in Dublin of the failure of the fishing at Killurin and of the large number of people unemployed in the district.

The Chairman said that the money for Unemployment was allocated on the basis of unemployment in the area last February and the Council was notified.

The County Surveyor said that certain Electoral divisions which had up to the specified number of unemployed were eligible for the grant and the total amount available was allocated on that basis. The Department then came along and gave a list of places at which they wanted small jobs done immediately and which were selected from the general allocation. Carrigmannon was not included on the list and so far as he (County Surveyor) could see there was nothing that could be done at Carrigmannon until the Autumn.

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

"That the County Surveyor make special and urgent representations to the Department of Local Government and at road between Carrigmannon Bridge and Glynn Public Health (Roads) as to sanctioning work under Unemployment Relief Grant to start at once in view of the fact that the fishing district last season has been a failure and all

those engaged in the industry practically are now unemployed.

FLOODING CAMBLIN-NEW ROSS: The following under date 6th May 1939 was read from Lieut.Col. Tyndall, Oaklands, New Ross:-

"I am writing again to know if anything is being done by the Board of Works, Land Commission or whoever is responsible for grants for unemployment in respect of the flooding of the marshes between Camblin and New Ross.

The grass has begun to come at last after a late spring but it is not possible to put cattle on such highly rated marshes because of the state of the banks and consequent flooding.

It is a case of divided responsibility. I am quite willing to do my share, but it is useless to do so if others will not do likewise. No one else will do anything and these marshes are useless while the County Council still demands rates on them. Would it not be possible for some Central Authority to do it."

The Chairman said they could not do anything in the matter.

BALLINLAW ROAD - GREAT ISLAND: Under date 4th May 1939, the following was read from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile:-

"Referring to previous correspondence in connection with above road, I beg to say that it is untrue (what someone stated at a County Council meeting) that this road was let out of contract, in order to substitute the Loughtown branch. I know both roads for the past 60 years, and the Loughtown road was always kept in repair down to the very waters edge. The Ballinlaw road was allowed to drop when the New Ross boat (S.S.Ida) was taken off on the completion of the railways.

Ballinlaw Ferry was an important steamboat station where

the boat stopped morning and evening every day. It was a station that served the surrounding district by direct daily communication with Waterford, and I often saw 10 and 12 horses and carts meeting the local farmers to take home purchases of various kinds, flour, meal, feeding stuffs, etc.

Before the advent of steam, Ballinlaw was one of the most important ferries in the County. Six ferry boats were in constant use, some of them very large for the transit of cattle and horses. I put cattle across the ferry myself when I was a young man. The rent on the "Ferry" to my own remembrance, was £50 per annum payable to the Powers of Faithleg. From this you will see that this road had to be kept in repair down to the landing quay.

Now that road, neglected for 33 years, has pot holes a foot deep and when Rev. Father Corish, A.M., Vicar of Lagos, comes home in a few weeks time it will not be a very creditable state of affairs that he will not have the comfort of a decent road to his house. He would have been home long since, but for the death of his Bishop, the late Dr. O'Rourke and Father Corish was deputed by the Holy See to administer Confirmation in the Diocese of Lagos, Nigeria, before coming on his well earned holiday.

There are 4 families living on that road, all of whom are County Council employees from time to time, each family is entitled to a road to the homestead, and the amount of road involved is only about 300 yards.

I trust your Council will give the matter favourable consideration and remove a blot on our local administration."

The County Surveyor said that from old records he had ascertained that this road was once a County road but appeared to have been abandoned when the Ferry was closed. He would, however, fill the potholes.

ROAD TURN AT CAMPILE AND BRANCH TO RIVER: The following, which was extensively signed, was read:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers and users of Public Road as above, the property of your Council, desire to inform you that a private individual has closed this roadway by erecting a chain fence across the entrance on the 19th April thereby preventing the tenants of the village houses and other ratepayers from the right to enter to and from the main road. We shall feel very grateful if you will kindly enquire into this matter immediately."

The County Surveyor said this was not a County road and the Council had no control over it. It leads from a County Road to the riverside near Campile Bridge.

BALLYMURRAY QUARRY - DUMPING GROUND: The following under date 12th May 1939 was submitted from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"It has been found necessary to acquire a dumping ground for prepared material in above quarry, and I have made arrangements with owner, Miss Kavanagh, to pay the sum of £10 for 80 sq. pers. (approx.), and shall be glad if you bring the matter Before Finance Committee Meeting for their sanction.

In order to work the quarry with efficiency it is necessary that this ground be taken over so as to avoid much labour in the trimming up and wheeling of material, and to give sufficient space for lorries to load up and turn when breaker is engaged in quarry."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to enter into agreement with owner of dumping ground at Ballymurray

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Quarry in accordance with recommendation of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in his letter of 12th May, 1939, and that the County Solicitor be directed to prepare and have executed the necessary legal agreement in the matter."

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WORKERS HOLIDAY PAY: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That Pay Order for £700, amount of Workers' Holiday Fund be issued in favour of County Surveyor, who is directed to submit to next meeting of the Finance Committee detailed vouchers in respect of workers covering this amount."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th May 1939 be received and considered."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1940: The following minutes of meeting of Scholarship Committee of 27th May 1939 was submitted:-

"An adjourned meeting of the County Council Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th May 1939.

Present:- Very Rev. James Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford; Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C., and Mr. Gerald Hurley, N.T.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

University Scheme: After a very full discussion it was decided to approve of the provisions of Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme with the necessary amendments as to dates.

The meeting also agreed that the memo. drafted from meeting of the Committee held on 29th April 1939 should be submitted as a recommendation for adoption by the County Council."

Miss O'Ryan, referring to the recommendation of Scholarships Committee as set out on Minutes of Finance Committee of 12th May 1939, said the Council need not take a decision on the matter at the moment as it was a terribly difficult subject to deal with. She would like the Council to think it over and let it come up at another meeting. The point that struck them was, that out of four University Scholarships if they looked at the matter from the point of

view of the County very few of those who got Scholarships came back and gave their services to improve the condition of the people generally. It was not a time to ask for extra money and if some of the money could be distributed more widely - given to a bigger number for shorter and more practical courses - practically every boy would come back to work on his father's farm and the girls to work in the homes to make conditions in the country more satisfactory. It would mean fourteen boys and girls extra given a training every year. The Secretary, and practically everyone agreed that farming was more difficult and they were competing more and more every day with the foreigner, and as well as being good farmers it was well to be wide awake to conditions outside. If those boys came back to help their fathers, or to take up places bought for them by their fathers, they would have a technical training as well as the training from their father's farm. There might be opposition in the County when the matter got abroad; and she proposed that they adjourn it for another meeting so that the Councillors could think over it. Those were the ideas that struck members of the Committee ^{but} there might be strong opposition. To say that Wexford was opposed to University education would not be the case, but they wanted to argue that a bigger number of people would benefit, and would come back and work inside their own County, where the money was provided.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne did not think they needed any time to consider the matter at all.

Chairman - There is no urgency about it.

Mr. O'Byrne thought that, for the County generally, the proposed change would be of benefit to the County as a whole. If they could send fourteen people away to make better farmers they would be doing something better than

making a doctor or a member of some ^{of the} other professions which were overcrowded at the moment.

Chairman - I think everyone will agree that agriculture is not getting a fair show from what money we are giving to scholarships.

Mr. Bowe suggested that, in the meantime, the County Council be informed of the exact amount being spent on scholarships.

Chairman - You will have all those figures at the next meeting.

Miss O'Ryan asked the Secretary to furnish the names of the boys and girls who got scholarships during the last four or five years, and the amount of rates being collected on land and the amount collected on buildings, so that they would see if a fair show was being given.

The Secretary said that his idea about the matter was that when they touched anything on education they might be inclined to take a step that appealed to them and that looked splendid on the surface, but when they came to practice they might find they were up against some awful snags. They were skating on thin ice when not educational experts themselves. He suggested that they agree with Miss O'Ryan's proposition. The suggestion only deals with the University side of the matter and the Committee thought with regard to secondary and vocational scholarships it was better to carry on that Scheme as at present.

Miss O'Ryan's proposition was passed unanimously.

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

"That the provisions of Scheme for award of Secondary and Vocational Scholarships for 1940 as recommended by the Scholarship Committee be and the same are hereby adopted."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 12th May 1939 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."

MINUTES OF MEETING 26th MAY 1939: Minutes of this meeting
were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th May, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, 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 £5357. 18. 1d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to 25th May 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	96.7
2. J. J. O'Reilly	94.6
3. E. J. Murphy	93.4
4. M. Kehoe	92.7
5. D. Kenny	92.7
6. J. Deegan	92.1
7. P. Nolan	91.2
8. S. Gannon	90.3
9. P. Doyle	89.7
10. J. Cummins	89.4
11. P. Carty	88.1
12. M. McCarthy	87.2
13. J. Flood	86.3
14. A. Dunne	85.4
15. J. J. Sinnott	80.5
16. J. Q uirke	79.8
17. W. Cummins	79.5
18. W. Doyle	78.8

Average 87.9.

The percentage at corresponding period last year was 88.5.

It was decided that final figures in respect of closing of 1938/39 Warrants be submitted to next meeting of Finance

Committee when Lists of Irrecoverable Rates and Temporary Uncollectable Rates will be ruled upon by the Finance Committee.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to include three year's arrears for collection with warrants for Rate for 1939-40 and that all other items of arrears be collected separately.

POUNDAGE: The following under date 16th May (G.2732/8/39 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Acting Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 10th instant on the subject of poundage fees and to state that consideration of the proposal will be deferred until specific cases are submitted in which the warrant has been closed and the lists of uncollected rates have been dealt with by the Council."

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

"That Rate Collectors be paid at the rate of sixpence for each Abatement Form (Employment - Allowances - Agricultural Grant) certified by them."

INSURANCES RATE COLLECTORS ETC.: The following under date 17th May 1939 (7895-36) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section) :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 13th instant to Mr. Leahy, an Inspector of this Department, and I am to inform you that the Minister has no authority to remit any arrears of National Health or Unemployment Insurance contributions which have accrued due since January, 1932."

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I am, accordingly, to request that a cheque for the full amount of the arrears of contributions due as furnished by Mr. Leahy, payable to the Irish National Health Insurance Fund, be sent this Department."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to issue Pay Order to represent two years' arrears for Unemployment and National Health Insurances of certain Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors. The Finance Committee understand that this arrangement has been accepted in other instances in somewhat similar circumstances."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN MURPHY, KELLYSTOWN, ADAMSTOWN (LABOURER): This application was adjourned from last meeting.

Mr. Colfer said Murphy's son, who was a shop assistant, would help his father to meet the rent.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded certificate valuing house at £290 and site at £10 - total £300. On this the maximum loan would be £200.

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

"That we recommend the County Council (subject to the approval of Department of Local Government and Public Health) to advance loan of £200 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Murphy, Kellystown, Adamstown."

PATRICK BYRNE, KILBRIDE, COURTOWN HARBOUR: Agricultural labourer, applied for loan of £200 on house valued at £400.

It was decided to adjourn application for the present.

ARTHUR DUNNE, 41 MAIN STREET, GOREY: Rate Collector, applied for loan of £315 on house valued at £350, house to be erected at the Avenue, Gorey.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to advance under small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £315 to Arthur Dunne, 41 Main Street, Gorey. This proposal is subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

PATRICK JOSEPH DALY, 41 MAIN STREET, GOREY: Post Office Clerk, applied for loan of £315 on house valued at £350 to be erected at the Avenue, Gorey.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £315 to Patrick Joseph Daly, 41 Main St., Gorey. This proposal is subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

JOHN BYRNE, 12 PEARSE STREET, GOREY, Factory Worker, applied for loan of £350 on £350 house to be erected at Ramsfort Park Road, Gorey.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £315 to John Byrne, 12 Pearse St., Gorey. This proposal is subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

THOMAS HAYES, KILCANNON, ENNISCORTHY, applied for loan of £200 on a house valued at £300. Government Grant £70.

Loan not to exceed £200 was provisionally approved for this applicant on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

ARTHUR DOYLE, HOUSE AT TOMNALOSSETT, ENNISCORTHY: This applicant whose house was now practically completed, applied for an additional loan of £25.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded revised

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certificate of value of House at £300 and plot at £10.
Total £310.

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

"That, in view of revised certificate of value in the case of Arthur Doyle, Attendant Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, County Council be recommended (subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health) to increase loan under Small Dwellings Acts to this applicant by £25 to £200."

ELLEN LEARY, BALLYWALTER, KILMUCKRIDGE: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That County Solicitor take the necessary steps to safeguard the Council's position regarding proposed completion of house in this case by Thomas Browne, Clonevan, Gorey, Contractor. The Finance Committee are in favour of the proposed arrangement provided payment for completion of house can be made to Mr. Browne, Contractor."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That John Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon - whose name was inadvertently omitted from list submitted to last meeting of the County Council - be recommended to the County Council as eligible to compete for award of University Scholarship. His father is a shop assistant with an income of £78 per annum."

The following under date 15th May 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant relative to the application of James J. Meyler for an

extension of his Scholarship for a further year.

Mr. Meyler is taking a Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Course.

Under the Scheme it is provided that students for Degrees in Branches of Science applicable to, amongst others, Agriculture, Commerce or Industry, may in the discretion of the Council have the term of their Scholarship extended from three to five years.

Commerce and Industry cover a very wide field of work, which I consider would include the practice of engineering in all its branches, and this being so, I am of opinion that the Council would be acting within the powers conferred on them by the Scheme, if they granted Mr. Meyler's application for the extension of his Scholarship."

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

"That, in view of advice of County Solicitor under date 15th May 1939, the County Council be recommended to approve of fourth year University Scholarship to James J. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn."

In connection with the decision of County Council at last meeting declaring Miss Winifred Murphy, Richmond Terrace, Wexford, to be ineligible to compete for award of University Scholarship on the ground of the income of her father, a Commission agent, the income stated in application form was "from £250 to £300". The maximum in this case according to syllabus is £270.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, called the attention of Mr. Murphy to the figures given in Application Form and pointed out it was necessary Mr. Murphy should state his exact income for financial year ended 31st March 1939.

In reply to this the following under date 6th May 1939 was read from Mr. Murphy:-

"In reply to Mr. Elgee's enquiry re income, the actual amount of income for the year from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1939 is £258."

This letter was read for the meeting of County Council on 8th May 1939 but the members elected to take action on the figures given in application form and decided that the applicant did not come within the terms of University Scholarship Scheme.

Subsequently, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, conveyed the decision of the Council to Mr. Murphy who replied as follows under date 25th May 1939:-

"Yours received re Scholarship for my daughter for which I thank you. I would be thankful if you would ask Finance Committee to reconsider my application. As pointed out, my position is very insecure with neither pension nor sick pay."

Mr. Corish gave the following notice of motion:-

"That, in view of the correspondence with Mr. John Murphy, Richmond Terrace, Wexford, from which it appears his income for financial year ended 31st March 1939 was £258, the resolution of County Council declaring his daughter, Miss Winifred Murphy ineligible on grounds of excess of income to sit for examination in connection with award of University Scholarship, be rescinded and that this applicant be declared eligible to compete for said scholarship."

It appeared from application forms that the following five applicants proposed (if successful at examination) to select "Agriculture" for their University course, and in consequence, they were summoned to attend Finance Committee in order to satisfy the latter as to their acquaintance with practical agriculture:-

1. Francis P. Barry, Millview, Coolcots, Wexford.
2. William Byrne, Camblin, New Ross.

3. Philip M. Cullen, Killiahe, Drinagh.
4. Thomas Hickey, Meyler's Park, New Ross.
5. Nicholas Phillips, Kellystown, Rathaspeck.

The Chairman questioned these candidates on several phases of agricultural industry.

It was decided that as the five answered in a satisfactory manner they be declared eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

ROAD MATTERS

DUNCORMACK ROADS: The following under date 16th May 1939 was read from Mr. J. J. Furlong, Littlegrigue, Duncormack:

"I must ask you to bring under the notice of the Finance Committee, the very serious condition of the roads in the Duncormick Station district, which are the worst Roads I travel in any part of Wexford. I have been told over and over again by travellers that they never meet such bad roads as in this district. Something will have to be done at once, otherwise, we, in this area, will not pay tax on cars or lorries. Personally, I pay around £47. 0. 0 per year in road tax. At the moment, I have two springs broken on a new lorry, not to speak of the constant repairs to steering parts of car and lorry. The roads here are a disgrace in any tillage district. I would like any member or official of the Council to call here and I will give them a joy-ride, to view the scenery of the district, including the seaside resort of Cullenstown.

I attended at the Council meeting on a deputation some few months ago and we were promised to have repairs done to the roads of this district, but time is passing and pot holes are still getting more numerous.

I am sorry to have to make such blunt remarks, but really the condition is most serious and deserving immediate attention."

The County Surveyor asked for the appointment of a small Committee to examine the roads in question and report thereon. He regarded Mr. Furlong's letter as sensible.

Miss O'Ryan said she was aware some of the roads mentioned were almost impassible.

Mr. O'Byrne considered it a waste of money to try and maintain, by sea gravel, roads which were subject to motor traffic.

It was decided to appoint Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish as a sub-committee to inspect and report with the County Surveyor, to meet on 12th June 1939 (after monthly meeting of County Council) at Duncormack station.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should give Mr. Furlong day and hour of meeting.

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

"That, in consequence of the number of unemployed in Killurin district, and the failure of the season's salmon fishing, the County Surveyor be instructed to make special representations to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to approval to start work on Carrigmannon-Killurin Road forthwith."

LEGNAGLOGH LANE, MONAMOLIN: Application for repair of above Lane was received from Michael Coleman and six other ratepayers. It was pointed out that the lane was at present in a dangerous condition and there were about 20 unemployed men within a radius of two miles of the lane.

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

"That Legnaglogh (Monamolín) Lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

ROAD POULFUR - BALLYCULLANE: The following under date 24th May 1939 (R/RGR/32/4) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant submitting copy of a resolution adopted by your Council regarding the making of a grant towards the cost of reconstruction of the road between Poulfur and Ballycullane, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose for your information a copy of a letter which was addressed to the County Surveyor in the matter on the 4th November last.

Accordingly, I am to request that you will arrange with the County Surveyor that the question of undertaking the reconstruction of a section of the road will be considered in connection with the allocation which has been made available for road works under the current Employment Schemes Vote."

The following is copy of letter to County Surveyor from Department of Local Government and Public Health (R/RGR/32/4) under date 4th November 1938:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo, relative to the condition of the road from Ballycullane to Poulfur, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as the road in question runs parallel to and about 1 mile distant from a Main Road (L.159a), a special grant from the Road Fund could not be justified for the improvement of the road.

I am to state, however, that special consideration should be given to the needs of this road if further grants are made available for road works under the Employment Schemes Vote."

Under date 15th May 1939, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, 14 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin,

wrote that Mr. Corish had raised at the meeting of the Tourist Board the question of a State Grant for this road and he (General Manager) had taken up the matter with the Government Department for a Grant of half the cost of the proposed work.

It was decided to refer the correspondence to the County Surveyor for attention.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1939/40 ROADS (RURAL) WINTER WORK:

Under date 20th May 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/206/10) that for road works for autumn and winter of current financial year a grant of £5460, subject to local contribution of £1940 was available for a scheme costing £7400. The Grant was given on the usual conditions.

The County Surveyor said this was portion of the Scheme involving an expenditure of £10,700 and already agreed to by the Council. The Department had directed that £3300 should be spent in the summer on four jobs which they selected and the £7400 was the balance of this fund. The County Council had already made a segregated allocation of the amount.

ROAD 789: The following under date 22nd May 1939 was read from Mr. William Cooley, Dunbrody, Campile:-

"Thanks for your letter of May the 6th and also your letter of the 17th. There must be some misunderstanding on this road with branch as myself personally know of the New Ross Rural District Council to maintain this road with branch and also the County Council maintained it until the main road was steamrolled. There ^{are} is two contractors in this district who did do the contract under both Councils and also when Sir Robert McAlpine was building the railroad between Rosslare and Waterford he damaged this branch and

the New Ross Rural Council compelled him to put in in a state of repair which he did in 1906 and it was maintained until lately and is in the contract form for haulage and there is one and half cubic yards hauled to it every year.

I wonder is Mr. Barry aware that the Council worker is only allowed to spread this $1\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards on less than 100 yards of this branch. We do know that there is a small bit of green at both sides of this branch privately owned but can he buy the public right away.

Well, Mr. Frizelle, it has very little to do with me but there is a large ratepayer in hospital at present and he asked me to do something about it for him. This man cannot get in his threshing set any other way only this and what is he going to do if the Council has let this right slip from their hands. The people do not want to put the Council to any expense as they would keep it themselves only to hold the right. There is a man named Denis O'Connor who can prove on oath that himself and his father maintained this branch with Main Road 789 for years under the New Ross District Council and the County Council and also Thomas Power who was the last contractor."

The County Surveyor said according to particulars in Road Abstract of 1914 the Road mentioned by Mr. Cooley had been maintained by the County Council up to that date certainly as a County Road. He would have it brought into the proper classification.

PROTRUDING WALLS ON ROADS: Mr. O'Byrne called attention to the erection of two walls (to replace old ditches) in Gorey town - one in Wexford Street and the second in Gorey Avenue. They appeared to have encroached on the footpath interfering with its usefulness.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for report after consultation with County Solicitor.

It was further decided that County Surveyor should issue advertisement in the three local papers that persons who are replacing old ditches as road boundaries by walls should be warned that they must secure the permission of the County Surveyor to the new sites for boundary walls and should not encroach in any way on existing road surface.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

Under date 19th May 1939, Mr. Michael L. Stokes, Contractor for the painting of New Ross Bridge, 13 The Quay, Waterford, wrote that Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, Funeral Undertaker, New Ross, was prepared to act as surety for above work. If a second surety was required the Provincial Bank, Waterford, was prepared to act.

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

"We recommend the County Council to accept as Sureties for Mr. Michael L. Stokes, 13 The Quay, Waterford, contractor for the painting of New Ross Bridge, the Provincial Bank, Waterford, and Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, Funeral Undertaker, New Ross, in the sum of £975."

On the suggestion of Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor was directed to request Mr. Stokes to employ local unskilled labourers where such class of labour is required.

BY-LAWS FOR WEXFORD BRIDGE

Under date 23rd May 1939, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted proposed By-laws for Wexford Bridge.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to adopt the by-laws regulating traffic over Wexford Bridge submitted by County Solicitor to the Finance Committee meeting of this date as follows:-

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1933

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

BYE LAWS

REGULATING TRAFFIC OVER THE RIVER SLANEY

AT WEXFORD KNOWN AS "THE NEW BRIDGE"

WHEREAS by Section 147 (1) (i) of The Road Traffic Act, 1933 the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána is empowered with the Consent of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to make Bye Laws for the General Regulations and Control of Traffic including all or any of the following purposes that is to say, Inter alia (1) Regulating and controlling the driving on Road Ways of Animals which are not ridden or led by any person, nor harnessed nor attached to any Vehicle.

AND WHEREAS by Sec. 149 (1) of the said Act the said Commissioner is empowered with the Consent of the said Minister and after consultation with the Local Authority concerned, to make in respect of any specified area and generally either for all times and occasions or specially for limited periods, or particular occasions, Bye Laws for all or any of the following purposes that is to say - Inter alia (b) Prohibiting any specified class of Vehicle or any Vehicle carrying specified class of goods or a specified class of Load from entering or passing along any specified Road either at any time or during specified hours and by Sec. 149 Sub Sec. 1 (k) Restricting and controlling the driving leading or otherwise conducting of Animals (other than Horses, Asses and Mules and other than Animals carried in Vehicles) in Roads.

By Sub Sec. 2 of Sec. 149 of said Acts It Is Provided that any person who does any Act, which is a contravention of a Regulation made under said Sec. 149, shall be guilty of an Offence under that Section, and shall on Summary Conviction

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be liable to a Fine not exceeding £2. 0. 0.

AND WHEREAS the Bridge over the River Slaney at Wexford known as the "New Bridge" is in such a condition that it is not fit to carry a heavy load, and the Wexford County Council are satisfied that the entering upon, or passing along the said Bridge of mechanically propelled Vehicles with the exception of mechanically propelled Vehicles used for Private or Hackney purposes without Trailers having seating accommodation limited to five Passengers including the Driver, and also, excepting mechanically propelled Vehicles used as Hearses, would be attended with danger to the Public.

AND WHEREAS the County Council are also satisfied that the entering upon or passing along the said Bridge of Animals other than Horses Asses and Mules, in large Numbers, would also be attended with danger to the Public.

NOW I, Commissioner of the Garda Síochána by and with the Consent of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health and after consultation with the County Council of the County of Wexford, who are the Local Authority of the District in which the said Bridge is situated DO in pursuance of the Powers vested in me by Sec. 147 Sub Sec (i) and Sec. 149 Sub Sec. 1 - Pars (b) and (k) DO MAKE THE FOLLOWING BYE LAWS:-

- (1) All Mechanically Propelled Vehicles with the exception of Mechanically propelled Vehicles used for Private or Hackney Purposes without a Trailer, having seating accommodation limited to five persons including the Driver and also, excepting Mechanically propelled Vehicles used as Hearses are prohibited from at any time entering on, or passing along the Bridge over the River Slaney at Wexford, known as the "NEW BRIDGE".
- (2) All Animals, other than Horses, Asses or Mules which

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it is desired to bring across the said Bridge shall be driven across the said Bridge at a walking pace only, and if the number of such Cattle exceeds Twenty, then the Cattle shall be scattered in such a manner as to distribute the aggregate weight of such Cattle as much as possible over the Road Surface.

Every person who does any Act in Contravention of the above By-Laws whether by Commission or omission shall be guilty of an Offence, and shall, on Summary Conviction thereof be liable to a Fine not exceeding £2. 0. 0.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The following under date 16th May 1939 was read from Local Inspector National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children:-

"I beg to inform your Council that it is my intention to apply to the District Justice at the Children's Court, Wexford, on Wednesday, 24th instant, for Detention Orders to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, in respect of the following children:-

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|-----|---|------|--------------|
| (1) | Elizabeth O'Brien, Lr. John St., Wexford. | Born | 15.11.31 |
| (2) | Annie O'Brien | do. | do. 28.11.32 |
| (3) | Christina O'Brien | do. | do. 30. 2.34 |
| (4) | Angela O'Brien | do. | do. 22. 2.37 |

The mother of the children died some three months ago leaving a family of 10. The father Thomas O'Brien is unable to exercise proper supervision and control. Application will be made under Section 58 (1)(B) Children's Act 1908."

The County Solicitor said the application was heard on 24th May 1939 and the children were committed to Industrial School. The District Justice refused to make an Order for contribution by the father who was in receipt of £2. 7. 6d

wages. The man had six other children.

No order.

COUNTY ANALYST'S FEES

The following under date 24th May 1939 was read from County Analyst (Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc.):—

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th May re increase in my fees. I am afraid I could not accept an annual salary to cover the work of the County Council and the County Board of Health as it cuts across the arrangement of the Irish Public Analysts' Association who are endeavouring to get uniformity into the rate of payment of all Counties, so that one County will not have to carry the burden of the other. The scale of Fees also ensures that money is paid only for actual work done and leaves no room for discrepancies due to increase, or decrease in work.

As you have hitherto been paying me on a per sample basis I hope you will not consider that the suggested Scale of Fees will involve too much of a change. There is a Retaining Fee which is a necessary basis towards running expenses of a laboratory, but for which a fixed number of samples will be analysed. The Board of Health already pay me one guinea per sample for waters and the extra cost to them would be 1/- per sample for drug samples.

Hereunder I give you the figures for the years 1937 and 1938 which will show you how the increase would have affected the last two years:—

No. of samples analysed for County Council

Foods	905	1937	928	1938
Amount paid		£243. 17. 6		£251. 10. 0

Under new Scale of Fees Payments would have been

	£335. 0. 0	£342. 13. 4
£100 Retaining Fee and 705 samples at 6/8		£100 Retaining Fee and 728 samples at 6/8.

No. of samples of Drugs analysed for the Co. Board of Health

Drugs	197	1937	195	1938
Payment under new Scale of Fees would have been 1/- per sample extra representing an increase of				
		£9. 17. 0		£9. 15. 0.

The disadvantages of a fixed annual salary and the reason why the Analysts' Association decided against it was that it leaves no room for fluctuations in the number of samples without causing dissatisfaction. If work is paid for according to its volume it is obviously the only fair way both for the Council and the Analyst as where so many Inspectors and Dispensaries are involved it is reasonable to expect that the quantity of work will vary from year to year. The Scale of Fees will ensure that no matter what the amount of work great, or small, there will be no reason to revise the payment.

I hope your Council will find it possible to accede to my request to adopt the suggested Scale of Fees as it is the only way to secure lasting agreement."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to accept the new scale of Fees submitted by County Analyst under date 19th April 1939."

APPLICATION COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Under date 24th May 1939 Mr. J. K. Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, notified his intention of applying for £50 compensation for damage to hay, roofs of out offices, car, etc., the property of Mrs. Holbrook, Oaklea, Roxboro.

Referred to County Solicitor.

SEATING FOR JURORS - COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The following under date 25th May 1939 from Acting County Registrar to County Secretary re above, was referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"Referring to my conversation with you this morning in connection with the provision of more suitable seating accommodation in the Jury Box in the Courthouse at Wexford for the Jurors attending the Circuit Court Sittings, the present seats are very hard and in my opinion unsuitable as these men are required to sit on same for several hours without a break, so I would, therefore, be glad if your Council would consider my application for a supply of new seats.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the County Surveyor."

APPLICATION CINEMA LICENCE

Application for Cinema Licence for Hall at Bunclody was submitted from Mr. Denis Lennon, Bunclody.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Lennon had agreed to carry out a change as regards the position of the projector.

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

"That County Council be recommended to issue Cinema Licence to Mr. Denis Lennon, Bunclody, in respect of Hall at Bunclody subject to approval of County Surveyor and Garda Sióchana. That the County Surveyor consult Chief Superintendent, Garda Sióchana, in the matter and furnish written report to the Secretary as to his recommendations regarding any ~~existing~~ conditions he considers should be imposed by the Council when the latter are issuing the licence applied for."

GOREY CINEMA

Under date 25th May 1939 application was read from Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey, Contractor for erection of Cinema at Gorey, for permission to remove a tree in front of Cinema Building and which he stated was in direct line of traffic for people leaving the Cinema.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

SEED AND MANURE GUARANTEE SUPPLY SCHEME 1939

The following list of selected applicants for Guarantees under the above Scheme was submitted to the meeting and approved on the motion of the Chairman:-

	<u>Amount of Guarantee.</u>		
	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
James Power, Thornville	8.	12.	6
Thomas Nolan, Bolinrush, Ferns	4.	5.	10
P. J. Malone, Knockanure, Clohamon	2.	5.	0
N. Mullett, Whitefort, Crossabeg	8.	19.	1
J. Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy	12.	0.	0
Peter Dempsey, Monavullen, Oulart, Gorey	4.	12.	3
John Furlong, Killincooleymore, Kilmuckridge	4.	12.	3
Patrick Mangan, Knocknasilloge, Blackwater	6.	10.	6
Walter Grean, Ballinelay, Killurin	7.	7.	2
Daniel Carton, Coolpuck, Ferns	9.	7.	6
Laurence Murphy, Ballincash Upper, Oulart	8.	9.	6
Thomas Prendergast, Knockskinolin, Oulart	8.	17.	2
Michael Stokes, Raheenagurren, Gorey	7.	5.	6
Annie M. O'Connor, Clohamon, Ferns	11.	19.	3
William Doran, Knockavocca, Boolavogue	11.	11.	4
Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshal, Clohamon, Ferns	3.	6.	0
Patrick Donnelly, Annagh, Inch,	9.	15.	2
John Lawlor, Ballinagran, Killena, Gorey	4.	1.	7
Peter Nolan, Mullaunsmear, Bunclody	6.	0.	0
Anastasia O'Brien, Raheenaskes, Oulart	6.	12.	9

	<u>Amount of Guarantee</u>		
	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
John Redmond, Cooladine, Enniscorthy	9.	6.	9
Laurence Somers, Ballyteague, Kilmuckridge	11.	14.	4
Andrew Doyle, Barmoney, Bree	4.	5.	6
James Murphy, Monroe, Glenbrien,	11.	8.	0
Hugh Dunne, Knockmore, Caim	6.	4.	9
Mary E. Fenelon, Raheenahone, Bree	4.	4.	0
John O'Leary, Ballydaw, Marshalstown	10.	13.	0
Martin Murphy, Garrynisk, Blackwater	6.	0.	0
Patrick Crean, Pullingstown, Marshalstown	10.	13.	0
James Byrne, Grange, Broadway	3.	15.	9
James Doyle, Blunsheens, Tagcoat	4.	6.	3
Patrick Brennan, Dungeer, Taghmon	7.	2.	3
Patrick Ryan, Bregorteen, Barntown	10.	17.	6

SANCTION PAYMENT RE MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The following under date 15th May 1939 (R/RM/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) :-

"With further reference to your letter of 10th instant, with enclosure, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to a payment of £1 being made to Mr. O'Kennedy, clerical assistant in the County Surveyor's office to cover his expenses for visits to the machinery yard at Enniscorthy on 18th and 24th ultimo."

APPLICATION OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £35,000 for the period from 1st June 1939 to 30th September 1939."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th May 1939 be received and considered."

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

"That, in view of the close of the Rate Collection, the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to expedite payment of poundage to County Council Rate Collectors."

DUNCORMACK ROADS: Miss O'Ryan stated that as she and Mr. Corish would be going to Vocational Education Committee Conference in Tralee that day it would not be possible to carry out the inspection of the roads in Duncormack district as arranged.

It was decided that inspection be carried out after meeting of Finance Committee on 23rd June 1939.

CARRIGMANNON GLYNN ROAD: The County Surveyor stated he had made strong representations to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as regards having work carried out on this road as soon as possible.

POULFUR BALLYCULANE ROAD: The County Surveyor said that at the moment that area is not eligible for an unemployment scheme but it may qualify later if the number of local unemployed men increased.

Mr. Colfer said there would be plenty of men idle there in three months' time.

The County Surveyor remarked that the unemployment returns were very little use. He found that when work is being arranged for a district there was a lot more men idle than the returns stated or perhaps when the work was started

he found that the number of men available was not so large as on the return.

Mr. Colfer said that the road mentioned in the letter should never have been there. The road that needed repair should have been the main road.

Chairman - We cannot do anything now when they have refused the grant from the road fund.

Miss O'Ryan - The road can be done by degrees under the unemployment grants.

PROTRUDING WALLS IN GOREY: The County Surveyor said that as regards the wall at Mr. Bolger's coalyard the wall was exactly in a line with the toe of the old fence. He had not seen the second place complained of.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that as regards the complaint of the wall at Gorey Avenue he saw Mr. John Fortune, who was having the work carried out and who contended he was building on an existing fence. He (Mr. Treanor) was not satisfied as the new wall encroached on the footpath and warned Mr. Fortune in the matter.

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

"That County Surveyor report to County Solicitor the encroachment on footpath at Gorey Avenue by Mr. John Fortune and that Mr. Elgee take the necessary action to have the footpath restored to its original width."

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE: Mr. T. Redmond raised the point as to the employment of a clerk of works. Such an official was employed when the bridge was painted on the last occasion.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should look into the matter and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

APPLICATION INCREASED FEES COUNTY ANALYST: Mr. T. Redmond said the increase in the fees was enormous. In view of the fact that the County Council had refused small increases to some of their officers on the grounds that their financial position would not permit of the increase, he could not see how they could accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee. He moved:-

"That we dissent from recommendation of Finance Committee recommending an increase in the fees of County Analyst and that this matter be adjourned for twelve months."

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Doyle supported the proposal which passed on a show of hands, Mr. Kelly dissenting.

APPLICATION CINEMA LICENCE BUNCLODY HALL: The following under date 10th June 1939 (1052/39) was read from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana:-

"Adverting to your letter of 24th May 1939, with accompanying copy of Application for Licence from Mr. Denis Lennon Main Street, Buncloody, I am to report as follows:-

After very careful consideration and inspection of the Premises (St. Aidan's Hall) in question we strongly object to the issue of a Licence unless and until the Premises are so adapted as to comply with the relevant fundamental Regulations for the safety of the Public. The main point of our objection is the enclosure in which the Cinematograph Apparatus will be placed is not outside the building or Auditorium vide Regulation 5 (2) nor is there any barrier around the enclosure. The erection of such enclosure - if not outside the building - at least outside the Auditorium is I suggest most essential for securing safety. When the Local Officer advised Mr. Lennon of our views on this he was not prepared to erect the enclosure outside the Auditorium or otherwise alter the building and intimated that he would not proceed

further with this application.

For your information, I attach a rough sketch showing dimensions of the building, position of Exits, enclosure, etc. It will be noted that the door of one of three exits opens inwards but there is no further complaint as to the sufficiency of exits.

The floor of the enclosure is made of wooden boards and sheet iron is not provided as stated in application Form. The door of this enclosure is not self closing or very close fitting and the openings are not bushed or filled with a screen of fire resisting material. No means is provided to effectually ventilate the enclosure to the outside air.

Generally I could not possibly recommend that the Council would sanction a Licence for the habitual use of such Premises for Cinematograph Exhibitions. If it was suitably adapted to conform with the Regulations, and it appears it could readily be so adapted, I would gladly recommend issue of such a Licence. The safety of the Public being of primary consideration I recommend no exemption from the Provisions of the Act and Regulations."

It was decided to inform Mr. Lennon that he must carry out the proposals of Garda Siochana regarding the position of projector for Cinema etc. in Buncloody Hall before Licence can issue.

GOREY CINEMA: The County Surveyor said he would not approve of the application to have the tree adjacent to the Gorey Cinema removed.

The application, in accordance with the recommendation of the County Surveyor was refused.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 26th May 1939 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."

MEETING 9th JUNE 1939: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th June 1939.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish , W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

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

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3500. 11. 4d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

TEMPORARY UNCOLLECTABLE RATES: Lists of Temporary

Uncollectable Rates were submitted as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.	
J. Curtis	136.	15.	10	2.1 per cent
J. J. O'Reilly	247.	5.	1	4.0 " "
D. Kenny	213.	9.	0	4.0 " "
E. J. Murphy	286.	12.	3	4.7 " "
Maurice Kehoe	245.	13.	10	4.8 " "
J. Deegan	453.	16.	2	5.5 " "
P. Carty	340.	17.	4	6.1 " "
P. Doyle	416.	5.	9	6.4 " "
P. Nolan	540.	15.	3	6.4 " "
Sean Gannon	621.	15.	6	8.3 " "
J. Cummins	569.	17.	7	8.6 " "
M. McCarthy	550.	6.	10	8.9 " "
Art Dunne	912.	1.	9	9.5 " "

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	£.	s.	d.	
J. Flood	429.	11.	4	9.8 per cent
J. Quirke	1155.	6.	5	12.7 " "
J. J. Sinnott	1112.	13.	5	15.1 " "
W. Doyle	843.	5.	6	16.2 " "
W. Cummins	1630.	12.	9	18.0 " "
Total	£10707.	1.	7	8.8 " "

The Secretary stated that the total to be carried forward - £10707 - was £471 more than for the corresponding period last year. A sum of £677. 4. 3, in respect of year 1935/36 had not been carried forward for collection with warrant for 1939/40 but had been transferred to old arrears account. The £10707. 1. 7d it was proposed to carry forward for collection with 1939/40 warrant represented arrears for the three years 1936/37, 1937/38 and 1938/39.

The meeting considered statement submitted from Collector W. Cummins giving particulars of items which accounted for increase in Temporary Uncollectable Rates in his area.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, that Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction Scheme submitted last year under which County Council Solicitor would act for Rate Collectors in all prosecutions in connection with recovery of outstanding rates.

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

"That Temporary Uncollectable Rates lists submitted to this meeting be approved and that the amount be carried forward for collection."

"That Irrecoverable Rates Lists as follows be also agreed to:-

	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	n-114.	11.	1
W. Doyle	n-46.	8.	9d
P. Doyle	n-67.	6.	10
M. McCarthy	n-109.	8.	0
P. Nolan	n-119.	9.	1
Sean Gannon	n-36.	9.	2
J. Deegan	n-145.	0.	0
J. Cummins	n-29.	9.	3
J. Flood	n-30.	12.	10
W. Cummins	n-20.	0.	11
J. J. O'Reilly	n-45.	14.	0
D. Kenny	n-65.	13.	1
Art Dunne	n-216.	13.	9
J. J. Sinnott	n-22.	11.	6
E. J. Murphy	n-91.	11.	8
M. Kehoe	n-51.	15.	8
J. Curtis	n-31.	9.	11
P. Carty	n-63.	7.	3

Total £1307. 12. 9."

The following is the state of the Rate Collection:-

1938/39 Assessment	£. 111893
Three years' arrears, 1935/36, 1936/37 and 1937/38	<u>10245</u>
Total	122138.
Lodgments and Discount	109447 (89.6 %)
Irrecoverable Rates	1307 (1.1%)
Transferred to old arrears account in respect of year 1935/36	677 (.5%)
Carried forward for collection with 1939/40 Warrant	<u>10707</u> (8.8%)
Total	£122138.

Arrears outstanding in respect of financial year
1934/35 and previous periods amount to £8452. 4. 9d.

SYSTEM PART PAYMENT OF RATES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That, in view of proposed legislation as to changes in procedure for collection of Rates and increasing powers of Rate Collectors, the Minister be requested to sanction the continuance of the present system of Part, ~~time~~ payment of Rates for the 1939-40 Poor Rate Warrants pending the enactment of proposed legislation."

NEW PERSONAL SURETY FOR COLLECTOR DEEGAN: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That James Deegan, Junior, Brideswell, Carnew, be accepted as personal surety for Rate Collector John Deegan, vice James Deegan (Senior) deceased."

VACANCY ON COUNTY COUNCIL CLERICAL STAFF

In connection with resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, member of the clerical staff of County Council, the Secretary stated that copy of the following letter under date 5th May 1939 (G.4508/5/39 - Loch Garman) was forwarded to Mr. Hayes on 6th May 1939:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo regarding the retirement of Mr. S. Hayes, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that a medical certificate in the following form be furnished to this Department:

I certify that.....has become incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of mind/body, and that he suffers from (here give the nature of the infirmity and the facts observed by the medical practitioner himself on which the certificate is based).

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It appeared that letter of 6th May 1939 did not reach Mr. Hayes. In reply to second letter the following under date 28th May 1939 was received from him:-

"I have furnished copy of medical certificate required by Local Government Department to my Doctor.

I did not yet receive copy of certificate and your letter which you state was sent me on the 6th instant.

Arrears of increments due to me have not yet come to hand. Could you have the matter attended to at your earliest convenience.

Medical Adviser will let you have certificate as required within the next few days."

The following under date 6th June 1939 was read from Dr. Alice Barry, F.R.C.P.I.:-

"I beg to state that Mr. Stephen Hayes was suffering from Tuberculous Pleurisy after effects of which interfere with the carrying out of his duties with efficiency."

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

"That copy of medical certificate of Dr. Alice Barry under date 6th June 1939 as to resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, member of clerical staff of Wexford County Council, be furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health. That in the event of the Department accepting the medical certificate in question as meeting their requirements the County Council proceed to fill the vacancy.

That the Minister be requested to extend sanction to Mr. Laurence Cleary, acting as temporary Assistant in County Council Office, until new permanent appointment has been made.

That arrears in respect of increment amounting to 14s. 5d (calculated at the rate of £3 per annum) from 10th February 1939 to 8th May 1939 the date on which resignation

of Mr. Hayes was accepted by County Council, be paid Mr. Hayes."

The following under date 31st May 1939 (G.4508/6/39 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Acting Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the retention of Mr. L. Cleary as Temporary Clerical Assistant for a further period of one month from 22nd instant with remuneration at the rate of £3 per week. Before the expiration of current sanction proposals should be submitted in connection with the permanent filling of the vacancy caused by retirement of Mr. Hayes."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following under date 31st May 1939 was read from Mr. John Flynn, Ballymaclare, Campile:-

"I wish to apply for an extension of my University Scholarship for a further year in order to attend the lectures for Higher Diploma in Education. Please let me know if this application is sufficient or whether it is necessary to make application on a special printed form. My address will be as above until June 13th and probably later. The subsidiary subjects for B.A. examination will be examined in June but examination for Honours subjects will not take place until September. Please reply as soon as convenient."

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

"That application for extension of University Scholarship by John Flynn be agreed to, subject to production of evidence that he secured his B.A. Degree in the present year."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

MR. MARTIN TOOLE, ENNISCORTHY: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That, in view of revised value of £260 on house proposed to be erected by Mr. Martin Toole, Attendant Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, the County Council be recommended to advance loan of £160."

JOHN WICKHAM, BELLEFIELD, ENNISCORTHY: The following under date 27th May 1939 (H.6037/2/39 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd instant, and to state that he will raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make an increased advance of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Wickham in respect of a house at Bellefield, Enniscorthy in lieu of the advance of £170 already sanctioned in the Department's letter of 17th February last."

JOHN FIELDING, SEAVIEW, BARN TOWN: The following under date 27th May 1939 (H.15886/39 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd instant, and to state that he will raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make an increased advance of £130 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Fielding in respect of a house at Seaview, Barn town, in lieu of the advance of £100 already sanctioned in the Department's letter of the 23rd December, 1937."

ARTHUR DOYLE, MENTAL HOSPITAL, ENNISCORTHY: Messrs.

O'Flaherty and Sons, Solicitors, for applicant, wrote that

their client applied for a further advance of £25 making his total loan £200.

EMPLOYMENT RELIEF GRANTS

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Raftery, Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, had raised with him on 2nd June 1939 the question of the Relief grants for the County, that their labour content was not high enough to warrant the continuance of tar dressing for relief. It was expensive to purchase tar while the material had to be rock-drilled and machine broken and all this had the effect of reducing the percentage of expenditure on labour alone. In regard to the two grants at Kilmuckridge the labour content would be down to next to nothing and would resolve itself only to the attendance on roller and breaker. This would give a labour content of not more than 20%. He felt he had no option but to drop one of those jobs and he might be able to run up the labour content for the other up to 40% by handbreaking. In the four jobs eligible for summer work he was about to eliminate the men employed but it was pointed out that if he did this he would have no areas eligible for Minor Relief work. By carrying on these men into the winter lists the places which would have to be dropped could be included in the Minor Relief Schemes Vote and would not suffer by the transfer.

ACTING COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The Secretary to County Board of Health and Public Assistance forwarded copy of extract from Minutes of Board meeting of 17th April 1939 agreeing to application of Dr. D. MacDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, to extend the limit of his travelling expenses from £200 to £300 for the period when he carried out the entire work of the county, viz., 1st November 1938 to 24th April 1939, the

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date of the appointment of temporary Assistant.

He also forwarded copy of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 6th June 1939 (P.H.6349/2/39 - Loch Garman Sc) stating that this was a matter in which the concurrence of the County Council should be sought.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to the proposal of the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to pay Dr. D. MacDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, travelling expenses calculated on a basis of £300 per annum from 1st November 1938 to 24th April 1939."

ROAD MATTERS

ROAD FUND ALLOWANCES: Under date 16th May 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RGS/201) that the approval of the Minister for Finance had been received to the recoupment from the Road Fund of the allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of road work under Grants at the rates which obtained in 1938/39 and on the conditions previously indicated.

CLEANSING TAGHMON FOOTPATHS AFTER FAIRS: The following under date 31st May 1939 was read from Gardai D. Leahy and Michael Kearns:-

"We wish to direct your attention to a matter of deep concern to us and our families. It is customary after fairdays in Taghmon for Council workers to attend to the cleaning of the village streets. They clean portion of the street and water tables. The footpath outside our Dwellings is very wide and about 25 yards in length. The droppings from the cattle are allowed to remain and presently during the warm spell constitutes a grave danger to the health of

our children and other children that are constantly playing on this path.

The Council workers state that it is not their duty or at least they have not been authorised to clean the foot-paths. They require to be watered before scrubbing. We trust that you will place the matter before the responsible authority and sincerely anticipate that this serious nuisance will be removed from outside our homes.

This matter was always attended to by Mrs. O'Donnell, the Landlord of the houses in which we reside, but for the last two fairs she has refused to have this matter attended to."

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

"That application as to cleaning footpaths in Taghmon Village after fairs be referred to County Surveyor who is hereby authorised to take what steps he considers most advisable in the matter."

ROADS ADJOINING NEW SCHOOL AT BANNOW: The following under date 7th June 1939 (BB.35748) was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to inform you that, in connection with the new school at Bannow, the erection of which has just been completed by the aid of a grant from this Department, the Manager, Reverend M. Keating, P.P., Bannow, is anxious that the road surface in the vicinity of the building should be tar sprayed. Reverend Father Keating has had the school grounds neatly laid out and planted with decorative shrubs, but he states that it is difficult to maintain the premises in an attractive condition owing to the road dust raised by passing traffic. The Department would be glad if your Council could see its way to accede to the Manager's wish in regard to the treatment of the road surface."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out request of Rev. M. Keating, P.P., Bannow, to the Department of Education, as regards having road surface in the vicinity of the new school at Bannow tar sprayed."

COMPLAINT OF UNEMPLOYMENT: The following under date 7th June 1939 was read from Patrick Roche, Patrick Reilly, Andrew Morris and James Leacy, County Council workers, Clohamon:-

"We, the undermentioned, strongly protest against the action of the Council in taking back six men all in receipt of stamps with £1 per week for themselves and their wives and no dependants, whereas the four men that were left out, Patrick Reilly is drawing Relief Dole since the second week in April. He has a wife and 3 children. He draws 14s. ~~per~~ per week. Patrick Roche is drawing Relief Dole since the second week of April. He draws 9s. per week for himself and 2 children. Andrew Morris has 16s per week Dole for himself and one child. James Lacey has £1. 2s. per week Dole for himself, wife and 5 children ranging from 16 years to 8, all depending on him.

This is to be brought forward at next Monday's meeting the 12th instant."

The County Surveyor referred this complaint to Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, who reported that the four men concerned would be working shortly. Continuing, Mr. Ennis wrote:- "I had a little work at Colfix mending and took on six men a week before the holiday leave. I could not take on the whole gang and took the six nearest to the work. At another time perhaps it might be some of the four who would happen lucky. These men would have a lot

of stamps as for a number of years they nearly got the full year's work. In fact, I think that they have for years got nearly as constant employment as any men in the County."

It was decided to refer further consideration of the matter to the meeting of County Council on 12th June 1939.

FLOODING AT KILMACKREE: The following under date 7th June 1939 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I made a special inspection of this place on 22nd May last. I was accompanied by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor. We examined the whole locality and walked through the fields along the possible drainage out-falls from the eastward of the Main Road. We are of opinion that the old drain along lane-way was the original out-fall for the water on the parting roads. This drain is now, to a large extent choked up, with the result that the water is ponded in dike in front of the labourers' cottages, and in times of flood ponded back into the plot opposite the cottages. At the extremity of the lane, away from the road, there is an old pipe or gullet passing under the lane to discharge water into the adjoining marl holes. This shows undoubtedly that the flow was formerly in this direction. I am of opinion that proceedings should be taken against the owner of the lane to compel him to open the former drain to allow the water to take its original course."

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

"That report of County Surveyor re flooding at Kilmackree be referred to County Solicitor to take proceedings as suggested therein."

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EMPLOYMENT OF GANGERS: Mr. O'Byrne asked how it was that three or four road workers had been disemployed in Camolin while the ganger was kept on.

The County Surveyor said the matter could be dealt with at County Council meeting on 12th June 1939.

Mr. Keegan asked if gangers were "working" gangers as he had never seen them working.

The County Surveyor said if a ganger had a large number of men under him he could not work; in fact, it was better from the financial point of view if he were kept at close supervision. Then again, if gangers had to visit men here and there in the district it would not be possible for him to do ordinary work. But, otherwise, he was supposed to work.

Mr. Keegan said he always saw that the Ganger was kept on when the men were dispensed with.

The County Surveyor said when this happened the ganger was paid the wages of an ordinary road worker. But there was a difficulty in paying off a ganger. It might not be very easy to have him satisfactorily replaced.

Mr. Keegan questioned this and pointed out further that in his district in a section in which the men were disemployed the ganger was put to work in another section. He would however, raise the whole business of the employment of gangers at County Council meeting.

ERECTION OF LEAN-TO AT OLD ROSS CREAMERY: The following under date 31st May 1939 was read from Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society:-

"We propose building lean-to on the existing walls at Old Ross creamery as per sketch herewith and we would be glad to have your permission to proceed with the work."

The County Surveyor said he had not yet received the report of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district,

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in the matter.

Adjourned for future consideration.

GAPS AT BLACKWATER HEAD AND AT CUSH: The following under date 3rd June 1939 was read from the Secretary Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am directed by my Cumann to draw the attention of the County Council to above. The Summer Season is now at hand and I would ask the Council to have some minor work of a temporary nature carried out at both these places. A footpath levelled so as to enable visitors to get to the seaside would, in my opinion, suffice and cost very little.

Hoping your Council will find it convenient to have this work done as early as possible."

The County Surveyor said that a Committee had visited Ballyconnigar with a view to the improvement of the Gap at Blackwater Head but could not come to terms with the owner of adjoining land (Mr. John Keating) who asked £100 compensation for the taking over of a few perches of land by the County Council. As for Cush he (County Surveyor) could not see what could be done in view of the constant erosion along this part of the coast.

DIRECTION SIGN AT BLACKWATER VILLAGE: The following under date 3rd June 1939 was read from Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am directed by my Cumann to draw the attention of County Council to the need of having a sign erected at the North End of Blackwater Village directing Tourists to Ballyconnigar Strand from there. Considerable confusion amongst strangers has been caused of late and one of A.A. Signs erected there would be much appreciated.

Trusting your Council will have this matter attended to without delay."

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The County Surveyor said he would have the request as to erection of direction sign carried out.

CLAIM BY WORKMAN FOR INJURY: The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 5th June 1939 from Luke Lawlor, Ballinavary, Bree, stating that while working in Ballybrennan Quarry he met with a accident on 23rd February 1939 in which his dental plates were broken and the replacement of which cost him £12 which he now claimed from the County Council. Letter as follows under date 31st March 1939 from the General Manager of the Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, was forwarded to Mr. Lawlor immediately on receipt:-

"Referring to your favour of the 25th instant (Re E.L. Claim 39/7882 L. Lawlor) we have to advise that the Workmens Compensation Act does not provide compensation for the replacement of broken dental plates and the like, and, in the circumstances, we are filing our papers in this matter."

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

"That the County Surveyor request the Insurance Company to reconsider the claim of Luke Lawlor for £12 for replacement of dental plates broken in accident at Ballybrennan Quarry. The Finance Committee consider that the Insurance Company should not hesitate to meet this claim."

CLEANING UP BLACKWATER RIVER: The following under date 3rd June 1939 was read from Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"Reference to cleaning of River at Blackwater and the serious flooding caused there during the Winter months by the River overflowing, I am directed to remind the County Council of the necessity of having the river cleaned so as to prevent a repetition of last year's damage etc. The season at present offers an opportunity for such work together with the large numbers of unemployed in this Area who would welcome a grant in respect of same."

The County Surveyor said this matter had been submitted to the Office of Public Works with a view to securing a grant from Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION - PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT:

Under date 31st May 1939 letter was read from the Secretary to the above Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from 13th to 18th November next.

The County Surveyor stated that he had attended as the delegate of the County Council at the last Congress held about 18 months ago. The fee was a guinea which would be recouped. His expenses as delegate would be paid by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to nominate County Surveyor as delegate to the Tenth Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition to be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, from 13th to 18th November 1939. That Pay Order for fee of one guinea be forwarded the Secretary of the Congress, 84 Eccleston Square, Westminster, London, S.W.1. That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to pay the locomotion and subsistence expenses of County Surveyor in connection with his attendance at Congress and Exhibition."

ANCIENT MONUMENTS ACT

In connection with the decision of the County Council to take over Mountgarrett Castle near New Ross and which had been scheduled as an Ancient Monument by the Office of Public Works the following under date 30th May 1939 was read from Messrs. Morgan & Mullen, Thurles, Solicitors for Lord Mountgarrett:-

"Referring to previous correspondence, we have consulted His Lordship in regard to Mountgarrett Castle

and whilst he is quite prepared to agree to your Council taking steps to preserve same he is anxious to retain the normal freehold in view of his family's long association with it. In the circumstances, he has instructed us to offer your Council a lease at a nominal rent of 1/- per annum."

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

"That the offer of Lord Mountgarrett to lease Mountgarrett Castle to Wexford County Council be recommended to the County Council for acceptance provided the Office of Public Works considers that the Council can take over the Castle on the terms mentioned in letter of Messrs. Morgan and Mullen (Solicitors to Lord Mountgarrett) under date 30th May 1939."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to application to New Ross Court for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Johanna and Margaret M. Cosgrave, daughters of Martin Cosgrave, an unemployed labourer, residing at Ballynabola.

Referred to County Solicitor.

SAUNCTION TO OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following under date 1st June 1939 (G.5246/3/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, he has consented to the Wexford County Council borrowing

by way of temporary overdraft for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses, a sum not exceeding in the aggregate Thirty-five thousand pounds.

This sanction extends to the period ending 30th September 1939."

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

Notification was received from the Secretary to above that the Annual meeting would take place during Horse Show Week (August 8th to 12th inclusive). Any matter for Agenda should be furnished on or before 26th July 1939.

Consideration adjourned.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Notification of application to Circuit Court for award of £200 compensation for alleged burning of 1000 Forest trees at Bunclody, the property of Mr. Robert W. Hall Dare, was received and referred to the County Solicitor.

STOREKEEPER AT MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor said he did not think it was possible to make Martin O'Leary, temporary storekeeper at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, carry out his duties in a satisfactory manner. The three months' period of his employment would expire early in July. He (County Surveyor) had given Mr. O'Leary further instructions and directions and the Forms etc. had been explained in further detail to him but he (County Surveyor) was afraid Mr. O'Leary would not be able to discharge the duties and he wished to know what steps should be taken if they had to dispense with Mr. O'Leary's services.

It was decided that County Surveyor submit report in writing on the matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

ANNUAL LEAVE

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

"That the County Secretary and County Surveyor be granted usual annual leave and that they arrange for the holidays of their staffs as the exigencies of work in each department require."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th June 1939 be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The Chairman said that on behalf of the Council he wished to thank those ratepayers who paid so punctually and for their generous response in meeting 95% of the rate. As regards the balance of 5% there was in this County a certain number of derelict farms from which no rates were obtained. The Council themselves were powerless to collect rates in the circumstances and the only thing open to them was to endeavour to induce the Land Commission to take them over. As a matter of fact, in his opinion, the Land Commission were to a certain extent at fault in not taking steps before now to take over these derelict farms. It would not have been difficult to secure tenants for them who would have been in a position to pay the Rates.

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

"That in the opinion of this Council the Land Commission should take an early opportunity of acquiring derelict farms in this county and allocating them to new occupiers. We believe that suitable tenants for this land can be readily secured."

RESIGNATION OF MR. HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT: Col. Quin asked if there was anything to prevent Mr. Hayes sending the form of certificate required by the Department.

The Chairman said this was a matter entirely for Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Ronan said that if Mr. Hayes did not send medical certificate acceptable to the Department he could not be granted superannuation.

BANNOW SCHOOL: The County Surveyor said there were "gullies" there and drainage. If this was ordinary surface drainage he would be able to attend to it but, if sewerage, certainly not. The tar spraying could not be done without special funds. He had asked for £800 in the estimate for the roads in that locality and the County Council only allowed £200. The holiday fund is between £700 and £800 this year and workmen's compensation and other insurances are up considerably with the result that the money in the Contingencies Fund is practically exhausted. It could be included in next year's allocation.

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

"That the necessary amount to provide for the tar spraying of road adjoining Bannow new School and road at Protestant Church, Killanne, be included in next year's Road Works Scheme."

FLOODING AT KILMACKREE: Mr. Culleton asked if there was any possibility of doing anything with Assaly River, or if any grants from which the work could be dealt with, were in contemplation.

The County Surveyor said he had not, so far, received any notification from the Department.

EMPLOYMENT OF GANGERS: Mr. Keegan said he had had a conversation that morning with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, as to the points made by him (Mr. Keegan) at last meeting of Finance Committee and as he considered Mr. Treanor's statement satisfactory further discussion was unnecessary.

LEAN-TO OLD ROSS CREAMERY: The following was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I think it would be well to ask the Shelbourne Co-op Society to submit Plan of the proposed building at Old Ross. I understand they intend to build an addition to the existing creamery which would extend beyond the 30 foot limit."

It was decided to ask Shelbourne Co-op Society to forward plan of proposed building as suggested by Mr. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor.

CLAIM BY WORKMAN FOR INJURY: The County Surveyor explained that if the man's own natural teeth were broken the Insurance Company would be liable, but the breaking of artificial teeth was not a personal injury. A winch handle struck the man in the mouth.

Mr. Culleton - It is a personal injury, because he cannot eat or smoke without the teeth.

The County Surveyor said it was regarded by the Insurance Company as an injury to the man's personal property but not to the man, not a personal injury.

The Chairman said the resolution of the Finance Committee would be sent to the Insurance Company.

STOREKEEPER ENNISCORTHY MACHINERY YARD: The Chairman proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That no action be taken as regards the temporary storekeeper at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, unless the County Surveyor considers it necessary to dispense with the services of this official pending report to the Finance Committee meeting on 23rd June 1939. If, in the meantime, the County Surveyor is of opinion the present storekeeper should ^{not} be continued in office the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a storekeeper pro. tem.."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 9th June 1939, 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."

PROPOSED LOAN - ENGINEER'S HOUSE, MENTAL HOSPITAL

The following motion, copies of which were circulated to members of the County Council on the 1st May 1939, stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 12th June 1939, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford:- That the Wexford County Council hereby agree (in view of resolution from Mental Hospital Committee) to provide loan of £900 (Nine Hundred Pounds) to cover the cost of erection of residence for Engineer to County Mental Hospital in accordance with approved plans."

Mr. Kelly said the Mental Hospital Committee had been considering this matter for some time and various plans had been submitted to the Department. The only one of which they would approve was for an expenditure of £800 and to cover contingencies etc. his motion dealt with a loan of £900.

Mr. Lawlor, in seconding, said they should bear in mind what Mr. Kelly had stated that the Committee had other plans before them as well as the one accepted. They found that £800 was the least amount at which they could build according to those plans, and the Local Government Department would not sanction any other. The Committee put in another £100 in case they would want it, but did not think they would.

Col. Quin thought £900 an enormous sum. £500 should be ample.

Mr. Kinsella also thought the amount too much.

After some discussion, Col. Quin proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That amount of loan for Engineer's house at Mental Hospital should not exceed £500."

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the Mental Hospital Committee found it impossible to secure the approval of the Department to a figure less than £900. Plans of the house costing this figure had been approved by the Department.

Mr. Kelly said the Mental Hospital Committee had accepted the tender of Mr. Tobin for the erection of the house although building had not actually started. The engineer had a big family and the house in which he lived was entirely too small.

The Chairman said it was within the province of the County Council to agree to the loan, to pass a reduced sum, or to reject the application. The Mental Hospital Committee had no right to accept a contract for the erection of this building until the Council had dealt with the application for the loan.

Mr. Bowe said that at the time the matter first came up he did not know of the house that existed on the Mental Hospital grounds. They had a very fine house on the estate rented to a tenant, *but* agreed to the erection of the new house. The tenant of the old house was a Mr. O'Leary, who had been an attendant on the Mental Hospital for a number of years. Of course, it would be hard on him if the Council took up possession.

Mr. Lawlor said that the O'Learys had been in the house for the past 50 years.

Mr. Bowe suggested that the matter be referred back to Mental Hospital Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Culleton said if this had not been a house for a working man no exception would have been made to the £900.

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The Chairman believed that an extension of the existing house occupied by the Engineer might be worthy of consideration.

After further discussion Col. Quin and Mr. Kinsella withdrew their motion in favour of a resolution proposed by Mr. Doyle and seconded by Mr. Bolger:-

"That recommendation from the Mental Hospital Committee to expend £900 for house etc. for their Engineer be referred back to this Committee for further consideration."
Passed.

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

JOHN P. LEONARD: The following motion, circulated to County Councillors on 1st May 1939 stood in the name of Mr. Colfer:-

"That the decision of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on 8th May 1939 declaring John P. Leonard, Westlands, St. John's Road, Wexford, as ineligible to compete for award of University Scholarship, be rescinded and that the said John P. Leonard be recognised as eligible to sit for examination for said Scholarship."

Mr. Colfer, in moving his motion, said from enquiries he had made he was satisfied that Mr. Leonard, Senior, made a genuine mistake in the first instance in putting down the income of his family at £300.

The following under date 6th June 1939 was read from Mr. Leonard, Senior:-

"I enclose declaration as to my income. As regards the previous declaration I can only say that the figure I mentioned was excessive and entered without consideration as to my actual income.

I would respectfully ask the Council to reconsider their decision and allow my son to enter for the scholarship."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Leonard had made a new statutory declaration stating that the family income was £256.

Col. Quin opposed the motion. He said that no man would be so foolish in the circumstances as to inflate the amount of his income. He believed Mr. Leonard, Senior, knew quite well what he was doing when - in the first instance - he entered his income at £300 while the maximum in the Scheme was £270.

After further discussion the Chairman took a show of hands when 10 were in favour of the motion and 4 against.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

MISS WINIFRED M. MURPHY: The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish but as he was absent at Vocational Education Congress in Tralee it was, by permission, moved by Mr. Colfer:-

"That, in view of the correspondence with Mr. John Murphy, Richmond Terrace, Wexford, from which it appears his income for financial year ended 31st March 1939 was £258 the resolution of County Council declaring his daughter, Miss Winifred Murphy ineligible (on grounds of excess of income) to sit for examination in connection with award of University Scholarship, be rescinded and that this applicant be declared eligible to compete for said Scholarship."

Mr. O'Byrne second.

The Secretary stated that when Mr. Murphy filled application form he gave his income as from £250 to £300.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote to Mr. Murphy for his exact income for financial year 1938/39 and was informed the amount was £258.

The County Council, however, at May meeting refused to accept this figure and passed a resolution that, in their opinion, Miss Murphy was not eligible to compete for award of scholarship.

On a show of hands 11 voted in favour. Col. Quin was the only dissentient.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

SANCTION LOAN CLONARD ROAD (WEXFORD DISTRICT)

The following under date 31st May 1939 (S.Loch Garman Pd) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of the 10th instant in regard to the proposal of the County Council to raise a loan for reconstruction works at Clonard Road, I am directed by the Acting Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the Council of a loan of £1200 to defray expenditure on this Scheme; the Loan to be obtained from the National Bank Ltd. and to be repayable over a period of 5 years with Interest at the usual rate.

A signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Bank."

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

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 31st May 1939 the sum of £1200 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purpose of reconstruction works at Clonard Road to be repaid by half yearly instalments within 5 years with interest at one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4 per cent per annum and it was further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936 AND 1939

The following under date 26th May 1939 (L.350-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant regarding the re-instatement of Messrs. J. Morrissey and W. Carty, temporary Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment

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of Cattle) Orders 1936 and 1939, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he cannot agree to the proposal of your Local Authority to allow payment of remuneration to these Inspectors in respect of the periods of their suspension.

In agreeing to their re-instatement the Minister, as indicated in this Department's letters of the 21st and 27th ultimo, had regard to the request of the Finance Committee of your Local Authority and it is noted that the Committee, when requesting withdrawal of their suspension, decided to issue warnings as follows:-

- (1) to Mr. Morrissey pointing out that the Committee consider he has been negligent in failing to carry out instructions issued to him and that serious notice will be taken of any further negligence on his part in the performance of his work and
- (2) to Mr. Carty pointing out that the Committee consider he has been negligent in the manner in which he has recorded lists of his proposed visits, that his returns as to the number of cattle actually dressed in his area are considered unsatisfactory and that serious notice will be taken in future of any neglect on his part to carry out in full all instructions issued to him regarding the manner in which his duties are to be discharged."

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

"That in view of the fact that Inspectors Morrissey and Carty were guilty of such slight breaches of the regulations under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders 1936 and 1939, we request the Minister to reconsider his decision refusing to allow this County Council to pay these Inspectors for the period during their suspension."

APPLICATIONS REVISIONS OF VALUATION

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

"That we approve of the various applications for revisions of valuation submitted by our Secretary to this meeting and that same be transmitted to the Commissioner of Valuation for his attention."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mr. Michael Breslin, 82 Main Street, Gorey and John Hillis, Manager for Simon R. O'Dwyer, Maudlintown, Wellingtonbridge and renewals of licences to Mrs. Christina Shortle, Castlebridge; Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford and Stephen Moran, Manager for Mr. Simon R. O'Dwyer at St. Kieran's Quay."

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Mr. Bolger said he had been asked to draw the attention of the Council to the present condition of the by-roads, and to make suggestions. He asked the County Surveyor what it cost per yard for stones from Clologue quarry, and to have them drawn six miles.

The County Surveyor said that their price for the broken stone in the quarry was 6s. 6d. The cost for horse haulage varied from 8d to 1s. and for machine haulage the cost was 6d - they might take the cost at about 10d per yard mile.

Mr. Bolger said he was asked to suggest to the Council that in regard to the roads in his district, he might as well take down the money spent on those roads and throw it into the water. The roads were from a foot to two feet

hollow in the middle, and what was the good of bringing a few yards of stones and bringing a man with an ass and car to put them on the road. He suggested that the sides of the roads be picked and thrown more on to the middle and by doing that they would be making a water table and a road. There was practically no water table and inlets were cut. He saw a man on the 10th March this year, going around with a shovel in one hand and a bicycle in the other, cutting inlets.

The County Surveyor said that in regard to picking the sides of the road, very often they would be down on the clay on the sides because there was not three inches of stuff. The whole question was if the ratepayers were in a position or if they would be satisfied to put up an extra 6d or 1s in the £.

Mr. Bolger considered that the Survey Staff should give his suggestion a trial. He believed that if the money spent on material for a number of these roads was spent on carrying out what he proposed a big improvement and saving would be effected.

The County Surveyor said he would try Mr. Bolger's suggestion on a few yards of roads and see what it was worth.

Mr. Smyth said that big lorries going down those by-roads to the villages travelled the centre of the road, and the whole road had gone down and the sides bulged up, and the centre of the road in a good many cases was the water table.

Mr. Kennedy said that what had been said was a fact. Down in his area there were a big number of by-roads. A few patches of the Sheilbaggan road had been picked up and put out, and it was certainly better than the place on which material had been spread. The material was not nearly

enough to keep the roads up and there was plenty of stuff by the banks. What Mr. Bolger suggested would be really an advantage.

Mr. Kinsella suggested that it would be a good idea to take a half mile of road and do it as an experiment.

Miss O'Ryan said that in regard to by-roads in her district, she thought there should be a revision of tonnages from time to time. For instance, on a very little used road there might be too much material and spread too late. The same tonnage seemed to be going on for twenty, thirty and forty years. There was no traffic to wear down stones. She asked that Surveyors take a trip over the roads and see where they had not gone down.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that the roads in question would be fourth-class roads and he would be glad of a direction from the Council with regard to fourth-class roads. They had existing contracts running on those roads. He agreed with Miss O'Ryan that those were backward roads into which it was impossible to consolidate the tonnage without more traffic. They had not the same traffic on them now as formerly. If he could get the money on his county roads he would be delighted.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said there was nothing to compel him to specify, say, 100 yards for a particular road.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that material for certain roads could be cut by half at their Roads Meeting.

The Chairman said it was in the hands of Surveyor as to what tonnage went out.

Mr. Ronan thought that material should be spread on roads called fourth-class roads, before Christmas.

The Chairman said that some roads were certainly starved.

GOREY ROADS

Col. Quin asked if the County Surveyor would see that the road surfaces in Gorey near the Cemetery which were torn up by the waterworks or sewerage schemes, would be restored immediately as they were a danger to the springs of motor cars. It was a long time in that state.

The County Surveyor said there was a big contract in Gorey.

Mr. Treanor, Deputy Surveyor, said he had asked the Contractor to see to it, but he had not reached on it yet.

Chairman - The contract is not complete.

Col. Quin said that when he complained of a road cut in Ferns it was attended to within 24 hours.

The County Surveyor said that was a very small job but they were doing what they could to hurry up the Gorey Contractor.

AGREEMENT WITH WORKMAN FOR COMPENSATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement fixing the compensation to be paid to Thomas Flood of Ballyoughna, Killena, for injury caused to his eye, while cutting hedges for the Council, at the sum of £75, plus costs."

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT - NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SOCIETY

Mr. Culleton said that three of the four delegates of County Councils, viz., himself, Mr. Ronan and Mr. Connors to elect five members to the Committee of Management of the above Society, (Mr. Colfer being absent) met in Dublin on 26th May 1939. Great dissatisfaction was expressed that those present were only allowed to put an "X" after the names of the five members they supported as members of the

Committee of Management. They considered they should have been allowed to ventilate ~~to~~ certain grievances which were occurring in their districts. It was well known that grievances did exist but the Chairman of the meeting, Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, ruled out all discussion. It was decided to appeal to Public Bodies in order to arrange that in future some discussion with regard to Insurance administration would take place. The members present at the meeting did not think it fair that they were unable to appeal to the Minister in the matter.

Mr. Ronan pointed out that according to the Statute the members who attended the meeting on 26th May attended for one purpose and one purpose only which was the selection of five members of the Committee of Management. The meeting was carried out strictly according to Statute.

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

"That at future meetings for election of members of the Committee of National Health Insurances Society by delegates from County Councils and County Borough Councils such delegates should be allowed to express their opinions as to matters of Insurance administration and to ventilate any grievances which they believed existed in their districts."

D. Kelly

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make any change in the Chairmanship now.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING - 26th JUNE, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The annual meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th June, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Moses Bolger, J. J. Bowe, P. Colfer, R. Corish, (T.D.), C. Culleton, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, P. Ronan, M. Smyth, M. Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £14420. 9. 2d (ordinary payments) and £22987. 10. 0 (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Denis Allen be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year." She said that the Council were near the end of their period of office as it was expected that the whole system of Local Government would be changed within the next few months. She did not think any member would desire a change at the very end of the life of the County Council.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said that since his election as Chairman Mr. Allen had proved himself impartial and considerate. He was most attentive to his office and as Miss O'Ryan said, there was no valid reason why they should make any change in the Chairmanship now.

The motion was adopted nem. con.

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The Chairman thanked the proposer and seconder of the motion and also the Councillors for having selected him unanimously to fill the chair. During the past year they had to deal with a good deal of important work which could not have been carried out if he did not receive the hearty co-operation and loyal support of the Council. He might describe them as a happy family and it was a pleasure to refer to the business-like and friendly way in which their discussions had been conducted. He understood this year was to be the last year of County Council administration as at present constituted. Very radical changes were contemplated in local government but whether for better or worse no one could tell. They would have to wait and see what was coming. They could not pass judgment on the proposals until they had been formulated.

He then signed his declaration of office as Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. T. Redmond proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Richard Corish, T.D., be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year."

Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion was adopted nem. con.

Mr. Corish returned thanks for his re-election. He pointed out that owing to the constant attendance of the Chairman he had practically nothing to do as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Corish then signed his declaration of office.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd June 1939 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd June, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding), also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, 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 £5637. 9. 6d was examined and signed.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

FINANCE: The Secretary stated that the following gave financial particulars of loans under above Acts:-

Loans sanctioned	£.	30,000
Amount actually spent	£.	23929
Balances on Loans sanctioned by Department		2004
Approved but Title not made		<u>4050</u>
Balance to Credit		£17.

It was agreed that in the event of any of the selected applicants not availing of loans the amounts should be allocated to new applicants.

It was also decided that the progress made by selected applicants with buildings be reported to the Finance Committee at the end of September next.

APPLICATION TO SELL HOUSE: Under date 22nd June 1939 the following was read from Mr. Sean Butler, Ballinatray, Courtown Harbour:-

"I beg to apply to your Council for permission to sell the House which I have built at above address. I am prepared to pay over all money due to the Council."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to allow Mr. Sean Butler to sell house at Ballintray, Courtown Harbour, erected under Small Dwellings Acts provided all money due to County Council in respect of loan be discharged."

MARTIN TOOLE, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy: The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote under date 9th June 1939 (H.17280/39 Loch Garman) approving of loan of £160 to Mr. Toole.

BLASTING OPERATIONS

The County Surveyor submitted the following memo. forwarded to him by Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Arising out of our Conference with you on the 30th May, 1939, the four Assistants present viz., Messrs. Treanor, O'Neill, Cullen and Birthistle, are unanimous that the transport and handling of explosives should be carried out by a specially appointed man to deal with this matter. As at present in force the local Gangers certified by the Civic Guard Department should still be authorised to hold and use gelignite to the extent of 5 lbs. with necessary detonators and fuse for squibbing work. This small quantity should be on proper requisition, handed to the Ganger by the "Explosives Official".

The Assistant Surveyor should be responsible for laying out and order of all drill work in the various Quarries under their charge, and when this work is completed to their satisfaction they should notify and requisition the services

of the Explosives Official to carry out the blasting. The Assistants should give any special directions to the Explosives Official as to the method and quantity of Explosives to be used.

Subsequent to the blasting the Assistant Surveyor should make an inspection of the work done, and note results as satisfactory or otherwise.

In no case should the Assistant Surveyor handle; transport; or be present at any of these blasts, but he must take full responsibility for the work by inspection before and after."

The following under date 22nd June 1939 was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I do not find myself in agreement with the scheme for blasting arrived at by the other four Surveyors. I do not see the necessity for the appointment of a special explosives official. The idea of showing a man how to blast, and then having to keep away while he is doing it seems somewhat foolish. There are many points which might arise in the course of a big blast which I would not care to entrust to a sort of converted lorry driver. I certainly would prefer to carry out my six or eight major blasts each year as I have been doing them, and would not care to take full responsibility for the work if I could not be present at them.

This is, of course, subject to the proviso that I or my dependents were properly covered in the unlikely, but not impossible event of an accident to myself. This should not be impossible to arrange. After all, there must be hundreds of Companies carrying out dangerous or semi-dangerous trades who have their Officials insured.

With regard to the small blasts I have four small quarries worked entirely by hand blasting. These would probably want a shot or two three or four times a week. I

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would be satisfied to keep them supplied with gelignite as up to the present. This is, of course, entirely a matter of the relative expense of the two methods of keeping these quarries supplied."

The County Surveyor said that in some Counties a special Explosives Officer had been appointed to deal with the carriage of explosives and the blasting of quarries. The Department of Local Government and Public Health, he understood, favoured this view. He did not agree with the statement of Mr. Ennis that the person appointed would not be able to deal with blasting. If the proposals of the four Assistant Surveyors were acceptable he would recommend for appointment as Explosives Officer, David Reck, lorry driver, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, who had at the moment a knowledge of the use of gelignite and who, with instructions from the Machinery Overseer, would be perfectly competent. The Machinery Overseer was, in fact, by request of the Assistant Surveyors, often present at some of their large blasts. The man he recommended (Reck) was very careful and trustworthy and he (County Surveyor) was certain that if the County Council agreed to the appointment the work would be well carried out. He (County Surveyor) had prepared detailed figures dealing with costs. Under present conditions as regards large blasts the County Council paid for transport 1s. 6d per mile, being 1/- per mile for lorry conveying explosives and 6d for escort car of the Garda Síochána. With the proposed arrangements the County Council lorry could convey the stuff at say 4d per mile and escort car would be 6d per mile. This would give them transport at 10d as against 1s. 6d per mile. They used in large blasts for year up to 31st March last, $8\frac{1}{2}$ tons of gelignite and for small blasts $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. The normal figure per annum was larger than this, being from 12 to 14 tons. He

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calculated the travelling at 1463 miles which ^{would} work out at £110. For small lots the only extra was the cost between the transfer of insurance of motor cars of Assistant Surveyors into higher class to cover the conveyance of the small parcels of explosives. This would mean about £15 per annum. If they accepted the proposals of the Insurance Company for the five Surveyors at £30 each it would add £150 to the cost. If ten tons of gelignite were distributed by County Council lorry he estimated the mileage - allowing for calls with supplies at quarries - at 1700 miles. This, at 4d per mile would be £28. The escort car, which was only necessary for large blasts, could be put down at £36. Extra wages to Reck would be £26. Total £90. Should they have to insure the new explosive officer the cost could not exceed £30, amount for an Assistant Surveyor. By the way the Insurance Company quoted £2500 for injury and £5000 compensation for a fatal accident. The total figures including the quotation for the insurance of the Assistant Surveyors ran to £260 as against £120 or a saving of £140. The Explosive Officer might be engaged one day per week at transporting gelignite and blasting and the balance of his time would be taken up conveying supplies such as oil etc. to quarries.

Miss O'Ryan said that Assistant Surveyors should be present when blasts took place but could remain out of the danger zone.

Mr. McCarthy and the Chairman agreed. The latter pointed out that as regards insurance even if the County Council did not effect any insurance they were a good mark for all their servants in the event of accident or death.

After discussion the following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted:-

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"That we recommend the County Council to approve of the recommendation of the County Surveyor as to the appointment of David Reck, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, as Explosive Officer; that his wages be increased by 10/- per week and that he carry out transport of explosives and arrange for blasts in quarries. This appointment is not in any way to relieve Assistant Surveyors of the responsibility of seeing that the work of preparing rock for blast has been efficiently carried out and taking proper care for the safety of the public and the workmen in the quarry while blast is in progress."

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER, MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 22nd June 1939 the following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report, for the information of the Finance Committee, that I have carefully examined into the work in charge of the Storekeeper (Martin O'Leary) at the Machinery Yard. He has now been at work close on three months, and though Mr. O'Kennedy, from my Office, has been with him on a number of occasions, and the Machinery Overseer, and blacksmith at the yard have given him every assistance he has not shown himself equal to the work required. I am, therefore, reluctantly obliged to recommend his discharge, and I suggest that he be given one week's notice as from Saturday, 24th instant.

I suggest to the Committee that I should be authorised to try out some other man for this job, as it is of very great importance that the work should be carried out properly. If I am allowed to act in this manner I would not be tied down to more than a week or two trial of any man until I obtained one that I considered would be, or could be made efficient. On arriving at such conclusion I would then submit full particulars to the Committee for their sanction to the appointment."

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

"That the County Surveyor serve Martin O'Leary, Temporary Storekeeper, Enniscorthy Machinery Yard, with a week's notice of the termination of his employment and that the County Council be recommended to empower the County Surveyor to make such arrangements as he considers advisable to have the storekeeping at Machinery Yard efficiently carried out, the person employed for this work to be engaged on a weekly basis."

CUSH GAP (BLACKWATER)

The following under date 19th June 1939 was read from Mr. P. O'Brien:-

"Reference to my letter of 17th April 1939 to County Surveyor relative to the removal of Water Chute at Cush Gap last November and endangering of the Pump there by same, I received acknowledgment of same from his Department on 24th April 1939 but nothing further. As this is a very important matter so far as the residents of this townland are concerned with view to saving their only supply of Water for Human consumption from the Sea. Besides the prevention of washing away the springs this Chute was erected there years ago to prevent destruction to lands and houses by overhead water and if it is not erected there before the floods of the coming winter the Water Supply will be gone.

It appears the Officials concerned do not realise the problem facing this townland who also cater for a large amount of visitors during the Summer and I would ask you to place the matter before next meeting of your Council for direction."

The County Surveyor said that the whole coast, in the

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vicinity of Ballyconnigar was being washed away. They put up special protection works and special large concrete blocks but they were all washed away. The Council could do nothing at the place.

It was decided that the statement be supplied by County Surveyor to Mr. P. O'Brien, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater.

APPLICATION REPAIR BALLYWOODOCK (BLACKWATER) LANE

Under date 11th June 1939 the following was read from Mr. Aidan Dempsey, Ballywoodock:-

"I beg to make application to the County Council to have Ballywoodock Lane repaired. It is in a terrible state in the Winter time, almost impassible to traffic. It would not cost a terrible lot to put it in repair. Trusting the Council will see their way to have it repaired before next Winter."

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

"That the application for repair of Lane at Ballywoodock be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION - DAMAGE TO GATE

The following under date 8th June 1939 was read from Mr. Matthew Rowe, Spencerstown, Murrintown:-

"I beg to apply for £3 damages to a gate on the road side, which was burned through a barrel of tar which was spilled going on fire and burning the gate posts."

The County Surveyor said the claim of Mr. Rowe had been forwarded to the Insurance Company for consideration.

WORKMENS COMPENSATION ACTS

Application under date 17th June 1939 was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Patrick Whelan, Fairfield, Rathaspeck, Wexford, that compensation for injury to his fingers and hand paid up to

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29th May at the rate of 27/- per week had ceased as from that date, and, as it was alleged, he was totally incapacitated Messrs. O'Connor & Co. claimed that payment should have continued.

The County Surveyor stated that the application had been referred to the Insurance Company.

Application under date 17th June 1939 was received from Mr. H. J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, claiming compensation for injury to William Kinsella, Wilton, Enniscorthy (18 years old) knocked down at Dunanore, Enniscorthy, when a collision occurred between cycle ridden by Kinsella and lorry, the property of the County Council.

The County Surveyor ~~stated~~ that the matter had been referred to the Insurance Company.

INSURANCE "PART TIME" RATE COLLECTORS ETC.

The following under date 16th June 1939 (7895/36) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 1st instant containing a copy of a resolution passed by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council recommending the payment of two years' arrears of contributions due for certain Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors, who are employed by the Council, and I am also to refer to your letter of the 2nd instant to Mr. Leahy, Inspector, inquiring the amount of two years' arrears of contributions due in respect of the officials concerned. The total arrears of National Health and Pensions Insurance contributions due up to 2nd April, 1939 is shewn in the particulars furnished you by Mr. Leahy as £111: 12: 8 and two years arrears would amount to £49: 14: 0.

I am, however, to refer you to the letter to you from
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this Department of the 17th ultimo in which it is pointed out that the Minister has no authority to remit any arrears of contributions which have accrued since January 1932.

This Department is in communication with the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding the amount of Unemployment Insurance contributions due and a further communication will be sent to you."

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

"That County Secretary and County Solicitor be directed to arrange Conference with Mr. Martin Leahy, Inspector National Health Insurance Acts, with a view to arriving at a possible settlement re payments for Insurance Arrears of "part time" Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

LAURENCE JORDAN, BALLYVELIG, CAMPILE: The following under date 15th June 1939 was read from Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo enclosing Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of your Council relative to the case of Laurence Jordan, St. Peter's College, Wexford, on behalf of whom an application for the renewal of his Scholarship for a fifth year has been made, I am to state that the matter will be considered in connection with the recommendation of your Council for the renewal of the Scholarships for the school year 1939-40."

APPLICATION TRANSFER OF SCHOOL: The following under date 19th June 1939 was read from Mr. E. McConville, Railway Stationmaster, Fermoy:-

"As I have unfortunately, for health reasons, been transferred here from Enniscorthy since February 6th last I beg to apply to your Council for the favour of transferring

the bursary held by my son, Richard McConville. He is now at the Christian Brothers Schools here and I will much appreciate the favour in view of the exceptional circumstances."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of bursary of Richard McConville being held at Fermoy Christian Brothers' Schools, as from February 1939."

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Notification was received from the Secretary to above that the Annual meeting would take place during Horse Show Week (August 8th to 12th inclusive).

Any matter for Agenda should be furnished on or before 26th July 1939.

The Chairman said if members notified the County Secretary of any matters they desired to raise their requests would be conveyed to the General Council of County Councils.

CROSSABEG ROADS

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

"That, as requested by County Surveyor, the County Council be recommended to authorise the County Surveyor to expend £250 on repair of roads used as bus route in the vicinity of Crossabeg, amount to be included in next year's Road Works Scheme. This expenditure has become necessary in order to deal with the extra heavy traffic these roads have to bear consequent on the closing of Wexford Bridge to all heavy motor traffic."

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

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

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"That application be made for the withdrawal of £40 from the special fund (Cuffe Estate) set aside for the repair of embankment at Kilmannock."

DANGEROUS CORNERS - ROAD 70

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote it was intended to improve a number of corners on Road 70. The landowners concerned had agreed to the removal of trees, putting back fences and removal of wall, the compensation in each case to be £1. The following were the landowners concerned:-

Messrs. John Power, Kilbride, Duncannon.

William Finn, Poulfur, Fethard.

J. Cahill, Coolroe, Ballycullane.

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

"That, as recommended by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in his report to County Surveyor under date 27th April 1939, £1 compensation be paid each of the following land holders in respect of easement of corners on Road 70:- Messrs. John Power, William Finn and J. Cahill."

FENCE AT OWENSTOWN, RATHMACKNEE

The following, dated 10th June 1939, was read from Mr. J. Kennan Cooper, Solicitor (Quay, Wexford), for Mr. James Boggan, Owenstown:-

"On the 15th ultimo you were kind enough to send me an extract from a Meeting of the County Council held on the 8th May.

My client, Mr. James Boggan, was in here to-day and he informs me that cattle broke into his meadow sometime before the 24th ultimo and that apparently nothing has been done to make the fencing good and under these circumstances I should be much obliged if you would kindly let me hear from you and

state what attitude the County Council propose to take up with reference to this matter."

The following report by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, to the County Surveyor, under date 21st June 1939 was read:-

"In reply to yours of the 19th instant re above may I state that at the County Council Meeting on 8th May I suggested to the Council that if we replaced the fencing but on Mr. Boggan's side of the stream the whole matter might be solved.

The Council were fully satisfied with my explanation of the whole matter and decided that it was a matter for the parties concerned to settle among themselves."

It was decided to refer the correspondence in the matter to the County Surveyor and County Solicitor.

DRAINAGE AT BALLINAAS

The following report of Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, to County Surveyor under date 21st June 1939 was read:-

"I attach "10 day" notice served on Mr. R. Brett, Tanner Hill.

You will remeber my pointing out this shore to you. It takes surface water from the public road 34M and also drains a large hollow on the lands of Mr. Esmonde, Ballinaas.

Brett closed up the outlet and in a permanent fashion and so far has made no offer at removing the obstruction.

Proceedings should be taken."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to take proceedings against Mr. R. Brett, Tanner Hill, for interference with road shore at Ballinaas."

BALLYFADD LANE

The following under date 21st June 1939 was read from Mr. John Hackett, Ballyfadd, Inch:-

"I beg of you to have this lane leading to my house on the list for repair and widening as it is in a very bad state."

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

"That Ballyfadd Lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

ROAD WORKS IN URBAN DISTRICTS

The following under date 21st June 1939 (R/RS.32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 12th ultimo I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that fees are not payable to Surveyors who carry out road works financed by grants in Urban Districts."

The Secretary stated this letter was in reply to a resolution of County Council in support of resolution from New Ross Urban Council that Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, should be allowed grant fees for road works in New Ross Urban District in respect of which special arrangements as to quarrying etc. had to be made by Mr. O'Neill.

LEAN-TO AT OLD ROSS CREAMERY

The County Surveyor reported that as regards erection of above to Old Ross Creamery by the Shelbourne Co-operative Society, he had seen the plan and it would not cause obstruction though it was within 30 feet of the public road.

No order.

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APPLICATION FOR PIER CAPPINGS

The following under date 17th June 1939, was read from Mr. John F. Robinson, Bryanstown, Foulksmills:-

"I am writing to ask your permission to take away the "two round stones" that were on top of the piers at Porters Gate near Loftus Hall, Fethard, Co. Wexford.

The piers were taken down about a year ago, and the two round stones are lying beside the road still.

I had enquiries made from Mr. P. O'Neill and he said I could probably get them if I had your permission.

I would very much like to get them, partly for sentimental reasons as my Grandfather and Uncle, W. R. Robinson, lived in Slade for years and I stayed there a lot when a boy!"

It was decided to recommend the County Council to make no order in the matter as the County Council made no claim to the capping stones referred to in communication of Mr. Robinson.

PRINTING UNCOLLECTABLE ETC. RATES

The following quotations were received for printing of Temporary Uncollectable Rates and Irrecoverable Rates Lists:-

	£.	s.	d.
1. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy	11.	10.	0
2. Echo, Enniscorthy	16.	16.	0
3. John English & Co., Wexford	20.	0.	0
4. The Free Press, Wexford.	24.	8.	0
5. The People, Wexford.	26.	15.	6.

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

"That the tender of Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for printing lists of Rates at £11. 10. 0 be accepted on the distinct understanding that work must be completed within three weeks after receipt of copy."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS

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

"That the same amount as last year, viz., £20, be paid to the Assistant Secretary for clerical duties during 1939 Treatment period under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd June 1939 be received and considered."

BLASTING OPERATIONS: Mr. Keegan moved the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Lawlor seconded.

The County Surveyor said that the Finance Committee did not accept the proposals of the four Surveyors; it was modified to the extent that the Assistant Surveyors should be in a responsible position but that the man appointed as Explosive Officer should deal with the transport and handling of explosives; in other words the manual work in connection with the blasting. The Finance Committee were of opinion that the Assistant Surveyors should still be responsible and that as regards insurance they would be covered by Common Law and would of course, in the case of injury receive whatever the Court would allow.

The Chairman said that in the case of public bodies he really did not see what advantage it was to have insurances. As a rule the Insurance Companies made a handsome profit out of the business of public bodies.

Mr. Birthistle said the Assistant Surveyors would like to make further representations in the matter.

Mr. Keegan withdrew his motion and it was then decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish that the matter be referred to the meeting of Finance Committee on 7th July 1939 for further report and that the Surveyors be requested to attend this meeting.

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER, MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Corish said that, according to the Temporary Storekeeper, the latter did not get fair play and records which would

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to Mr. O'Neill, Deputy Surveyor, for his services in the New Ross Urban area. It was most unjust and unfair, considering the excellent work he had done, that the Minister continued to turn down resolutions requesting adequate remuneration. The Minister should be asked to re-consider the matter. The Urban District Council were satisfied that any remuneration to Mr. O'Neill should come out of the grants. The total amount granted for maintenance by Local Government Department approval was £25 to County Surveyor who allowed half of this to Mr. O'Neill.

Mr. Corish seconded and said that the Council should strongly urge the Department to grant the application in Mr. O'Neill's case for the excellent work he did in New Ross. The Wexford Corporation had endeavoured to have fees paid their Borough Surveyor but the application was absolutely refused.

The proposition was passed unanimously.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 23rd June 1939, 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."

APPLICATION FOUR ASSISTANT SURVEYORS RE SALARIES

The following notice of motion (adjourned from meeting of 8th May 1939) stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That the resolution of Wexford County Council refusing application of four Assistant Surveyors to have their salaries placed on incremental scale be rescinded and that the Council reconsider their decision as regards the application."

Under date 26th June 1939 letter was read from Mr. Nicholas Ffrench, General Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, asking that a deputation consisting of himself, Mr. J. J. Clinton, Deputy City Treasurer, Dublin, and Mr. Liam O'Cearbhaill should be heard by the County Council in connection with the applications of the Assistant Surveyors.

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

"That Standing Order requiring seven days' notice of attendance of deputation to County Council be suspended to allow of the deputation from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union being heard by this meeting."

Mr. Corish, in moving his motion, said the reason he gave it was because he did not think the matter had got due consideration at the last meeting. He was not laying any blame on the Committee who did consider it but suggested that all the facts were not before them to enable them to arrive at a definite decision. The Assistant Surveyors, through the medium of their union, were asking to be put on increments of salaries which would bring them ultimately to a maximum of £400 per year through increments of £15. He understood that they submitted a list of the salaries of Assistant Surveyors in other Counties to the Committee and he thought it would be admitted on looking over these salaries that the Wexford Surveyors were in a very disadvantageous position. It would be found on examination of the list that in twenty out of the twenty-six Counties the Assistant Surveyors were on an incremental scale and that all had better salaries than the Wexford surveyors. In regard to the service of the four Surveyors who were applying for increments, Mr. Ennis had 21 years, Mr. Cullen, 16 years, Mr. Birthistle, 16 years and Mr. O'Neill, 14 years service.

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Their salary at present was £275 per year. That was the maximum so far as they were concerned, as they were affected by present conditions, and as they believed the mind of the Council to be on the matter. It would be suggested, as it had been suggested, that certain fees were paid to them over and above the amount that was received as salary, but that also applied to the other Counties in connection with which figures have been quoted. Just at random, he would submit certain figures in connection with other Counties. In Clare, which he did not think could be said to be a very rich County, the salary was £300, and by annual increments it reached £400 ultimately. In Donegal, which was not a very rich County, they had eleven Surveyors. They started at £250, and increments ultimately brought them to £400. In Longford the salary was something approximately like in Wexford, but coupled with that the Surveyors were acting as Town Surveyors and had a good salary for that. In Meath, there were six Surveyors, and they had increments on the scale that it was suggested should be paid to the Wexford Surveyors. In Waterford they were in the same position - they had annual increments that enable them to reach £400 ultimately. He submitted that it was unfair that they should treat their Assistant Surveyors in a different way to that in which their colleagues were treated in other Counties. Comparatively speaking, Wexford was a richer County than some of those he had mentioned. It might be pointed out - as pointed out in the letter sent by the Local Government Officials' Union - also that the roads in Wexford were difficult to maintain on account of its being such an intensive tillage County. There was a large number of by-roads that required special attention in consequence of that. No one could blame the Surveyors for trying to improve their position and for not being satisfied to remain

as the lowest-paid of their class and he asked the County Council to accede to their request. If their terms were conceded, it would mean this year an amount of £60. It would take about $8\frac{1}{2}$ years to reach the maximum for which they applied. He asked the Council, in order to treat the Surveyors with the consideration they deserved, to agree to the increments. He formally moved that their request be acceded to, and that they be placed on an incremental scale to enable them to reach ultimately £400. The cost when they reached the maximum would be approximately one-third of a penny in the £, and in order to get content amongst the Surveyors, who, he thought, everyone would agree, had done good work on behalf of the County, and who were ready to co-operate with the Council in every way, he asked that they be treated as ~~they should be treated as~~ were Surveyors in other Counties.

Mr. Kelly, in seconding, pointed out that the mileage of roads in Wexford County in proportion to its area was in excess of road mileage in any County in Great Britain and Ireland.

Mr. French, Secretary to the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, having thanked the Council for receiving the deputation, said the Council would be wanting in their duty to the ratepayers if they did not make proper provision for their Surveyors. Speaking generally, ~~the~~ loyalty and efficiency might be impaired by any grievance or sense of inequality under which they believed they suffered. Having referred to the figures given by Mr. Corish to prove that the County Wexford Assistant Surveyors were the lowest paid in Ireland and the actual years service of these Officers, it was hardly to be conceived that the Wexford County Council would tolerate the position that professional men who had the spending of a very large sum should receive such a low

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salary as £5 per week. The present Ministry recognised that in all services graded scales of salary were essential. for that efficiency which they all desired, for that loyalty which was essential in Local Government service, and he suggested that the Council would readily recognise that only on an incremental basis could the matter be satisfactorily fixed.

Mr. Clinton also thanked the Council for receiving the deputation and said he would like to emphasise the conditions of the Assistant Surveyors in the County. There was no doubt about the question of remuneration. It was the lowest in the thirty-two Counties. The Union had the figures supplied to them from the various members of their organisation and they found that Wexford was on the lowest basis. As far as they could gather, the road expenditure in the County was £70,000. That was a big responsibility and it required deep thought and consideration on the part of the men who had the spending of it. He asked the Council to meet this reasonable request of the Surveyors.

Mr. Laim O'Carroll, the third member of the deputation, asked the Council to consider how necessary it was that grave consideration should be given to the application of the Assistant Surveyors (who had to supervise the spending of £70,000) an application which at the moment would mean an increase of only £60. No one would attempt to contend that even the maximum salary was an excess amount for the services of professional men. The Assistant Surveyors had a very big job to keep everything going from year to year.

Mr. Doyle contended that the salaries of Wicklow Assistant Surveyors were even according to the figures supplied by the Association, lower than in Wexford.

Mr. Clinton said the Wicklow salaries were £260, £250 and £205 but there were also fees for acting for the Board of Health and two of them were acting as Town Surveyors.

Exact figures could not be given, but it was evident the figures were certainly in advance of those in Wexford.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan, the County Surveyor said that a sum of £25 was allowed for supervising the maintenance of the Roads in New Ross Urban Area and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, received £12. 10. 0 out of that.

Miss O'Ryan said that £12. 10. 0 was a contemptible figure for the work for which Mr. O'Neill was responsible but she asked the question in order to have this question of payments made perfectly clear. Continuing, she said that on a previous occasion when they discussed the remuneration of the Surveyors, she believed the County Council were not at all adverse to treating them in a very generous way, but the question came up of a unified engineering service, and she thought that that cut across the matter. At the time they considered making the Surveyors' position better, a scheme was discussed - and received, she thought, very favourable consideration from the Council - of having a general engineering service, and that a man would have a smaller district, do all types of engineering, and that instead of having engineers for the Health Board and County Council, there would probably be the same number of engineers and the districts made smaller, with one chief engineer over all. It was believed that if they had a Chief Engineer in the County, ultimately responsible for the spending of all the money for subsidiary Committees as well as the County Council, business would be more simple. If they had a central engineering system she did not for a moment believe that the Council would act in an ungenerous way, but she thought the matter was held up for that reason. She did not want the engineers to think that they did not want to have them as well paid as in any other County, but for better pay they wanted a better and more comprehensive Engineering service.

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Mr. Doyle was of opinion that a case had not been made for an increase. It was very difficult to justify an increase when one took into consideration all the salient factors. It was his opinion that if they gave an increase it would place the Council in a false position. They had to take into consideration the treatment they gave to other employees of the Council when they came before them, and the treatment they might have to give them in the future, if they were going to create a precedent in so far as salaries were concerned, by increasing them as in other Counties, perhaps richer in their way. They would, he thought, establish a precedent which would place other employees of the Council in a position to ask for an increase on the same basis as given to the engineers. If they treated all employees alike, they would automatically place on the ratepayers, he supposed, an increase of £12,000 to £14,000 and he thought everyone was aware of the difficulties of the times. In regard to the point that Surveyors were the worst paid in Ireland, he did not find that to be the case on the figures the association submitted. Under the circumstances, he thought the Council should consider very carefully before giving an increase which might place them in a very false and difficult position afterwards.

Mr. T. Redmond said he acted as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee that considered the application. The Committee considered every aspect of the matter most carefully. Nothing new had been introduced that day by Mr. Corish or the deputation. He, personally, never thought as hard of anything as he did of turning down the application at the Committee meeting, because he knew all the Surveyors so well and knew of their good service and efficiency. There were no better Surveyors in the thirty-two Counties than the County Council Surveyors in Wexford so far as service and

efficiency were concerned. The Committee considered everything most minutely and in view of the financial state of the Council which had been referred to at the previous County Council meeting, that it was only by cheeseparing and most careful attention to the financial side that the business of the Council could be carried on at all, the Committee, after two hours' consideration reluctantly arrived at the conclusion that they could not grant the application. Nothing had happened since to change his opinion. The Committee were unanimous in their decision. They only asked that the matter be deferred until the financial condition of the Council improved. He considered it inopportune that this should be brought forward after such a short time, a couple of months after that decision, especially when nothing new was brought out to support the present proposal. The condition of the Council had not improved and was not likely to improve for the remainder of the financial year. He could not possibly support the motion. He could not see the necessity for bringing on the motion so soon after the decision of the Council.

Mr. Walsh said that as a member of the Committee that examined the application he had been just as reluctant as Mr. Redmond to turn it down. The Committee could not see how they could recommend an increase on the budget that the Council had adopted. It had been pointed out when the election of Chairman was taking place that day that before the end of the year probably the Council would be abolished. Why not wait and let their successors deal with this? Some people might question their right to claim to represent the ratepayers as their three years of office had long since expired. The Committee did not say the Surveyors were not deserving of an increase but they did claim they did their best in the circumstances.

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Mr. Bolger said that he came there to oppose increases in salaries. It was not a popular thing to do, but the time was not opportune for increases in the present condition of the country. The harvest prospects were very bad. It was not a time to increase the salaries of men who would not be hungry or in hardship and who have fat salaries already. The farmers had men working in the fields and could not pay them. One big farmer told him that if he got the best labouring man in County Wexford to work for his board alone, he could not afford it. The farmer could not pay the standard wage of 14s. He would oppose any increase.

The Chairman said the Council had gone into this matter several time in the last three or four years. An effort was made to unify the engineering services of the County Council and subsidiary bodies, such as the Board of Health and other bodies and possibly if that could be done the engineers would be entitled to some increase. But nothing came of it. The engineers had not the salaries that their status as profesional men deserved, but they had fairly high travelling expenses. If portion of the travelling expenses could be included in the salaries of the Surveyors it might be advisable as the amount adjusted would count for ^{pension} purposes. He proposed as an amendment to Mr. Corish's motion the following:-

"That further consideration of the motion to place the salaries of four of their Assistant Surveyors on an incremental basis be adjourned to County Council meeting at which Roads Works Scheme for financial year 1940-41 is under consideration."

They would then be in a better position to deal with this matter as they would know what was intended to be spent on their roads.

Mr. M. Redmond, in seconding the Chairman's amendment

considered it a very wise proposal.

Mr. Corish said it was creditable to the Council that the matter was discussed in such a good atmosphere. Everyone seemed to agree that the Surveyors were entitled to an increase. Several members had referred to the difficulties of the times. He had been a member of the County Council for 20 years and any time an application came up for increased wages or salaries the bad times were always put against it, notwithstanding the fact that the times in which the other applications were introduced were infinitely better than they are now. Having again dealt with the various points raised by him and by the members of the deputation in support of his motion he said that Mr. Walsh had pointed out that no provision had been made this year for any increase. If the Council would make the increments operative from the start of the next financial year the Surveyors would be satisfied. Mr. Doyle had spoken of precedent and of increases to men in a worse financial position than the Surveyors. Mr. Doyle had the opportunity recently to vote to place these men in a better financial position, but he used the same arguments as he was using in the present case. Every time an increase was proposed Mr. Doyle adopted the same attitude. He was perfectly entitled to do it, but he (Mr. Corish) suggested that the Surveyors deserved better of the Council. A salary of £400 a year was not extravagant for men who had to study for their profession as Surveyors. His proposal would place them in a position that would not be inferior to other Assistant Surveyors elsewhere.

A vote was then taken on the Chairman's amendment, with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Bolger, Bowe, Doyle, Keegan, Lawlor, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

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Against:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

When he was about to put it as the substantive motion Mr. Colfer, who said the Chairman had agreed to accept a further amendment, moved:-

"That the four Assistant Surveyors be granted the increase in their salaries as from 1st April 1940."

Mr. Keegan seconded Mr. Colfer.

The Chairman said that this amendment assumed that Mr. Corish's motion would be adopted whereas as a matter of fact the amendment to defer the request of the Assistant Surveyors to the next Roads Works meeting had been carried. In the circumstances he ruled Mr. Colfer's amendment as not in order.

The Chairman then put his amendment as the substantive motion (through a show of hands) when 13 voted in favour and 2 against, the two other members present not voting.

Mr. Colfer said he did not get fair play in not being allowed to have his motion put to a vote.

Mr. Chairman said that Mr. Colfer had no grievance as every opportunity had been given to everyone to express an opinion. Even before he put his amendment he had asked if any other Councillor wished to take part in the discussion.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS

The following under date 23rd June 1939 (G.2732/9/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and enclosure relative to payment of poundage to Rate Collectors I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in regard to the second moiety he sanctions payment of poundage at the rate of 7d to each Collector who has lodged to the credit of the Council 87½%

of the assessment for 1938-39 plus the full arrears applicable to the 1937-38 collection. Any cases not complying with the above condition may be paid at the rate of 7d less 5%.

In regard to the first moiety he sanctions payment of poundage at the rate of 7d to Collectors P. Nolan, J. Deegan, J. J. O'Reilly, D. Kenny, A. Dunne, E. J. Murphy, M. Kehoe, and P. Carty. In view of the manner in which their warrants have been closed he will raise no objection to the remission of the 5% deduction made in the poundage of Collectors P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, J. Cummins and J. Flood. In all other cases poundage at the rate of 7d less 5% may be paid on the moiety."

The Secretary said this approval for payment of poundage was exactly on the same lines as the approval for payment of poundage fees in 1938.

The following were the amounts of the deductions in accordance with the directions of the Department:-

	£.	s.	d.
W. Cummins	10.	11.	9
W. Doyle	6.	4.	5
J. Quirke	6.	13.	3
J. J. Sinnott	5.	7.	11.

DELEGATES AT MEETINGS OF INSURANCE SOCIETY

The following under date 21st June 1939 (A.11378/1939) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by your Council at a meeting held on the 12th instant requesting that delegates attending meetings for the purpose of electing representatives of insured persons to the Committee be allowed to express their opinions on matters of Insurance Administration and to state that the matter has been noted."

DUNCORMACK ROADS

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman that the report of Committee re Duncormack Roads be considered at Finance Committee meeting to be held on 7th July 1939.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS

The following under date 20th June 1939 (C.94/49/1/36) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter dated 9th instant, we beg to state that Coolhull Castle is in our view a National Monument within the meaning of the National Monuments Act, 1930, and as such it is eligible for guardianship by the County Council."

The Secretary stated he was in correspondence with the owner, Mr. Murphy, through Miss Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TELEPHONE ATTENDANT ETC.

The following under date 23rd June 1939 (G.18265/39 - Loch Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th instant in regard to the appointment of Miss Moran, Telephone Attendant etc. on the permanent staff of the Council."

APPROVAL INSPECTORS SHEEP DIPPING

The following under date 24th June 1939 (L.1844/39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of the 15th instant and previous correspondence on the subject of sheep-dipping arrangements for the current year, and to state that he will offer no objection to the employment as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the

forthcoming dipping period of the six persons who were employed in that capacity last year, with remuneration in each case of £20 for the dipping period, plus actual expenditure on postage in connection with the Sheep Dipping Scheme. It is presumed that any conditions which may have been imposed by the Local Authority in connection with such appointments have been complied with."

REMOVAL OF MATERIAL FROM CAHORE-POULDUFF FORESHORE

Mr. Smyth said there was a great deal of condemnation of the County Council in the Cahore area regarding an order made recently by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, prohibiting removal of beach material from the foreshore in that vicinity. The people had a wrong idea about the matter and they blamed the County Council for the Order being made. When a memorial was received from people in the vicinity at the second last meeting regarding coast erosion the Chairman suggested that it be discussed in committee and the suggestion was adopted and he thought that the statement made emphatically by the Chairman at the last meeting that the County Council were not responsible for the order should be made public because the County Council as a body was being condemned. The resolution passed by the County Council referred to the material taken for the roads and had nothing to do with the Minister's order.

The Secretary said the County Council's resolution was to the effect that the County Surveyor be asked to see that in taking road material from the North shore, he would not interfere with the large seastones. The County Surveyor ~~was~~ understood that these referred to the boulders. The County Council had nothing to say to the order made by the Minister. They knew nothing about it until it was brought to their notice. They never asked for it and it came on them as a surprise.

Mr. Smyth said he only raised the point to make the public aware of what happened. The County Council passed their resolution not to take the boulders, so as to prevent the matter going to the Minister. The most drastic order was made by the Minister without any inquiry.

The County Surveyor said the order penalised the County Council the same as it did everyone else and he had to apply specially for a licence to take material.

Mr. Smyth said he had it on good authority that the people who sent in the memorial were quite satisfied if the County Council stopped drawing the stuff that they wanted to be left there, but it looked as if some other body moved in the matter and sent some communication to the Department of Industry and Commerce. He thought it was up to the Council to find out from what source that was sent, because the Council was being saddled with the blame.

The Chairman said Mr. Smyth was quite right to raise the matter. The Council either as a body or any of its individual members, had nothing to do with reporting the matter to the Minister for Industry and Commerce. The Order was more of an injury to the County Council than to the local people who were being prohibited from drawing the material. If anyone thought the County Council was responsible they were mistaken.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross, as from 27th July 1939 and John Fardy, Camolin and Edward Connolly, Buncloody."

James Allen
14th Aug. '39