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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING, MONDAY, 13th MARCH, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th March, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi 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 (1) Ordinary payments £1489. 9. 3d and (2) loan Vocational School £1067. 5. 0d were examined and signed.

THE LATE POPE PIUS XI

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided that the following replies to vote of condolence by County Council in the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PAPAL NUNCIO: "The Papal Nuncio begs to acknowledge with sincere thanks the message of sympathy sent him on the occasion of the death of the Holy Father and to express his deep appreciation of the sentiments it contained."

FROM MOST REV. DR. STAUNTON, BISHOP OF FERNS: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter conveying the vote of condolence passed by the County Council on the death of

our Holy Father, Pius XI. Would you kindly convey my thanks to the members of the Council. I shall transmit to His Excellency, the Apostolic Nuncio, the mark of respect shown to the memory of his Holiness by the County Council of Wexford.

With kind personal regards."

THE LATE MRS. CULLEN

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Col. Quin, it was decided that the following reply from Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, to vote of condolence adopted to him by the Council in the death of his mother, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to the members of your County Council my very sincere thanks for the vote of condolence to me passed by them in my recent bereavement.

Also, I wish to thank you and the other officials for their sympathy, which I appreciate very much."

THE LATE MRS. ROSSITER

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

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Thomas Rossiter, a former member of this Council, in the death of his mother."

The Secretary, in endorsing the motion, said that Mr. Rossiter had been a valued member of the Council in the most troubled period through which they had ever passed."

AGREEMENT ESTIMATE OF RATES 1939-40

The following statement, issued to County Councillors on 8th March 1939, was submitted:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

8th March, 1939.

ESTIMATES OF RATES 1939/40

I enclose Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table in respect of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1939/40.

The Rates recommended by the Finance Committee are as follows:-

	s.	d.
General Rate	10.	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Separate Charges (average)		<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Total	10.	10 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The Agricultural Grant, £77417, represents an average rate of 5s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d on Land Valuations, making the average rate on Land, 5s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £.

The amount of Road Estimate, already agreed to at £61,756 is the same as for current financial year.

The following are the main items for which increased allocations in 1939/40 are required:-

	£.
Wexford Bridge Repair (Net)	4440
County Board of Health Demands	1439
Mental Hospital Committee	430
Credit Balance Health District Charges Account, available for 1938/39; not available for 1939/40	2976
	9285.

approximately 6d in the £.

The General Rate recommended for 1939/40 represents an increase of only 2d in the £ on the financial year 1938/39. The increase for Separate Charges is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ (average). Particulars of the various Separate Charges are set out on Form No. 43.

The Finance Committee on 17th ultimo did not recommend the inclusion in the Estimate of any amount to provide for deductions from Government Grants to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. Since the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 17th ultimo notification has been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that a further sum of £5748. 13. 5d in respect of Government Grants, payable to the County Council in the current financial year, is being applied to meet further deficiencies in the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts for the

present year. The Council should make provision for at least a portion of these withheld grants in order to keep the finances of the Council in order.

Taking into consideration the increased estimated expenditure, the Rate recommended for 1939/40 means a slight increase on Rate of 1938/39.

It is, therefore, essential that all outstanding rates be promptly paid so that the County Services can be fully maintained.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary Wexford County Council.

To Each Member of the
Wexford County Council.

The Secretary said that, of course, it was all right to send that to the Minister, but he did not believe there was any power for the Minister to agree. There was also the question of the overdraft, and there was a letter from the Minister to which he wanted to draw their attention. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, if at the expiration of the current session a continuance of overdraft is required, the application should be accompanied by a financial statement as set out in this Department's letter of the 3rd March.

The Secretary said he brought the matter of the deduction from the grants before the Finance Committee, and pointed out to them that they had taken the full amount of Agricultural Grant into consideration in their receipts, and of course, if some provision was not made for it in the rate to be raised it would be more than difficult to carry on, but the Finance Committee decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the County Council. They adopted the following resolution:-

"The Finance Committee desire to point out to the Minister that the past year has been one of the worst that Wexford farmers had to meet during a long term of years. Ratepayers who never previously failed in the payment of land annuities are defaulters this year. The Wexford County Council are faced with heavy expenditure for the repair of Wexford Bridge, while there are also increases in expenditure for County Board of Health and for Mental Hospital. In the circumstances, the Finance Committee believe that an additional rate to meet the deductions in the payment of Government grants would be more than rural ratepayers especially are able to bear, and we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to withhold those deductions for a year."

The Secretary said that, of course, it was all right to send that to the Minister, but he did not believe there was any power for the Minister to agree. There was also the question of the overdraft, and there was a letter from the Minister to which he wanted to draw their attention:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, if at the expiration of the current sanction a continuance of overdraft is required, the application should be accompanied by a financial statement as set out in this Department's letter of the 3rd March,

1938. It should also be stated how and within what period the Council propose to eliminate the necessity for continued borrowing."

The Chairman said that as regards the overdraft they could tell the Minister that they were striking a rate adequate to meet all their services within the year, and if for temporary purposes between the two collections they wanted an overdraft, he thought they were entitled to get it. They paid 20s. in the £ every year, and struck a rate sufficient to cover all their outgoings.

The Secretary said they knew the position of the ratepayers, but he had explained that what they should raise was an increase of 6d in the £, but one might as well be talking to a stone wall as the Finance Committee. They thought 2d in the £ would be sufficient.

Mr. Corish said that he was chairman at the meeting of the Finance Committee and they did not feel equal to dealing with the demand without its coming before the Council.

In reference to the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to the Rate to be agreed to the Chairman said it was cutting the cloth very fine, and it depended on a prompt collection of the rate next year, and, in addition, it depended on prompt payment by the Urban Authorities of the amounts due, and they were going to insist in the coming year that the Urban Councils pay their full demand within the financial year. Otherwise, they could not carry on. The Council would be in serious financial difficulties if the full demands, both on their own ratepayers and the Urban ratepayers, were not met within the year. They would have no credit balance as the result of the rate, and would merely get out as the result of prompt payment. He would like the Press to take a note of that, and warn the Urban Councils that the County Council would take any steps in their power to see that the Councils would meet the demands

within the year and in addition meet any deficit at the end of the present financial year.

Mr. McCarthy said that, as had been pointed out, they were certainly sailing very close to the wind in regard to the rate. When the estimate originally came before the Finance Committee the increase they were asked to make was 6d in the £, and they cut that to 2d., but since then a bombshell had been sprung on them in the nature of the notification from the Department that £5,748 would be deducted. It seemed that last year and the year before, there was no such reduction and it seemed that as a result of that they would have to be very careful during the year.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Rate for financial year 1939-40 for General Charges in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42 be and is hereby agreed to at 10. 5³/₄d; that rebate on agricultural land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be allowed in accordance with allocation of said Grant.

That Rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1939-40 in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43 and as presented to this meeting be and the same are hereby agreed to.

That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County:-

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

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

"That, owing to the great loss sustained by Wexford County Council in consequence of the non-payment of rates for years on derelict farms in this County, we request the

FORM No. 42.

Gross Valuation of COUNTY-AT-LARGE, including

Urban Districts £404,991

Total Valuation of COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .. £360,677

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY OF WEXFORD.

GENERAL ESTIMATE OF RATES.

For the Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1940.

Name of Service.		Net Expenditure on each Service, being the difference between the sums in Columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5.		Net Amounts Chargeable to Districts.			Calculations of Rates in the Pound.	
				Urban Districts.			Net Amounts Leviable off Health District valuation. £360,677	Rates in the Pound Health District, Valuation— £360,677
				Urban District of Enniscorthy valuation. £10,995	Urban District of New Ross valuation. £9,848	Urban District of Wexford valuation. £23,471		
(1)		Chargeable to the Whole County or to an Area including any Urban District (6)	Chargeable to Health District only. (7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)
County Services	Construction and Maintenance of Roads	£ 27,298	£ 30,763	£ 741	£ 664	£ 1,582	£ 55,074	Pence. 36.6471
	General	37,550	13,887	1,020	913	2,176	47,328	
	Library	1,069		29	26	62	952	
	Co. Vocational Committee	5,193		150	134	—	4,909	
	Total County Services	43,812	13,887	1,199	1,073	2,238	53,189	35.3928
	Poor Relief	65,354		1,774	1,590	3,787	58,089	38.6533
	Board of Health Charges	3,805	19,185	103	93	220	22,574	15.0211
GROSS TOTALS		140,269	63,835	3,817	3,420	7,827	188,926	125.7143 (10s. 5½d.)

NATURE OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (Other than Poor Rate).				Amount in which Urban Districts participate	Amount in which Urban Districts do not participate.
(1)				(2)	(3)
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. (Roads)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	2987 0 0	
Other Receipts: Overline Bridges, etc.	...	...	...	310 0 0	86 0 0
Grant from Road Fund	...	...	...	12703 0 0	
Grant from Road Fund in respect of Additional Allocation	...	...	...
Wexford Bridge	...	...	...	1921 0 0	94 0 0
Bounty in Lieu	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	17921 0 0	180 0 0
B. (County Services)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	4510 0 0	
Recoupment Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	...	...	...	32 0 0	
Grant in aid of Maintenance of Lunatics	...	...	...	4684 0 0	
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	...	...	...	52 0 0	
Recoupment under Diseases of Animals Acts	...	...	...	600 0 0	
Rents from County Property	...	...	...	69 0 0	
Recoupment Expenses Collection Motor Duty	...	...	...	360 0 0	
Other Receipts:—					
Harbour Dues	...	...	...	26 0 0	
Recoupment Moiety Expenditure Parliamentary Register	...	...	...	606 0 0	
Share Kilkenny and Carlow Co. Councils, Superannuation	...	...	...
Allowances ex-Union Officials, New Ross	...	...	...	114 0 0	40 0 0
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	20 0 0	105 0 0
Bounty in Lieu	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	11073 0 0	145 0 0
C. (Poor Relief)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	7151 0 0	114 0 0
Grant in aid of Medical and Educational Expenditure, etc.	...	...	...	2036 0 0	
Totals	...	...	...	9187 0 0	114 0 0
D. (Board of Health Charges)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	416 0 0	236 0 0
Grant in aid of Sanitary Salaries	...	...	...	52 0 0	
Other Receipts	...	...	...		54 0 0
Bounty in Lieu	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	468 0 0	290 0 0
F. (Separate Charges)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	23 15 9	
Totals	...	...	...	23 15 9	
GROSS TOTALS				38672 15 9	729 0 0
Total of Receipts applied (Columns 2 and 3)				39401 15 9	
Amount of Agricultural Grant (applicable to Land only)				77417 0 0	
GROSS TOTAL				116818 15 9	

NATURE OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.				Amount to Urban Districts Contribute	Amount from which Urban Districts are exempt
(4)				(5)	(6)
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. (Roads)—					
Salaries:					
County Surveyor ...				716 0 0	3 0 0
Postage, etc. ...				80 0 0	1500 0 0
Assistant Surveyors ...					850 0 0
Travelling Expenses ...				10 0 0	589 0 0
Clerks in Surveyor's Office ...					
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities ...				33 0 0	
Cost of Works:—					
Main Roads ...				36580 0 0	
Wexford Bridge, Extra Allocation ...				4803 0 0	27776 0 0
County Roads ...					225 0 0
Printing and Stationery and Advertising ...				10 0 0	
TOTALS ...				42232 0 0	30943 0 0
B. (County Services)—					
Public Works ...				900 0 0	100 0 0
County Medical Officer of Health (part of) ...				250 0 0	
Salaries: Secretary's Office ...				400 0 0	1997 0 0
Salaries: Other Co. Officers, Analyst, Lamplighters, etc. ...				378 0 0	52 0 0
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities ...				55 0 0	147 0 0
Cost of Rate Collection, Irrecoverable Rates, Cost of applotting Rates, Stamps on Rate Receipts ...					5490 0 0
Franchise and Jurors' Lists ...				1526 0 0	
Printing in connection with Registration Act ...				307 0 0	
Valuation ...				208 0 0	
Members' Travelling Expenses ...				189 0 0	
University Scholarships ...				910 0 0	
Primary Scholarships ...				1520 0 0	
Legal Expenses ...				352 0 0	
Coroners and Inquests ...				545 0 0	
Postage and Office Requisites and Stamp Duty on Paying Orders ...				80 0 0	706 0 0
Printing and Stationery ...				10 0 0	340 0 0
Advertising Pleasure Resorts ...				421 0 0	
Other Advertising ...				5 0 0	420 0 0
Contribution Co. Councils' General Council ...					20 0 0
Conveyance of Prisoners ...				50 0 0	
Weights and Measures ...				200 0 0	
Food and Drugs ...				130 0 0	
Salaries: Court Officials, etc. ...				156 0 0	
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses ...				934 0 0	
Library Scheme ...				1069 0 0	
Reformatories and Industrial Schools ...				3299 0 0	
Courtown Harbour, £84; Loan Old Jail, £432; West Wing Co. Hall Loan, £354. ...				870 0 0	
Refund to Wexford Urban, Adjustment Financial Relations ...					45 0 0
Diseases of Animals Acts, Salaries Veterinary and Sheep Dipping Inspectors ...				636 0 0	
Diseases of Animals Acts—Assessment ...				843 0 0	
Diseases of Animals Acts—Other Expenses ...				250 0 0	
Warble Fly Order. Net cost to Rates ...				373 0 0	392 0 0
Audit Fee, £85; Debt Interest, £307 ...					
Superannuation Allowances ex-Union Officers ...				1002 0 0	
Superannuation Allowances ex-R.D. Council Officers ...					217 0 0
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act £204 Combined Purchasing Act, £158. ...				362 0 0	
Expenses Collection Motor Duty ...				360 0 0	
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ...				32 0 0	700 0 0
Contingencies ...					
Money supplied to—					
(a) Mental Hospital ...				26560 0 0	3406 0 0
(b) Committee of Agriculture ...					
(c) Vocational Committee, £4,727; Loans (1) Gorey Vocational School, £84; (2) 3 Rural Vocational Schools, £162; (3) Enniscorthy Technical School, £220 (Chargeable County-at-large, excluding Wexford Urban District. ...				5193 0 0	
TOTALS ...				50375 0 0	14032 0 0
C. (Poor Relief)—					
Money supplied to Board of Assistance ...				65390 0 0	
Repayment of Loans ...				2000 0 0	
TOTALS ...				67390 0 0	
D. (Board of Health Charges)—					
Money supplied to Board for—					
(a) Health District Charges ...					19475 0 0
Money supplied to Board for Joint District Charges—					
Tuberculosis Acts, £2,624; Prevention and Treatment of Diseases, £73; Blind Pensions Act, £200; Midwives Act, £40; Medical Treatment of School Children, £920. ...				3857 0 0	
TOTALS ..				3857 0 0	19475 0 0
F. (Separate Charges)—					
Repayment of Loans ...				205 2 11	30 0 0
Money supplied to Board of Health—					6566 0 0
Public Health Acts, etc. ...					64 2 0
Compensation for Criminal Injuries ...					
TOTALS ...				205 2 11	6660 2 0
Gross Totals ...				164059 2 11	71110 2 0
Total of Payments Charges (Columns 5 and 6) ...				235169 4 11	

No. in Separate Charges Register.	Name* Particulars, Area and Amount of each Separate Charge.
1	2
14	Repayment of Loans, Enniscorthy Union—Enniscorthy Union Area. Amount, £74 16s. 8d.
310	Criminal Injury Decree—Richard Bishop, Garrytinodagh—Decree of Circuit Judge. Rural District of Enniscorthy. Amount, £12 4s. 6d.
311	Criminal Injury Decree—William O'Brien, Garrytinodagh—Decree of Circuit Judge. Rural District of Enniscorthy. Amount, £7 5s. 6d.
16	Repayment of Loans, New Ross Union—New Ross Union Area. Amount, £141 8s. 2d.
15	Repayment of Loans, Gorey Union—Gorey Rural District. Amount, £30.
309	Criminal Injury Decree—William Fitzgerald, Ballinroad, Oulart—Decree of Circuit Judge. Rural District of Gorey. Amount, £44 12s. 0d.
2A	Lighting of Newtownbarry Town—Townlands of Ballinapark and Newtownbarry in Newtownbarry E.D. Amount, £51.
9A	Lighting of Town of Ferns—Townlands of Castlelands, Coolbawn, Ferns Lower and Upper and Ferns. Amount, £16.
10A	Guarantee, Telegraph Office—Bree Electoral Division. Amount, £20.
9D	Public Lighting and Public Health Acts.—Townlands of Ballygillane Little and Ballygillane Big. Amount, £42.
10D	Public Lighting.—Townlands of Bearlough, Walsheslough, Whitehouse. Amount, £37.
20H.D	Public Health Acts—County Health District of Wexford. Amount, £6,400.
29	Repayment of Loan—Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. County Health District of Wexford. Amount, £1,530.

*In the space used for each Separate Charge, the names of Urban Districts should be entered after those of Health Di

†In the cases of Separate Charges defrayed by Boards of Health, viz., Special Expenses under the Public Health Acts, th
ascertained by amalgamating the Balances in favour or against the Special Areas (a) in the County Fund Account, and (b) in
(a) would represent the difference between the money supplied to Board of Health, on demand, and lodgments of the Spe
represent the difference between the actual money expended, and the moneys obtained on demand from the County Council.

Land Commission to take the necessary steps to have these farms divided up among the people of the various districts and who are considered most suitable to acquire same."

DEPUTATION FROM FARMERS

The Chairman said that a deputation of farmers was anxious to come before the County Council and as they had not given the necessary seven clear days' notice of their intention to attend the meeting, he moved the suspension of standing orders so that they could put whatever case they desired to make before the Council.

Mr. McCarthy seconded and the motion was adopted.

The deputation consisting of Messrs. G. Devereux, Ballyfinogue; E. Murphy, Coddstown; F. Leacy, Sion, Crossabeg; J. Mernagh, Kiliame Castle; H. Carty, Galbally, Crossabeg, and J. Murphy, Blackwater, representing County Wexford Farmers' Federation, then came before the meeting.

Mr. Devereux said it was not their intention to dwell on the situation existing in the County, but they came to make an appeal on behalf of those farmers who through no fault of their own had no seed or the money to purchase it, and were refused credit terms by the seed merchants. The harvest of 1938 was only compared with '47 and '79. The return, if any, was so meagre that nothing was left to purchase seeds or manures. Their appeal had been endorsed by the leaders of the Church and other denominations all over the country. From information received, Cavan County Council had endorsed a seed credit scheme, and they, the Wexford farmers, asked that their County Council do likewise. They felt that help granted now would avert a major crisis later, and it would relieve and bring back hope to a section of the people whose lot was not all they would wish and desire it to be. It would ensure that at least his labour on his farm would have a chance of being remunerative

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by the sowing of sound seed of a good percentage germination. That was the reason why the deputation came before the County Council. If any member doubted, if he went to any Rate Collector through tillage districts he could verify those statements. In placing the matter in the Council's hands, it was hardly necessary to stress the urgency of the matter. Seed ^{time} was with them, and it would only be ^{by} prompt and swift action that the crisis could be solved. They assured the Council that it was not their intention to embarrass the Government in any way, but to try and help to promote a spirit of unity and progress so badly needed.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Devereux said that a very large number of farmers had no seeds and a large proportion of those who had tests had shown that they had only 50% germination.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that some years ago the County Council had adopted a scheme for supply of seeds and fertilisers through loans. There was not a great deal of money involved but only about 50% of the selected applicants discharged their indebtedness. If the Council now proceeded to adopt a somewhat similar scheme they would be acting in an illegal manner. He then quoted Section 61(2) of the Local Government Act of 1925 which cast on the responsible officer of the Council the responsibility of objecting to anything which might cause an illegal payment to be made or might result in a deficiency or loss to the County Funds. He warned the members that those who supported a scheme of payment for seeds and manures or of guaranteeing same (which would certainly result in loss) would be surcharged. In the first place, as he pointed out, the Council had no legal power to float such a scheme and in the second place there was sure to be loss and consequent surcharge on the members who were in favour of its adoption. Under the previous small scheme there was a considerable

loss to the funds of the County Council. Some of the people who obtained loans never paid a penny, and others paid after proceedings were taken, and some only paid a small amount.

The Chairman asked if there was any estimate of the actual number of farmers who would require to be dealt with on account of the conditions referred to by the deputation.

Mr. Devereux said he supposed that the number would vary in different districts. He had been speaking to Mr. Stafford in connection with the matter and Mr. Stafford told him that for the last three weeks they had refused 560 farmers. He had also spoken to the Manager of the Co-operative Stores, Enniscorthy, in reference to a credit scheme that had been in the Stores, but the position was that they could not embark on the scheme any further.

Mr. Edmond Murphy suggested that the Council guarantee to the seed suppliers two-thirds or half in respect of what would not be paid or something like that. He supposed that some such system would be the only way out of the matter.

Mr. Sweetman - Do you expect the Council to go into the credentials of each applicant, or otherwise, or expect us to guarantee shopkeepers who give out the credit?

Mr. Edmond Murphy - I think if the shopkeeper is bearing a burden he will know his man.

Mr. Sweetman - But, if we guarantee him?

Mr. Edmond Murphy - But, you won't be guaranteeing the whole amount according to my suggestion.

Mr. Jerome Murphy said they did not ask the Council to implement a scheme for farmers who were not inclined to pay. They came there owing to the present state in general. Farmers were in very poor circumstances, and had not the seed and had not the money to buy it. He suggested that the matter of who would pay and who would not pay be left in the hands of the merchants.

Chairman - I would not agree to that if you give a guarantee.

Mr. Devereux said that there might be a very respectable farmer who through no fault of his own, might be in arrears with rates. He would like to stress that a man being in arrears of rates should not be a reason why he should be debarred from a credit scheme. The Rate Collector would be a judge. He suggested that the County Committee would be the body that would be dealing with the matter, and he thought the ways and means would be best found by the Committee working in collaboration with the merchants. It could be decided that the scheme be worked through only a certain class of merchants if they wished it that way.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that they meet the deputation to a certain extent, as far as guardians of the people's rates could reasonably go - that they go into the scheme very carefully, that a small committee be appointed and that each applicant be examined on his merits as it were. It would be a scheme that the Council always favoured - what was known as a credit scheme for seed - because they tried to help the farmers as far as possible.

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish - and at the suggestion of the Chairman - that the further consideration of the matter by the meeting be dealt with in committee.

Col. Quin said it was a most wild cat and hair-brained proposal. They had heard Mr. Elgee inform them that half those who had obtained seed under their previous loan scheme had not paid and that the scheme was illegal. Sensible people could not now, in such circumstances, propose a scheme of a similar nature.

Mr. Sweetman questioned how any Committee would be able to devise measures by which they could decide who were fitting to be given a credit guarantee and who were not.

Mr. Walsh considered the County Council should not be asked to move in the matter which he believed was one for Government action.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Bowe supported this view.

Mr. Corish said he was afraid as soon as it was publicly known a great many people would visualise free seed as being provided and there would be great trouble with applicants and sureties when the time for repayment was reached.

The Chairman said they need only become collateral guarantors for applicants to the merchants. He did not believe that in view of the admitted condition of many farmers, any surcharge made against members of the Council would be enforced. He had no doubt about that phase of the proposal. They should examine the scheme, leaving the legal point out of the question and decide as if it were legal whether they would undertake it.

Miss O'Ryan said that referring the matter to the Government was merely shelving it. If anything was to be done it should be by the Council as immediate action was necessary. The special Committee which would be appointed under the scheme would be able to devise ways and means of deciding who should and who should not be given credit.

The Secretary read a skeleton scheme, drafted on the suggestion of the Chairman, and which provided for two solvent sureties and made it imperative on merchants who received a County Council guarantee to take all legal steps to recover the amounts at stake; failing such action, the guarantee was to be regarded as null and void.

Col. Quin said the proposal was most unbusinesslike. If a farmer could provide decent sureties merchants would give seed but it looked as if the County Council would be guaranteeing men of straw.

The Chairman said he could not believe that the case was quite as bad as the farmers' deputation represented it.

He was prepared to recommend a scheme tho' it was illegal.

Mr. Ronan thought the Farmers Federation should be prepared to carry the responsibility.

Mr. McCarthy believed there were insuperable obstacles to the successful working of the scheme. The majority of people who could provide such sureties as would be required by the County Council would be able to obtain seed from merchants. The Committee which it was proposed to set up would find themselves in an impossible position when they came to examine the financial standing of applicants and sureties.

Mr. Bowe said that the sureties who would satisfy the Council would satisfy seed merchants.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following:-

"That the Council adopt a scheme to guarantee repayment of cost of seeds and manures obtained by deserving farmers from seed merchants on a guarantee basis and that the details of such scheme be drafted by the Council at this meeting."

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed "That the Government be asked to help deserving farmers in the matter of the purchase of seeds and manures by a system of deferred payments".

Mr. Bowe seconded.

The Chairman directed a vote to be taken on his proposal as to whether the County Council would or would Not adopt a scheme.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For adopting a Scheme:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Day, Doyle, Keegan, Kelly, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Lawlor and the Chairman. - 10.

Against:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth,

Sweetman and Walsh. - 12.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. O'Byrne's motion appealing to the Government to promote a scheme was then put and passed.

Mr. Sweetman said that it would not be feasible for the Government to provide a scheme for this year and the Chairman agreed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 17th FEBRUARY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 17th February, 1939.

Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3952. 12. 1d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the percentage of Rate collected and lodged to 16th February 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage to date.</u>
1. S. Gannon	62.1
2. J. Curtis	60.9
3. P. Nolan	60.7
4. J. J. O'Reilly	59.7
5. P. Doyle	59.0
6. D. Kenny	58.8
7. E. J. Murphy	57.8
8. A. Dunne	56.5
9. J. Quirke	55.5
10. J. Deegan	55.5
11. J. Cummins	55.3
12. M. Kehoe	55.3
13. J. Flood	54.1
14. P. Carty	53.5
15. W. Doyle	53.3
16. M. McCarthy	52.8
17. J. J. Sinnott	48.5
18. W. Cummins	47.3

Average 55.9.

This is 1. 1 % below the percentage at the corresponding period last year.

The Chairman said that the Council would be gravely dissatisfied if in cases in which first moiety has not been paid proceedings were not taken. The Council would not

seek to tie the hands of the Collectors in any way.

The Secretary said that in order to show satisfactory returns on 31st March 1939 it will be necessary for the Rate Collectors to collect previous to that date from a number of ratepayers who had been in the habit of paying during the months of April and May.

Mr. Keegan said an examination of the defaulters' lists would prove that it was the same people who, year after year, did not pay though a number of them were able to pay.

The Chairman suggested that the Rate Inspector should spend the next month in the districts of the six Collectors at the bottom of the list and get them to move very considerably up towards the top of the list. If the first moiety was not paid by the end of January it was usually found the second moiety for the year would remain unpaid. If people did not pay their Rates within a reasonable period the tendency was they would not pay at all as they would be swamped by other commitments.

It was decided to issue circular to the Collectors couched in very strong terms.

The Chairman pointed out that the Department, as the members could observe, were tightening up the collection daily and unless there was real co-operation from the Collectors they would be standing in their own light.

POUNDAGE: The following under date 13th February 1939 (G.2732/2/39 - Lach Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at sevenpence (7d.) to Collector J. Deegan and at sevenpence (7d.) less 5% to Collectors J. Quirke, W. Doyle, P. Doyle, J. Cummins and J. Flood in respect of the lodgment of the

equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of their warrants for the current financial year.

As regards Collectors McCarthy, W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott no payments can be sanctioned until the required amounts are lodged."

Under date 17th February 1939 the following was read from Collector Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors' Association:-

"At a meeting of Rate Collectors in Wexford to-day, I was requested to ask you to bring the following before Finance Committee to-day:-

Re Circular letter of 19/11/38 in connection with payment of Poundage, there are a number of Collectors who have qualified for 2nd payment. We would request that these Collectors be paid at once.

Re Remainder, we request that these Collectors be paid in full immediately they qualify.

Re 3rd Interim Payment in respect of lodgment of 75% of current Warrant with 1937/38 arrears by 28th February 1939, we find that practically no Collector can qualify for this payment and we would request that Council make this Payment when Collectors qualify.

We can assure Finance Committee that under these conditions Collectors will do their utmost to lodge the necessary amount as early as possible.

We would point out that the percentage requested to be lodged has not been attained at that date for a number of years."

After some discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the request of the Rate Collectors be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

CONSIDERATION RATE ESTIMATES - FINANCIAL YEAR 1939-40

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of
Estimate of Rate for financial year 1939-40 for County
Services:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1939/40

TO BE CONSIDERED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY, 17th
FEBRUARY, 1939.

	1939/40	1938/39	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Co. Medical Officer of Health (part of)	250	500		250
Salaries: Secretary's Office	2397	2351	46	
Salaries: Other County Officers, Analyst, Lamplighters, etc.	430	420	10	
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	202	278		76
Cost of Rate Collection, viz., Poundage & Rate Clerks' Wages	4320	4081	239	
Stamps on Rate Receipts and Rate Collectors' fees for checking Abatement Forms.	226	210	16	
Travelling Expenses Rate Inspector	100	100		
Irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable Rates.	5250	5250		
Printing in connection with Regis- tration Act, £307; Postage and Office Requisites £331; Telephone A/c £230; and Stamp Duty on Paying Orders £225.	1093	1019	74	
Franchise and Jurors	1526	1546		20
Valuation	208	208		
Members' Travelling Expenses	189	172	17	
University Scholarships	910	910		
Primary Scholarships	1520	1520		
Legal Expenses	352	320	32	
Coroners and Inquests	545	595		50
Printing and Stationery (General)	350	315	35	
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	421	418	3	
Other Advertisements	425	425		
Contribution County Councils' General Council	20	20		
Elections	1380	-	1380	
Connveyance of Prisoners	50	109		59
Forward	22164	20767	1852	455

	1939/40	1938/39	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	22164	20767	1852	455
Weights and Measures	200	120	80	
Food and Drugs	130	130		
Salaries: Court Officials	156	156		
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	934	865	69	
Library Scheme	1054	1045	9	
do. do. Extra Allocation 1938/39	15	-	15	
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	3299	3230	69	
Courtown Harbour	84	87		3
Instalment Loan Purchase Ground Rent Old Jail	432	443		11
West Wing County Hall Loan	354	371		17
Refund to Wexford Urban - Adjustment Financial Relations	45	45		
Diseases of Animals Acts - Salaries Veterinary & Sheep Dipping Inspectors	636	619	17	
Warble Fly Scheme, Net Cost to Rates	373	373		
Diseases of Animals Acts; Assessment	843	836	7	
do. do. (Other Expenses)	250	204	46	
Audit Fee	85	85		
Debit Interest	307	470		163
Superannuation Allowances - Ex-Union Officers	1002	1032		30
Superannuation Allowances - Ex-R.D. Council Officers	217	217		
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	204	181	23	
Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing Act	158	175		17
Expenses Collection Motor Duty (Amount recouped by L.G.D.)	360	360		
Advances Prosecutors and Witnesses	32	440		408
Contingencies	850	850		
Money Supplied to County Committee of Agriculture	3256	3232	24	
FORWARD	37440	36333	2211	1104

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	1939/40	1938/39	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	37440	36333	2211	1104
Money supplied to County Vocational Education Committee	4727	4727		
Gratuities ex-officials Co. Vocational Education Committee - Moiety payable by County Council.	-	92		92
Loan Gorey Vocational School	84	84		
Loan 3 Rural Vocational Schools	162	115	47	
Loan Enniscorthy Technical School	220	-	220	
Repairs Ancient Monuments	-	150	-	150
Public Works (already agreed to by the County Council)	1000	1000		
Deduction Government Grants	5000	-	5000	
Money supplied Mental Hospital	26560	26130	430	
TOTALS	75193	68631	7908	1346
Gross Increase County Services			6562	

It was decided to delete the following items:-

Elections £1380

Deductions Government Grants £5000

Reduction of £5250 Irrecoverable and Temporary
Uncollectable Rates to £844.

It was also decided that £850 for Contingencies be reduced to £700 and that £150 extra be allocated to County Committee of Agriculture.

The remaining figures in Estimate were recommended to the County Council for approval on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly.

It was also decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman that the County Council be recommended to fix the General Rate in the £ at 10s. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £ subject to the same abatement - as in current financial year for agricultural land in respect of the Agricultural Grant.

It was also decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that the Rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1939-40 in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43 and as presented to this meeting, be also agreed to and recommended to the County Council for adoption.

PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATE

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

"That, in accordance with the estimate of County Surveyor as appearing in Road Works Scheme for financial year 1939-40 £1000 be allocated for the repair of the following Harbours:-

Courtown, Poulduff, Carne, Fethard, Slade, Kilmore, Duncannon, Arthurstown and Ballyhack,
and also to include the repair of Courthouses and County Buildings."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS RURAL) 1939/40

The County Surveyor stated that as regards the grant under above, viz., £7,900 (subject to a local contribution of £2,800) the latter sum had been provided in their Road Works Scheme. He stated that under this Grant, District Electoral Divisions were only eligible where it could be shown that at least a minimum of 16 men were unemployed, this being the minimum set out in the procedure adopted last year. The maximum allocation in each Electoral Division would be the number of unemployed multiplied by £30, the factor governing employment under this Scheme. He submitted a list of all the Electoral Divisions eligible for participation under the Scheme as per the factor employed, and the amounts to which they would be entitled. These amounted to £10,890. Consequently the Grant would be distributed among the whole of these divisions with a reduction of £190 over the whole and having regard to the exact amount which each should receive. He suggested the following works:-

Gorey Town: Concreting footpaths and back streets £980.

Ballyvaldon: Coast road South from Kilmuckridge - continuing from Kilmuckridge streets which had been already attended to - £480.

Clonroche E.D.: Palace Lane. Continuance of work carried out last year £600.

Edermine: Road over Edermine Bridge £840.

Enniscorthy Rural: Carley's Bridge road which the Department of Local Government and Public Health had directed to be taken up this year - £1170.

Ferns: Road 48 between Ferns and Strahart - Continuance of the work already carried out on this road - £810.

Rossard: Road 45 between Bunclody and Carnew - continuance of former work £720.

Ardamine: £570 and BALLYGARRETT: £660. Total £1230.
Continuance Southwards of coast road between Courtown and Kilmuckridge.

Cahore: £510 and Ford: £630. Total £1140.
Continuance Northwards of road from Kilmuckridge to Cahore. Alternatively this latter might be joined with the Ardamine-Ballygarrett job so as to complete the road right into Ballygarrett from Courtown.

Wingfield: Between Hollyfort and Wicklow Gap - £480.
Killurin: Between Carrigmannon and Glynn - £510.
Kilmore: Continuing road Kilmore to Bridgetown - £870.
Ballyhack: Continuing Duncannon Fethard Line £870.
This made the total of £10,700.

The Finance Committee discussed these works and decided that the County and Assistant Surveyor should consult with the local Councillors in Gorey as to the allocation of the £980 for Gorey Town.

In the case of Edermine, the Chairman suggested that the work on the Enniscorthy-Bree Road should be continued instead of improving the road over Edermine Bridge which was subject to comparatively light traffic. Ardamine, Ballygarrett, Cahore and Ford might be joined up so as to complete the road between Courtown and Ballygarrett, the street at Ballygarrett having been already attended to.

In regard to Wingfield the Chairman suggested that the bridge over the Bann recently carried away might be rebuilt under this grant.

The County Surveyor was directed to go into these details and if possible, carry out the Chairman's suggestions.

As regards Kilmore some members recommended that the street of Bridgetown should be done under this allocation.

The County Surveyor pointed out that possibly the street would be interfered with by the proposed sewerage scheme, but Miss O'Ryan stated there was no immediate prospect of this.

The other works were approved and the County Surveyor was directed to amend his Scheme to comply with (as far as was possible) the directions of the meeting.

MAINTENANCE GRANT MAIN ROADS 1939/40

Under date 9th February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGN/201/39) that a grant of £12,703 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of the County Wexford Main Roads for year 1939/40. This represented 40% of £31,759, amount passed by County Council for maintenance of Main Roads.

MAINTENANCE OF OVERLINE RAILWAY BRIDGES

The following letter under date 4th February 1939 (No. C.E.90/29648) was read from Mr. G. J. Murphy, Chief Engineer's Office, Great Southern Railways, Westland Row, Dublin:-

"As you are aware, the Wexford County Council under Agreement dated 16th December 1921 maintain a number of road approaches to overbridges between Campile and Rosslare Harbour for an annual payment by the Company of £54. 9. 0.

Mr. Leonard, District Engineer, informs me that three of these approaches, namely, the approaches to bridges Nos. 225 at Ballybro, 226 at Hill of Sea and 227 at Kilrane are now almost disused as there is no thoroughfare along the roads owing to cliff erosion. In the case of Bridge No. 225 a barrier notice is erected to the effect that the road is closed, but the occupiers of three small cottages actually use it. In the case of Bridge No. 226 only a small wooden shack is served, and in the case of Bridge No. 227 one bungalow.

In these circumstances, the County Council is not put to the expense of maintaining the approaches referred to, and accordingly, I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter before the Council with a view to granting the Company a pro

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Leonard had called on him about this matter, but he (County Surveyor) explained that the application should be made to the Council and as a result they had received the letter which had just been read. The statement in that letter was correct. At Ballybro there was a certain amount of usage by people who lived on the road but this was not at all to the same extent as when the road was fully open. At Hill of Sea there was a shack but there was no way down to it. The maintenance of these three bridges worked out at £6. 13. 1d.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that the County Council be recommended to fix the future maintenance at £4. 0. 0 per annum for these bridges.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JAMES DOYLE, GARRYHASTEN, CLONEGAL: Under date 10th February 1939 applicant who sought a loan of £70 on house estimated to be value for £170 wrote in reply to queries from Finance Committee that he was not able to provide any money towards the building of his house and he would require the Grant and Loan if he was to be able to erect it. He held 15 acres of land and as his house fell he had to look for shelter elsewhere.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the County Council be recommended to agree to advance of £70 to James Doyle, Garryhasten, Clonégall.

ANDREW BROWNE, CLONAMONA, CRAZNFORD: Under date 3rd February 1939 this applicant wrote to the County Solicitor that he was obliged to withdraw his application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, BALLYELAND, DAVIDSTOWN: Under date 3rd February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.4509/39 - Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to increase the amount of advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts of Daniel Sullivan, Ballyeland, Davidstown, from £130 to £165.

APPROVAL OF LOANS: Under date 2nd February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.4188/39 Loch Garman) that the proposals to advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, £145 to each of the following three applicants had been approved:-

Annie Foley, Borrmount, Enniscorthy.

Arthur Doyle, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.

Edward Kelly, do. do.

Mr. Elgee said that Miss Foley, although she had signed the Mortgage, wrote she was not proceeding with the erection of the house.

In the case of Arthur Doyle, Tomnalossett, Mr. Kelly said that this man applied for a loan in 1936 but heard nothing further until he had a letter from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that his loan of £145 had been sanctioned. Mr. Doyle said that in the meantime the price of materials had gone up and that he could not erect the house unless he received an additional loan of £75. He had expended £38. 1. 0 in securing the site and legal costs. He was paying 7s. 6d per week rent but found that even with the additional £75, the weekly instalment to pay off loan would not exceed 5s. 4d weekly.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, with a view to ascertaining if the value of the house could be increased.

THE LATE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 11th February, 1939, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote forwarding the following account from Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor to County Wexford Board of Health, in connection with the charges against the late County Medical Officer of Health (resigned):-

"The following is a note of the outlay incurred by me in this matter up to the present time:-

		£.	s.	d.
<u>1938.</u>				
Nov. 10.	Paid Fees for copy Charges against Dr. Bastible in Motor Prosecution.		8.	6
Nov. 24	Paid Messrs. Horan & Devine fee for attending in Court on hearing of charges.	2.	2.	0
" "	Paid for copy Order.		8.	6
<u>1939.</u>				
Jan. 23	Paid Mr. C. F. Matheson B.L. Consultation fee.	2.	2.	0
" "	Paid Mr. R. Barry, S.C. Consultation Fee	12.	12.	0
" "	Mr. Bolger, 3 attendances in Dublin (150 Miles each). Total 450 Miles at 4d per mile).		7.	10. 0
		£ 25. 3. 0."		

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

"That the County Council be recommended to refund to Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor to County Wexford Board of Health, the sum of £25. 3. 0 expenses incurred in connection with charges made against late County Medical Officer of Health (resigned). That this proposal be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

ROAD MATTERS

BUNCLODY TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: The following, under date 7th February 1939, was read from the Hon. Secretary, Bunclody Town Improvement Committee:-

"My Committee have directed me to complain to the Council regarding the state of Chapel Lane. No repairs are ever carried out by the Council to the surface of this lane. Hollows, in which pools of water lie, cover it and render it at times almost impassible. The shore running through it is broken and choked up and unable to carry away the water. Eighteen ratepayers pay rates in this lane and yet the conditions of their surroundings are totally neglected by both the Boards charged with maintaining them in a proper condition. The gable end of a shop at the upper end of this lane is in danger of being undermined owing to the condition of the lane itself. The state of Irish Street inside the wall on the right hand side also requires the urgent attention of the Council. The exit from it to the pump at the Boys' School is littered with large stones exposed by streams of water rushing down from Irish Street hill, no proper shore being provided to carry it off. Complaints have been made by the residents upwards of twenty in number, but nothing has been done. My Committee urge the Council to have these States of affairs remedied.

With regard to the public portion of the square and the other side of Main Street, the Committee trust that the Council will have the surfacing carried out immediately the fine weather sets in. Strangers remark that the state of the surface of these streets is the worst to be found in any town in Eire.

It is the hope of my Committee that the Council will give these matters favourable consideration. It is their experience that it is useless drawing the attention of officials to them."

In connection with this communication the following report was received from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

(1) Chapel Lane. This is a little cross lane. It may want a load of stones. There is a built shore on it. This was formerly a sewer, and probably takes some sewage still. There may be a flag broken in it. We are continually repairing these shores in Bunclody.

(2) Place torn with water near Boys School. Water comes down a private lane and tears up this place. This would only happen in a very exceptional flood. There are some artificial water courses up the private lane which are responsible. I had been looking at this some months ago, and had intended to get you out there possibly with Mr. Elgee to see the legal position.

(3) The streets generally. These are not too bad considering the money available. We spent £400 extra the Summer before last, and did a good deal of permanent improvement. If we had about £300 more we would do a great deal more. This would be Summer work."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor to have what work he could possibly arrange for carried out at Bunclody.

In reply to query the County Surveyor said he expected to be able to have Bunclody Square steamrolled during the Summer.

CURRACLOE ROADS: The following under date 31st January 1939, was read from B. O'Connor, The Hotel, Curracloe:-

"The Curracloe Development Association has asked me to write to you, if you would draw the attention of the members of the County Council at their next meeting to the bad condition of the following roads, the Wexford/Curracloe road, from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown and the Enniscorthy/Curracloe road. We had many complaints from tourists on their bad condition, last season, and we hope they will put them in proper repair before the coming season.

As we are making every effort to develop Curracloe into a leading sea-side resort, we hope the County Council will co-operate with us by providing us with good roads."

The County Surveyor said that two Relief Grants had been spent on this road and as it was now a Main Road he expected he would be able to carry out improvements during the Summer, owing to the fact that he could call on a substantial allocation.

BALLINACOO LABEG LANE, CASTLEBRIDGE: Representations were received as to repair of above lane.

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

"That application for repair of Ballinacoolabeg Lane, Castlebridge, under Minor Relief Schemes Vote be made to Office of Public Works."

MEELGARROW LANE, DONARD: Application was received from six ratepayers asking County Council to put this lane into repair. At present, two cars could not pass on it and farmers using it were forced to go through fields.

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

"That Meelgarrow Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

BALLYGARRON LANE, KILMUCKRIDGE: Application was received from Mr. John Murphy, Ballygarron under date 19th January 1939 as to repair of above lane. He pointed out that owing to the amount of material drawn over it, it was impossible for him to keep it in order.

Rev. J. Sinnott, P.P., Litter, recommended the application for favourable consideration to the Council.

The County Surveyor said it would cost £100 to put the lane into reasonable repair.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the

following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Ballygarron Lane, Kilmuckridge, be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

BALLINCASH LANE: The following under date 31st January 1939, was read from Mr. Michael Fortune, Ballincash, Ferns:-

"The ratepayers of Ballincash are making an application asking the Council to reconsider their decision of January 9th with reference to the above lane.

What we ask the Council to do is to erect a fence across two small fields about fifty perches; together with a small bridge and repair the present lane.

By doing that it would be much more convenient for the ratepayers and the public, as at present it is in a very awkward position.

Trusting the Council will give this due consideration at their next meeting."

The County Surveyor said it had been already pointed out that to comply with the wishes of the deputation that waited on the Finance Committee some time ago would take £650. He did not see what could be done as regards this application, unless the County Council were satisfied to take over the lane as a public road.

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

"That application for repair of Ballincash Lane be recommended to Office of Public Works for inclusion in list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

ASKINVILLAR LANE: Memorial signed by 60 ratepayers pointed out that the present condition of this lane was causing them serious inconvenience. A sum of about £250 would be well spent in providing a bridge to take away the water which at present makes the lane impassable.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the

following resolution which was adopted:-

"That application be made to Office of Public Works to have Askinvillar Lane scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

TOMNABOLEY BRIDGE AND ROAD: With reference to memorial signed by ratepayers as to improvement of road and erection of bridge at Tomnaboley on Road No. 322, submitted to Finance Committee at their meeting on 20th January 1939, the following report was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"At the part on this road where a stream crosses there is a substantial masonry footbridge. I took the opportunity yesterday of examining this place. There were then very considerable floods. The approaches to the footbridge were not flooded. The stream would have to rise another two feet before there would be any water on these approaches. I would think that this would very seldom occur. Of course, there were three or four very abnormal floods last October and November.

The five ope in the bridge are fenced up with skeoughs. If these were removed, and if the bed of the river was cleaned up for 25 or 30 yards down stream the level of the water on this road would be considerably lowered. The approaches to the bridge could be slightly raised, if necessary. This would not be a very big job.

This road is one of the less important third class roads. There is an alternative route from Boolavogue to Monamolin. This would be about one-third mile longer. The average distance from Boolavogue Church of the ten families mentioned would be rather over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, their average distance from Monamolin Church would be 2 miles."

It was decided that the County Surveyor would inspect and report as regards application and that he communicate

with the owner of the land on which the present bridge stands and endeavour to induce him to fence the sides of the bridge by the use of fine mesh wire or by iron bars which would allow water to go through and which would help very considerably to obviate the flooding.

DRAIN IN ESMONDE STREET, GOREY, ON ROAD 44 M: The following under date 11th February 1939 was received from the Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to draw the attention of your Council to the lack of drainage at the lower part of Esmonde Street, where it is alleged that serious flooding takes place after heavy rainfall. Complaints have been made in this matter and I am to ask you to give it your early attention."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported under date 15th February 1939, that the cause of the flooding was due to a shore discharging at the bottom of the river level into which it runs. When the river is in flood the water backs up on to the road and remains there until the level of the river again falls. He was of opinion this could be remedied. Judging from the fall from road to the river bed there appeared to be a sudden drop in the shore. He recommended that this old shore be lifted and a new pipe line laid at such a level as to discharge into the stream sufficiently above the bed to prevent a backwash. He estimated the cost of this work at £25.

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

"That, as regards flooding of Esmonde Street, Gorey, the recommendation of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, as to the laying of new pipe line be approved and that a sum not exceeding £25 be withdrawn from the appropriate contingency fund to meet this proposal."

FLOODING AT KILMACREE, DRINAGH: Mr. Murphy said that 12 months ago he had brought forward the flooding of a labourer's cottage occupied by Patrick Whelan, Kilmacree, Drinagh. He understood that the County Surveyor, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Carson, Engineer to the Board of Health, had inspected the place and it appeared the whole trouble was to get the water off the road. It was absolutely necessary that something should be done for this unfortunate man, as his house was flooded to his great inconvenience and loss.

The County Surveyor said he understood Mr. Carson was to bring the matter before the Health Board with a view to putting down pipes that would take the water. If the Health Board put in pipes that would turn the water Southward it would avoid the flooding. Anything necessary beyond ~~that~~ he (County Surveyor) would undertake to do.

Mr. Murphy said he understood that Mr. Carson said he would put in pipes if a fall was provided to take the water away.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should again consider the matter with Mr. Carson and take steps to remedy the complaint.

FLOODING ON ROAD BETWEEN CAMBLIN AND NEW ROSS: The following letter under date 22nd January, 1939, to the County Surveyor, was read from Lt. Col. Tyndall, Oaklands, New Ross:

"I note that the County Council are conferring with the Land Commission about the various breaches in the river banks at Fisherstown, Ballynabanogue and Camblin, but I would stress the point that the jobs at the two former places are big and difficult, and only affect the actual owners or occupiers of land, and to raise the level of the road a matter of 1 to 18 inches or so for about 100 yards, and I do not think it should cost the estimate of £250, for, I under-

stand there is plenty of material available close by from the ruins of the old Poor House which was pulled down. This would save the necessity of quarrying it and drawing it a long distance."

Under date 7th February, 1939, Col. Tyndall wrote as follows to the County Surveyor:-

"I am writing to say that the tide is in again on the road, and that it is impassable for anything except big cars and lorries, and has been so for most of yesterday as well.

So far 8 cars have gone through my place and past my door this morning. It should not be."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor who said that undoubtedly some steps would have to be taken to obviate the flooding at this place and which was daily becoming worse.

WITHDRAWAL FROM ROAD CONTRACT: The County Surveyor submitted letter from Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, Ferns, under date 15th February 1939 stating that he was not in a position to carry out his road contract No. 265, for which he had been accepted as Contractor at Enniscorthy Tenders Committee on the previous day. He stated that the road was too far away from him and his "fittings are not the real best for long journeys".

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

"That the Contract of Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, for repair of road 265 be cancelled.

That the road be placed in charge of the County Surveyor and that the County Council be recommended not to accept Tobin for any Contract within the next two years."

DUMPING GROUND AT COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 15th February 1939, the following was read from Managing Director, Courtown Brick and Tile Works, Courtown Harbour:-

"Our attention has been drawn to a cutting in the paper re the old quarry we offered you as a rubbish dump at Courtown Harbour.

We now gather it is only the quarry itself you want and not the adjacent land, and in these circumstances we would be willing to accept the sum of £20 for the use of this quarry for the next ten years (or sooner if filled in).

The usage, however, of same would be subject to your being responsible for any accidents, and seeing that the rubbish is properly put into the hole, and not spread over the adjacent ground, and that the right of way past the quarry to the land above is kept open."

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

"That the Manager, Courtown Brick & Tile Works, be informed that the Finance Committee would be prepared to recommend the County Council to take a lease of the disused quarry referred to in his letter of 15th February 1939 for 50 years at 10/- per annum."

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The Secretary stated that the following showed the indebtedness of the Urban Councils to 30th September last:-

Enniscorthy Urban Council owed £3,474. 7. 3d.

New Ross had paid in full to December last.

Wexford owed one quarter of their Demand - £1942 - to September 1938.

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

"That the County Solicitor inform the Enniscorthy Urban Council that unless a substantial lodgment on foot of Demand by County Council be made within 10 days from the receipt of his letter, the County Council will be obliged to proceed by Mandamus against this Urban Council."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Letter from Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, under date 7th February, 1939, as to proposed application for the committal of Joseph J. Murphy, $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, and Maurice L. Murphy, 2 years old, children of Joseph J. Murphy, of J.K.L. Place, New Ross, to Industrial School, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:

APPROVAL TEMPORARY CLERK

The following letter under date 6th February 1939 (No. G.4508-39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the appointment of Mr. L. Cleary as temporary Clerk for a period not exceeding two months from 23rd ultimo with remuneration at the rate of £3 per week."

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

The following under date 7th February 1939 (G.5246/39 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, 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 Thirty Five Thousand Pounds.

This sanction extends to the period ending 28th February 1939.

The enclosed duplicate of this letter may be transmitted to the Treasurer."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period for overdraft accommodation of £35,000 for Wexford County Council to the end of April 1939."

In connection with overdraft the following letter under date 7th February 1939 (G.5246-39 - Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant and this Department's communication of even date regarding overdraft accommodation, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that if at the expiration of the current sanction a continuance of overdraft is required the application should be accompanied by a financial statement, as set out in this Department's letter of the 3rd March, 1938. It should also be stated how and within what period the Council propose to eliminate the necessity for continued borrowing."

It was decided to refer this letter to the next meeting of the County Council.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th February 1939 be received and considered."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS) RURAL: Miss O'Ryan asked if the work on Grant Schemes could be done early in the year when employment was greatest?

The County Surveyor said the works proposed for the present spring and early summer were out of the 1939-40 grants and that work could not have been started earlier because the money was only made available for the next financial year. The present work was to be done with an advance of £2,240 out of the year's allocation of £10,000. The money advanced was to be spent in April, and the conditions of the grant required that proposals for further work be put forward to be done after June in areas where there were a considerable number of unemployed. A list of seven electoral divisions in which the money may be spent had been furnished by the Department to him, and Kilmore was one of them.

Miss O'Ryan asked that the attention of the Department be drawn to the fact that the money should be spent during the winter when unemployment was greatest. For instance, in Killurin, a big number were unemployed in winter and there was considerable distress, but they would be engaged in fishing for a great part of the remainder of the year. She understood that the same applied to Kilmore.

Mr. Corish - Kilmore would not be as bad as Killurin.

The County Surveyor said work in the Killurin area could not be done out of the £3,000 advanced, as it was not on the Department's list of areas.

The Chairman mentioned that the money could only be

spent after March 31st. Portion of the £10,000 would be spent next winter.

County Surveyor - £7,000 will be spent next winter and £3,000 in the spring and early summer.

Miss O'Ryan said the question of broken time should also be considered. She asked if it meant the men were paid for part of a day that turned wet or if they were paid for a whole day on which it was too wet to start any work. She asked the County Surveyor to give a return of the days on which wages were paid, but no work done on the roads. She held, and she did not care where she said it, that the men would prefer not to be paid for days on which they could not give any return for the money. The money would not be kept back from the men because they would get a day's work later on for the wet day lost.

The Chairman said that the broken time applied to the ordinary road staff.

Miss O'Ryan - It could arise just as well for the relief workers.

Mr. Corish - They get a day in lieu of the wet day on grant work.

The County Surveyor said the men regularly employed were paid by the week and they were paid a full week if they worked all the available days. If a wet day or a Catholic holyday occurred in the week a man was paid a full week's wages if he worked all the days otherwise available in that week. The men doing grant work were only employed on certain days in the week and they got a day's work in lieu of days they could not work.

Mr. Keegan said they should be paid on the same basis as the regular men.

The County Surveyor said he would furnish the data required by Miss O'Ryan at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. R. Doyle said that Miss O'Ryan had raised a very

important point regarding the winter work. In April, not alone did the fishing absorb the unemployed to some extent but the farming activities provided employment.

Chairman - You will spend £3,000 before June and the rest in the winter.

Mr. Corish - It will only be spent where unemployed men are available.

Mr. Bowe asked that a grant be obtained to repair the road from Enniscorthy to Killanne. It required repairs worse than the road to Carley's Bridge.

The Secretary said that the Department allowed the Council last year to change money from the Carley's Bridge road to the Bree road and they insisted on the Carley's Bridge road being done this year.

Mr. Bowe asked if the Killanne road could be done next year.

The County Surveyor said the grants for repair were allocated subject to there being a certain number of unemployed in an electoral division.

On the proposition of Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Lawlor, a resolution was adopted recommending to the County Surveyor the inclusion of the Killanne road in schemes under a future grant.

Mr. Culleton asked if the temporary road workers were paid per hour or per day?

The County Surveyor said that at one time, to expedite work, overtime was carried out and the pay was per hour, but the Conditions of Employment Act put an end to that.

Mr. Culleton asked if the Bridgetown street would be done immediately after April 1st?

The County Surveyor said it was in the Kilmore area, which was one of the eligible electoral divisions for such work.

MAINTENANCE GRANT MAIN ROADS 1939-40: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked to increase by £1922 the 40% Estimate of grant in respect of main roads for 1939-40 in view of the proposed extra expenditure of £4803 on repairs to Wexford Bridge thus increasing the grant on main roads to £14624 on an expenditure of £36562."

CURRACLOE ROADS: Mr. Corish said that Mr. Allen and he had made a special case to have that road included in the main roads.

The County Surveyor said regarding the road from Enniscorthy to Curracloe the Council only allowed him an average of £11 a mile for such roads and he could not do very much with it. He maintained that the road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe was a good road. He wished he could say that every other road in the County was no worse.

Mr. Sweetman said the road through Ballymurrin to Curracloe was in a shocking condition, but if they could only spend £11 a mile on it they could not do very much.

Mr. Kinsella said he was four years complaining about that road.

MEELGARROW LANE: The following report under date 10th March 1939 was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"The taking over of Meelgarrow Lane as a public road, was considered some years ago by the County Council. It is not a through Lane, and I believe the expense of making it so, involving the construction of a small bridge and section of a new road caused the matter to be abandoned.

If a substantial sum were available under a Minor Employment Scheme the lane could be put into a good state of repair."

KILMACREE FLOODING: It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the extract in this matter appearing on Finance Committee minutes, be furnished County Wexford Board of Health.

WITHDRAWAL FROM ROAD CONTRACT: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said he was aware that the fact that Tobin had withdrawn from Road Contract was not really his fault.

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

"That, in view of the statement of Mr. Ennis we dissent from the resolution of Finance Committee of 17th February 1939 penalising Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, Ferns for his withdrawal from Road Contract No. 265."

PROPOSED DUMP AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR: The following, under date 1st March 1939, was read from Courtown Brick & Tile Company:-

"We thank you for yours of 27th ultimo, and we note the offer of your Finance Committee, which we are not accepting.

The offer contained in our letter of 15th February was an extremely fair one, and we cannot see our way to depart therefrom."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th February 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 3rd MARCH 1939:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd March 1939.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4695 was examined and signed.

NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that next meeting of Finance Committee be held on Thursday, 16th March, 1939, as the 17th (ordinary day of meeting) is a holyday.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon	66.0
2. John Curtis	64.7
3. P. Nolan	63.3
4. P. Doyle	62.4
5. D. Kenny	62.5
6. J. J. O'Reilly	61.6
7. E. J. Murphy	60.3
8. J. Cummins	59.9
9. J. Flood	59.7
10. J. Deegan	59.4
11. A. Dunne	59.2
12. M. Kehoe	57.9
13. J. Quirke	57.1
14. M. McCarthy	56.5
15. P. Carthy	55.7
16. W. Doyle	54.8
17. W. Cummins	51.7
18. J. J. Sinnott	51.6.
Average	59.1

The percentage at corresponding period last year was 60.1 or 1.3 better than this year.

It was decided to take no action as regards the collection at the moment as the Finance Committee desire to ascertain how instructions issued to Collectors, immediately after last meeting, are being carried out.

POUNDAGE: The following letter under date 17th February 1939 from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors, adjourned from last meeting, was read:-

"At a meeting of Rate Collectors in Wexford to-day, I was requested to ask you to bring the following before Finance Committee to-day:-

Re Circular letter of 19/11/38 in connection with payment of poundage, there are a number of Collectors who have qualified for 2nd payment; we would request that these Collectors be paid at once.

Re remainder, we request that these Collectors be paid in full immediately they qualify.

Re 3rd Interim Payment in respect of lodgment of 75% of current Warrant with 1937/38 arrears by 28th February 1939, we find that practically no Collector can qualify for this payment and we would request that Council make this payment when Collectors qualify.

We can assure Finance Committee that under these conditions Collectors will do their utmost to lodge the necessary amount as early as possible.

We would point out that the percentage requested to be lodged has not been attained at that date for a number of years."

The Secretary stated that all Collectors had been paid first interim and as regards the second only three Collectors remained unpaid after the last meeting of the Finance

Committee, viz., Messrs. W. Cummins, M. McCarthy and J. J. Sinnott.

When Collector McCarthy reached the standard application for sanction was made and the following letter in reply under date 18th February 1939 (4.2732/3/39) had been received from Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at sevenpence (7d) less 5% to Collector McCarthy in respect of the lodgment of the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of his warrant. The arrears referred to may be taken as those applicable to the 1937/38 assessment."

Collectors W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott reached the specified figure for payment of third interim on 27th February 1939 and application for payment had been made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

It was decided to inform Collectors that as they reached the specified amounts as regards interim payments application is made to the Department for sanction.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GRANTS

The following under date 1st March 1939 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the draws upon the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts in respect of arrears of annuities in Wexford County for the May/June 1938 and November/December 1938 gales exceeded the repayments to the Guarantee Fund of arrears of annuities at previous gales by a sum of £5748. 13. 5d and there will accordingly be a deduction of this amount from the balance of local taxation grants payable for the present financial year.

This amount will be met by the County Share (including

Urban Districts) in the payment on account of Estate Duty Grant for 1938/39, to the extent of £2536. 10. 1d and the balance, viz., £3212. 3. 4d is chargeable against the Agricultural Grant.

After deduction of this amount the balance of the Agricultural Grant for the current financial year will be £27230. 16. 8d and payment will be made at an early date, less any deductions that may be necessary in respect of loan instalments in arrear to the Commissioners of Public Works by the County Council or the Board of Health."

The Secretary stated that as the full amount of the Agricultural Grant had been brought to credit in submitting figures for Rate for 1939-40 it would be necessary to provide for an increase in the amount of General Rate recommended by the Finance Committee, to enable the Council to carry on.

The meeting did not agree but decided to refer the communication from the Department to County Council meeting of 13th March 1939 for consideration and adopted the following resolution; on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"The Finance Committee desire to point out to the Minister that the past year has been one of the worst that Wexford Farmers had to meet during a long term of years. Ratepayers who never previously failed in the payment of land annuities are defaulters this year. The Wexford County Council are faced with heavy expenditure for repair of Wexford Bridge while there are also increases in expenditure for County Board of Health and for Mental Hospital. In the circumstances, the Finance Committee believe that an additional rate to meet the deductions in the payment of Government Grants would be more than Rural ratepayers especially are able to bear, and we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to withhold these deductions for a year."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

MISS ANNIE FOLEY: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter from Miss Annie Foley, under date 16th February 1939 that she was sorry she could not accept the loan of £145 x since even with the Government Grant it would not be sufficient to cover cost of erection of house. She would endeavour to get a loan from the Bank.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this letter to next meeting of Finance Committee.

JOHN WICKHAM, BELLEFIELD, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 17th February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.6037/1939 - Loch gCarman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to advance £170 to this applicant under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

ARTHUR DOYLE, TOMNALOSSETT, ENNISCORTHY: In connection with the application from Arthur Doyle for an additional amount of loan of £75, a certificate was received from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, that on reconsideration he fixed the value of house at £265 and site at £10, making a total of £275.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister, loan of £145 to Arthur Doyle, be increased to £175, the maximum amount to which he is entitled, taking into consideration the revised value of house by the Assistant Surveyor for the district."

JOHN BYRNE, 12 PEARSE STREET, GOREY; applied for a loan of £400.

It was decided to point out to him that the County Council had no power to advance the sum for which he applied

unless in respect of a house costing £800 and up to the present the maximum amount on a Housing Loan advanced by the Council was £250 on a house valued for £500, and as a matter of fact this was an isolated case.

It was decided that the Secretary forward loan Form and Regulations to Mr. Byrne and explain to him that in the opinion of the Finance Committee, the County Council would not agree to advance to any one applicant the sum of £400 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

MRS. MARY J. DOYLE, GURTEEN, INCH; applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £300.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to recommend the Council to advance to Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch, a loan of £200 (the maximum figure). This proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

ST. KEVIN'S REFORMATORY SCHOOL, GLENCREE - APPLICATION FOR INCREASED GRANT.

Under date 22nd February 1939, Father W. F. O'Connor, O.M.I., Superior St. Kevin's Reformatory School, Glencree, wrote again calling attention to the serious position of the Institution. Without an increased Grant from the Local Authorities it would not be possible to keep the Institution from closing down.

Father O'Connor came before the meeting and said he believed that it would be more agreeable to the Finance Committee and to himself if he attended and endeavoured to clear up any difficulties relating to the position of the school. He had arranged for an audit of their accounts over the last three years and as he had pointed out in a previous letter unless the School could count on a Capitation Grant of 18/- they would have to close down. Their difficulties were realised by the Department of Education and the City

Manager in Dublin and as a result of conferences with them, the Government had agreed to advance their Capitation Grant by 2/- and Dublin Corporation by 3/-. Of the 160 boys in the Institution 80 came from the City of Dublin and the other 80 were representative of all parts of Ireland. There were 10 boys from Wexford County in the Institution at the moment but three of these would be leaving very soon. If it were possible to secure any position for any of their boys they released them before their time was fully served. The average number from Wexford was eight. In regard to the finances of the school they had obtained a loan of £1600 from a Parish which was building a Church and did not require the money at the time. Now, however, the Parish Priest wanted it repaid without delay. They owed various creditors £1500 and their overdraft in the Bank was £535. To the funds of the Oblate Community a further sum of £1600 was due. To meet this big amount incoming Grants would realise only £980 and the greater proportion of this would not be available until May. He pointed out that all money which was received by the Order for Missions, Retreats and Masses was pooled with the School account. The School, Church and buildings were private property, not a penny having been received for their cost from the State or local Authorities. The farm was also provided independent of any State or Rate money. Although it was not compulsory on the Institution to accept boys he would never refuse one so long as there was any possible chance of keeping the school going.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted unanimously on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the County Council be recommended to increase their Capitation Grant to St. Kevin's Reformatory School, Glencree, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, from 5/- to 8/-, making the Capitation Grant 8/-, this proposal to operate as from 1st April, 1939."

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

The following quotations for County Council Insurances for year 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1940 were submitted:-

Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin (on behalf of Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd.):-

Employers Liability Insurance: Common Law 1s. 6d per cent
Remainder (excluding Medical and Surgical fees) 50s. per cent.

Public Liability Insurance: 6s. 6d per cent on all wages and salaries (This quotation includes liability arising from Fire or Explosion but excludes steam boiler or steam vessel explosion. Indemnity £2500 any one accident and £5000 in year.

Subsequently the quotation was made (by wire) to cover unlimited liability in any one year.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., 2 & 3

Westmoreland Street, Dublin (on behalf of "Ocean" Company):-

Employers Liability Insurance: Common Law 1s. 6d per cent.
Remainder (excluding medical and surgical fees) 50s. per cent.

Public Liability Insurance: 6s. 6d on all wages and salaries on behalf of the Ocean Company and 6s. 0d per cent on behalf of Ocean and New Ireland Assurance Company (This quotation includes liability arising from Fire or Explosion but excludes steam boiler or steam vessel explosion).
Indemnity £2500 any one accident and £10,000 for year.

Subsequently the quotation was made (by wire) to cover unlimited liability for any one year.

Corbett and O'Callaghan, Edinburgh Buildings, William Street, Galway:-

Employers Liability Insurance: Common Law 1s. 5d per cent.
County Employees 60/- per cent.

The County Surveyor said that as between Messrs. McDonagh and Boland and the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. the quotation of the latter (taking the

Ocean and New Ireland Companies) would be £14. 10. 0 in favour of the Public Bodies Company. The increase in the Rate for employees was 15s. per cent as compared with last year and which he regarded as extremely high. The cause of the increase arose principally from the accidents under the Employment Relief of Roads Rural. This did not affect them so much in Wexford but in other Counties it was an important factor and the quotations were made out for the country as a whole. The increase in total was from £900 to £1500. He estimated the premium on Relief Work would run to £150. There were far more accidents on these occasional works than with the regular staff.

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

"That quotation for County Insurances for year 1939-40 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. as follows be accepted as per their letter of 2nd March 1939, viz.: Common Law 1s. 6d per cent. Remainder 50s. per cent for Employers Liability Insurance and 6s. per cent on all wages-Indemnity £2500 any one accident and unlimited for year for Public Liability Insurance."

It was decided to direct County Surveyor that Insurances in connection with Employment Grants be paid from appropriate Grant in each case.

VALUATION BILL

Letter from Minister for Finance under date 11th February 1939 (F.79/1/38) and which appears on Minutes of County Council meeting of 13th ~~February~~ 1939 was read. This letter pointed out that the 2½d Rate on the total valuation of the Counties (less lands) would represent less than half the entire cost of a New General Valuation and that $\frac{2}{5}$ of One penny in the £ on the Counties (including lands) would also be less than half the cost of the annual revision.

The letter continued "In the circumstances, the Minister considers that the rates of contribution proposed in the Bill are not onerous on rating authorities, having regard to the advantages to them of having an up-to-date cadastre prepared and maintained for the levying of Rates".

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

"That the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council desire to point out to the Minister for Finance that they considered very carefully the provisions of the new Valuation Bill - as regards impost on local authorities - before adopting their resolution that in their opinion the amount now paid for Annual Revision, viz., £195, is an ample contribution from Wexford County. They believe it is inequitable to ask Wexford County Council to provide £1131 towards the General Valuation with an annual contribution of £678. They are strongly of opinion that the existing charge only should obtain in the future."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES ROADS (RURAL) SPRING AND SUMMER
WORKS 1939-40

Under date 27th February 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/206/3) that subject to An Dail providing the necessary funds it was proposed to release for Spring and Summer Works under Employment Schemes £2440 subject to the provision of a local contribution of £860.

The County Surveyor said this dealt with portion of the scheme for £10780 made up of grant £7980 and County Council contribution £2800 (already included in Road Works Scheme). The Finance Committee already decided on the allocation of the full amount and this advanced release would be spent on the most pressing of the works in the general scheme having regard to the incidence of Unemployment.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

The following, under date 23rd February 1939, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"From time to time I have received notification from the Inspector of Mines and Quarries in regard to notices that must be fixed in various quarries. I have sent Forms to the several Assistants concerned, and instructed them to have cause of complaint remedied. I have now asked them for specific reports in regard to each quarry complained of and shall submit these to your Meeting of Finance Committee on 3rd prox."

It was decided to request the County Surveyor to do what was possible to meet the requirements of the Inspector for Mines and Quarries as regards the notices to be posted in the various quarries of the County Council.

CONTINGENCY FUNDS

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to distribute the balances in Contingency Funds as he believes most advisable having regard to the maintenance amount of selected roads."

ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT

For the annual printing for County Offices "The Echo", Enniscorthy, tendered at £103. 13. 6d and "The Free Press", Wexford, at £116. 16. 8d.

The lower tender, that of "The Echo", was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

PRINTING INDEX CARDS FOR MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

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

"That the quotation of "The People", Wexford, for

supply of 3000 Index Cards (printed both sides) at £2.14.6d for Motor Taxation Office be accepted."

TULLABEG MILL LANE

The following under date 20th February 1939, was read from Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Tullabeg Mills, Camolin:-

"I beg respectfully to apply to your Council for leave to draw 12 tons of broken stones from the Council's Quarry at Clologue, 2½ miles from my place. They are required for the repairs of the Mill lane on which there is a public right of way. I would draw the stones at my own expense.

I would like to express my thanks for what you did about two years ago in giving me a supply of stones for the same laneway.

The laneway is in a bad state of repair at the present time."

The County Surveyor said this was a rather peculiar case owing to the large amount of public traffic passing over the lane.

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

PALLIS BRIDGE - RIVER BANN (GOREY DISTRICT)

The following report under date 3rd March 1939 was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I shall be glad if you will bring the matter of Pallis bridge before the Finance Committee at meeting to-day. The Committee is already aware that this bridge was destroyed during the heavy floods some time ago. On the 3rd February I made a special inspection of the bridge with Mr. Treanor, and was of opinion that the interference with the structure by Mr. Lee of Arklow, Contractor for the Gorey-Courtown Water Works, was responsible, at least to some extent, for the destruction of the bridge. I thereupon wrote to Mr. Lee notifying him to that effect, and asking for his

observations on the matter. He attended at my Office on Monday, 27th ultimo, and we fully discussed the matter, but came to no definite conclusion. I then arranged with Mr. Lee to examine into the question further on the spot, and agreed to meet him on 2nd instant. I met Mr. Lee on this date, and Mr. Treanor accompanied me. Mr. McCarthy, Engineer for the Water Works, was also present. I pointed out to Mr. Lee the reasons for my decision to hold him responsible, and he questioned these. I informed him that I would bring up the matter before the Finance Committee meeting to-day, and suggested that he should attend the meeting, and lay his case before the Committee. He agreed to do this, and I shall be glad if the Committee will take up the matter."

The County Surveyor pointed out that Mr. Lee, who was contractor for the local water works, did not ask permission to cut through the abutment of the bridge and he (County Surveyor) believed that Mr. Lee's action in this respect contributed very largely to the bridge being carried away by the flood, as the hole which was made undoubtedly weakened the structure. It was a very serious matter, both for the County Council and Mr. Lee, as a new bridge would cost about £500.

Mr. Lee, who was present, said he carried out the work according to plans and specifications supplied to him by the Board of Health. He admitted he did not receive any permission to cut the hole in the abutment in the bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that if Mr. Lee had asked for permission to cut the hole where he did it would certainly have been refused. Mr. Lee had worked under him (County Surveyor) before and he found him a very good contractor. In the present instance he probably acted bona-fide but very unwisely and certainly very wrongly. It was impossible to say that the damage to the bridge was

caused entirely by Mr. Lee's action, but in his (County Surveyor's) opinion it was a strong contributory cause and the bridge might have stood up to the flood but for Mr. Lee's action. Mr. McCarthy, Consulting Engineer for the water works, was present when he (County Surveyor) met Mr. Lee, but he took no part in the discussion in which Mr. Lee contended that the hole made by him in the abutment did not cause the fall of the bridge.

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Mr. McCarthy, Consulting Engineer for Waterworks and ascertain what instructions were given to Mr. Lee, Contractor, as regards cutting through the abutment of Pallis River Bridge.

Also, that the County Surveyor inspect plan and specifications of water works in the offices of the County Board of Health and ascertain if any provision was made therein for the safety of the bridge, while the work of laying pipes for the water works Scheme was in progress.

That he report to next meeting of Finance Committee."

BALLYKELLY-BALLYMURRIN LANE

Mr. Denis Kehoe, Aughmore, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 28th February 1939, that the above lane which led to his farm was in a bad state of repair at present and if something was not done in the matter he would not be able to get to his farm to till it. There were other persons on this lane.

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

"That application for repair of lane Ballykelly-Ballymurrin be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

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

"That, as obtained in previous seasons, the Veterinary Inspectors of Wexford County Council be employed to supervise the work of Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, for season 1939, at the following remuneration:-

Enniscorthy District: Mr. F. S. Ringwood £25.

Gorey District: Mr. T. A. Mernagh £25.

New Ross District: Mr. J. Lynch £15 and Mr. F. W. Taylor £10.

Wexford District: Mr. F. Staples £25,

and that the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal."

DEMAND FOR RENT OF FIELD

Under date 1st March 1939 the following was read from Mr. John Keating, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, Enniscorthy:-

"Please find the enclosed Bill for rent of field. I received one rent of £4 for two years. It's now 16 years without getting one shilling since for rent. My field was a commons. I could never shut the gate. As the County Council is now finished with field I would like immediate settlement for same for depot as the lorry made the field useless to me. I could not put an animal out on it for that length of time.

Hoping you will get this through as I have now calls for Rates to meet."

The County Surveyor said the only record he had in the matter was that Mr. Keating was paid £1. 10. 0 fourteen years ago. He (County Surveyor) could not remember what agreement had been made with Mr. Keating 16 years ago, but always understood Mr. Keating gathered stones from the

shore, put them into this field, broke them, and he was paid so much per yard. If that procedure had continued there would be no question to raise now but they had been prevented for some few years back taking stones for road material from the foreshore and he (County Surveyor) believed Mr. Keating would be entitled to be paid something in the nature of damage to the field. He asked that the matter should be investigated by a small Committee of the Finance Committee.

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

"That Messrs. McCarthy and Kelly be appointed as a Committee to investigate and report to the Finance Committee regarding the claim of Mr. John Keating, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, for compensation for damage to field used as a dumping ground for road material."

FLOODING ROAD CAMBLIN - NEW ROSS

The following report as to flooding of Road No. 62 furnished by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was read:-

"On December 15th in a letter to you I mentioned a figure of £250 as the estimated cost of raising the flooded section of the above road. The flooded length is 150 Linear Yards. Width is 6 2/3rd L.Y. Area 1,000 Square Yards.

If the filling is got for nothing as has been suggested the haulage, placing and consolidation will cost 4/- per cubic yard.

300 c. y. filling @ 4/-	£ 60
Strengthening and surfacing 1,000 square yards @ 3/-	£150
Strengthening and raising parapet walls	£ 40
	£250.

I understand that lately the road was flooded to a depth of 1' 9". On two occasions I have seen bigger floods,

and I am aware that on three dates there was well over 2 feet of water on the road."

Consideration adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

Under date 25th February 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32):-

"With further reference to your communication of the 2nd instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to expenditure up to £100 for payment of temporary clerical assistance required for the year 1939 in connection with the Conditions of Employment Act and payment of road workers."

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT, CO. COUNCIL OFFICES

The following under date 1st March 1939 was read from Dr. Alice Barry, F.R.C.P.I., Resident Medical Superintendent, Peamount Sanatorium, County Dublin:-

"Mr. Stephen Hayes has improved in health but is not yet fit to resume work."

The Secretary stated he had on 3rd March 1939 written Mr. Hayes that as his sick leave expired on 13th March 1939 it would be necessary for him to furnish medical certificate for a further period.

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

"That, in the event of medical certificate for further sick leave being received from Mr. S. Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, the employment of Laurence Cleary, Roche's Terrace, Wexford, be continued for such further period at his present remuneration, viz., £3 per week. And that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

URBAN DISTRICT DEMANDS

In connection with amount due on foot of Demand of County Council on Urban District Council, Enniscorthy, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following under date 27th February 1939, from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors for the Urban Council:-

"Mr. Stephen O'Connor, Chairman of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, has handed us your letter of the 25th instant, written on behalf of the County Council and has asked us to reply thereto.

He instructs us to inform you that the Urban Council intend to take immediate steps to deal with their indebtedness to the Council. It may not be possible to take the necessary steps within the period mentioned in your letter but such action will be taken with as little delay as possible and our client asks us to give to the County Council his assurance that everything possible will be done to clear off the present indebtedness of the Urban Council."

The letter was considered satisfactory.

The Secretary stated that Wexford Urban District lodged £975 on the 28th February 1939 and promised to lodge a further similar amount in a few days.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd March 1939, be received and considered."

ST. KEVIN'S REFORMATORY, GLENCREE: Miss O'Ryan said she was at the Finance Committee meeting and Rev. Father O'Connor's representations were most convincing. It was the only Reformatory in the country, as apart from their industrial schools. Boys sent there were given a great chance, because they had not the stain of prison on them. It was a very small amount they were asked to pay and she thought they should agree to the recommendation.

Mr. Sweetman asked if the assistance of the Wexford County Council would be sufficient to keep the school going?

The Secretary said that a good many other Councils had agreed to it.

Mr. Corish supported Miss O'Ryan's proposition and said the school was situated in healthy surroundings in Wicklow and was worthy of support.

Mr. Doyle - Did he give any reason why the increase is needed?

Secretary - Owing to the high cost of living; everything going up.

Mr. Sweetman said that he was in favour of the recommendation, but he thought the General Council of County Councils should be asked to consider the matter.

Chairman - No other Council will refuse the increase.

Mr. Sweetman said that it was definitely a service that should be taken over by the State.

Chairman - The State contribute more than 50 per cent at present.

Mr. Sweetman - They should contribute 100 per cent for such a service, because they have control over it, which

we have not.

Secretary - It is a voluntary institution and Father O'Connor produced an audited balance sheet covering three years.

On the proposition of Mr. Sweetman, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided to approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee and also to send a resolution to the General Council of County Councils to ask them to endeavour to have the institution supported entirely by the State.

PALLIS BRIDGE, RIVER BANN: The following under date 10th March 1939 was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Finance Committee I have obtained copy of Plans and Specification from the Secretary of the Health Board, for above, and I have thoroughly examined these. I also went through the Specification with Mr. Elgee and discussed the various clauses in the Specification. There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Lee's action in interfering with the masonry behind the abutment was largely if not entirely responsible for the collapse of the bridge during heavy flood. Under the Specification I should have been notified before any attempt was made to interfere with public property. If this had been done I certainly would have objected to the work as carried out by Mr. Lee. There are a large number of clauses in the Specification which deal with this matter, but as the reading of these into my complaint is a matter for lawyers I do not offer any opinion."

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

"That the correspondence relative to the destruction of Pallis Bridge be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for consideration and advice with power to take Counsel's opinion should he consider this step necessary."

FLOODING NEW ROSS - CAMBLIN ROAD: Mr. Walsh said that he did not think it would be very costly to raise the road where the flooding took place about 18 inches.

The County Surveyor said that the material available at the Old Workhouse would be dearer by the time the Council drew it out, than material quarried at Ballykelly.

Mr. T. Redmond said there was no use raising the road until the river banks were repaired. At every spring tide the road was flooded.

Mr. Corish said he and Mr. Allen would approach the Land Commission directly and get an answer to the resolution sent from the previous meeting of the County Council.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 3rd March 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."

CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

The following Minutes of Tenders Committee meetings of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford were confirmed on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Committee met on 14th February 1939 in Enniscorthy Courthouse.

Present:- Mr. John P. Kelly (presiding), Messrs. J. J. Bowe and James Lawlor.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors T. Cullen and R. J. Ennis were in attendance.

The following Road Contracts were dealt with. Period from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1942:-

NO. 164. Amount allowed £25.

James Cullen, Ballingate, Carnew, giving as his Sureties, Thomas O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew and Robert Murphy, Ballingate, Carnew, tendered at £25 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

165. Amount allowed £30.

Patrick O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew, giving as his Sureties, Thomas O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew and Robert Murphy, Ballingate, Carnew, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

166. Amount allowed £40.

Patrick Farrell, Ballycadden, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Mogue O'Rourke, Oldtown and John Kehoe, Lackendarragh, tendered at £40 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

237. Amount allowed £19.

Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus, Newtownbarry, giving as his Sureties, Aidan Jordan, Glasslacken and Michael Doyle, Ballyprecus, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

262. Amount allowed £38.

William Doran, Thomonia, Kiltaly, giving as his Sureties, James Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, and Martin Kearns, Coraduff, Kilmyshal, tendered at £38 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

263. Amount allowed £25.

Michael Tobin, Coolycarney, Ballindaggin, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Murphy, Coolycarney and Thomas Walsh, Coolree, tendered at £23. 15. 0, and James Farrell, Killealy, at £25.

The tender of Michael Tobin was accepted.

264. Amount allowed £27.

Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, giving as his Sureties, Michael Quigley, Boolabeg and Martin Jordan, Kilcullen, tendered at £27 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

265. Amount allowed £21.

Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, who gave same Sureties as for No. 264, tendered at £21 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

266. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

267. Amount allowed £24.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

281. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

282. Amount allowed £27.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

373. Amount allowed £45.

John Quigley, Grange, Rathnure, tendered at £44. 10. 0 and Thomas Cooney, Grange, Rathnure at £39. 10. 0.

Given in charge of County Surveyor as Cooney did not produce his sureties.

397. Amount allowed £19.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

398. Amount allowed £28.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

399. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

400. Amount allowed £29.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

401. Amount allowed £45.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1014. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

418. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

421. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

423. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

442. Amount allowed £15.

James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, John Furlong, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge and Andrew Kehoe, Ballinamona, Kilmuckridge, tendered at £12. 10. 0, and Thomas Leary, Kilnew, Blackwater, at £14. The tender of James Furlong was accepted.

443. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

446. Amount allowed £30.

Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasillogue, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Peter Smyth, Merchant, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Carroll, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, tendered at £27. 14. 6d, and Martin Murphy, Knocknasillogue, Blackwater at £28. 12. 0d.

The tender of Patrick Corrigan was accepted.

447. Amount allowed £30.

James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Blackwater, giving same Sureties as for No. 442, tendered at £25. 15. 0, and Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasillogue, Blackwater at £28. 14. 6d.

The tender of James Furlong was accepted.

490. Amount allowed £28.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

491. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1019. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

515. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

516. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

517. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

518. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1017. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1018. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

532. Amount allowed £20.

Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, giving as his Sureties, Peter Kehoe, Merchant, Enniscorthy, and Francis Pierce, Coolnahorna, Enniscorthy, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

536. Amount allowed £25.

Charles Gordon, Ballymurn, Enniscorthy, giving as his Sureties, James Flood, Ballymurn and James O'Leary, Ballylucas, Ballymurn, tendered at £24 and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien at £27.

The tender of Charles Gordon was accepted.

561. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

563. Amount allowed £25.

Charles Gordon, Ballymurn, Enniscorthy, giving same Sureties as for No. 536, tendered at £22. 10. 0, Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney at £24. 10. 0 and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, at £24. 17. 6d.

The tender of Charles Gordon was accepted.

Haulage Tenders: A large number of Haulage Tenders were dealt with, the lowest tender being invariably accepted on the recommendation of the Surveyors.

In reply to Mr. Kelly it was stated by Mr. Ennis that several haulage contractors had not carried out their work last year.

Mr. Kelly expressed the opinion that these contractors should not, if possible, be employed in the future.

NEW ROSS: The New Ross Tenders Committee met in Courthouse, New Ross, on 16th February, 1939.

Present:- Mr. J. E. Walsh, presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Kennedy, M. Redmond and T. Redmond.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen and P. O'Neill were also in attendance.

The following Road Contracts were dealt with. Period from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1942:-

463. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Ryan, Ballybawn, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties Nicholas Lennon, Finchogue and Thomas Conran, 10 North Street, New Ross, tendered at £9. 17. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

464. Amount allowed £13.

John O'Brien, Ballygibbon, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Conran, North Street, New Ross and Peter Kehoe, North Street, New Ross, tendered at £13 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

465. Amount allowed £10.

Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, Michael O'Connor, South Street, New Ross and John Flynn, Ballindoney, tendered at £9. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

466. Amount allowed £10.

Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathnure, giving as his

Sureties, Michael O'Connor, South Street, New Ross, and John Flynn, Ballindoney, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

471. Amount allowed £40.

William Rochford, Templenacroha, Palace East, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Nolan, Templenacroha and John French, Draper, South Street, New Ross, tendered at £40 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

472. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

473. Amount allowed £24.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

474. Amount allowed £8.

James Byrne, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, giving as his Sureties, John Byrne, Boherstooka, and John Doran, Gobbinstown, tendered at £8 and Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace East at £8.

The tender of James Byrne was accepted.

573. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

575. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

577. Amount allowed £10.

Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace East, giving as his Sureties, Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross and Richard Cleary, John Street, New Ross, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

579. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

580. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

598. Amount allowed £20.

William Rochford, Templenacroha, Palace East, giving same Sureties as for No. 471, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

599. Amount allowed £20.

Michael Hayden, Brocorra, Adamstown, giving as his Sureties, Michael Wallace, Ballagh and Denis Delaney, Ballagh, tendered at £19. 15. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

600. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

601. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

602. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

603. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

604. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

605. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

606. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

661. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

662. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

663. Amount allowed £36.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

664. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

665. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, giving as his Sureties, John Whitty, Camblin and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

666. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

667. Amount allowed £7.

Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, giving same Sureties, as for No. 665, tendered at £7 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

668. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

685. Amount allowed £17.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue and Thomas Walsh, Mary Street, New Ross, tendered at £17 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

686. Amount allowed £25.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, giving same Sureties as for No. 685, tendered at £25 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

687. Amount allowed £25.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 585 and 686, tendered at £25 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

688. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

690. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

691. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

692. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

694. Amount allowed £18.

Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, giving as his Sureties, John Whitty, Camblin, and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, tendered at £18 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

695. Amount allowed £12.

Joseph Nolan, Oldcourt, New Ross, giving as his

Sureties, William Power, Ballintreskin, New Ross and John Hearn, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at £11. 17. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

696. Amount allowed £7.

Edward Power, Ballykerogue, Campile, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Deegan, Garryduff and Robert Quinn, Quay Street, New Ross, tendered at £6. 12. 6d and James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile at £7. The tender of Edward Power was accepted.

697. Amount allowed £10.

James Caulfield, Aclamon, Campile, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Shannon, Curraghduff, Campile, and Robert Caulfield, Aclamon, Campile, tendered at £9. 10. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

698. Amount allowed £10.

James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile, giving as his Sureties, Richard Finn, Ballyvelig, Campile and James Cleary, Killowen, New Ross, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

699. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

700. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

702. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

720. Amount allowed £6.

Patrick Quirke, Ballygarven, Gusserane, giving as his Sureties, Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane and Luke Day, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £5. 17. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

721. Amount allowed £13.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

722. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

726. Amount allowed £13.

Patrick Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, giving as his Sureties, Luke Day, Boley, and Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £11. 19. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

742. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

744. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

745. Amount allowed £25.

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at £25. As sureties failed to attend work was given in charge of County Surveyor.

746. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

747. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

749. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

750. Amount allowed £12.

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at £12. As sureties failed to attend work was given in charge of County Surveyor.

799. Amount allowed £7.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

801. Amount allowed £10.

William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, giving as his Sureties, Luke Day, Boley, Ballycullane and Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

802. Amount allowed £9.

John Redmond, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving as his Sureties, Michael Farrell, Nuke, and Richard Walsh, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

803. Amount allowed £19.

John Redmond, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving same Sureties as for No. 802, tendered at £19 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

805. Amount allowed £12.

Patrick Keating, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving as his Sureties, Michael Farrell, Nuke and Richard Walsh, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

806. Amount allowed £15.

Patrick Keating, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving same Sureties as for No. 805, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

807. Amount allowed £6.

Patrick Keating, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 805 and 806, tendered at £6 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

808. Amount allowed £15.

John Redmond, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 802 and 803, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

826. Amount allowed £20.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving as his Sureties, Michael Donnelly, Cullenstown, and Martin Rossiter Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

827. Amount allowed £8.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving as his Sureties, William Bennett, Loughnageer and Patrick Kinsella, Loughnageer, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

828. Amount allowed £11.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for No. 826, tendered at £10. 14. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

829. Amount allowed £11.

Patrick Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, giving same Sureties as for No. 726, tendered at £9. 19. 0 and Patrick Gordan, Ballycullane, at £10. 10. 0. The tender of Patrick Rossiter was accepted.

832. Amount allowed £16.

Thomas Walsh, Tintern, Saltmills, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Walsh, Clonmines and Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross, tendered at £15. 10. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

833. Amount allowed £14.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for No. 827, tendered at £13, and Thomas Walsh, Tintern at £14.

The tender of James Kinsella was accepted.

848. Amount allowed £6.

John Murphy, Tallaught, Ballycullane, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Walsh, Clonmines and Patrick Forrestal, South Street, New Ross, tendered at £6 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

852. Amount allowed £8.

Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, giving as his Sureties, Michael Clegg, Kilbride, and John Culleton, Kilbride, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

853. Amount allowed £17.

Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, giving same Sureties as for No. 852, tendered at £17 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

854. Amount allowed £23.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

855. Amount allowed £12.

Andrew Power, Boley Hill, Fethard, giving as his Sureties, William Powell, Ramstown and Alice Auld, Conna, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

856. Amount allowed £12.

Andrew Power, Boley Hill, Fethard-on-Sea, giving same Sureties as for No. 855, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

870. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

873. Amount allowed £8.

Thomas Orange, Conna, Fethard-on-Sea, giving as his Sureties, Alice Auld, Conna and William Powell, Ramstown, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

875. Amount allowed £8.

Daniel Grace, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, giving as his Sureties, Walter Byrne, Lambstown and William Devereux, Lambstown, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

Haulage Tenders: A large number of haulage tenders were dealt with, the lowest most suitable tender being accepted in each case.

WEXFORD: The Wexford Tenders Committee met in Courthouse, Wexford, on 18th February 1939.

Present Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. C. Culleton, Sean Murphy, and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors J. F. Birthistle and T. Cullen were in attendance.

The following Road Contracts were dealt with, the period being from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1942:-

623. Amount allowed £20.

James Walsh, Kereight, Kyle, giving as his Sureties, Denis McDonald, Saundercourt, Wexford, and William Gaynor, Merchant, Main Street, Wexford, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

624. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

625. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

626. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

627. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

628. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

643. Amount allowed £25.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, giving as his Sureties, Michael Fitzpatrick, Ballinaslaney, and Michael Stamp, Ballincarrig, tendered at £25 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

644. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

645. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

648. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

649. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

761. Amount allowed £20.

John Furlong, Ballinclair, Killurin, giving as his Sureties, Joseph Doyle, Lambstown, and Timothy Connors, Ballinclair, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

762. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

763. Amount allowed £30.

Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, giving as his Sureties Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, and William Wright,

Forth Commons, tendered at £28. 10. 0 and Thomas Barron, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £30.

The tender of Henry Long was accepted.

765. Amount allowed £14.

William Brett, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown, giving as his Sureties, William Wright, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown, and John Merryman, Rockview, Barntown, tendered at £13. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

781. Amount allowed £10.

Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, giving same Sureties as for No. 763, tendered at £9. 12. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

782. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

785. Amount allowed £7.

James Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, giving as his Sureties, John Stafford, Greenlake, Murrintown, and William Wright, Forth Commons, Taghmon, tendered at £6. 9. 10d, and James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon, at £6. 17. 0.

The tender of James Dowd was accepted.

786. Amount allowed £8.

James Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, giving same Sureties as for No. 785, tendered at £7. 9. 10d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

889. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

890. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

891. Amount allowed £15.

John Martin, Rochestown, Ballymitt, giving as his Sureties, Edward Gough, Richfield, and Patrick Walsh, Rochestown, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

892. Amount allowed £20.

John Martin, Rochestown, Ballymitty, giving as his Sureties Edward Gough, Richfield, Taghmon, and William Lane, Harpurstown, Taghmon, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

912. Amount allowed £30.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, giving as his Sureties, James Davey, Moor, Wellingtonbridge, and John Neville, Ballyfrory, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at £23. 12. 6; William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge, at £27. 17. 0 and James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, at £26. The tender of John Davey was accepted.

914. Amount allowed £9.

Robert Sheridan, Blackhall, Bannow, giving as his Sureties, John Neville, Busherstown, Duncormack and James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, tendered at £7; William Waters, Vernegley, at £8. 9. 0 and John Davey, Balloughton, at £7. 10. 0.

The tender of Robert Sheridan was accepted.

915. Amount allowed £12.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, giving same Sureties as for No. 912, tendered at £11. 7. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

916. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

917. Amount allowed £12.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 912 and 915, tendered at £11. 7. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

918. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

931. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

933. Amount allowed £7.

William Brett, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown, giving same Sureties as for No. 765, tendered at £6. 19. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

936. Amount allowed £11.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

937. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Keilty, Sweetman, Bridgetown, giving as his Sureties, Edward Mernagh, Bridgetown, and John Egan, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

958. Amount allowed £28.

John Cullen, Killag, Duncormack, giving as his Sureties Edward Goff, Richfield, Duncormack and Patrick Kehoe, Gibberpatrick, Duncormack, tendered at £28 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1013. Amount allowed £10.

James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon, giving as his Sureties, James Murphy, Cools, Barntown, and William Wright, Taghmon, tendered at £9. 10. 0 and Martin Flood, Murrintown, at £10.

The tender of James Murphy was accepted.

975. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1011. Amount allowed £11.

Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1012. Amount allowed £10.

Given in charge of County Surveyor.

Haulage Tenders: A large number of quotations for haulage work were disposed of and the lowest suitable tender taken in each case.

DEFAULTING LAND ANNUITANTS

The following, under date 6th March 1939 (412/39 Wexford) was read from Irish Land Commission:-

"I am directed by the Land Commission to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd March 1939 and to state that Schedules of Defaulters in respect of Instalments of Land Purchase Annuity to 1st November/December 1938 are at present being prepared. Copies of the Schedules will be sent you as soon as possible."

PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE FOR WEXFORD

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 13th March 1939:-

(a) That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the following resolution

(b) That the Wexford County Council, having regard to the condition of existing bridge at Wexford, hereby agree to the erection of a new bridge on the site of the old bridge opposite Old Courthouse, Wexford, and failing this, on a site parallel to the existing structure or on such other site as the Council are able to provide. And that the necessary preliminary enquiries as to the interests involved in selected site be made forthwith.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be approached with a view to securing the largest possible Government Contribution towards the cost of proposed new bridge."

The Secretary mentioned that no reply had been received from Department of Local Government and Public Health as regards repairs to the existing bridge.

The Chairman said that before discussing Mr. Corish's motion it would be well to have a reply from the Department as to old bridge repairs.

Mr. Corish said he only desired to have a preliminary investigation made.

He then agreed to the adjournment of his motion until the reply of the Department relative to the repairs of old bridge had been considered. X

RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN CONNORS, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Under date 15th February 1939, the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In reply to your enquiry I write to say that in my opinion, the resignation of Mr. Connors must appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council, in order that same can be made effective, and the necessary Declaration as to the vacancy of the seat cannot be completed until a Resolution of the Council dealing with same has been passed at that meeting."

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

"That we hereby declare the office of County Councillor vested in Mr. John Connors, vacant, and further declare the intention of this County Council to co-opt at meeting to be held on 3rd April 1939 a successor to Mr. Connors, this to be the first business to be transacted at said meeting."

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER, MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

For the position of Temporary Storekeeper, Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, applications with references were read from the following:-

1. Bates Thomas, Kiltale, Enniscorthy.
2. Bennett Patrick, 14, The Shannon, Enniscorthy.
3. Byrne Patrick, Kilmyshall, Clohamon, Ferns.
4. Carty Nathaniel, Brownswood, Enniscorthy.
5. Carley Sean, 77 Irish Street, Enniscorthy.
6. Connolly Matthew, Bree, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy.
7. Daly Seumas, Taghmon.

8. Dempsey Kevin, Boolavogue, Ferns.
9. Doyle Seumas, Boley, Ballycullane.
10. Doyle Michael, Ballybeg, Kilcotty.
11. French James, Moneylawn, Gorey.
12. Foley Thomas, Kiltrea, Enniscorthy.
13. Furlong Thomas Francis, 5 Emmet Place, Wexford.
14. Flynn Edward, Spring Park, Palace East, New Ross.
15. Joyce William, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam.
16. Kirwan Daniel, St. John's, Enniscorthy.
17. Kirwan Michael, 49, St. Johns Villas, Enniscorthy.
18. McCoy Francis, Oylegate, Enniscorthy.
19. Morrissey Michael, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy.
20. Murphy Laurence, 22, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
21. Murphy James, 11, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.
22. Merriman Thomas P., Coolishal, Wellingtonbridge.
23. Mullaly Thomas, Effernogue, Ferns.
24. O'Neill James, Larkfield, Killanne.
25. O'Rourke Thomas, 16, John Street, Enniscorthy.
26. O'Leary Martin, 9, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy.
27. Reddy Patrick, Green Street, Wexford.
28. Ryan Luke, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy.
29. Sheehan James, Station House, Palace East.
30. Walsh Michael, Hillside Cottage, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.

It was decided to take a vote as between the candidates.

The following is the result:-

For Thomas Bates: Mr. Bowe (1).

For Seumas Daly: Messrs. Day, Doyle, M. Redmond
and T. Redmond. (4).

For James French: Messrs. O'Byrne and Smyth. (2).

For D. Kirwan: Mr. Sweetman (1).

For Michael Kirwan: Messrs. Colfer, Keegan, Lawlor,
Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Ronan and the Chairman. (7)

For Martin O'Leary: Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Kelly
and McCarthy. (4).

For James Murphy: Mr. Kinsella (1).

For Thomas O'Rourke: Mr. Walsh. (1).

(Col. Quin was not present when this and subsequent polls were taken).

Bates, Murphy, D. Kirwan and O'Rourke, with one each, and French with two, fell out and a poll was taken between Daly, Michael Kirwan and O'Leary with the following result:-

For Daly: Messrs. Day, Doyle, M. Redmond, T. Redmond and Smyth. (5).

For Michael Kirwan: Messrs. Colfer, Keegan, Lawlor, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (8).

For O'Leary: Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Kelly, McCarthy, Bowe, Kinsella, O'Byrne and Walsh. (8).

The final poll was then taken between Michael Kirwan and O'Leary with the following result:-

For Michael Kirwan:- Messrs. Colfer, Keegan, Lawlor, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (10).

For O'Leary: Messrs. Bowe, Corish, Culleton, Day, Doyle, Kelly, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. (11).

The Chairman declared Martin O'Leary elected.

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

"That, in accordance with the terms of advertisement and of the Conditions of Appointment, Martin O'Leary, 9, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy, be appointed Temporary Storekeeper for Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, at £2 per week for a probationary period of three months and that the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought for said appointment."

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 1

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

"That Mr. Philip Barnwell, Carrig-on-Bannow, and Mrs. Bradish, Coolbrook Cottage, Wellingtonbridge, be appointed members of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 1 vice Rev. Mr. Bateman and Mrs. McCutcheon resigned."

DELEGATES - COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT NATIONAL HEALTH

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

"That, in accordance with letter received from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section) under date 1st February 1939 (A.1227-1939) the following be nominated as the four delegates of this Council to take part in the election of five members of the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society:- Messrs. P. Colfer, C. Culleton and P. Ronan, County Councillors and John Connors, Kiltomas, Ferns, ex-County Councillor."

REPRESENTATIVE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD

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

"That Mr. John P. Kelly be re-appointed as Representative of Wexford County Council to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., and to exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership."

ACCIDENT TO MR. THOMAS CULLEN, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

The following under date 10th March 1939 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"For the information of the Council I beg to report that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, met with a serious

accident to his eye while assisting at blasting operations in Edenvale Quarry on 3rd instant. I have notified the Insurance Company in regard to this."

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 24th February 1939 (P.H.6762/39 Loch Garman Sc) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the proposal of the Wexford County Council to fix the remuneration for the position of County Medical Officer of Health for Wexford County at £800 per annum with vouched travelling expenses not exceeding £200 per annum.

I am to add that the prescribing of age limits and qualifications in connection with the abovementioned post is a matter for the Local Appointments Commissioners in consultation with the Minister, but it is open to the County Council to transmit any suggestions on the subject for the consideration of the Commissioners."

As regards new appointment acknowledgment of Statutory Request and copy of Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the vacancy was received from the Local Appointments Commission.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936 - SANCTION TO INSPECTORS

Under date 2nd March 1939 (L.350-39) the following was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, regarding the arrangements for the enforcement of the above Order during the present season, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that he offers no objection to the

reappointment of the 13 Temporary Inspectors employed last season with remuneration in each case at the inclusive rate of £2. 10 per week. Each Inspector should be required to give, in writing, the undertaking referred to in paragraph 7 of this Department's communication L.400/39 of the 26th January, last."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908

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

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Walter Boggan, Merchant, Kilmuckridge. And that renewals of licences be issued to

Mrs. Brigid Doyle, 70 Main Street, Gorey
John Doyle, 22 North Street, New Ross,
William J. Kelly, Bunclody, and
Patrick Hanrahan, South Street, New Ross."

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. R. Doyle seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That duplicate licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to James Hennessy, South Street, New Ross, John Roche, Camolin and Henry Hill, Ballycanew, as originals have been mislaid."

NATIONAL INSURANCE - SICKNESS AND DISABLEMENT BENEFITS

The following resolution received from Cork County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to increase the Sickness and Disablement Benefits to insured persons, and also to restore them dental, opthalmic and hospital treatment."

EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

Mr. Edward Drummond, Secretary of the Wexford Branch of above, wrote inviting County Councillors to the Annual Easter Sunday Commemoration Ceremony.

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

"That all members of this Council who can conveniently do so are invited to attend the Easter Commemoration Ceremony."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That, as 10th day of April (next fixed date for monthly meeting of County Council) falls on a bank holiday Said monthly meeting be held on 3rd April 1939."

J. J. Allen
3/4/39

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING - 22nd MARCH, 1939

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

By directions of the Chairman of the County Council (Mr. D. Allen, T.D.) a special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd March 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Malachi Sweetman.

The Secretary and County Solicitor were in attendance.

The meeting was called to consider the following communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to Seed Supply Scheme:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received representations that in some areas special facilities are necessary this year to enable occupiers of land who cannot procure seed potatoes and/or seed oats out of their own resources to obtain supplies on loan terms through the County Councils.

The Minister desires each County Council to consider whether there is a need for a seed supply scheme in the County or any part of it, and if there is a need, the adoption of a suitable scheme. You are, therefore, requested to communicate with the Chairman of the Council without delay with a view to summoning a meeting and bringing the matter before the Council as early as possible.

If a meeting of the Council has already been summoned for any other purpose a supplemental agenda might be issued so that the adoption of a scheme could be considered at that meeting.

If the Council adopt a scheme steps should be taken to give adequate publicity to the facilities available. A

form of public notice, which can be adapted as necessary to local circumstances is enclosed, together with forms of authorisation to obtain seed and undertaking to pay.

A Bill to validate any action taken by the County Council in accordance with these instructions will be introduced in due course."

The Chairman said that as a result of that letter he deemed it wise to call the meeting to give the Council an opportunity of deciding if they would adopt any scheme. Some Councils had already done so. Personally, he believed they should adopt a scheme, and they would find out if there were many people who needed a credit scheme, and if there were people, as was suggested, who had bad seeds as a result of last year's bad weather. He thought the Council should take the opportunity of providing them with a credit scheme in order that they might sow good seeds in the present season. He proposed that they adopt a scheme.

Mr. Colfer seconded, and said they all knew it was necessary to get some scheme, because in a good many cases farmers had bad seeds and just as many, possibly, had no seeds at all, and were faced now with the problem of getting all the seeds they wanted this year. The price of seed this year was very high, and it was not so very easy to get the money for it. He thought a credit scheme would be very acceptable.

Miss O'Ryan supported the proposition. She thought they should give every facility to enable people to sow land so that there would be more production. They could not possibly expect to collect rates unless the people could sow to the best advantage. If they could give any assistance they would be wanting in their duty if they did not do everything they possibly could. She thought that if it was realised by the members that they had the power in the matter everyone would be in favour of it, and that they

should give every facility they could to people not only to sow their lands, but in the best possible way, because the prosperity of the farmer meant the prosperity of the people at large.

Mr. Bowe said that on the last occasion he voted against the scheme because it was absolutely illegal. Furthermore, he did not think that any member could be expected to accept liability for any default all over the County and that was the position in which they were placed. The Minister had promised to introduce a Bill. Any scheme the Council adopted was bound to fall back on the ratepayers if people defaulted. The deputation before the Council at the last meeting did not expect them to give seed to people who had no intention of repaying. He would have preferred that the Exchequer would have borne any loss. Still he believed they should promote a scheme legally under the Government to assist people. He was sure that every member would be only too glad to support any such scheme. They had got to be very careful in selecting applicants. He suggested that they should be as careful of the rates as of their own pockets.

Mr. O'Byrne said they were glad to see the scheme brought forward, but he felt disappointed because he held $\frac{1}{2}$ that the scheme was necessary from a national and county point of view, and he thought that when the Minister was taking responsibility to indemnify the members of the Council against financial liability he should take some responsibility for loss to ratepayers. He considered that the Minister ought to have taken up some portion of the possible loss. It certainly would have shown the Minister's confidence in the scheme. He regretted the Minister had not taken any part of the financial liability.

Mr. Day agreed that a scheme was never worse wanted. He had to do with the Co-operative Stores, Wexford, and

that morning the Manager said he never saw so many people seeking credit.

Mr. Keegan said it would be a wild cat scheme if they gave its advantages to every Tom, Dick and Harry. It looked as if they were going to adopt a scheme and he thought it should be for seed all round - he meant oats, wheat and barley. Wheat was a guaranteed cash crop, and as Miss O'Ryan remarked, if they were to collect the rates they ought to give the people the seed.

The Secretary said they would have to work the scheme through a committee, and it would be necessary to give that Committee plenary powers. They would have to meet constantly as the season was going over rapidly.

Mr. Corish said it was obvious to everyone even before the deputation came before the Council that there was great necessity that something should be done for the farmers after the very bad season. He thought that within living memory there had not been a worse winter. As far as he had been able to ascertain a great many farmers were practically penniless and with very little prospects of being any better. There was, of course, a certain risk attached to the scheme considered at last meeting but they had not power then to say that individual members of the Council would be indemnified from loss. They must assume, of course, that the farmers were honourable men, and that they were going to fulfil obligations to the Council, and that any guarantees the Council entered into would be observed. It would be in their interest, because in years to come something similar might happen. Although there was a risk, there might be a greater risk if they did not come to the assistance of farmers. They might at the end of the year find themselves unable to collect rates from a good number. They were only carrying out their duty in doing all they could in trying to keep agriculture on a solid footing.

The proposition to adopt a scheme was then passed unanimously.

Miss O'Ryan believed it would be better to have a Guarantee Scheme rather than a Loan Scheme. The merchants knew all the men, had given seed before, and had the men on their books and could examine them much better. The Council could do it, but it would take too long. The merchants surely would have no objection if they knew the Council guaranteed the credit.

Chairman - I believe myself that a guarantee would be much easier, from the point of view of working, for the Council, and far less liable to abuse than a Loan Scheme. There is the danger with a Loan Scheme that the money advanced would not be applied for the purpose for which it was intended by the Council.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was passed nem. con.:

"That the scheme for supply of seeds and fertilisers by this Council be worked on a guarantee basis."

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

"That the Council guarantee to repay up to a maximum of £12 cost of seeds and fertilisers obtained under their supply scheme and that all amounts guaranteed up to that figure represent three fourths of the total cost of seeds and fertilisers obtained by any one applicant. That guarantee apply to seeds giving a satisfactory test for purity and germination."

The following Committee were then appointed and given plenary powers to work the scheme which is to be operative for the month of April only:-

Enniscorthy District:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe and J. P. Kelly.

Gorey District:- Messrs. W. P. Keegan and M. Smyth.

New Ross District:- P. Colfer and T. Redmond.

Wexford District:- Mr. Day and Miss O'Ryan,
to meet every Friday up to the end of April 1939 at 3.30
p.m. in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public
Health be requested to declare the Seeds and Fertilizers
Committee of Wexford County Council as an "authorised"
Committee to enable its members to claim usual travelling
expenses. That the Chairman and Mr. Corish interview the
Minister with a view to having this request made operative."

Mr. Bowe said that the success of the scheme would
depend on the number of people who would pay up. Those
were the people who were going to make a success of the
scheme and not the Committee.

The Chairman said that nothing did the farmer more
damage in the past than that his neighbours had not
confidence enough in him.

In reply to Mr. Colfer, the Secretary said as the
Council had decided on two sureties it was too late now to
propose that they accept one surety. It would require
notice of motion to have this latter suggestion considered
by the Council.

The following is a copy of the Scheme agree to:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SCHEME FOR SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS

To facilitate the purchase of Seed Potatoes, Seed
Wheat, Seed Oats and Seed Barley and also Fertilisers to
approved ratepayers, Wexford County Council are prepared to
guarantee to Seed Merchants and to recognised Seed Suppliers
payment of three-quarters of the cost of the Seed and
Fertilisers, up to a maximum of £12, in the case of any
one applicant.

Seed supplied under this Scheme must have been subject to test for purity and germination and up to standard.

Ratepayers who desire to avail of the Scheme should obtain application form from the Secretary to the County Council, County Hall, Wexford, to whom it should be returned when completed.

Applications must be supported by two securities, both ratepayers.

Certificate will be required on Application Form from Rate Collectors that sureties have paid their rates up to 30th September 1938 and this certificate must be secured by applicants.

Recipients of Seed etc. and their sureties will be held jointly and severally liable for the payment of amount guaranteed by the County Council.

Sureties, who, as stated must be ratepayers, cannot themselves benefit under the Scheme.

The County Council guarantee will become operative only when satisfactory evidence is received from Merchants and Seed Suppliers that it has been found impossible to collect amount from persons supplied with seeds and fertilisers under the scheme.

The first payment received from approved applicants by Merchants or Seed Suppliers during the year after the sale of seed or fertilisers must be applied towards the cost of seeds etc. under this Scheme.

Particulars of amounts unpaid by selected applicants are to be furnished by Merchants and Seed Suppliers to County Council by 1st December 1939.

Applications will be dealt with by a special Committee of the Council in rotation.

The latest date for receipt of applications is 29th April 1939.

Accepted applicants will be notified from County Council Offices after meeting of Committee.

Applicants are requested to note that the County Council do not pay for Seeds and Fertilisers as supplied. These must be paid for direct by selected applicant to the merchant supplying same, after harvesting of crop and, at latest, by 1st December 1939. The County Council guarantee ensures payment to merchants of three-fourths of cost of supplies, up to a maximum of £12, in any case in which the latter has found it impossible to collect the amount from a recipient of supplies under the Scheme.

Denis Allen

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