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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 11th MAY 1936.

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held on 11th May 1936 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

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

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

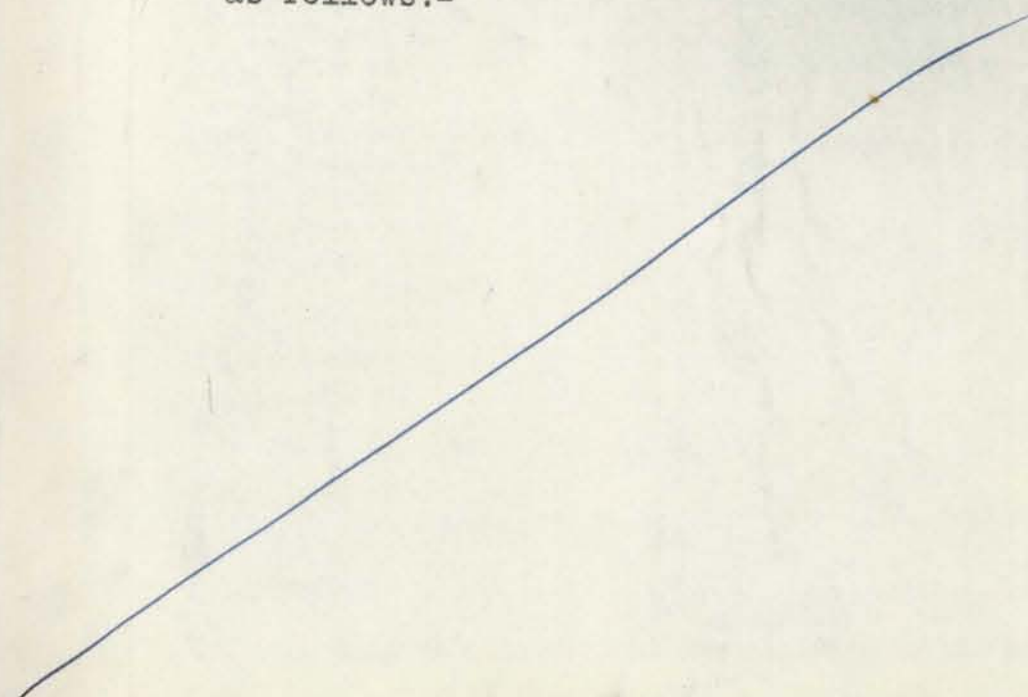
The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £22079. 3. 4d were examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 24th APRIL 1936: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on above date were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th April, 1936.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2873. 10. 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	94.0
J. Curtis	89.7
M. Kehoe	83.6
D. Kenny	81.6
J. Deegan	81.5
J. J. O'Reilly	81.3
P. Carty	81.2
S. Gannon No. 10	80.9
J. Cummins	79.8
J. Flood	78.3
P. Doyle	76.5
S. Gannon No. 6	74.8
M. McCarthy	74.5
P. Nolan	74.1
A. Dunne	69.1
W. Cummins	67.6
J. J. Sinnott	63.7
M. Murphy	62.3
J. Quirke	62.1
W. Doyle	<u>62.1</u>
	75.1

The Collection is 4.2 per cent behind that of last year.

The Committee decided it would be necessary to take drastic steps against any Collector who does not close his Collection satisfactorily in accordance with their directions.

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR: Mr. Kinsella handed in letter from John Sheil, Ballyhubbock, Kilmuckridge, which stated that Mr. Sheil had always paid his rates punctually. M. Murphy, Collector, called to his house once only. Mr. Sheil generally met him at Blackwater fair or left the Rates for him at Mrs. Stamp's, Blackwater. On the present occasion amount of rates was left at Mrs. Stamp's, Blackwater on 24th December and on 13th January following he received a process for the amount up to 31st March 1936. He then went to Blackwater and found the money left there had not been collected. The assistant in Stamp's shop said that Murphy had called several times but did not take the money as he said he had no books with him. He (Mr. Sheil) saw the Collector on 14th January; he refused to take the money and referred Mr. Sheil to his solicitor, who subsequently informed Mr. Sheil that his instructions were to proceed for the rates due to 31st March. What Mr. Sheil complained of was the action of the Rate Collector in not letting him know that the money was not taken up, but leaving it lie for three weeks and then taking proceedings. He (Mr. Sheil) was not prepared to pay almost £2 in costs.

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

"That Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector (No. 12 district) be summoned to next meeting for interview as regards his method of Rate Collection."

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 16th April 1936, Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.77252/36, stating that the Minister was not prepared to sanction to Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector No. 12 District, payment of poundage in excess of 5d in the £, less 5%, in respect of the lodgment of an amount equivalent to first moiety of his 1935/36 warrant plus arrears applicable to the financial year 1934/35.

BACKWARD COLLECTORS: The Rates Inspector wrote that Collectors Quirke, Wm. Doyle and Matthew Murphy had been interviewed and directed to take immediate steps to recover all outstanding items in order that they could close their warrants at the prescribed time. These Collectors stated they were about to proceed on their warrants in a number of cases.

CLAIM BY RATEPAYER: Mrs. Whelan, Ballyorley, with her son Edward, came before the meeting as regards payment of her Rates. She claimed that Collector Joseph Cummins in 1931 had overcharged her by £2. Also that this Collector seized in the same year 33 sheep (brood ewes) and at a sheriff's sale purchased them for £10. She had had a visit recently from the Special Unit who stated they would return on 28th April 1936 and make a seizure unless she paid amount of decree £27. 3. 8 for which her son had signed a consent. Mrs. Whelan admitted that the amount of Rates due was about £75. She said she had never seen the Collector since the transaction about the sheep in 1931 until quite recently and denied that she had received demand notes for the Rates struck since then.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 24th April 1936 that the period during which the decree of 1931 could be questioned had expired long since and there was no course open to Mrs. Whelan except to pay the amount of this decree. In any event the questions raised by Mrs. Whelan were entirely between herself and the Collector and did not concern the Council.

The Chairman explained the situation to Mrs. Whelan and advised her to see the Sheriff in the matter.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman it was decided to obtain from the Rate Collector the dates upon which he had served demand notes 1932 onwards and how

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often he had called on the Whelans in the meantime to collect the rates.

TEMPORARY RATE CLERKS: It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That the following be added to the temporary Rate Staff:- J. J. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, and Frank McCoy, Oylegate, Enniscorthy."

REVALUATION OF RAILWAY PROPERTY

Under date 18th April 1936 the Valuation Department wrote S.1429, that a valuation of the Railway Undertakings in County Wexford was about to be made, and any alterations which might result therefrom would be included in the revised valuation Lists issued on 1st March 1937.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 8th April 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.70039/36 - Loch Gar-main) stating that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal to advance £72 to Patrick Murphy, Rowestown, Barntown, under above Acts.

It was decided that application be made for sanction of the Minister to increase the amount of Patrick Murphy's Loan to £95 as Assistant Surveyor now valued the house at £175.

Mr. Kelly said that the estimated value of site and house to be erected by Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, was £230 and deducting the £70 grant, 90% of the balance would be £144 which he proposed should be advanced by the County Council in this case.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

In connection with £340 in Gorey still available, the Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

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"That a sum of £117 be advanced to Sean Butler, Ballinatray Lower, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, for a £200 house and £100 to Ellen Leary, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge."

In reference to New Ross District it was decided that application forms be sent John Eustace, Clonleigh, Palace, New Ross and Anne Murphy, Dungulph, Fethard-on-Sea and that Mr. Elgee again communicate with accepted applicants who have up to the present failed to prove title. And that if the latter are not able to deal with the matter satisfactorily within ten days the money allocated to them and any other available balance be re-allocated at next meeting of the Committee.

In connection with amount available for Wexford district £877, as all available applicants had been dealt with, it was decided that £439 be allocated to Enniscorthy District and £438 to Gorey District.

It was decided that £250 of the amount earmarked for Gorey District be allocated to Mrs. Mary J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch.

Application was received for loan of £200 from Laurence O'Grady, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy, who was an attendant in Mental Hospital.

Certificate was read from Dr. Kathleen Sloan that O'Grady's house was most unsuitable as it contained only two bedrooms for the parents and nine children.

Mr. Kelly said this man applied for a cottage to the Board of Health but could not be accepted as tenant owing to his position as attendant at Mental Hospital.

It was pointed out that a number of applicants had applied for loans a considerable time back and could not be accepted owing to the fact that all money available had been allocated.

The meeting considered that the claims of all applicants standing over in Enniscorthy and Gorey districts be

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brought to the notice of next Finance Committee and considered in conjunction with O'Grady's application.

T. Vandeleur Beatty, Kilcarberry, Enniscorthy, wrote that he was prepared to become tenant of house in Enniscorthy built by P. Byrne by loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as Byrne had left the Country.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

MAIN ROAD - JOHN STREET, WEXFORD

Under date 20th April, 1936, the Town Clerk, Wexford wrote that Wexford Corporation had received a report from the Borough Surveyor, that the surface of John Street, Wexford, a main road, was deteriorating rapidly, and to save it from complete disintegration, it was essential to have it resurfaced at an early date. The work was estimated to cost £85 and it was impossible for the Corporation to carry out any repairs out of the £420 set aside for the maintenance of Main Roads in the Borough. In the circumstances the Corporation asked the County Council to make a further contribution towards the cost of Main Roads in the current year, for the purpose of having this particular street repaired.

It was pointed out that as the full amount agreed to in Road Works Scheme had been allocated to Wexford Corporation it was not possible to increase the expenditure under this head.

After discussion Mr. Corish suggested that the amount might be taken from the Contingencies Fund, but the County Surveyor in reply stated that owing to the fact that this fund had been cut by 50% it was not possible to take from it any money for the repair of John Street, Wexford, as during the year it was certain other works of a more pressing nature would arise and draws upon the Contingencies Fund would have to be called upon.

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After further discussion Mr. Corish proposed that the County Council be asked to provide £60 of the necessary expenditure for the repair of John Street, Wexford.

The question of finding this particular amount was then debated. Finally Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following, which was adopted:-

"That provided the Finances of the Council allow, on the report of the County Surveyor, a sum of £60 be allocated for the repair of John Street, Wexford - a Main Road."

PROPOSED TELEPHONE EXCHANGE - COUNTY HALL

Under date 23rd April, 1936, letter was read from Secretary, County Board of Health, stating that as a result of interview with an Official of the Post Office, an exchange within the building with three lines, and with all extensions required, would entail an annual rental of £48 10s. Separate telephone accommodation for the different offices on the basis of present requirements would cost £49 10s. Temporary accommodation could be provided for the Board of Health by giving an extension from a spare plug on the County Council switch-board and which would cost 17/6. This, however, would entail the employment of an attendant.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that Mr. Corish interview the Wexford Postmaster and ascertain if it be possible to secure, in the case of the establishment of a general exchange at the County Buildings, a cheaper rental than the amount set out in communication to the Finance Committee, viz, £48 10s. and that he report result to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

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

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"That we approve of the arrangement of use of spare plug in County Council Office to provide telephonic communication for the Board of Health and that the County Secretary be empowered to employ temporary filing clerk to deal with telephone calls pending any permanent arrangement in the matter."

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 16th April, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G. 74310/36. Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 up to 30th April, 1936. Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

ENTRANCE TO COUNTY LIBRARY, etc.

The County Surveyor forwarded copy of the following letter received by him from the County Registrar:-

"The public entrance to the Library through the main hall-way is anything but satisfactory. On Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week a large number of children congregate in the hall-way and on the staircase, thus blocking the free access to the offices in the building. In addition to this, while they are in the building there is a continual racket going on, which is seriously interfering with the work of the offices, the fault of this lies, not with the children, as it is natural for them to make noise, nor with the Librarian, who cannot be expected to do her work and control the children outside her offices. The matter can be rectified by making an inexpensive entrance to the Library in Hill Street.

I have also to complain about continual personal interruptions at my private office from people inquiring for the Board of Health offices. No notice is provided outside to direct the public where to go. An entrance should be provided in Hill Street which can combine both

the Board of Health Offices and the Library.

With reference to the proposal to make an entry through the present building to the Health Offices I cannot consent to same. This would be tantamount to making these buildings a public thoroughfare. I cannot see the sense in this when the matter can be easily arranged by Hill Street."

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

"That having considered letter of County Registrar under date 23rd April, 1936, re Library Entrance, etc., the Finance Committee are of opinion that the requests contained therein are without justification."

As to claim of the County Registrar to exercise jurisdiction over the whole County Buildings, the Finance Committee direct his attention to Section 2 of the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, which states:-

"Where part only of a building is provided and maintained and used as Courthouse accommodation, and the residue of such building is provided and maintained and used for other purposes, nothing in the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act shall apply to such residue."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER - 1936.

The following report under date 23rd April, 1936, was read from Mr. F. S. Ringwood, V.S., Enniscorthy:-

"The Inspector in my No. 1. area (D. Creane) reported to me that William Fortune, (Farmer) Gurteen, Bunclody, states that two cattle dressed by said Inspector died and that the dressing was the cause of death.

I visited Mr. Fortune's Farm to-day and found one

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yearling said to be off his feed. On examination I found skin tender and hard on back and I removed a scab which had pus under it and sent it to the Laboratory. The owner states that two others of similar age died. I cannot say what they died from, not having seen them, but I gather they were in very poor condition before being dressed. The animal I saw to-day shows no symptoms of poisoning and temperature is normal. Twenty four out of total of thirty four cattle were dressed for warbles by the Inspector on April 2nd, with Richardson's Paragad and I cannot see how it could cause any ill effects."

In the course of the discussion arising out of Mr. Ringwood's report it was stated that cattle that were in poor condition might die as a result of the dressing, from shock but not from poison.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER - 1915

Under date 3rd April, 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E. 1619/36) asking to be supplied with particulars as to the arrangements proposed to be made for the sheep dipping periods of the current year. It was very advisable steps should be taken with a view to eradicating sheep scab, and which could best be achieved on the lines of compulsory dipping under proper supervision. It was hoped that Local Authorities who had not yet adopted measures in this respect would take the matter into consideration, and also that Authorities who had adopted Sheep Dipping Schemes would take steps to ensure their proper enforcement during the forthcoming dipping season.

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

"That the County Secretary prepare forms of weekly report for use of lay sheep dipping Inspectors, which

are to be furnished to County Council Office each week, and which are to set out in detail premises visited by the Inspectors and the number of sheep dipped under supervision. In addition these Inspectors are directed to furnish the usual specified reports to the Veterinary Inspectors. That the latter be requested during the sheep dipping season to pay some surprise visits to premises at which dipping is being carried out and report to the Council any instances[^] which in their opinion Inspectors have not carried out their duties.

That we would again impress upon the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, the necessity for forwarding immediately on receipt, Notices of Intention to Dip to the Inspectors concerned. If any delay be made in the despatch of these forms, the actual dipping will be carried out before they are received by Inspectors."

IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE STREETS.

It was decided to postpone consideration of report of County Surveyor for repair of streets of villages in the County to next meeting of Finance Committee.

The County Surveyor mentioned there were apparently 48 villages in the County Wexford and considerable difficulty would be found in classifying them in order of importance and also in urgency of street repair.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from the Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. (Co. Wexford Branch) as to application to be made to New Ross District Court, for the committal of an illegitimate child, Mary Bridget Walsh, no fixed abode, to an Industrial School. The mother, Josephine Walsh, was a maternity case in the County Home at Enniscorthy. She was homeless and was found wandering with the child in the vicinity of New Ross.

MACHINERY AND QUARRY CHARGES - 1936/37

The following machinery and quarry charges recommended by the County Surveyor were approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

Steam Drill.....	£3: 0:	Od per day
Engine and Granulator (large).....	£3:10:	Od per day
Engine and Granulator (small).....	£2:15:	Od per day
Engine and Stone-breaker.....	£3: 0:	Od per day
Compressor, Drill Plant and Lorry.....	£4: 0:	Od per day
Roller.....	£2: 0:	Od per day
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1: 5:	Od per week
Ballybrennan Plant.....	£4: 0:	Od per week
Concrete Mixer.....	£1:10:	Od per week

FOR MATERIAL - FLAT RATE AS UNDER

Rubble Stone.....	3/6d per cubic yard
Broken Stone.....	6/6d per cubic yard
Chippings screened from Broken Stone.....	6/6d per cubic yard
Granulated Chippings.....	9/6d per cubic yard

The Rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in their specifications."

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT - SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

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

"That, as Miss Kathleen Tobin has carried out her duties as Shorthand-Typist in Wexford County Council Office in a satisfactory manner during her probationary period of six months, we recommend she be permanently appointed to the position."

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th April 1936 be received and considered."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936: Under date 9th May 1936, No. E.1012-36, the Department of Agriculture wrote:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to transmit the accompanying sample of a powder purporting to be Cooper's Warble Fly powder, which was received by this Department from Mr. Ringwood, one of your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors, and which Mr. Ringwood states was given him by Mr. Michael O'Connor, temporary Inspector under the above Order, and I am to state that the Solicitor to the Local Authority should be consulted as to the advisability of having legal proceedings instituted against Mr. Alphonsus Thornton, Market Square, Enniscorthy, who is offering the powder for sale.

It is manifestly desirable that steps should be taken to secure as far as practicable that no spurious or ineffective preparations are allowed to be sold for use under the Order, and a prosecution where the circumstances warrant such action would have a salutary effect in this respect.

It is requested that the matter will have immediate attention and that a report as to the action taken by the Local Authority will be furnished to this Department as soon as possible."

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

"That letter of Department of Agriculture under date 9th May, 1936 (E.1012-36) as to sample of powder used under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for report. That said report be considered by Finance Committee of this Council which is hereby empowered to take any steps in the matter which the circumstances may warrant."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That, provided they agree to carry out the regulations of the Finance Committee (confirmed at this meeting) as to

supply of weekly reports etc. the following be appointed Lay Inspectors under above Order:-

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns; (for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard).

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

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew; (for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgoman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield).

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

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

Mr. James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, for Wexford District.

Remuneration £1 per week for both dipping periods with out-of-pocket expenses of postage."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th April 1936 be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 8th MAY 1936: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of above Committee held on 8th May 1936 were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th May 1936.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3657. 6. 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	95.5
J. Curtis	92.3
J. J. O'Reilly	88.3
P. Carty	88.2
J. Deegan	87.8
M. Kehoe	87.7
D. Kenny	86.7
M. McCarthy	83.0
S. Gannon No. 10	82.8
J. Cummins	82.5
P. Doyle	81.2
J. Flood	80.8
P. Nolan	77.6
S. Gannon No. 6	75.7
A. Dunne	74.7
J. Quirke	69.2
W. Cummins	68.7
J. J. Sinnott	68.4
W. Doyle	66.3
M. Murphy	<u>65.3</u>

79.5

Compared with corresponding week last year the collection was 2.2 per cent behind.

CLOSING OF RATE WARRANTS: Rate Collector Patrick Nolan, Hon. Secretary County Wexford Rate Collectors, wrote asking the Finance Committee to extend the time for the closing of the 1935-36 Rate Warrants from 18th to 31st May 1936 in

order to make (as far as was possible) a successful closing.

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

"That the Council be recommended to accede to the application of County Rate Collectors for an extension of the period to close Rate Collection to 30th May."

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed that as regards items of outstanding rates the Council will insist on Collectors or their sureties lodging such of these as in the opinion of the Council should have been collected.

That special meeting of Finance Committee for close examination of all items of rates claimed to be temporary uncollectable be held on Tuesday, 2nd June at 11 a.m."

SEIZURES FOR RATES: In connection with seizure of stock at the farm of Agnes Murphy, Hollymount, Castlebridge, the following report under date 6th May 1936 was submitted from Rates Inspector:-

"On the 27th April last, Collector Quirke carried out a seizure on the lands of Mrs. Agnes Murphy, Hollymount, Castlebridge, for outstanding poor rate. The Collector had the assistance of seven drovers who were driven to the farm on the morning of the seizure. Two horses were used to round up the cattle.

On the same evening five cattle, one calf, and two horses were driven off the farm and placed in the pound; the cattle in Wexford and the horses in Enniscorthy. One beast had to be destroyed later.

Regarding the sale of the stock, the Collector was instructed to communicate with Mr. J. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council."

Under date 6th May 1936 the following report was submitted from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"With reference to the seizures of Cattle &c., made by James Quirke and Matthew Murphy, I beg to report, that when Quirke and Murphy reported to me that they had made the Seizures, I at once saw Mr. Dwyer, the County Registrar, with a view to ascertaining from him what procedure should be adopted in order to secure a Buyer who would attend the Sale. Mr. Dwyer informed me that he was not in a position to give me any information on the matter, inasmuch as the attendance of the Buyer was arranged through the Garda Authorities.

I then saw the Chief Superintendent on the matter, when he stated, that he saw no reason why a Buyer should not be provided in such cases (but he added that he had no Precedent of a Buyer being provided in cases where Cattle were seized by Collectors under their own Warrant) provided the quantity and quality of the Cattle warranted his attendance.

Having regard to the small Number and poor quality of the Cattle and Sheep seized in the two above cases, I was not in a position to state that the Cattle were valuable, as I knew such was not the case, and this being so, no Buyer attended.

In future cases I am arranging that immediately a Seizure is made the Collector is to notify me, giving full Particulars of the Seizure and full details of the number of Stock seized, and an Estimate of their value if sold on the open Market.

When I have these Particulars I will at once see the Chief Superintendent, and if possible arrange that he should take the matter up with his Department, so that a Buyer may attend."

The following account was submitted from Mr. Quirke (Rate Collector No. 1 District) in respect of this seizure:-

	£.	s.	d.
Motor Car Hire	5.	0.	0
Pound Fees - Wexford	2.	5.	6
do. do. - Enniscorthy	1.	0.	0
Horse float conveying knocked out beast	1.	0.	0
Seven men @ £1 each	7.	0.	0
2 Riding Horses 10/- each	1.	0.	0
Expenses 2 days self	1.	0.	0
1 Suit of Clothes destroyed	<u>4.</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>0</u>
	22.	15.	6
Less amount realised at Sale:- Cows £1; Horses £2.	<u>3.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0</u>
	£19.	15.	6

Under date 7th May 1936 application was received from Mr. M. Murphy, Rate Collector (No. 12 District) for payment of £6. 9. 0 in connection with seizure at the holding of Edward and John Kavanagh, Ballybeg, Screen. The total expenses were £11. 2. 0 made up of Car Hire, Drivers and Pound fees £7. 2. 0 and personal expenses (unvouched) £4. The three lambs and six cattle seized realised £4. 13. 0 so that the amount due to him, Mr. Murphy claimed, was £6. 9. 0.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded resolution that the expenses claimed by the Collectors in respect of seizures be paid in full.

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

"That expenses of Collectors Quirke and Murphy relative to seizures for Rates be recommended for payment less any claim for personal expenses and for clothes."

After consideration it was agreed that personal expenses of £1 claimed by Collector Quirke and £4 claimed by M. Murphy be deleted.

Mr. Kelly then proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the

following which was agreed to on a show of hands of 4 in favour and 3 against (other motions having been withdrawn):-

"That the claim of Collector Quirke for refund of £14. 5. 6 and £3 for replacement of suit of clothes be agreed to.

That a sum of £2. 9. 0 be paid to M. Murphy, Rate Collector, to cover expenses in connection with seizure for rates of live stock at the holding of Edward and John Kavanagh, Bellybeg, Screen."

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

"That as regards refund of expenses incurred by Rate Collectors when making seizures under their warrants in future the County Council be recommended not to accept liability for hire of motor cars and confine recoupment to pound and sale fees with reasonable expenses for necessary drovers of stock."

Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector, No. 13 District, wrote that he obtained a decree against Andrew Whelan, Custodium (E.D.Limerick) for one year's Rate then due, on 24th May 1935 amount £2. 18. 4. Warrant for this was sent to Sheriff plus £1. 10. 0 costs on 13th June 1935. Sheriff's officers seized three cows, one mare, tackling and cart on 21st March 1936. It appeared another seizure on foot of a second decree obtained by John Walsh, Blacksmith, Annagh, was made at the same time. Copy of letter with original notice of sale received by Mr. Reilly's Solicitors as enclosed and forwarded to him on 22nd April 1936. He (Mr. O'Reilly) did not attend the Sale as he did not consider it part of his duty to "bid or buy" at a Sheriff's sale. Had he not received the notice he would have attended. He understood no person made any offer for stock or effects and same were handed back to Whelan, the defendant. He had no communication in connection with the matter since.

Under date 22nd April 1936 the County Registrar wrote Mr. O'Reilly enclosing the notice of sale and stating it was absolutely necessary to have some person on behalf of Plaintiff to bid or buy, otherwise the sale would prove abortive, and the animals etc. seized would have to be handed back to the defendant and the Notice concluded "I must look to you for expenses".

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

"That copy of Sale Notice relative to seizure of stock at the holding of Andrew Whelan, Custodium (E.D. Limerick) be furnished to the Department of Justice by the County Council Solicitor for their observations particularly as regards demand for payment of expenses by the Rate Collector.

That Mr. O'Reilly, Rate Collector, be asked to state what items were covered by the £1. 10. 0 costs referred to in his letter.

OVERHOLDING BY RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 23rd April 1936 Joseph Whelan, Holmstown, Barntown, wrote that his wife had paid the second moiety (£7. 5. 6) of last year's rate to Collector Quirke on 4th April and up to date had not obtained a receipt.

The Secretary stated he had called the attention of Mr. Quirke to the matter and the latter wrote under date 28th April 1936 admitting having received the amount in question. He stated he was sick when he was directed to have his books checked and had to get them written up by another Collector. It was in this way the amount was overlooked but it was being lodged that day (28th April 1936).

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

"That Collector Quirke be informed he must in future adhere strictly to the Article of Public Bodies Order as to lodging all items of Poor Rate within 48 hours of receipt."

COMPLAINT AGAINST MATTHEW MURPHY RATE COLLECTOR: Mr.

Patrick Breen, Ballyvaloo, Blackwater, wrote under date 27th April 1936 that on 19th February last he had received a letter from Solicitor to Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, asking for payment of Rates by the following Tuesday with 3/6 costs. The Collector only called to him once - on the 1st October - and he (Breen) held he had seven weeks after that - up to 31st March - to pay and be within the time. The Collector, however, never called on him in the meantime, though the man next door to him, Breen contended had not paid his rates and was not called on by the Collector from 1st October to 13th April but he did not receive a Solicitor's letter. Breen considered his treatment arose through spite. He asked the County Council to inquire into the matter as he considered it most unjust he should have to pay Solicitor's costs as he had always paid his rates within the proper period.

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee letter under date 3rd March 1936 was read from John Sheil, Ballyhubbock, Kilmuckridge, stating that he had always punctually paid his rates and that the Collector (Matthew Murphy) had called on him only once since his appointment. He generally met the Collector in Blackwater fair or left the money at Mrs. Stamp's shop. On this occasion the money was left at Stamp's on 24th December 1935 and remained there until 13th January 1936 when he received a Civil Bill for the amount due to 31st March last. He (Sheil) then went to Blackwater and found that the money had not been taken up by the Collector. The assistant in Stamp's told him that Murphy had called on several occasions but declined to take the money as he said he had not his books with him. He saw Murphy on the 14th January and he refused to take the money and referred him to his (Murphy's) Solicitor, who informed Sheil his instructions were to take proceedings for the Rates due

to the 31st March. What he (Sheil) complained of was that Murphy should have informed him that he did not take up the money and not leave it hanging over for three weeks and then to take proceedings. He (Sheil) was not prepared to pay almost £2 in costs.

Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector - who was present at the meeting - said that the statements in Sheil's letter were false. He served in this case a six day notice in October and his Solicitor wrote in November. When no payment was made he directed his Solicitor in December to take proceedings. The money for the Rates was not left in Stamp's until after the Summons for the amount had been served. Sheil was not the only ratepayer in his district against whom he had taken legal proceedings.

It was decided that Mr. Murphy supply all relevant dates in this case, viz., when he called on the ratepayer for the rates, when he served six day notice, when his solicitor wrote for payment, when summons was issued and when the money was left at Stamp's. Also the number of ratepayers who owed current rate only and against whom he had taken proceedings for recovery of the amounts due.

In connection with the complaint of Breen, Mr. Murphy said that he served demand note in this case by hand, and had called a second time for the rates. He subsequently served a six day notice as Breen had not paid in the meantime. After this Breen wrote asking for time until March to pay and this request was acceded to.

It was decided to point out to Breen it was not correct to assume he could delay payment of rates to the 31st March in any year.

COLLECTOR JOHN DEEGAN (DISTRICT NO. 7): Under date 7th May 1936 the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your communication of the 22nd ultimo, and to state that as already intimated, he is not prepared to vary his decision that the position of Rate Collector for District No. 7 is to be filled after public advertisement.

It is to be clearly understood that if the Council decide to hold a qualifying examination in connection with the making of the appointment no candidate for the post will be exempted, and the appointment of any person who fails to qualify at the examination, if held, will not be sanctioned. It is for the Council to decide whether the examination is to be dispensed with, having regard to the terms of their previous resolution in this connection.

I am to request that a draft of the advertisement proposed to be issued be forwarded for the Minister's approval. I am, at the same time, to intimate that the Minister will not be prepared to renew sanction to Collector Deegan's appointment in a temporary capacity, and in the circumstances proposals in accordance with the foregoing should be submitted without delay, so that a permanent Collector will be in office when the 1936-37 warrants are ready for issue."

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

"We recommend the County Council to agree to furnish draft advertisement for appointment of Rate Collector for No. 7 District to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval and that also no examination in respect of this appointment be held. Poundage fees to be at rate of 7d in the £ as in the case of the existing Collectors who close their Warrants satisfactorily."

RATES DUE BY WHELAN'S BALLYORLEY: In reply to statement by Mrs. Whelan, Ballyorley, that demand notes for rates had not been served on her or her son since 1931, Mr. J. Cummins, Rate Collector, wrote that demand notes had been served on 28th September 1932, 14th July 1933, 1st October 1934 and 17th August 1935. Mr. Cummins pointed out that Mrs. Whelan was the first ratepayer against whom he had to issue a process and the first one to state she had not received demand notes for her rates. He did not see the necessity of calling to the place until the Sheriff had executed the decree. His Solicitor informed him that he had written several times for a return as regards the decree. He (Mr. Cummins)

called twice on Mrs. Whelan in 1936 and served six day notice. When he obtained a return from the Sheriff he would proceed in court for the balance of rates outstanding.

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

"That we regard the explanation of Mr. J. Cummins, Rate Collector, as regards collection of rates of Mrs. Whelan, Ballyorley, as satisfactory."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

It was decided that of the £527 standing to the credit of Wexford district (as no applicants from this district were available) that £263 should be transferred to Enniscorthy District and £264 to Gorey District.

The meeting then adopted allocations as follows:-

Enniscorthy District - available £264.

Applications had been received from the following who had originally applied but whose applications had not been successful:-

Denis Redmond, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy.	£180
James Oakes, Ballynure, Marshalstown.	£100
Thomas Ormonde, Jamestown, Templescoby.	£150
Mark Redmond, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien.	£160
Thomas Stoneham, Ballyelan, Davidstown.	£110
John Keating, Ballinavocran, Buncloody.	£75

At last meeting of the Finance Committee application for loan of £140 had been received from Laurence O'Grady, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy, who was strongly recommended by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Sweetman, County Councillors, as a suitable applicant, had been adjourned to present meeting.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to advance loan of £140 to Laurence O'Grady, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy, under small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to advance to Thomas Stoneham, Ballyeland, Davidstown, and John Keating, Ballinavocran, Bunclody, loans of £110 and £75 respectively under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Gorey District - Amount available £123 and £263 (transferred from Wexford District). Total £386. From this is to be deducted £250 agreed to at last meeting of the Finance Committee to be advanced to Mrs. Mary J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch, leaving an unapplied balance of £136. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the County Council be recommended to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £100 to Dominic Cosgrave, Cahore, Clonevan, Gorey."

New Ross District - Available £595.

The following recommendation was proposed by Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan and passed:-

"We recommend the County Council to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £100 to Anne Murphy, Dungulph, Fethard-on-Sea and of £205 to William Colfer, Coolboy, Foulksmills."

This left a balance of £290.

Mr. Colfer was asked to ascertain definitely from Patrick Barden, Battlestown, Ramsgrange, who applied for loan of £180 if he intends proceeding with the erection of house.

Wexford District - The amount standing to the credit of this district £527 was transferred to Enniscorthy and Gorey, the former receiving £263 and the latter £264.

Under date 7th May 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.92376-36 Loch Garman) stating that the proposal to advance £95 under Small Dwellings

Acquisition Acts to Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown, had been sanctioned in lieu of the advance of £75 sanctioned in letter of Department (H.70039-36).

The County Solicitor (Mr. Elgee) submitted letter from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Joseph F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, asking for consent of the County Council to the transfer of a second house and half of the plot on which both houses were erected to Mrs. Fitzmartin and which he could not do so long as the entire plot was subject to the County Council Mortgage.

The Secretary stated that a similar application was before the meeting of the Finance Committee on 6th December last when the following resolution - subsequently confirmed by the County Council - was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to refuse application of James F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour for transfer to Mrs. Fitzmartin of portion of plot of ground, the subject of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Report was received from Mr. Corish that he had interviewed the Postmaster at Wexford, who informed him that he had no power to make any reduction in the stipulated charges for installation of central telephone exchange in the County Buildings. The difference between the cost of independent telephones to each office and central exchange was £1 in favour of the latter.

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

"That in view of the time which would be saved to typists in County Offices and Board of Health Offices by the adoption of a Central Telephone Exchange we recommend the County Council to approve of its establishment. That Miss Mollie Moran, Quay, Wexford, temporary Clerical Assistant in

County Board of Health Offices be nominated to the office of Telephone Attendant for six months for sanction by the County Council, remuneration 25/- per week rising by 5/- per week per annum to 35/- per week. That one moiety of this expenditure be paid by the County Council and the second by the County Board of Health."

PAYMENTS TO LOCAL LOANS FUND

Under date 4th May 1936, the Office of Public Works wrote calling attention to the fact that penal Interest would be charged on all loans out of above fund unless the instalments were paid within 31 days after 1st May in each year.

The Secretary stated that all instalments of Wexford County Council were paid within the specified period.

SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 7th May 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.95246/36 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 (Twenty Thousand Pounds) on the accounts of the Wexford County Council up to 31st May 1936, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

GROUND RENT COUNTY BUILDINGS

Under date 1st May 1936 the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that in connection with the application of the County Council for loan of £4151 to enable them to purchase the annual ground rent of £207. 11. 6d for County Buildings it was observed that the Council suggested the loan should run for a period of 35 years, but under the decision of the Banks Standing Committee the maximum limit over which Loans of this nature could be granted was 15 years.

The Secretary said that provided loan could be obtained at 4% for 15 years the amount repayable for loan would be:-

	£.
For Instalment Loan	5479
and for Annuity Loan	<u>5610</u>
leaving in favour of the former	131

but, of course, the Council, under the instalment basis, would pay back each year a larger amount of the principal.

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

"That the Treasurer of the County Council be requested to state if his Directors are prepared to advance to the Council the sum of £4151 by way of loan to purchase ground rent attaching to the County Buildings, loan to be advanced at 4% and period of repayment 15 years. Should a favourable reply be received notice of motion to obtain said loan be considered at County Council meeting in August next."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 29th April 1936 Miss Johanna Cooney, 23 Larkfield Park, Kimmage, Dublin, applied for an extension of her University Scholarship to enable her to secure the Higher Diploma Degree in Education.

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

"That the application of Miss Johanna Cooney for extension of her University Scholarship be recommended to the County Council for favourable consideration provided she furnishes evidence of having secured the degree of B.A."

Medical certificate was submitted from Dr. P. A. Doyle, Bridgetown, that Anthony O'Rahilly Hassett, University Scholarship Holder was seriously ill at Rathronan, Bridgetown, with Gastritis and was unfit to resume his studies at the University for the present.

CLAIM FOR LOSS OF MARE

Under date 4th May 1936, Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that on 23rd March last

their client, Peter Sinnott, Killelan, Screen, had furnished to County Surveyor claim in respect of the loss of a valuable brood mare owing to an accident on 14th March arising out of the alleged wrongful and negligent acts of the servants or agents of the County Council. The claim which was made to the County Surveyor in writing on 23rd March last, was accompanied by a Certificate from Mr. Staples, V.S. Up to the present their client had not heard anything further of the matter.

The Secretary reported that the County Surveyor had been in correspondence with the Insurance Company in the matter.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May 1936 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

SEIZURES FOR RATES: The following was moved by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Bowe:-

"That the County Council decline to allow any amount of recoupment to Collector Quirke (District No. 1.) for clothes destroyed in making seizure for Rates at the premises of Agnes Murphy, Hollymount, Castlebridge"

On a show of hands 7 voted in favour of this proposal and 11 against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

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

" That the recommendation of the Finance Committee in respect of allowance of expenses to Rate Collectors be approved and that as regards the allowance to Collector Quirke for replacement of suit of clothes destroyed, this must be regarded as exceptional and in no way establishing a precedent for the payment of similar claims in the future."

Passed.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May 1936, be and are hereby adopted."

PROPOSED TAGHMON DISPENSARY RESIDENCE

The following motion which stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan was circulated to members of the Council on 1st April:-

"That the Council consents to the borrowing by County

Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2000 (Two Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of defraying the expenses of providing a Dispensary and Residence at Taghmon."

Miss O'Ryan in moving her motion said that a dispensary and residence at Taghmon was badly needed. The site had been procured.

Mr. Corish seconded and the motion was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting. He said if the estimate for the new building was £1600 this was the amount which should be borrowed.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following list of applicants for Scholarships under above Scheme was submitted for the purpose of determining their eligibility to compete for award of Scholarships:-

Bolger John A., Victoria Place, New Ross.
(Father Auctioneer deceased).

Breen James, 24 McCurtain Street, Gorey.
(Carpenter).

Brewer William, Irishtown, New Ross.
(Carpenter).

Corish Brendan, 1 St. Ibar's Villas, Wexford.
(Father T.D.).

Doyle Patrick, Custom House Quay, Wexford.
(Publican).

Doyle Patrick Robert, Pavilion, Rosslare Strand.
(Fruiterer).

Egan Johanna, Fethard-on-Sea, Co. Wexford.
(Ex-Sergeant R.I.C.).

Flynn John, Ballymaclare, Campile.
(Farmer).

Forde Charles, 2 Slaney Street, Wexford.
(Railway Inspector).

Forde James A., Delta Cottage, Gorey.
(No occupation stated).

French John, 28 Main Street, Gorey.
(Merchant).

Hanlon, William Joseph, 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy.
(Postman).

Hickey Anne, Westgate, Wexford.
(C.E.O. Town of Wexford Vocational Education Cttee).

Hughes Margaret, Irish Street Hill, Buncloody.
(Gardener).

Kehoe John Patrick, Creacon, New Ross.
(Farmer).

Kelly Johanna M., 53 South Main Street, Wexford.
(Father - Clerk. Mother - N.T.).

Kelly Mary Elizabeth, Ballymorris, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy.
(Farmers).

Meyler James J., Blackhall, Glynn.
(Farmers).

Murphy Michael, Cushinstown, New Ross.
(National Teacher).

Murphy Philip M., Knockreigh, Adamstown.
(Farmers).

O'Donnell Bridget, Duncannon, Co. Wexford.
(Retired Lightkeeper).

O'Flaherty James, Hill Street, Wexford.
(Moulder).

O'Grady Nicholas, 16 Carrigeen Street, Wexford.
(Tailor).

O'Rourke Laurence, Brownstown, Newbawn, Co. Wexford.
(Father - Farmer. Mother - N.T.).

Rossiter Edmond Patrick, Broadway, Co. Wexford.
(Railway Worker).

Ryan John, 16 Quay, New Ross.
(Business).

Whitmore Patrick, Bishopswater, Wexford.
(Casing Curer).

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that in connection with award of these scholarships discussion occurred at each annual meeting at which eligibility of candidates was considered as to the best means of ascertaining whether the parents or guardians of applicants were in need of assistance to provide University education. A number of people had formed the opinion that the Council did not give the same opportunity to persons in receipt of incomes as to farmers or other persons holding property. Of course, the wish of the Council was to be as fair as possible to all classes of ratepayers and if they could arrive at a certain level of income they might be able to have a basis for calculation which would be suitable. There was also an idea that chil-

dren of teachers should not be allowed to compete for these University Scholarships, but the Council had never arrived at such a conclusion. If they could fix a maximum taxable income, people with a large number of children would not be hit so hard as by any other basis of valuation. As she believed an amount up to £300 taxable income would be perfectly fair she moved a resolution to this effect.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

Col. Quin held that a person with £300 of an income would scarcely be called poor. He believed £200 would be much nearer the mark. He proposed an amendment to this effect.

Mr. Kinsella seconded the motion which, however, was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that in the past the Council had at one period decided eligibility on the question of valuation, but it was found that a man with a high valuation who had to employ a considerable amount of labour was worse off than a man with a much smaller valuation, who was assisted in working his holding by sons or other relatives. Recently, the Council had as regards University Scholarships considered each application on its merits. Of course, regarding Secondary and Vocational Scholarships they had valuation and income bases which were included in the scheme by directions of the Department of Education. He thought the amount in Miss O'Ryan's proposition too high.

Miss O'Ryan said she was quite prepared to alter her figures and had submitted it really for the purpose of discussion and to enable the Council to arrive at what would be generally considered fair.

Mr. Bowe believed that a taxable income of £200 was too high, as a man with three children under this, could have an income of £550.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the gross income should not exceed £500 but this proposal was not seconded.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the list should be accepted as it stood.

Mr. Redmond seconded.

On a show of hands this was supported by two members only.

The Chairman suggested they should agree to Mr. McCarthy's proposal.

After further discussion Mr. McCarthy proposed that as regards list of University Scholarship applicants for award of scholarships submitted to this meeting, this Council considers that applicants whose parents or guardians are in receipt of taxable income in excess of £200 should be declared ineligible for award of such scholarships.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Bowe proposed that the figure for taxable income should be fixed at £150.

Col. Quin seconded.

On a show of hands, this received two votes only and was declared lost.

Mr. McCarthy's motion was then put and declared passed.

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

"That, in future, applicants for University Scholarships whose parents or guardians are in receipt of taxable income in excess of £200 be regarded as ineligible for award of such Scholarships."

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer that meeting of Scholarship Committee to consider Scholarship Schemes for 1937 be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Saturday, 16th May 1936 at 11 o'clock a.m.

POULDUFF PIER

Under date 28th April 1936 the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) wrote (W.5/6/35) that as regards

the proposed contribution of County Council of £750 towards £3000 the cost of extending Poulduff Pier, the Minister would in present conditions have much difficulty in justifying a proposal to provide the balance, £2250 from State Funds. If the Council were prepared to offer one-half of the cost, viz., £1,500, the Minister would have the matter afforded further consideration.

The Chairman said he had recently called to the Fisheries Department and was asked if there was really a good case for the extension of the pier. He (Chairman) gave particulars of the number of boats and families dependant on the place. He was informed that the Government, in view of the amount involved had never given a grant of three fourths to any similar work. If, however, the people of the County considered it justified they might be prepared to put up 50% of the cost. Even, in that event, the Government were not prepared to give a guarantee they would contribute half the cost but the statement that should the County Council put up the 50% the decision of the Government to give the proposal further consideration was a step in the right direction. Of course, if the Council did not think the circumstances did not justify the cost which was a big item for one work they should not agree to its provision.

Mr. Smyth was in favour of the County Council providing half the cost of the proposed work to a maximum of £1500. The number of boats at Poulduff had increased and as had been explained at previous meetings unless the pier was extended boats could not lie alongside, and there would accordingly be considerable loss of time to the fishermen and the danger of injury to their boats. If the extension was carried out he believed that there would be an increase in the number of boats at the place and an all-round development of the fishing industry.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following:-

"That the Wexford County Council provide £1500 towards the cost of improving Poulduff Pier on condition that a similar amount be provided by State Grant."

Mr. Cummins in seconding said that years ago a proposal had been put before the Council to borrow £100,000 for the development of all their fishery piers. If this proposal had been adopted they would now have a flourishing industry instead of having the best of their fish looted by foreign trawlers.

Col. Gibbon said as they had decided upon their expenditure for the year he could not see where the proposed amount to be given by the County Council was to be procured. It would resolve itself into a question of borrowing. He was not in favour of expending such a large sum on this particular pier. The Harbours of Courtown, Kilmore, Fethard and Slade required improvement, Fethard being completely silted up and he believed the Council would secure better results by spending the money on these places rather than at Poulduff.

Mr. Keegan supported the motion. The money which provided a livelihood for the people was well spent. In addition an extension of Cahore pier would help the farmers who could import coal and other supplies.

Col. Quin also supported the motion. The men at Cahore were a fine type and he was sure if helped by the Council they would develop their industry.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said the estimated amount of £3000 for repair of the pier had been made out by him.

The motion was then put and passed.

CUTTING AT TACUMSHANE LAKE

Under date 9th May 1936 the following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"As arranged by the County Council, the Chairman, Mr. Corish and the County Surveyor attended in Dublin at the Office of Public Works on the 17th April last. Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer, interviewed the deputation and discussed both Tacumshane Minor Relief Scheme and Courtown Harbour Dredging. The advisability of making a further grant to complete Tacumshane job was fully discussed, and Mr. Candy sought to have more complete evidence that the further work proposed would be of a permanent nature. As the work is very much dependant on weather conditions the County Surveyor was not able to give a definite undertaking in the matter, and it was finally arranged that Mr. Candy would visit the site later, probably at the end of May or early in June and go fully into details on the spot. The deputation understood that if there is any reasonable prospect of making a satisfactory job it is probable further funds may be made available."

Mr. Culleton said that the men engaged in cutting the sand bank appeared to be under the impression that when the matter was discussed at the Council meeting a statement had been made that they had interfered with the work to prevent it being effective. What had been mentioned at the meeting was that there was a rumour that a considerable time ago the sluices had been interfered with but this had nothing whatever to say to the recent work and as a matter of fact no evidence of the truth of the rumour was ever forthcoming.

The County Surveyor said that though labouring under great hardships the men who had been engaged at the "cut" carried out their work well.

Col. Gibbon said that he had visited the place on several occasions and considering the disabilities under which the men laboured and the distances which they had to travel to work they had behaved excellently.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer to Office of Public Works in connection with further work of cutting Tacumshane Lake, and that he represent to this Department the necessity for providing a further State Grant in order to obviate flooding of the adjoining lands. Were it not for the storms which unfortunately came when the previous work was completed, the cutting would have been maintained. In the circumstances, the Council appealed to the Minister to provide the necessary State Grant to complete the work."

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

The County Surveyor reported that as arranged by County Council, the Chairman, Mr. Corish and the County Surveyor attended at the Office of Public Works on the 17th April, 1936.

Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer, interviewed the deputation as to Courtown Harbour.

In regard to the dredging, Mr. Candy stated that the method of clearing the harbour by over-head cable into which they had inquired had been abandoned as not being feasible, and at the present time the Office of Works were trying out a new system at Dun Laoghaire, and in the event of its being successful they would communicate with the Council regarding Courtown. It was suggested that if the rails on the Pier were extended round the basin it would be possible for crane and grab to dredge adjoining the Quay wall. This matter will be taken up later.

Mr. Keegan said it appeared that they were as far as ever from dredging being carried out at Courtown Harbour basin. This project was first mooted two years ago and after correspondence running on for ~~two~~ months they were informed the Office of Public Works was trying out a new dredging apparatus on the Shannon. Now it appeared this

particular apparatus was a failure and it looked as if the Council were to receive no help from the Board of Works until a new gadget was tried out, and which might possibly also be unsuccessful. He approved of the extension of the rails as it might possibly give another berth at the Pier.

The County Surveyor said it would cost about £120 to extend the rails.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. Candy, Chief Engineer, Office of Public Works, relative to dredging Courtown Harbour Basin and also that tramway rails at Courtown Harbour Pier be extended. That Office of Public Works be requested to provide from the proposed State Grant for the improvement of this Harbour a sum of £120 which will be required for this extension."

COURTOWN HARBOUR BOATHOUSE

The Secretary reported that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, had taken over from Mr. McGowan, Representative of the Office of Public Works, on 1st May 1936, the old Coastguard boathouse.

ROSSLARE ROAD WIDENING

The following report was submitted by County Surveyor:-

"By appointment the Committee met Mr. McCarthy, Engineer Rosslare Sewerage Scheme, in Rosslare on 23rd April, 1936. The Committee walked the length of roadway it is proposed to widen, and examined in detail the plans for the new sewer pipe line.

There were present representing the County Council and Health Board, Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, T.D. Sinnott, Secretary, Health Board, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor and the County Surveyor, and representing other interests Mr. McCarthy, Engineer for the Scheme, Mr. Jackson, Resident Engineer and the Contractor's representative.

Having gone fully into the matter it was eventually decided that the line of the new boundary fence should be at twelve feet from the existing edge of the concrete road surface, and that the pipe line should be under proposed foot-path between this new fence and the concrete road surface.

The Committee inspected the timber shed erected by Mr. McGurk, and decided that it should be put back behind line of the more permanent structure facing the road to the Coastguard Station."

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

"That report of County Surveyor re widening of Rosslare Road be approved and that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, take any steps which he may consider advisable to have shed of Mr. J. McGurk at Rosslare Strand set back the proper distance from the road."

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

Under date 15th April, 1936, the Electricity Supply Board, 60/62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, wrote A.220/1/1(a) S.2 notifying the County Council of their intention to lay a high tension underground cable at Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor stated that the cable had been laid down to his satisfaction.

CARPET FOR COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Dun Emer Guild Ltd., Hardwicke Street, Dublin, stating that the carpet for County Council Chamber would be finished in about two weeks. The donor wished to have it shown at the Guild premises for a few days, and after that, it would be forwarded to the County Council.

RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

Under date 23rd April 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RG.32) that the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a Grant from Road fund of 50% of the cost of a scheme for the reconstruction of the Roads from Killinick to Carne and from Horeswood to Campile, subject to a maximum grant of £4,000 had been received.

The Scheme had been approved the Grant being subject

to the conditions governing the recruitment of labour as set out in the Department's circular letter (SGA/202) of 22nd November 1935. A communication regarding the application for sanction to raise a loan of £4000 to carry out the scheme would be forwarded the County Council in due course. A resolution was read from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann asking the Council to proceed with the reconstruction of the Killinick-Carne Road as speedily as possible.

It was decided to inform this Cumann that the Council were doing everything possible to have the work started at an early date.

COMPLAINT OF FETHARD ROADS

Under date 2nd May 1936, Mr. M. J. Fortune, Hon. Sec., Slade Fianna Fail Club, wrote stating that it was over 12 months since a deputation from the district were before the County Council complaining of the condition of the roads in Fethard and district. Instead of improvement they had become worse and the ratepayers more discontented as they could see nothing done for the outlay.

In his own immediate district - Slade - it looked as if they would lose their road altogether and he asked that a Committee of the Council should examine it.

There was great discontent regarding road work at Fethard as men were imported from neighbouring parishes and men living alongside the road had been refused work though some of them were in dire straits having received notices to leave their cottages. One would think such people would receive preference when the Council were doing work in their own area.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote under date 7th May 1936 that he called to see Mr. Fortune to ascertain from him the roads of which he complained, but he was from home. He (Mr. O'Neill) agreed there had not been any improvement in the roads of the district for the past year and with the

money available there was no hope of improving them in the present year. The men engaged at Fethard road were recruited through the Labour Exchange except the man in charge and one other. He considered it essential that at least two men in a gang should have some knowledge and experience of road work.

Mr. Colfer said the regulations of the Department compelling the Council to take men from the Unemployment Exchange were entirely too drastic. He was of opinion that the work should be given to the unemployed men in the district.

Mr. Culleton concurred.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Labour Exchange arranged men by Electoral Areas and not by parishes, which might be a foundation for some of the complaints which they had heard.

The Chairman believed that with the exception of a number of keymen, agricultural labourers were capable of doing road work - certainly 99% of them. He was of opinion there should be instructions from the Council that Surveyors, before employing men on any grant job, should inspect lists supplied by the Labour Exchange and where eligible give preference to men of the immediate district.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, believed that if too definite an order were made in the matter it would probably bring them up against Government regulations. At present they had very little discretion.

Mr. Corish stated that under present regulations in regard to grant work, the names of men in receipt of the greatest amount of Unemployment Assistance were submitted. That would debar men who were off the exchange recently. The men to whom Mr. Colfer had referred might be in that category.

Mr. Ennis said they were supposed to be given the list in the order of the amount of money the men were getting per week.

The County Surveyor said if they failed to employ men from the list in the order given, they would have to furnish very satisfactory reasons.

The Chairman said the Surveyors were now in possession of the opinion of the Council in the matter and they should not bring in men from another parish to one in which eligible men were registered. If they took that line now the Council would give them every support.

Mr. Colfer held that the regulations should be amended and that a list of names (where men were available) should be given from a three mile radius. He knew of certain jobs where men came from 10 to 12 miles away.

The Chairman said, generally speaking, they had very few complaints although he should say they had some from the Slade district.

Mr. Colfer said there was a large number of unemployed persons there.

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

"That as regards employment of men on grant work we believe the present regulations should be amended and where sufficient unemployed are to be found within a circumscribed radius, say three miles, they should get preference over those residing outside said radius."

IMPROVEMENT VILLAGE STREETS

Letter from Mr. Ronan - adjourned from last County Council meeting as to above was read.

Mr. Ronan, dealing with the matter said the Kilmuckridge street was the one which needed improvement most as it was not better than a ploughed field. Then the streets of Ferns and Bunclody also required renovation.

Mr. Corish supported Mr. Ronan. The street of Kilmuckridge was absolutely impassible particularly in a wet season.

Mr. Keegan referred to improvement of Courtown and Riverchapel.

The County Surveyor said there were 48 villages in the county and his estimate for the improvement of their streets was £24,760. Of course, some were far more important than others. He admitted that Kilmuckridge was certainly in a bad way. They might possibly approach the Government with a view to securing even some portion of the necessary funds for the improvement of Kilmuckridge and some of the other most important villages.

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

"That the question of improvement of Village Streets be again referred to the Finance Committee with a view to submitting particulars of eight villages, the streets of which urgently need improvement."

ROAD MATTERS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the following matters be referred to Finance Committee for consideration at their next meeting and that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, attend in connection with same:-

- (1) Complaint re Kiltrea Quarry.
- (2) Patrick Clear and complaint re haulage.
- (3) Complaint re Workmen (Road No. 50).

WEXFORD - CURRACLOE ROAD

Mr. Kinsella said that a mile and half of above road from Fahy's Cross was in very bad condition and needed attention.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said he wanted to "hold" the portion of the road that had been resurfaced as it would have to be sprayed. This would account for most of the money set aside for improvement. On the really bad section they could only fill the potholes.

SLIPPERY ROADS

Mr. Ronan raised the question of the slipperiness of road Moyeady to Bunclody and Coolattin Bridge to Bunclody.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that the matter would be dealt with as soon as possible and so far as funds would allow.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEME

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that the following applications be selected for favourable consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money for same was available:-

- Ballywilliam Lane (Tara Hill).
- Newtown (Bannow) Lane.
- Clone, Castletown, Inch Road.
- Bunclody Streets.
- Ballydonfin Lane.
- Pathway at Dranagh (Courtnacuddy).
- Roadway Drinagh (Broadway).
- Cleaning river - Coolnagree and Galbally.
- Ballingarry Lane.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE RATES

Under date 8th May, 1936, Mr. N. J. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Kilmannock Drainage Committee, wrote that as regards payment of this drainage rate, the system at the present time was useless, being completely nullified by the salt water coming through the foundation of the Causeway roads, and the flooded lands at Fisherstown, so that at every spring tide, the drain is absolutely full and might as well

have never been cleaned up. As he had explained to the Council on a former occasion the whole scheme was a huge piece of administrative bungling, as the people concerned had been told by the Engineer in charge, that the work was being done under a Grant to relieve unemployment. There was enough money squandered as not only to have cleaned up the main drains, but all the subsidiary drains as well. He further pointed out that the ordinary county rate on the drained lands was higher than the combined rate and annuities on the surrounding estates, and he did not see how some of the owners could possibly pay what was really an unjust imposition. He asked the Council to press the Government for a substantial modification of the original Drainage Charge.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the communication from Mr. Murphy be referred to the Finance Committee for report.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Michael Breslin, 82 Main Street, Gorey, and that renewals of licences issue to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea and N. Tackaberry, Cash Stores, Buncclody.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That proposals for payment as submitted to this meeting and including payments to Road Contractors, as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22, be and are hereby agreed to, and Paying Orders for same be issued."

PIGS MARKETING BOARD

Representations were received from the Irish Pig Dealers Association, Prosperity Chambers, 5, 6 & 7 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, pointing out that the proposal before the Pigs Marketing Board would place that body in control of the entire pig supplies of the Saorstát with the object of eliminating markets and fairs at which live pigs were sold. Such a scheme would have a disastrous effect on all towns where markets have been held for generations. A letter published in the "Cork Examiner" by Mr. William McElligott, Chairman of the Listowel Traders' Protection Association, and a resolution adopted by this body were also submitted.

The Chairman mentioned that this matter had been considered at great length by the Committee of Agriculture and rejected. He proposed that the communication be marked "read".

Mr. Redmond seconded and the resolution was adopted.

THE LATE SIR ROGER CASEMENT

A resolution from the National Graves Association asking the English Government to allow the remains of the late Roger Casement to be restored to his native land, where he wished to find a final resting place, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Ronan.

R. Casement