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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 8th MAY, 1939

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of above County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th May, 1939.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £269. 10. 0 (ordinary salaries etc.); £825 (Transfer to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee loan Enniscorthy School); £31,395. 8. 2d Ordinary payments including payments to Road Contractors and Transfers to Public Bodies.

#### THE LATE BROTHER FORAN

In connection with resolution of sympathy of County Council in the death of Rev. Brother Foran, Christian Brothers, Wexford, it was decided on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond, that the following acknowledgment from Rev. Brother Dooley, Superior, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"The Superior and Community are most grateful to the Members of the Wexford County Council for their kind words of sympathy conveyed to them by your letter of the 27th instant.

They also appreciate the tribute paid to him as an 'Educationist and as being a most worthy member of the Great Order which has done so much for Ireland'! Your own personal remarks have also given them much pleasure, all which shall be conveyed, as requested, to the late revered Brother Foran's friends."

DEATH OF MR. FRANK P. WALSH, NEW YORK

The following resolution was moved by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the Wexford County Council offer to the family of the late Frank P. Walsh, New York, a sterling friend of Ireland, their sincere sympathy in his demise."

Mr. Walsh, in the War for Irish independence, Miss O'Ryan said, exposed outrages and atrocities committed against the Irish people and the Wexford County Council should place on their Minutes their deep regret in his death.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said he had the honour and privilege of meeting Mr. Walsh during the troubled times, and it was generally admitted that by his death Ireland had been deprived of one of her best friends in the United States.

Mr. T. Redmond also expressed his regret at the death of Mr. Walsh.

The motion was then put and passed in the usual way.

DEATH OF MISS ROSSITER, NEW BAWN

On the motion of Mr. M. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Smyth, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. T. J. Meyler (nephew) and Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor (nephew-in-law) in the death of Miss Rossiter, Newbawn.

The Secretary expressed his regret and endorsement of the resolution.

DEATH OF MRS. BYRNE, CAMOLIN

A vote of condolence on the death of his wife, was adopted to Mr. Patrick Byrne, Camolin, ex-County Councillor,

on the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Corish.

The Secretary expressed his sympathy with Mr. Byrne.

THE LATE MR. AND MISS DEEGAN

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. John Deegan, Rate Collector, in the death of his father, and in that of Miss Deegan, his sister.

In moving her motion, Miss O'Ryan said that Mr. Deegan's father was highly respected in his district as a good friend and neighbour and Miss Mary Deegan played a noble part in the Irish War for independence.

Mr. O'Byrne, in seconding, said he knew the Deegan family for a number of years for their intense National outlook and, as Miss O'Ryan had said, Miss Deegan rendered valuable aid in the struggle of Ireland for independence.

The vote, which was supported by Mr. Corish and spoken to by the Secretary, was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE MR. C. H. O'CONNOR

Mr. Ronan proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Malachi Sweetman, County Councillor, in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. C. H. O'Connor, a descendant of the Kings of Ireland.

Col. Quin, in seconding, said the deceased was a personal friend of many years' standing and was a man to whom the welfare of the country was dear to his heart.

In supporting, Mr. Corish said he met the late Mr. O'Connor on several occasions on Local Government Commissions and found him a very keen student of all the activities of local authorities.

The Secretary also referred in sympathetic terms to the deceased.

THE LATE MR. JOHN MULLETT, EX-RATE COLLECTOR

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bolger, a vote of condolence was adopted to the family of the late Mr.

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John Mullett, ex-Rate Collector, to the County Council for many years.

INSPECTOR FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

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

"That Garda Edward Aylward (8179), Baldwinstown, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford."

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 3

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

"That, as recommended by Old Age Pension Acts Sub-Committee No. 3, Rev. R. Gaul, P.P., Bree, and Mr. John Rossiter, Coolaw, Taghmon, be appointed members of said Sub-Committee vice Mr. William Bennett (deceased) and Rev. J. Nolan, C.C. (left the district)."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF 14th APRIL 1939: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th April 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, T.D., William P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5614. 2. 11d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	91.9
2. E. J. Murphy	87.3
3. S. Gannon	85.8
4. M. Kehoe	84.5
5. J. J. O'Reilly	84.2
6. D. Kenny	83.9
7. J. Cummins	83.5
8. J. Deegan	82.7
9. P. Nolan	82.6
10. P. Doyle	81.7
11. J. Flood	79.5
12. P. Carty	78.6
13. A. Dunne	77.2
14. M. McCarthy	76.8
15. W. Doyle	72.2
16. W. Cummins	72.0
17. J. Quirke	71.5
18. J. J. Sinnott	70.7

Average 80.0.

The amount collected at the corresponding period last year was 81.4%.

POUNDAGE: Under date 30th March 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.2732/5/39 Loch Garman) that the Minister had no objection to the payment

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of Third Interim poundage fees to Collector J. M. Curtis as proposed.

Thirteen other Collectors had since reached the stipulated amount for Third Interim payment and application for consent of the Minister to payment had been made.

RATES ON COMMONS: Letter under date 15th March 1939 was read from Mr. T. Purcell, Kiltale, Enniscorthy, that there was a vacant plot of land beside Father D'Arcy's holding in Curraduff which belonged to nobody but was used by tinkers, cottagers and various other people from time to time. If the Council would rate it to him he would pay the rates. It adjoined his residence.

Under date 25th March 1939, the County Secretary wrote to Mr. Purcell that he had consulted Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, in the matter, who said the County Council had no authority to hand over this plot in Curraduff. Such a matter was outside their jurisdiction.

The following under date 3rd April 1939 was received from Mr. T. Purcell:-

"I have yours. Thanks for same. Nobody asked you to hand it over. It does not belong to you or anybody else. What I said was that I'd pay the rates on it. I am now taking over possession of it. In fact, I have done so. If you want any rates on it I'll pay; if not, it is all right."

No order.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

DISTRICT NO. 9: Under date 5th April 1939, letter was read from the Department of Agriculture (No. L.350/39) and which was set out on minutes of County Council of the 3rd of April 1939 complaining of the manner in which John Morrissey, Inspector for this area, was discharging his duties.

The following explanation from Mr. Morrissey, under date 5th April 1939 was submitted:-

"Your letter of the 3rd instant to hand with copy of letter from the Department of Agriculture for which I thank you, and desire to make the following explanation.

I had visited the different stockowners in Camross on March 1st and 2nd having missed calling to Mr. Foley. I went over to inspect his cattle on the morning of the 16th of March and intended leaving a list of proposed calls I had to make in Ballyshannon that day. When I arrived back from Foley's I met the Departmental Inspector at my home. I always left a note at home of each day's work I intended doing. Acting on the Departmental Inspector's advice I have since procured a book which is always at home giving records of each day's work. I do not take Official Note Book with me daily as it is a book difficult to keep clean but I make careful entry in my note book of each visit made and all particulars concerning it. Up to date of Departmental Inspector's call my usual practice was to fill in Official Note Book from my own note book on each Saturday morning. But again acting on the Inspector's instructions I have since this interview posted up the Official Note Book every night. I can offer no explanation of why Moses Foley denied that I had called except that he may have felt annoyed when the Inspector questioned him and possibly wanting to evade trouble as he had five infested cattle not dressed.

I shall be glad if your Council will give this their kind consideration."

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

"That Moses Foley, Camross, be requested to state the hour at which he was interviewed by Temporary Warble Fly Inspector John Morrissey on the 16th March 1939, and also

whether Mr. Morrissey's visit took place before or after the visit from Mr. O'Brien, M.R.C.V.S., Inspector Department of Agriculture.

That Inspector Morrissey be informed the Finance Committee consider he has been negligent in failing to carry out instructions issued to him by not leaving at his residence each morning before setting out for work such particulars in writing - of the townlands he proposes to visit that day and also the following day - as will enable the supervising Veterinary Inspector to get in touch with him.

Should the Department again issue a letter of sanction for the return of Mr. Morrissey to duty, he be informed the Council will take serious notice of any further negligence on his part in the performance of his work.

When reply of Mr. Foley has been received the County Secretary be requested to forward same to the Department of Agriculture for their attention."

DISTRICT NO. 10: Under date 23rd March and 1st April 1939 letters were read from the Department of Agriculture (L.350/39) as to complaint of the manner in which William Carty, lay Inspector under above Order for District No. 10, was discharging his duties, and were considered at meeting of Wexford County Council held on 3rd April 1939 when a resolution was adopted that the three stockowners who it was alleged were not visited by Mr. Carty on 14th March, be communicated with in order to ascertain if Mr. Carty's contention that he had called on them would be borne out.

The Secretary said he had communicated with the three stock owners concerned and had received replies.

Myles Dunne stated that Mr. Carty interviewed him at 12 o'clock (noon) on 14th March 1939 at his farm at Kilbraney and that he also inspected the cattle.

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Patrick Murphy stated that Mr. Carty interviewed him and inspected his cattle. The interview took place at 9.30 a.m. on 14th March 1939 in the lane leading to Murphy's house and close to the latter.

Denis O'Connor stated that Mr. Carty interviewed him in his yard on 14th March 1939 about 8.30 a.m. or 9 a.m.

Under date 13th April 1939 Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., Supervising Inspector, New Ross, wrote that the small number of cattle dressed in William Carty's area would be accounted for by the small number put down as infested. He had drawn Carty's attention to this and that he had a considerably number less infested than in John Morrissey's Area No. 9 which was also in Mr. Lynch's district.

Letters from the Department of Agriculture referred to above with explanation from Mr. Carty submitted to last meeting of Finance Committee were also read when the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That Temporary Warble Fly Inspector William Carty be informed the Finance Committee consider he has been negligent in the manner in which he has recorded lists of his proposed visits in connection with the inspection of his work by supervising Veterinary Inspector.

It is pointed out clearly in the instructions issued to temporary lay Inspectors that each Inspector should leave at his residence each morning before setting out for work, such particulars in writing of the townlands he proposes to visit that day, and also the following day, as will enable the Supervising Veterinary Inspector to get in touch with him. Serious notice must be taken in future of any neglect on the part of Mr. Carty to carry out in full all instructions issued to him regarding the manner in which his duties

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as Warble Fly Inspector are to be discharged.

The Finance Committee hope to find a substantial increase in the returns submitted by Mr. Carthy of the number of cattle actually dressed in his area, as his returns up to date are considered unsatisfactory.

The Committee are prepared to request the Department of Agriculture to approve of Mr. Carty returning to duty, in view of the replies from three stockowners that Mr. Carty visited them on the 14th March last."

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

+ The County Surveyor reported that on 5th April 1939 the Chairman, Captain Harvey, Resident Engineer, and he (County Surveyor) had a very long discussion in Wexford with Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. Mr. Courtney was of opinion that the repairs to existing bridge would mean a very big expense and that the estimate of £7000 odd might run into £10,000 which, of course, could be understood, as when one came to take an old structure like this apart one could not tell what they might find which would cause extra expense. In any case, Mr. Courtney thought it a mistake to spend this large sum on the old bridge and he suggested that the Council should carry out the essential repairs to keep it going - in the shape of repair of damaged beams and tie rods and to prohibit all lorry traffic over it. Then, immediate steps should be taken to have preliminary investigations of sites and borings etc. made so that the Council would be in a position at an early date to take in hands the building of a new bridge. When Mr. Courtney inspected the bridge and saw the condition of the section which had been opened it appeared to confirm his opinion that it would be most inadvisable to spend a lot of money on it. Investigation

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should be made at once in connection with the sites ~~for~~ new bridge already mentioned, viz.,

(1) Opposite the Old County Courthouse and

(2) Par~~f~~allel to the present structure.

Lorry and bus traffic would have to use the Castle-bridge, Crossabeg and Ferrycarrig route. They were doing this at the moment and the road with the exception of a few bad bits and a few awkward turns (which could be altered) was in fair condition. The detour through Crossabeg meant an extra four miles in and out of Wexford. It would be necessary to have all particulars as regards the two sites, in the shape of costs and legal powers regarding level crossing. The latter did not mean such a very material objection as some people imagined. The traffic at the Old Courthouse would be very slow though it would entail gates and fittings. Against that, if the present site was utilised there would be the longer length and in order to comply with Ministry of Transport loading a new railway bridge would have to be provided.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Elgee said he had made some enquiries in connection with the Old Courthouse site, but he had not up to the present obtained sufficient information. He had to make certain where the Great Western Railway System began and if it was from the south side of the old approach abutment.

After further discussion it was decided to have notice of motion of Mr. Corish for the erection of new bridge considered at next meeting of the County Council on 8th May 1939. X.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

NICHOLAS GARR, KILLANNE: Under date 31st March 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.10378/39 Loch Garman) approving of loan of £110 to this

JOHN MURPHY, KELLYSTOWN, ADAMSTOWN: Applicant applied for loan of £200 on house which he estimated to be valued for £400, but in the opinion of the Committee the plan submitted by Mr. Murphy referred only to house costing about £300.

Applicant was an agricultural labourer and the meeting decided he would not be in a position to pay 4s. 10d per week, amount applicable to loan of £200.

It was decided to inform him that he should apply for a cottage under the Labourers' Acts.

PATRICK FORTUNE, MONAGRENA, MONAMOLIN: Under date 6th April 1939 Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that he had written to this man asking if he intended finishing his house as it was roofed six months ago. He had not received an answer to the present.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### HUMANE KILLER FOR VETERINARY SURGEON

Under date 31st March 1939 Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S. wrote that when some years ago the County Council asked him if he would accept a humane killer he replied that he had such an instrument of his own. Since then, however, he had lost a part of it. This rendered the machine useless. A new instrument would be necessary for his work and he asked the County Council if they could see their way to provide one.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, be supplied with one Temple Cox Humane Killer and 100 Temple Cox (Green) Blank cartridges, cost not to exceed £5. 10. 0. In the event of the Department agreeing to this proposal, the instrument be purchased from Messrs. M. W. Broderick &

Co., 25 Wellington Quay, Dublin, from whom Humane Killers etc. for the other Veterinary Surgeons of the County Council had been procured."

COOLAFULLAUN LANE

The following memorial signed by Rev. J. Carty, C.C. and 9 Ratepayers as to poor condition of above lane was read:-

"We, the undersigned, beg to draw your attention to the fact that the Coolafullaun Lane in the Electoral division of Ballyhogue is in a very bad state of repair. Lorry owners have refused to travel this lane owing to its very bad condition, and for that reason the farmers are at a great disadvantage in removing their beet and corn. In fact, it is now nearly impossible to travel it with a horse and cart. We would point out that this is a public laneway and a great number of people from the adjoining parish travel this lane to and from Mass. In bad weather the surface is covered with water and slush.

The approximate length of this lane is about 700 yards.

Trusting you will give our application favourable consideration."

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

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

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

Under date 5th April 1939 the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, wrote:-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo regarding the scholarship which the pupil, Eibhlis ní Charthaigh, Clochar Lughaidh, Monaghan, holds from the Wexford

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County Council I am to inform you that on receipt of a statement from your Council that this pupil will not receive more than £35 in the current school year in respect of the above Scholarship the Department is prepared to pay her the full amount (£15) of her Intermediate Scholarship."

IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION AND RATES

Under date 29th March 1939, the following was read from Mr. Aidan O'Connor, Ballymacsimon, Kilmuckridge, Secretary to the Kilmuckridge Branch of the Irish Farmers' Federation:-

"At the monthly meeting of above the following was passed:-

'That we, the members of Kilmuckridge Branch of Irish Farmers' Federation, protest against any advance in Rates until such time as the farmers especially in the Macamore District have had some adjustment towards the relief from the heavy taxation of the district.'

Hoping your Council will consider this."

It was decided to inform the Kilmuckridge Branch of the Irish Farmers' Federation that the County Council had cut their estimates for financial year 1939/40 to the lowest possible figure, consistent with their responsibilities to maintain Public Services.

As regards the high valuations of the Maccamore district and which is generally admitted, the Finance Committee understand it is proposed to include in the Valuation Bill at present before An Dail provisions by which farmers will be enabled to apply for revision of the valuation of their lands.

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PROPOSED CLOSING OF RAILWAY LINE MACMINE TO WATERFORD

The following under date 12th April 1939 (No. T.S. 5678/17) from Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch), 14 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 7th instant in regard to the section of railway from Macmine to New Ross, and to say that the Great Southern Railways Company have not made any application for an Order under the Railways Act, 1933, authorising the discontinuance of train services between the points mentioned. Any application which might be made would, however, have to be considered with due regard to the intentions of that Act."

Under date 8th April 1939 the following was read from the Chairman of the Road Transport Employees' Political Organisation, Ballysimon Road, Limerick:-

"I am instructed to forward the following for your Council's consideration:-

The Transport Tribunal offers an opportunity to County Councils and public bodies to make a good case for increased grants for Road maintainence.

Present-day transport conditions have caused serious damage to the roads. In practically all cases Road estimates have been cut to avoid increasing <sup>the rates</sup> already an overwhelming burden. If the Public is to bear the cost of maintaining roads for a transport system other than Railways, representatives on those Councils should prepare a case for the Transport Tribunal.

It has been stated that the revenue collected from Motor Taxation is sufficient to provide decent roads without taxing the people. If such is a fact then the County Councils have a glorious opportunity."

It was decided to furnish copy of this communication

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to New Ross Urban Council for their information.

- ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant to County Council Offices, was due to return to duty since the 12th April.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hayes that he must resume duty by Wednesday, 19th April 1939, at latest.

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

"That Mr. Laurence Cleary be continued as temporary clerical assistant for a further period of one month from the 22nd April 1939."

- COURTOWN HARBOUR DUMPING GROUND

Under date 11th April 1939 the following was read from Mr. John Dunne, Chairman of Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"The above body found it necessary to call a special meeting as a result of complaints received by the Harbour Master from Hotelkeepers and Merchants in Courtown in respect of the closing of the ground formerly used for the dumping of rubbish. They state that since the closing of this ground large quantities of rubbish have accumulated around their premises and in view of the near approach of the holiday season this position is reaching a serious state. They insist that some place be secured for this purpose without further delay.

We wish to state that only we are aware of the serious position we would not trouble your Council, but we trust when it is now brought to your notice you will give it your earnest consideration."

Under date 13th April 1939 the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant

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with copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Courtown Harbour Committee enclosed.

The County Council are under no Legal Liability to the Inhabitants of Courtown Harbour to provide a "Dumping Ground" for them.

It is the duty of the persons who are making the complaints to provide a Dumping Ground for themselves, in such a position as it will not constitute a Nuisance to the General Public, which was the case with the Place which has up to this been used as a Dump."

The following Order was made:-

"That Courtown Harbour Committee be informed that although the County Council are not strictly bound to provide a dump for the residents of Courtown Harbour they would be prepared to favourably consider an offer for a suitable situation for the purpose and request Courtown Harbour Commissioners to recommend same. When submitting recommendation to the County Council it will be necessary that the Committee should have secured the written consent of the owner of the proposed site."

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 13th April 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RGM/32) it was noted the County Council proposed to employ a temporary storekeeper for the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

SUPERVISION PUBLIC WORKS ETC. NEW ROSS URBAN

The following under date 12th April 1939, was read from the Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"At a meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council held on 28th March 1939 in connection with the setting out of the works to be undertaken during the coming Spring and Autumn under the Employment Relief Vote it was pointed out

that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant to the County Surveyor, received no remuneration for his services.

The Council consider it but reasonable that Mr. O'Neill should receive remuneration at the rate of 2% on the monies expended and I am directed to apply through your Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow this commission to be paid to him out of the grants. The Council consider his work here is deserving of recognition and the small percentage not excessive. You are aware of the amount of money expended and the Council leave it with your Council and know that you will do your utmost in the matter."

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

"That we recommend to the favourable consideration of the County Council the proposal in letter from New Ross Urban District Council as regards the payment of fees to Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in connection with grant work in New Ross Urban area."

INCREMENTS OF SALARIES TO COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

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

"That, in view of satisfactory reports of County Secretary and County Surveyor the following increments of salary - as from appropriate dates - to County Council Clerical Staff, be recommended to County Council for adoption:-

John Moloney	£3.
P. M. Donohoe	£7. 10s.
Miss Tobin	£5.
D. Radford (County Surveyor's Office)	£10.
J. J. A. Masterson, Rates Inspector	£10."

LOST PAY ORDER

Under date 11th April 1939 James Hobbs, Ballinacur, Courtown Harbour, wrote that Subsidiary Account Pay Order (No. 6452 amount £6. 10. 0) issued to him for haulage had been lost or accidentally burned by his wife with some old letters.

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

"That estoppel be placed on original Pay Order 6452 (amount £6. 10. 0) and that duplicate be issued to Payee, James Hobbs, Ballinacur, Courtown Harbour."

COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

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

"That out-of-pocket expenses of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for financial year 1938-39 and amounting to £23. 4. 9d be passed for payment."

INCREASE OF REMUNERATION TO TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT

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

"That the increase of one penny per hour granted by County Council to P. Beary, Temporary Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, be regarded as payable from 16th March 1939, the date on which application was considered and recommended by Finance Committee."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th April be received and considered."

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

"That, in view of Report as to unsatisfactory condition of existing Wexford Bridge, Standing Orders be suspended to allow me to move that the Council consider the advisability of taking all necessary steps to provide new bridge on site to be subsequently selected and that all preliminary enquiries as to proposed sites be made forthwith and reported to the Council."

X Mr. Corish moved:- "That Standing Orders be suspended to allow of the discussion of motion relative to the provision of a new bridge at Wexford."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Corish said it was admitted by all the members at the last meeting, even before the intervention of Mr. Courtney, that the most desirable thing would be to have the preliminaries carried out to secure the erection of a new bridge. The matter had been hanging fire for a long time and he thought everyone would admit that the present state of the bridge was seriously interfering with business in Wexford town. He was sure that nobody wanted that to continue. He was not concerned in the passage of the motion as to where the new bridge was to be built, because it had been decided that certain borings should be taken and certain particulars ascertained in connection with the two sites under consideration. What he was principally concerned about was that nothing was being done towards carrying out the project. He did not blame anybody for that, because it had been held up by the Department owing to their effort to

find out what was the best thing to do in all the circumstances. He asked the Council, in view of the report that had just been read, to give permission to the County Surveyor and the County Solicitor to make whatever preparatory enquiries are necessary to enable the new bridge to be started as soon as possible. As he had already said, he considered it wasteful to spend an amount of money on the existing bridge, although there was no doubt something would have to be done to secure a passage for traffic across the existing bridge pending the building of the new bridge.

Miss O'Ryan, in seconding, said the Council had been looking for a way out that would not cost the ratepayers too much money, but they found on the reports of the various engineers that the new bridge had to be built, and that being so, they would all like to see it built as soon as possible. Wexford was a prosperous town with an increasing population and the County Council would like to do all they could to help the town and the district beyond the bridge by carrying out this project.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Doyle said that the motion definitely committed the Council to the erection of a new bridge.

Mr. Doyle was in favour of building the new bridge, but the thing to be considered was the time to build it. It was not the psychological moment to put fresh expense on the ratepayers. If they went ahead with the new bridge now it might cost £40,000 over the estimate, but if they postponed the contracts for two or three years they might be in a position to save a lot of money.

Mr. Corish - If a war starts in the meantime you may have to spend an extra hundred thousand owing to the delay.

Mr. McCarthy said that as one of the members who opposed the project at a former meeting he had since revised

his opinion in view of the engineers' reports. He now thought that the best thing was to go ahead with the new bridge. It would take 5 years before the structure would be opened to traffic and probably three years before contracts for it could be given. It would be desirable to go ahead and would be more economical in the end.

Col. Quin said everyone knew he was against spending money but they must have the new bridge.

In reply to Mr. Bowe, the County Surveyor said the cost of the immediate essential repairs to the old bridge ~~was~~ was £1,000 not £10,000. This would keep the bridge going to carry light traffic.

Mr. T. Redmond asked what would happen the £4000 for the bridge budgeted for by the Council.

The Chairman said that a certain amount of that will be spent on the borings and other work and any balance not spent will come into the revenue account next year.

Mr. Corish said that some of it will be needed for the investigation of the new sites.

After further discussion, Mr. Corish's motion was put and passed without dissent. X

Mr. Bowe proposed and Mr. Michael Redmond seconded the following which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That all lorry traffic, vans and buses, laden or unladen, be prohibited from crossing Wexford Bridge. That the structure be utilised by private motor cars and ~~hackney~~ ~~motor cars and~~ hackney motor cars as usual."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to put in hands at once the essential necessary repairs to Wexford Bridge to enable it to carry the light traffic allowed to cross."

In connection with speed limit the following resolution

was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"That the speed of mechanically propelled vehicles crossing Wexford Bridge be limited to five miles per hour, and that the County Surveyor be empowered to take the necessary steps to have this limit observed and to have persons who exceed this fixed speed prosecuted."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to make special arrangements as to funerals crossing Wexford Bridge for Crosstown Cemetery. That he notify the several funeral undertakers in Wexford and publish notices in the three local papers asking people participating in a funeral cortege to "break step"."

The County Surveyor in reply to Mr. Corish said he would get quotations for the borings on a piece work basis and would also have a survey of the two sites referred to at Finance Committee meeting made.

The Chairman questioned the advisability of taking borings at the moment at the existing site of the bridge in view of the opinion of the majority of the Council that the new bridge should be on the site opposite the old County Courthouse.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said he could give only a very rough approximation of the cost of building the bridge on either site. The best plan would be to have three borings made at each site and when one was selected extra borings could be carried out there. The piles for the present bridge were only driven about fifteen feet into the sand, because only light loads were contemplated, and for the new bridge they might have to go down forty feet to get to rock.

Mr. Corish said that the people of Wexford town were unanimously in favour of the Courthouse site, if it was found practicable.

Col. Quin was against it because he was told that with the prevailing easterly wind, the old bridge there was burst up twice.

Mr. Corish said that anyone conversant with the history of Wexford knew that the grandfather of the late Mr. John Redmond, M.P., visualised a time when shipping in Wexford would extend up beyond the railway, and he had the present bridge built where it is to prevent interference with shipping.

Col. Quin would not accept this as the reason why the position of the present bridge was selected.

The County Surveyor said that the old New Ross Bridge was carried away by ice because the piles were not driven home. New bridges would have to take Ministry of Transport loading and in consequence piles would have to be driven well home.

In reply to Mr. Corish Mr. Elgee stated he found that the claim of the old Southern Railway line ended at the Southern abutment of the old bridge and he had not yet discovered where the old D. AND S.E.R. ended. He had been told that it ended at the Southern abutment and that there was a gap left.

Mr. Corish - Terminal charges existed when the two railways were in operation. There is a crossing there used by carters to go in on the abutment and they go there every day. You should have Counsel's opinion, it would only cost a couple of guineas.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to obtain Counsel's opinion as to the legal rights of the Wexford Corporation, Wexford Harbour Board and the Railway Company relative to Old Courthouse site and also as to the ferry rights of Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

And further as to any other rights which may be ascertained."

In reply to Mr. Smyth, the County Surveyor said if old Courthouse Site was selected it would be necessary to have a level crossing but this would be controlled by a gate worked from the signal box. There were only three trains a day passing and they crawled along. There were similar level crossings in many more important places. He added that he would employ Captain Harvey for the work of supervising the repairs and the borings.

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

"That Captain Harvey, Bargo Castle, be employed as Engineer for the supervision of the work of repair at old bridge and of the borings at the two sites discussed by the Council, remuneration to be five guineas per week."

The Chairman said it was quite possible that the Council might decide to invite competitive designs for the design of new bridge and it would be well that Councillors should keep an open mind in the matter.

#### SUPERVISION PUBLIC WORKS ETC. NEW ROSS URBAN:

County Surveyor: I mentioned that before. The whole question cropped up at our conference in Dublin, as regards similar cases all over the country. I consider that Mr. O'Neill is unfairly treated. The mileage for that class of work in the urban area is six miles which may be considered a paltry thing with a ganger scheme in the rural

area, covering 35 miles. But the six miles in the urban area involves six times as much work as in the rural area, and in the rural area there is a percentage allowed on these grants to the Assistant Surveyor, but none allowed for the urban area. All the quarrying has to be done in the rural area and <sup>it is</sup> troublesome work, and he gets nothing for it.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said the New Ross Urban Council were unanimous in making the recommendation. At least £12,000, he said, had been spent on the New Ross roads in re-construction work and not ordinary repairs and Mr. O'Neill had given a lot of time and attention there. It was most unfair he had no remuneration for it, and was all extra work.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond, it was decided to approve of the request of New Ross Urban District Council.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 14th April 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 28th APRIL 1939 were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 28th April 1939.

Present:- D. Allen, T.D., Chairman (presiding); also Messrs P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5117. 1. 6d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of Rate Collection up to 27th April 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	93.5
2. E. J. Murphy	92.0
3. J. J. O'Reilly	88.6
4. S. Gannon	88.4
5. M. Kehoe	87.7
6. D. Kenny	87.4
7. J. Deegan	87.0
8. P. Carty	86.8
9. J. Cummins	86.8
10. P. Nolan	86.1
11. P. Doyle	85.6
12. J. Flood	82.6
13. M. McCarthy	81.8
14. A. Dunne	80.5
15. W. Cummins	76.3
16. W. Doyle	75.8
17. J. J. Sinnott	74.9
18. J. Quirke	74.8

Average 83.8

The average percentage for corresponding period last year was 85.2.

It was decided to communicate with Rate Collectors who had less than 80% of their warrants collected and inform them that the Finance Committee are dissatisfied with their

progress and that they must make very substantial lodgments in the coming ten days if their collections are to be satisfactorily closed.

POUNDAGE: The following under date 14th April 1939 (G.2732/6/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant regarding payment of poundage, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in view of the prolonged delay on the part of the 13 Collectors mentioned in your letter in complying with the requirement regarding lodgment of 75% of their warrants and arrears by the 28th February, the Minister has deferred the question of poundage pending the closing of the warrants for the financial year ended the 31st ultimo which should be effected without delay."

The following is extract from letter of Collector Curtis, Hon. Secretary to Rate Collectors' Association:-

"The Rate Collectors request that sanction to payment of poundage be obtained before the date at which the Collectors considered the Collection should be closed, viz., 31st May 1939 so that Collectors will receive payment immediately they close their collections."

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 sanction <sup>final</sup> payment of poundage fees in the case of Rate Collectors who lodge 87½% of Assessment for 1938/39 plus the full arrears applicable to the 1937/38 Collection (the terms agreed to by the Minister in respect of the close of last year's collection)."

CLOSE OF RATE COLLECTION: The following under date 24th April 1939 was read from Collector John M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Council Rate Collectors:-

"I am instructed by Collectors to ask your Council to fix the 31st May - not sooner - as the closing date for Collection - that is the same as last year - as the fairs coming up to the end of May are always an improvement on earlier ones."

It was decided to make no change in the date fixed by the Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the close of current year's collection, viz., 15th May 1939.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ETC.

The following under date 17th April 1939 was read from Mr. M. Leahy, 4 St. Ibar's Villas, Wexford, Insurance Inspector:-

"Further to my interview with you on the 3rd instant I enclose Forms U.I.A.306 (Unemployment Insurance) and Forms S.20 National Health/<sup>&</sup>Pensions showing the total amount due under each heading as follows:-

Unemployment	£171. 15. 9
National Health and Pensions	<u>£111. 12. 8</u>
	£283. 8. 5

covering the following employees who have been ruled insurable:-

Sean Gannon, Rate Collector  
 Patrick Carty, do. do.  
 William Doyle, do. do.  
 Denis Kenny do. do.  
 Maurice Kehoe do. do.  
 Matthew Murphy do. do.  
 Michael J. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector  
 Thomas Prendergast, do. do. do.

James Hayden, Sheep Dipping Inspector

Patrick Ormonde do. do. do.

James Murphy do. do. do.

The case of Myles Roban is not yet disposed of; a ruling for same will be given in due course. In the meantime, I am to request that you will arrange for payment of arrears as set out above."

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

"That the County Secretary communicate with Mr. Keogh Nolan, Secretary County Councils General Council, regarding claim against Wexford County Council for arrears of Insurance Contributions in respect of six Rate Collectors covering a period of seven years and request the General Council to take up this matter with the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section).

Also that the County Solicitor obtain the opinion of Mr. Diarmuid Fawsitt, S.C., in the matter.

That, as regards Sheep Dipping Inspectors, the County Council be recommended to offer two years' arrears to the Departments concerned."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ELLEN LEARY, BALLYWALTER: The following under date 22nd April 1939 was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Regarding Ellen Leary, Ballywalter, I have been trying very hard for some time past to get Leary to move in this matter; after many promises he finally informed me he could not do the work of completing the building. However, I have an arrangement made with another person to do what is necessary for balance of loan and grant £120 and hope to put in progress soon."

Under date 27th April 1939 Mr. Treanor wrote:-

"Herewith is letter from Thomas Browne, Clonevan, Gorey, in which he states he is prepared to complete the building of Leary's house for the sum of £120, viz., £50 balance of loan and £70 Grant. He makes the provision that this amount be paid directly to him.

On receipt of this letter I called at Leary's and they are prepared to waive all claims to balance of Loan and Grant in favour of Browne."

The following under date 26th April 1939 is copy of letter from Mr. Thomas Browne, referred to in Mr. Treanor's communication:-

"With reference to our conversation regarding the completion of the house intended for Mr. John Leary, Ballywater, Kilmuckridge, I desire to inform you that I am willing to complete the house for the sum of £120 subject to the provision that no other person will have any claim on the amount stated. I shall be grateful if you will please let me have a reply as soon as possible."

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

"That the arrangements proposed by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in connection with erection of house of Ellen Leary, Ballywalter, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be approved subject to the County Solicitor deciding that this procedure can be legally adopted and provided that the necessary assignment of payment of loan and grant to Thomas Browne, Clonevan, Gorey, be made by Ellen Leary and her husband."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED LOANS - THOMAS MURRAY: Under date 17th April 1939 Mr. J. K. Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, acting for Thomas Murray, Bog West, Mayglass, wrote that owing to the advance in the cost of building materials his

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client had been informed by the Wexford Timber Company that it would be impossible to build his proposed house without obtaining a further sum of £100 in addition to £120 already sanctioned.

It was decided to ask Assistant Surveyor for the district for Report as to value of house as shown on plan furnished by Thomas Murray, Bog West, Mayglass.

JOHN FIELDING, SEAVIEW, BARN TOWN: The following under date 18th April 1939, was read from this applicant:-

"I hereby apply for another loan of £30 for the purpose of finishing our new house as there is not enough money to go ahead with same."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, was being requested to furnish revised valuation of house in this case. When Mr. Birthistle's certificate came to hand it would be submitted to the Finance Committee.

Adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee.

JOHN MURPHY, KELLYSTOWN, ADAMSTOWN: Applicant, an agricultural labourer, applied at last meeting of Finance Committee for loan of £200 for house of which he furnished a plan and the value of which he estimated at £400. The weekly rent to clear off loan would amount to 4s. 10d per week and the Finance Committee believed in the first instance that plan submitted did not appear to provide for a house estimated at £400 and in the second place that an agricultural labourer would not be able to pay 4s. 10d per week. Accordingly, they recommended Mr. Murphy to apply for labourer's cottage.

Mr. Colfer asked to have the case reviewed in light of the fact that Mr. Murphy had a son in a clerical position who would be prepared to pay the rent.

It was decided to ask the Assistant Surveyor for the

district to furnish value of house and to adjourn further consideration of the case to next meeting of the Committee with the proviso that in view of a favourable report from Assistant Surveyor loan in accordance with report would be provisionally recommended.

SANCTION TO LOAN: Under date 24th April, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.110931/1939 Loch Garman Pc) that the Minister would raise no objection to loan of £100 to John Murphy in respect of house to be erected at Knockaree, Strahart, Clohamon.

SAMUEL BRYAN, CURRATUBBIN: Under date 26th April 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.12064/39 - Loch Garman) agreeing to advance of loan of £195 to this applicant in respect of house at Curratubbin, Killena, Gorey.

ANNIE FOLEY, BORRMOUNT: Under date 26th April 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.4188/4/1939 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal to advance £190 instead of £145 (already sanctioned) under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Miss Annie Foley in respect of house at Borrmount, Enniscorthy.

Under date 17th April 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.9207-39-Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to loans of £120 each being advanced to James Dempsey, Piercestown, Drinagh, and Thomas Murray, Bog West, Mayglass.

RESIGNATION OF MR. STEPHEN HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following under date 18th April 1939 was read from Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices:-

"Thanks for your letter. Will you please convey to the Council my gratitude for the courtesy extended to me while I was particularly ill. Personally, I think that I would be able to return now, but the doctor assures me that it would be only a step towards a further breakdown and, as I am reluctant to accept the ratepayers' money for services which I might be incapable of rendering adequately I am seriously considering that it would be the best thing to do, in fairness to everyone, to resign. I enclose a certificate from the doctor, which, I regret to say, rather suggests that I should adopt this attitude as the doctor thinks that I would only be able to continue working in an outdoor capacity.

Thanking you and the Council."

Mr. Hayes furnished the following certificate from Dr. Alice Barry, F.R.C.P.I., D.P.H., Peamount, County Dublin, under date 14th April 1939:-

"I beg to state that I do not consider that Mr. Stephen Hayes is fit for an indoor life. I would advise an open air occupation."

In reply to letter from County Secretary the following under date 26th April 1939 was read from Mr. Hayes:-

"Thanks for your letter. I enclose my resignation. I would much prefer if the Council would commute whatever pension I am entitled to into a gratuity as this would give me some capital to start a business that would enable me to live an outdoor life."

The following under date 26th April 1939 was read:-

"Acting on the advice of Dr. Barry I beg to tender my resignation as clerical officer to your Council.

I take this occasion to thank you and all the members for your unfailing kindness and consideration during the twenty years I have been employed on your staff.

With all good wishes."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Hayes had 18½ years service and 18 years of this could be reckoned for the purposes of superannuation. His average salary for the last three complete years was £221 and eighteen-sixteenths of this is £66. 6. 0.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office."

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

"That the terms and conditions to govern appointment of clerical assistant to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee. That Laurence Cleary, Temporary Clerical Assistant, be continued in office until successor to Mr. Hayes has taken up duty."

#### CONFERENCE WITH SURVEY STAFF

The following under date 25th April 1939 (IR/113) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to this Department's circular letter of the 21st April, 1938, in regard to the holding of a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin and I am to state that it is proposed to make similar arrangements for a

Conference this year to be held in the Engineers' Hall, Dawson Street, Dublin, on the 2nd and 3rd May to enable the Surveyors to confer with the Department's officials on matters relating to their work and to exchange views with one another on these matters.

The Minister is anxious that County Councils will afford facilities to their Surveyors to attend the Conference and, as was done last year, arrange for some of the Assistants to attend if the County Surveyor is satisfied that suitable arrangements can be made for carrying on local services in their absence. It is suggested that Assistants who did not have the opportunity to attend last year's Conference ~~and~~ might be specially considered this year."

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

"That the Finance Committee agree to the attendance of County Surveyor and of all Assistant Surveyors available at Conference to be held in Dublin with officials of Department of Local Government and Public Health on 2nd and 3rd May 1939, on the terms and conditions of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (IR/113)."

SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTING COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 25th April 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.2974/3/39):-

"With reference to your communication of the 15th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the temporary appointment of Dr. Patricia McDonald as substitute for Dr. D. McDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health during the latter's absence during December last at the Course of Instruction in the Medical Treatment of Gas Casualties, with remuneration at the rate of £10. 10s. 0d per week and vouched travelling expenses while acting as

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substitute. I am to inform you that the above arrangement is not to be taken as a precedent and the Minister requests that during future absences of the Acting County Medical Officer of Health alternative arrangements in regard to the discharge of his duties may be made."

The County Secretary stated he had been informed by the Secretary to County Board of Health that every effort had been made to make ~~other~~ arrangements other than those of which the Department did not approve.

EXPENSES OF SOLICITOR TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The following under date 19th April 1939 (P.A.68/14/39 - Loch Garman - Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 21st ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sees no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to refund to Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, the sum of £25. 3s. out-of-pocket expenses incurred by him in connection with charges made against the former County Medical Officer of Health, provided that these expenses are duly vouched."

Referred to County Solicitor to secure the necessary vouchers in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health.

SANCTION OF PURCHASE OF HUMANE KILLER

The following under date 25th April 1939 (W.1483-39) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your communication of the 19th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he approves of the purchase of a Temple Cox humane killer and 100 Temple Cox (Green) Blank cartridges at a cost

not exceeding £5: 10: 0 for the use of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S. in connection with his duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts."

PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL ENGINEER

The following under date 25th April 1939 was read from Dr. C. B. Molony, Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"I beg to transmit and to ask you to get the County Council to consider same at their next meeting the following resolution which was adopted at meeting of my Committee of Management on the 18th instant:-

'That the County Council be requested to obtain a loan of £900 for the purpose of building a house for the Mental Hospital Engineer in accordance with plans prepared by Messrs. McDonnell and Dixon, Architects, and approved of by the Department of Local Government.'

Mr. Kelly gave notice of his intention to move at the June meeting of the Council that they agree to the request of Mental Hospital Committee to raise loan of £900 for the purpose of erecting House for the Engineer to the Mental Hospital.

COUNTY ANALYST - APPLICATION FOR INCREASED FEES

The following under date 19th April 1939 was read from County Analyst:-

"At a recent meeting of the Irish Public Analysts' Association, the question of the remuneration paid to Public Analysts for the work performed by them for local authorities and for other public bodies was again under consideration.

The meeting had before it evidence that very low and unremunerative rates are being paid in a number of cases, and that a great lack of uniformity exists in the scale of fees received for the same class of work in different districts.

It was unanimously agreed, therefore, that members of the Association should not continue to undertake work for public bodies for less than the scale of fees set out hereunder, and that members who, at present, are paid at a lower rate than the said scale, should make early application to have the matter adjusted.

Approved Scale of Fees

- (a) Analysis of waters for Public Health purposes  
£1. 1. 0 per sample.
- (b) Analysis of medicines for Boards of Health 6/- per sample or as an alternative a fixed annual sum calculated at the rate of £3 per "Sending" Station (Hospitals, Dispensaries, etc.)
- (c) Analysis of articles under the Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.
  - (1) Where the number of articles submitted annually does not exceed 500:-  
£50 per annum retaining fee for which 100 samples will be analysed. Each sample in excess of that number up to a total of 500 per annum to be paid for at the rate of 7s. 6d each.
  - (2) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 500, but not 1,000:-  
£100 per annum retaining fee, for which 200 samples will be analysed. Each sample in excess of that number up to 1,000 per annum, to be paid for at the rate of 6s. 8d each.
  - (3) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 1,000:-  
Same as (2) for 1,000 samples. Each sample in excess of 1,000 to be paid for at the rate of 5/4 per sample.

The above fees are considered by the Association to be reasonable and equitable for such important professional work, and a similar scale has already received the sanction

of the L.G.D. in the cases where it has been put into operation.

In view of the resolution of my Association, I formally apply to have my remuneration adjusted so as to bring it into line with the above approved scale."

The County Secretary stated that taking the figures available for last year the amount paid Miss Ryan was £244. 15. 0 and calculating the various analyses at the proposed fees the amount would be £333. 16. 8d, an increase of £89. 1. 8d.

It was decided to ask the County Board of Health for figures for old and proposed fees for a similar period and that consideration of application from County Analyst be adjourned to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

INSPECTOR JOHN MORRISSEY AREA NO. 9: In connection with the complaint made by Veterinary Inspector of Department of Agriculture as to attendance of John Morrissey, Inspector (No. 9 Area) at the premises of Moses Foley, Camross, Foulksmills, on 16th March 1939 and which Foley denied, the Finance Committee, at their meeting on 14th April 1939, decided to write to Mr. Foley in the matter.

In reply to the letter of County Secretary, the following was read from Mr. Foley:-

"I received your letter on Monday as regards John Morrissey. He was here on Thursday, 16th March, between 9 and 10 o'clock before the Cattle Inspector came. My reason for saying John Morrissey had not called was my cattle were not dressed at that time and as I had not got the powder, I thought I might get into trouble for not having them done. But I dressed them on 20th March.

I am really sorry for my mistake on Mr. Morrissey's behalf."

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Copy of this letter was furnished the Department of Agriculture from which the following under date 27th April 1939 (L.350/39) was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th instant and enclosure and previous correspondence regarding the case of Mr. John Morrissey formerly employed as temporary Inspector under the above Order in District No. 9, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, in view of the statement now submitted by Mr. M. Foley, Camross, to the effect that Mr. Morrissey called on him on the morning of the 16th ultimo, he has decided, in deference to the wishes of ~~the~~ the Finance Committee of the Local Authority, and subject to the approval of the latter body, to renew his approval of Mr. Morrissey's employment as a temporary Inspector as from the date on which he resumes duty.

It is noted from the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 14th instant that Mr. Morrissey will be warned that the Local Authority will take serious notice of any further negligence on his part in the performance of his duties under the Order."

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

"That, in view of the letter from Department of Agriculture under date 27th April 1939 (L.350/39) the Finance Committee agree to re-instate John Morrissey as Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 for No. 9 Area. That the Department of Agriculture be requested to state if, in view of this resolution they will agree to Mr. Morrissey resuming duty immediately in order that cattle in this district may be inspected before the treatment period is further advanced."

WILLIAM CARTY, INSPECTOR, NO. 10 AREA: The following under date 21st April 1939 (L.350-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th instant and previous correspondence regarding the case of Mr. William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane, formerly employed as temporary Inspector under the above Order in district No. 10, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, in view of the statements made by Messrs. Myles Dunne, Kilbrany Patrick Murphy, Ballygarvan; and Denis O'Connor, Ballygarvan regarding interviews which they had with Mr. Carty on the 14th ultimo, he has decided, in deference to the request of the Finance Committee of your Local Authority, and subject to the approval of the latter body, to renew his approval of Mr. Carty's employment as a temporary Inspector with effect as from the date on which he resumes duty.

It is noted from the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee on the 14th instant that serious notice will be taken of any further neglect on the part of Mr. Carty to carry out fully the instructions issued to him in connection with his duties as a temporary Inspector, that his returns as to the number of cattle actually dressed in his area are considered unsatisfactory, and that he will be expected to show considerable improvement in this latter respect."

The Secretary stated that after receipt of this letter William Carty was re-instated on 25th April 1939 in view of the resolution of the County Council on 13th March 1939 agreeing to this.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, INSPECTOR NO. 4 AREA: Under date 20th April 1937 William O'Brien, Inspector No. 4 Area wrote he had not been working since 17th April 1939 as he was in bed with a bad cold. He expected to be able to resume by 24th April 1939.

It was stated that Mr. O'Brien's sister called to County Council Office on 19th April 1939 and gave information as to his illness.

~~He had since resumed duty.~~

Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S. (Supervising Inspector) wrote that when inspecting at Blackwater Fair on 31st March he noted William O'Brien was absent. When interviewed he said the morning was too wet to travel on a bicycle. Mr. Ringwood warned O'Brien that this must not occur again. O'Brien was a very good Inspector and Mr. Ringwood did not think it necessary to take notice of this lapse.

The Committee decided - in view of report of Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S. - to overlook the non-attendance of William O'Brien, Inspector, at Blackwater Fair on 31st March 1939 but to point out to him that serious notice will be taken of any complaint of the discharge of his duties in the future.

AREA NO. 11 - E. WOODS: The following, in answer to request for information by the County Secretary, was read from this Inspector:-

"In reply to your note of the 17th instant, I wish to state that farmers in most cases had little use in dressing their cattle up to the present as warbles were not ripe for dressing. It is only now that warbles are showing up strongly and very good men for dressing their cattle have put back dressing them until the first of the present month. Most farmers like to see results for every dressing they do!"

The meeting accepted this explanation.

The following under date 26th April 1939 was read from Mr. Woods:-

"I wish to bring to the notice of your Council a proposal for the dressing of cattle on the Slob lands in my area. I suggest it would be a better plan to arrange a date at a given point and have all farmers dress their cattle on that day. From May 1st onwards there will be from 300 to 1000 cattle from many districts grazing on those lands. A suitable point on those lands to dress cattle would be the

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Red Bridge and at Mr. R. Richards premises on the same land. If the Council so decided an advertisement in the papers to all stock owners for a fixed day and date would cover the arrangement."

The Committee recommended the following course:-

That Warble Fly Inspector interview Mr. Gainfort, Manager of the Slob, and secure from him the names and addresses of the various farmers having stock there. Mr. Woods could then arrange, if possible, to appoint a day suitable to the stockowners on which the dressing under the Order could be carried out, Mr. Woods to notify each stockowner by post card of the date and time of inspection and dressing. The County Council could not compel the stockowners concerned to adopt this course.

#### BLASTING OPERATIONS AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

The following under date 26th April 1939 was read from Hon. Secretary, Wexford Branch of Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"I have been asked by the Wexford Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union to bring the following to your notice:- The Assistant Surveyors of Wexford County have been carrying out very large blasts during their years of service, and it transpires that as regards Insurance they are covered just in the same manner and to the same extent as the Road and Quarry workers. As proof of this, one of the Surveyors, Mr. T. Cullen, had an accident recently and his medical expenses to date are far in excess of the compensation received which was £1 for seven days' disablement. The maximum amount for fatal injury would be £600.

The Surveyors are not satisfied with this and they will have to immediately consider their position re blasting unless they are properly covered for fatal accidents, also total and partial disablement including medical expenses.

The County Council may not be aware of the extent of

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the blasting operations carried out in this County or the danger attaching to same. There is reason to believe that blasting operations in this County are far more extensive than in any other County.

Hoping to have this matter receive the consideration of the Council as soon as possible."

The County Surveyor said he understood the cost of the proposed Insurance would be £20 per annum for each Assistant Surveyor or £100 in all.

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

"That the Secretary and County Solicitor make enquiries into the application of Assistant Surveyor re Insurance to cover blasting operations as regards the procedure adopted in other Counties and report to next available meeting of Finance Committee."

PAY ORDER (6452 SUB ACCOUNT)

At meeting of Finance Committee on 14th April 1939 letter under date 11th April 1939 was read from James Hobbs, Ballinacur, Courtown Harbour, that Pay Order 6452 Subsidiary Account amount £6. 10. 0 sent him in payment of haulage - was lost or accidentally burned by his wife.

The following under date 18th April 1939 was written to Mr. Hobbs by the County Secretary:-

"In connection with your letter of the 11th instant re missing Pay Order I have examined the three last Pay Orders issued to you.

(1) Issued 5th January 1939 (5620) £2. 4. 0d. Cashed Bank of Ireland, Gorey and passed to County Council Treasurer National Bank on 11th January endorsed per pro Graham and Lawless - James Graham.

No. 2 - Issued 20th January, 1939 (6452) Amount £6. 10. 0d haulage. Cashed in Bank of Ireland, Gorey and

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passed to County Council Treasurer on 8th April, 1939, endorsed J. Jordan. Signature "James Hobbs" does not appear to correspond with signatures on 1 and 3.

No. 3 - Issued 3rd February (7371) amount £6. 8. 0d paid by Bank of Ireland, Gorey, and transferred to County Council Treasurer (National Bank) on 21st February endorsed Edward W. Warren.

It would be well to follow up this matter with Bank of Ireland, Gorey, and let me know result."

No reply having been received from Mr. Hobbs up to 25th April 1939 the following letter was written to him on that day:-

"I would be glad to know if you have taken any further steps in connection with Pay Order 6452 (Subsidiary A/c) in view of my letter of the 18th instant."

The following under date 25th April 1939 was read from Mr. Hobbs:-

"In reply to your letter about the missing Pay Order No. 6452, we got it all right. I got it cashed at J. Jordan's. My wife mislaid it and I got it at the last moment.

Excuse me for not answering sooner and thank you for all the trouble I gave you."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 20th April 1939, Mr. James J. Meyler (University Scholar) applied for an extension of the period of his University Scholarship for an extra year. His Scholarship tenable for three years expired next summer and as his course - Mechanical and Electrical Engineering - required four years for its completion, he trusted the County Council would grant the extra year to enable him to get his Degree.

It was decided to refer application to County Solicitor for advice as to whether it can be brought within the following condition of University Scholarship Scheme:-

"Students for Degrees in branches of Science applicable to Agriculture, Commerce or Industry and in Accountancy, Finance and Economics, may, in the discretion of the Council have the terms of their scholarships extended from three to five years".

NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following under date 28th April 1939 was read from County Surveyor:-

"In August last year I submitted a report on the condition of New Ross Bridge, which was approved by the County Council on 8th of that month. In this report I noted defects in the iron work, and recommended that special report on these should be obtained during the current year. In the Road Works Scheme provision was made for this, and in February last the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote to me with reference to the large allocation for New Ross Bridge. I replied on 23rd February stating that the remaining repairs to the decking of the swing bridge would cost, in or about, £300, and the painting would cost about £600, and that I had set aside £100 for report totalling £1,000. I have now prepared Specification for the Painting, and have advertised for tenders. I shall be glad if the Finance Committee will now authorise me to obtain a report on the iron work, as suggested by me, and approved of by the Council last year."

The Chairman asked if it was not possible for the County Surveyor to carry out this inspection.

The County Surveyor said it was too big a job and it was really one for an expert. Noticing minor matters last August he (County Surveyor) considered it was necessary to

have the iron work examined closely. He did not expect to find anything serious but when he found small deterioration he suggested having a special inspection and he provided for it in Road Works Scheme. If the cost ran to £100 40% would be provided by the Government and the balance, £60, would be paid half by the Kilkenny County Council and half by Wexford.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to arrange for examination of iron work of New Ross Bridge in accordance with his letter under date 28th April 1939."

#### ROAD MATTERS

BALLYGURTIN LANE: The following under date 24th April 1939 was read from Mrs. B. Roche, Ballygurtin, Kilmuckridge:-

"Please put before the next meeting of the Council to have the lane at Ballygurtin repaired, as it is in very bad order, and a mile long. There are three families and rate-payers on it."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, that Ballygurtin Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

PILL AT FORD OF LYNG: The following from Mr. J. Wickham, Ford of Lyng, Tagoat, under date 27th April 1939 was read:-

"Please get that bridge erected where Pill was cleaned repaired at once and oblige."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

WALL AT ST. KEARNS: Mr. Colfer raised the question as to the repair of wall at St. Kearns quay. He was afraid it would fall unless attended to immediately and the County

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Surveyor should examine it.

The County Surveyor said that £30 had been spent on the wall last year and £30 this year. As defects appeared they were repaired. Bits fell regularly but they were repaired in such a manner that they would not fall again.

BALLYGALVERT LANE: The following under date 25th April 1939 was read from Miss Margaret Kavanagh, Ballygalvert:-

"In view of the recent publication in the Irish Press to the effect that the Government were eager to engage the unemployed in improving the roads of the County under the Minor Relief Scheme in return for the assistance they were getting from the State I wish to bring to your notice the bad state of Ballygalvert Lane. The County Council have promised already to improve it by taking off the bad turns and in view of the number of ratepayers using the said lane surely it is not asking too much to take off at least the worst of the bends and make it more suitable for traffic."

Referred to County Surveyor for report for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

OWENSTOWN RIVER: The following under date 24th April 1939 was read from Mr. J. K. Cooper, Solicitor, Custom House Quay, Wexford:-

"My client, Mr. James Boggan, of Walshestown, Ballycogley, instructs me that in the month of December 1937 the County Council cleaned up the river which forms the boundary between my client's lands of Owenstown and the adjoining lands of Rathmacknee, and after the river had been cleaned up the County Council put a paling on the opposite bank of the river to my client's holding.

My client is sowing a field of beet but his lands of Owenstown adjoin the river and he instructs me that last week the fencing on the opposite side of the river was being

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taken down by some of the County Council employees.

The result of the removal of this paling would be to render my client's beet crop liable to serious damage from the trespass by animals belonging to the adjoining owners and under these circumstances I should be much obliged if you would kindly make enquiries and if the facts are as I have stated have steps taken to have the fences made safe."

The County Surveyor said he could not understand the letter as he could not believe that County Council workers would take down a paling as set out in Mr. Cooper's letter.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor said that Mr. O'Kennedy, one of his Clerical Assistants, was allowed 10/- to cover his expenses for each visit in connection with stock taking at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy. This had been sanctioned up to 10th April but Mr. O'Kennedy had been obliged to visit the Machinery Yard on 18th and 24th April 1939 to give instructions to the temporary storekeeper recently appointed.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of £1 to Mr. Sean O'Kennedy to cover his expenses for visits to Machinery Yard on 18th and 24th April 1939."

#### SANCTION TEMPORARY CLERK

Under date 25th April 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.4508/4/39 Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. Laurence Cleary as temporary clerk up to 22nd May 1939 on the terms already approved.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th April 1939 be received and considered."

POUNDAGE: The following under date 2nd May 1939 (G.2732/7/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and referred to the Finance Committee:-

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

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

INSURANCE RATE COLLECTORS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. T. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we dissent from recommendation of Finance Committee relative to obtaining Counsel's opinion as to liability of the County Council for the Insurance of "part time" Rate Collectors and Lay Inspectors under Sheep Dipping Order and inform the Inspector of the Department of Industry and Commerce that the Council will be prepared to offer a reduced payment on the demand more particularly as

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in consequence of the long period during which the question of the liability of the Council was under consideration the employees' portion of the cost of insurance has now to be borne by the Council as well as their own."

RESIGNATION OF MR. STEPHEN HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT: The following under date 5th May 1939 (G.4508/5/39 - Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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

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

As regards request of Mr. Hayes for the commutation of his superannuation the following under date 1st May 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As instructed, I have now looked into the question of the possibility of Mr. Hayes commuting any Pension which may be awarded to him on his retirement.

Section 42 (a) of the Local Government Act, 1925, defines a Pensionable Officer as "an Officer who devotes his whole time to the service of a Local Body".

Section 44 (1) (b) provides, that a Local Body shall with the consent of the Minister grant to a Pensionable Officer who becomes incapable of discharging his Duties with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity, and has not

less than 10 years service, upon his resigning his Office an Annual Allowance for his life, not greater than two thirds of his Yearly Salary and Emoluments.

There is no provision made in the Act for the commutation of Pensions and this being so, I am of opinion, that the County Council have no power to agree to Mr. Hayes's proposal that the Council should commute his Pension and pay him a lump sum in lieu of any annual sum which may be made payable to him for his life."

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

"That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, subject to the receipt of medical certificate as set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.4508/5/39 - Loch Garman - 5th May 1939) and to the approval of the said Department, resignation to take effect as from this date provided consent to this proposal is forthcoming from Department."

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

"That, in view of letter from Department of Agriculture (L.350-39 - 27th April 1939) John Morrissey, Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, for No. 9 Area be reinstated as from this date."

Mr. M. Redmond proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following:-

"That in view of the fact that reports that Inspectors William Carty and John Morrissey had not visited stockowners in connection with Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, were found incorrect and that evidence was submitted to the County Council that these Inspectors had called on the

stockowners referred to, we request the Department of Agriculture to agree to the payment of their remuneration to these Inspectors for the period of their suspension."

Mr. O'Byrne and Col. Quin dissented.

On a show of hands the proposal was carried by 8 to 6.

BLASTING OPERATIONS AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS: Mr. Birthistle Assistant Surveyor, said that since the application of the Assistant Surveyors to the Finance Committee, the position had been changed as at a meeting of the Assistant Surveyors in Dublin last week it was unanimously decided that they would not handle or transport gelignite in the future. The question was also raised at the Conference between the Road Engineering Staff of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Survey staffs of the various Counties. Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department, supported the views taken by the Assistant Surveyors in the matter that it was not at all right that Surveyors should be called upon to do this work. In most Counties, a special man had been appointed for the purpose and Mr. Courtney held that such arrangements should obtain in Wexford and all other Counties. Under the present position the compensation which Surveyors would receive in the event of an accident or death caused by explosives was extremely small. In view of that, he believed the Council should not think the Surveyors were unreasonable in asking that they be relieved of this particular work. Until the Council could make suitable arrangements they would keep the work going. The lorry carrying the explosives was insured and also the Garda who accompanied that as escort. The work involved a great deal of danger, and, if anything happened, under the present system, their dependents would get no compensation. They (surveyors) were prepared to carry on the work until other arrangements were made.

Col. Quin - Surely they are covered, and the County Council pay their insurance when they are taking explosives about.

Mr. Birthistle said there was one car covered - the car that accompanied the lorry was insured, and the Guards were insured.

Chairman - I thought there was more than that.

The County Surveyor said the question of Insurances by County Councils including carriage of explosives, cropped up at Road Conference. The County Council agree and do pay the difference between class one policy and class two policy which covers the cartage of explosives. That is, when the Assistant Surveyors are carrying explosives not exceeding 50 lbs. to quarries. They are covered for that, and the car is covered, but as regards a fatal accident it was not accepted as really definite that they were covered.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that one of the Dublin Assistant Surveyors had been unable to obtain payment of his medical expenses.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that there was something behind the case referred to by Mr. Birthistle that acted against the Surveyor's claim. Of course, the Surveyors had their remedy in Common Law and so far as the Surveyors were concerned it did not matter if the Council were insured or not.

Mr. Keegan thought that a small sub-committee of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr. McCarthy should be appointed to deal with the matter.

Col. Quin said the Finance Committee could look after the matter.

County Surveyor - There was a very lengthy discussion with the Department at the Conference on the matter. There are arrangements to look after blasting work, but the

Assistant Surveyor would be the supervisor. It is quite possible you might have a man carrying out the work and that the Assistant Surveyor, or even myself, might meet with a fatal accident if there is blasting going on in a quarry while I was there. We use more explosives than all the other Counties put together.

Chairman - You cannot get away from the fact that the County Council are a substantial body and the Surveyors or their dependents would have a remedy against the Council, in common law, in the event of accident.

Mr. Elgee - They have a remedy in common law.

Chairman - Whether we insure at all or not, they have that remedy. You carry out the insurance to cover the liability, and if you don't cover the liability you pay yourself.

The Chairman proposed that the County and Assistant Surveyors with Mr. Elgee and the Secretary consider suggestions to meet the present situation of the Assistant Surveyors dealing with explosives and as to insurance for this work through an Insurance Company or by the Council acting as their own underwriters and that the suggestions drawn up be submitted to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Crish seconded the proposal which was adopted.

WALL AT ST. KEARNS: Mr. Colfer said that about September when storms were frequent there he was afraid the wall would be in danger of collapse.

The County Surveyor said his experience was that the place one was apt to condemn and to expect it would collapse did not do so and the place which was considered safe does collapse. It might take hundreds and hundreds of pounds if they were to start rebuilding a large portion of that wall and the work would probably be unnecessary.

BALLYGALVERT LANE: Mr. M. Redmond said that applications for repair of this lane had been before the Council several times.

The County Surveyor said the local people wanted the corners widened and the lane repaired on account of lorry traffic. They had altered and improved the corner coming out on the main road. The work asked for meant a big job and no money had been provided for it. The lane was twisted and narrow and in fact for a great part of it two vehicles could not pass without one pulling in on the grass margin to a very considerable extent. Some of the "bends" on the lane were at right angles and very difficult to deal with. It should be admitted it was used to a large extent by lorry traffic.

Mr. M. Redmond said it was from the traffic carried more a link road than a lane.

The County Surveyor said that £1000 had been asked in provisional Road Works Scheme for altering these corners but the proposal was rejected. There were plenty of other places with bad corners but they could not be dealt with as money was <sup>not</sup> provided. If the Ratepayers were not in a position to put up the money for these jobs things must remain as they are.

The matter dropped.

OWENSTOWN RIVER: Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that the position was out of the ordinary. The paling was portion of work under a Minor Relief Scheme Grant. They cleared up two miles of the river which in parts was very narrow as one could step over the most of it. A fence of briars for a few short lengths, stood on Mr. Millar's part of the stream, and they had to cut the briars in cleaning up the stream, The briars constituted a sort of fence, and he (Mr. Birthistle) thought the best thing to do, after cutting

the briars, was to erect a wire fence on Mr. Millar's side for about 150 yards. Mr. Millar complained to him about the fence being dangerous to his stock, and he (Mr. Birthistle) told him he put it up for his sake. Mr. Millar said he would rather have it removed and would take responsibility. He (Assistant Surveyor) saw the man who put up the paling and told him to interview Mr. Millar. He saw Mr. Millar and took down the fence as directed. Now, they had this letter from the owner on the opposite side, Mr. Boggan, asking that they should put back the fence on Mr. Millar's land.

Col. Quin - When he (Mr. Millar) said he was taking responsibility did you get it in writing?

Mr. Birthistle said the County Council foreman took instructions from Mr. Millar. It was a very funny position.

Chairman - I think we should not worry about it. An easy way out of it would be for Mr. Boggan to agree to the length of wire being put on his side.

Mr. Culleton said he lived about 300 yards from Mr. Boggan and knew nothing about this fence. He was told, however, that since the river was cleaned up the road was flooded more than previously.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 28th April 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS BETWEEN POULFUR  
AND BALLYCULLANE

The following notice of motion which stood in the name of Mr. Colfer was circulated to County Councillors on the 16th March 1939:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 8th May 1939, that the said Council consents to the borrowing of £7000 (Seven Thousand Pounds) from County Treasurer for the purpose of reconstructing and surfacing five and one-third miles of roads between Poulfur and Ballycullane and described as Roads Nos. 843, 845, 876 and 877. Loan to be repaid in five years."

Mr. Colfer, in moving his motion, said that a considerable amount of lorry traffic from Wexford and Enniscorthy utilised this road which was really in a deplorable condition.

The County Surveyor suggested they should apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) for half the cost of reconstruction of these roads viz., £3500.

Mr. Colfer then agreed to amend his motion to read as follows:-

"That the Wexford County Council agrees to the borrowing of £7,000 from the County Treasurer for the purpose of reconstructing and resurfacing five and one-third miles of roads between Poulfur and Ballycullane and described as Roads Nos. 843, 845, 876 and 877, loan to be repaid in five years and on condition that half the cost up to £3,500 be furnished by the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

Mr. Corish seconded the amended motion and pointed out that although this route was not a main road it was included in a very important tourist area. The Fethard tourist resort, served by this route, was gaining in popularity

every year and taking into account the degree of its importance it was certainly the worst road in the County. If they secured the 50% of the cost the balance would not put a big levy on the ratepayers of the County and would really mean in the end a saving in the future maintenance of the route.

Mr. T. Redmond stated he knew the route very well and could bear out what Mr. Corish had stated. It was true that it was subject to a more insistent and heavy motor traffic than a great many of the main roads and it was impassible at the moment.

Col. Quin said he would have to vote against the proposal as the route was very near a Main Road and the Department had refused to provide a Grant for the reconstruction on the grounds that it was parallel to a Main Road. It was insane to keep on borrowing at the rate at which the County Council had adopted. They were now close to the £2,000,000 mark and if they continued on their present procedure of borrowing for everything that required any reasonable outlay there could be only one result.

The County Surveyor said there was an improvement scheme on the main road from Poulfur to Ballinery through Burkestown which would be finished this autumn. The Department objected to two big schemes going on in the one area simultaneously. The main road scheme would be finished before Mr. Colfer's scheme can be brought into operation. The road proposed to be done served Fethard from Wexford, Ballycullane and all round Newbawn.

The Chairman said that the route linked up important seaside resorts and also was very useful for traffic to Ballycullane Railway Station.

The County Surveyor stated that unless the reconstruction of this road was carried out it would never be any better

Mr. Bowe said if they were successful in securing £3500 from the State the reconstruction of this road would really be a saving to the ratepayers.

The resolution was then put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

On the suggestion of Mr. Corish it was decided to make special representations to the Tourist Association to induce the Department of Local Government and Public Health to furnish 50% of the cost of reconstruction in this case.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by the Chairman:-

"That the Regulation of the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts that advances of loans will be granted only for houses approved for Government Grant, be withdrawn in respect of Gorey Urban area as no Government Grant is now available in that area. As regards amount of loan to be advanced I will move that the figure of £300 maximum amount up to which 90% of loan (less Government Grant in any area in which Government Grant is payable) can be advanced be increased to £350."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded and the proposal was adopted nem. con.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following list of applicants was submitted:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1939

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Abbreviations:- C (Children under 18). I (Income).  
V (Valuation).

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1. Barry, Francis Patrick, Hillview, Coolcots, Wexford.  
C.1. I. £120. V. £21. 15. 0. Farmer.
2. Breen, Margaret M., 25 Main Street, Wexford.  
C.4. I. £150. V. £15. Draper.
3. Breen, Sarah Mary, 24 MacCurtin Street, Gorey.  
C. None. I. £150. V. £2. 5. 0d. Carpenter.
4. Byrne, William, Camblin, New Ross.  
C. None. I. £87. V. £39. 10. 0. Farmer.
5. Carroll, Mary Anne, Streamstown, Tagcoat, Co. Wexford.  
C. 3. I. £100. V. £2. 5. 0. Railway Porter.
6. Cullen, Philip Michael, Killiane, Drinagh, Co. Wexford.  
C. 2. I. £135. V. £95. 15. 0. Farmer.
7. Cummins, Christina Mary, 2 McCurtin Road, Wexford.  
C. 2. I. £234. V. £37. 15. 0. Farmer and Superin-  
tendent Bacon Factory.
8. Daly, Richard, Tullabeg, Camolin, Co. Wexford.  
C. None. I. £70. V. £4. 10. 0. Carpenter.
9. Donohue, Thomas Oliver, Johnstown, Clonegal, Ferns.  
C. 3. I. £387. V. £2. Mother National Teacher  
Father Pensioner.  
(Income limit for 3 children £270).
10. Doyle, Bridget Teresa, Drimmagh, Rosslare.  
C. 3. I. £150. Railway Employee.
11. Duggan, Anne Mary, The Leap, Enniscorthy.  
C. 3. I. £100. V. £10. 15. 0. Blacksmith.
12. Finn, Joseph, 16 Main Street, Gorey.  
C. 6. I. £250. V. £18. Garage Owner.
13. Fitzgerald Nancy, 8 Wafer Street, Enniscorthy.  
C. 2. I. £185. V. £10. Solicitor's Clerk.
14. Hickey, Thomas, Meyler's Park, New Ross.  
C. 6. I. V. £61. 15s. Farmer.
15. Jordan, Laurence A., Ballyvelig, Campile, Co. Wexford.  
C. 2. I. V. £1. 10s. Labourer.
16. Kelly, Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.  
C. 2. I. £200. V. £3. Railway Worker.
17. Leary, John Kevin, Ballyboro, Clonroche, Co. Wexford.  
C. 2. I. £60. V. £2. Labourer.

18. Leonard, John Patrick, Westlands, St. John's Road, Wexford.  
C. 3. I. £300. V. £14. Stonecutter.  
(Income limit for 3 children £270.)
19. Mulligan, Mary Teresa, Craan, Gorey.  
C. 2. I. £60. V. £57. Farmer.
20. Murphy Winifred M., Richmond Terrace, Wexford.  
C. 2. I. £250 to £300. V. £22. Commission Agent.  
(Income limit for 2 children £270).
21. O'Leary, John T., 31 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.  
C. 1. I. £133. 7. 0. V. £4. 10. 0. Mother National  
Teacher.
22. O'Leary Margaret, Our Lady's Island, Broadway, Co. Wexford.  
C. 2. I. £50. V. £1. Labourer.
23. O'Neill, Mary Anne, Bushville, Tagcoat, Co. Wexford.  
C. 4. I. £90. V. £25. 10s. Farmer.
24. Phillips, Nicholas, Kellystown, Rathaspeck, Co. Wexford.  
C. 1. I. £180. V. £8. Shopkeeper.
25. Ryan, Mary Bridget, 16 Quay, New Ross.  
C. 1. I. £200. V. £13. Coal Merchant and Publican.
26. Sheil, Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.  
C. 5. I. £156. V. 3. Labourer.
27. Vaughey, Thomas Francis, 6 Peter's Square, Wexford.  
C. 2. I. £200. V. Traveller.
28. Willis, Denis Leo, 8 Francis Street, Wexford.  
C. 2. I. £138. V. Railway Employee.
29. Doyle John, Quay Road, Duncannon.  
C. None. I. £78. V. £4. 10s. Shop Assistant.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

4th May, 1938.  
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In connection with No. 18 (John Patrick Leonard) the following under date 6th May 1939 was read from his father, John Leonard, 1 St. John's Road, Wexford:-

"With reference to the form of application for County Council Scholarship, I stated on the form that my total income was £300, and I find that on going into the matter very carefully that the total income for the year ending March 31st 1938 was £256, and I will be very thankful if this note could be submitted with the application form."

As regards No. 20 (Winifred M. Murphy) Income was stated to be from £250 to £300.

Under date 5th May 1939 the County Solicitor wrote Miss Murphy's father that exact figures of his income for year ended 31st March last should be furnished.

In reply to this, Mr. John Murphy wrote under date 6th May 1939:-

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

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That applicants for University Scholarships as submitted to this meeting, be declared eligible to compete for same with the exception of Nos. 9 (Thomas Oliver Donohoe), 18 (John P. Leonard) and 20 (Winifred M. Murphy) as the Income of parents as set out on application forms in these cases is in excess of amount fixed by County Council."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following amendment:-

"That, in view of letter from Mr. John Leonard, St. John's Road, Wexford under date 6th May 1939 setting out his income as £256 and which comes within the provisions of University Scholarship Scheme we declare John P. Leonard

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eligible to compete for University Scholarship."

After discussion a show of hands was taken on the amendment when four were in favour and 18 against.

Mr. McCarthy's resolution was then put and declared adopted.

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

"That we hereby declare Oliver P. Donohoe, John P. Leonard and Winifred M. Murphy ineligible to compete for award of University Scholarships."

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

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

It was decided that the question of appointment of lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors be dealt with at County Council meeting to be held on 12th June 1939.

#### CARNE PIER

Under date 28th April 1939, the following letter was read from Mr. Samuel B. Weldon, Carnsore, Broadway:-

"The fishermen of Carne have asked me to inform you that they are willing to repair the Slipway at Carne Pier provided the Council would provide the cement.

The winter before the last the fishing would have been lost if there had been no slip.

They would do it under instructions from County Surveyor."

The County Surveyor stated that some cement was given to the fishermen on a previous occasion but they did not

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carry out a satisfactory job. He (County Surveyor) had agreed with Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor) to undertake some repairs to the Pier. In addition to that, since his letter, Mr. Weldon had informed the County Surveyor that it was not possible to get all those concerned to agree to carry out the suggestions made in his letter.

To meet the situation, the County Surveyor said he would carry out the necessary repairs himself and the meeting approved.

#### DANGEROUS TURN CAMOLIN - BALLYDUFF ROAD

Mr. Bolger called attention to dangerous turn on Camolin-Ballyduff Road. This turn, he said, had been the subject of attention 13 years ago and had been raised ever since by memorials and deputations. During the past two years no less than 12 accidents had occurred there.

The Chairman said that no money had been provided for this class of work. Mr. Bolger could bring it up in November when the Road Works Scheme was under consideration.

The County Surveyor said he was sure he could count nearly 1000 of these corners and unless the Council were prepared to run amok and put up the Rates sky high he did not see how they could be dealt with except in a very limited way and from time to time.

Mr. Bolger said that this corner would probably be dealt with when a jury called attention to it after a fatal accident.

The matter dropped.

#### WORK AT GLYNN AND CARRIGMANNON

Miss O'Ryan asked the County Surveyor when he would be ready to start work on the road Glynn and Carrigmannon. The people were all out of work there, because there was no fishing.

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The County Surveyor said the scheme prepared had not yet been sanctioned by the Department.

The Secretary stated that a resolution from the local Fianna Fail Cumann would be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### CLONARD (WEXFORD) ROAD

Mr. Corish asked what had become of the proposal to do Clonard road leading to Wexford Park.

The Surveyor said the Department had asked for particulars of all kinds and they had been supplied.

Mr. Corish - It is not our fault that the work is held up.

Secretary - No.

#### ROAD AND QUARRY WORKERS' HOLIDAY PAY

Mr. Ronan proposed that road workers when getting annual holidays be given their pay before the holiday commenced.

Mr. Corish seconded and said he had asked that to be done last year.

The Chairman said it would present no difficulty.

The proposition was passed.

#### MAINTENANCE OF OVERLINE RAILWAY BRIDGES

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the endorsement to be placed on the Agreement dated the 16th day of December 1921, between the Wexford County Council, and the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company, dealing with the amounts to be paid by the Railway Company for the Maintenance of the overhead Bridges in the County, reducing the amounts to be paid in respect of the Bridges at Ballybro, Hill of Sea, and Kilrane, to the sum of £4 per annum."

CARTING OF MATERIAL FROM CAHORE-POULDUFF FORESHORE

The following memorial (which was extensively signed) under date 28th April 1939, was submitted from Mr. Martin Lacey, Glasscarrig South, Clonevan:-

"We, the residents of Glasscarrig South and Kilmichael and owners of property and houses, wish to bring to the notice of the Wexford County Council that we strongly object to the carting of material off the Cahore-Poulduff Strand and we call on the Council to put a stop to it.

During the past few years, thousands of tons of large stones and gravel have been carted off this particular part of the strand with the result that the sea have made terrible inroads on the Sea Banks fronting our houses. During the past few months hundreds of tons of large stones which lay on the strand at the base of the Sea Banks have been removed by carters with the result that the removing of these stones which were a very good breakwater have left the sea banks without any protection whatever in the event of a storm. As our homes are situated in a very low situation almost under sea level it would not need to be a very strong storm to rise the sea to an extent that would leave us homeless. We therefore call on the Council to give us protection for our homes by putting a stop to this carting before it is too late."

Mr. Smyth stated that the people on the North Shore were alarmed that their houses might be carried away if the practice of taking material from this position continued.

The County Surveyor stated that the Board of Health were taking more stuff from the foreshore than anybody else.

Mr. Smyth pointed out that, of course, the Council had also to consider the other side of the picture - the position of those who were employed in providing road material from this foreshore and also the fact that a number of people

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took the finer material for building purposes. So far as he could understand the general opinion was that if the County Council did not take the larger sea-stones from the North side the people concerned would be satisfied.

On the motion of Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to take from the South side of foreshore at Cahore-Poulduff ordinary sea-gravel but that the larger stones on the North side be not interfered with.

#### GLENCREE REFORMATORY

Mr. Corish said that the proposal that the State should assume full responsibility for financing above Institution was raised by him at the Spring meeting of the County Councils General Council. It was decided to ascertain what decision had been arrived at by other Counties and to consider the situation as affected by this at the next meeting.

#### ANALYST'S REPORT

From quarterly report submitted by the County Analyst for period ended 31st March 1939 it appeared that 236 foods, 33 Drugs and 6 Waters (total 275) were analysed. Of these, two milks, one butter and one Olive Oil were found to be adulterated and five waters submitted by County Wexford Board of Health were condemned.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

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

"That renewal of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to the following:-

James J. Codd, 26-27 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

B. Hennessey, South Street, New Ross.

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Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford.  
Denis Lennon, Bunclody and  
Nicholas Murphy, Shelbourne Co-op, Boro, Rathnure,  
Enniscorthy."

PAYMENT TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the several payments submitted to this meeting  
including payments for roads and public works etc. as  
certified by County Surveyor on Forms 22 be and are hereby  
agreed to and that Pay Orders for same issue as from this  
meeting."

*Denis H. C.*

12/6/39