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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 8th NOVEMBER 1937.

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M I N U T E S

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th November, 1937.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish, Vice-Chairman, and subsequently Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided.

Also present, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, William Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

THE LATE VERY REV. FR. KINSELLA, P.P., ST. MICHAN'S,  
DUBLIN

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

"That reply of Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman of this Council) to vote of condolence adopted by this Council in the death of his uncle, Very Rev. L. Kinsella, P.P., St. Michan's, Dublin, be inserted in this day's minutes."

The following is the reply:-

"Please convey to the members of the County Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the recent death of my uncle R.I.P. I desire also to thank the officials of the Council and yourself personally for your kind remarks and appreciation of the late Fr.Kinsella."

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £20317. 15. 6d were examined and signed.

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to

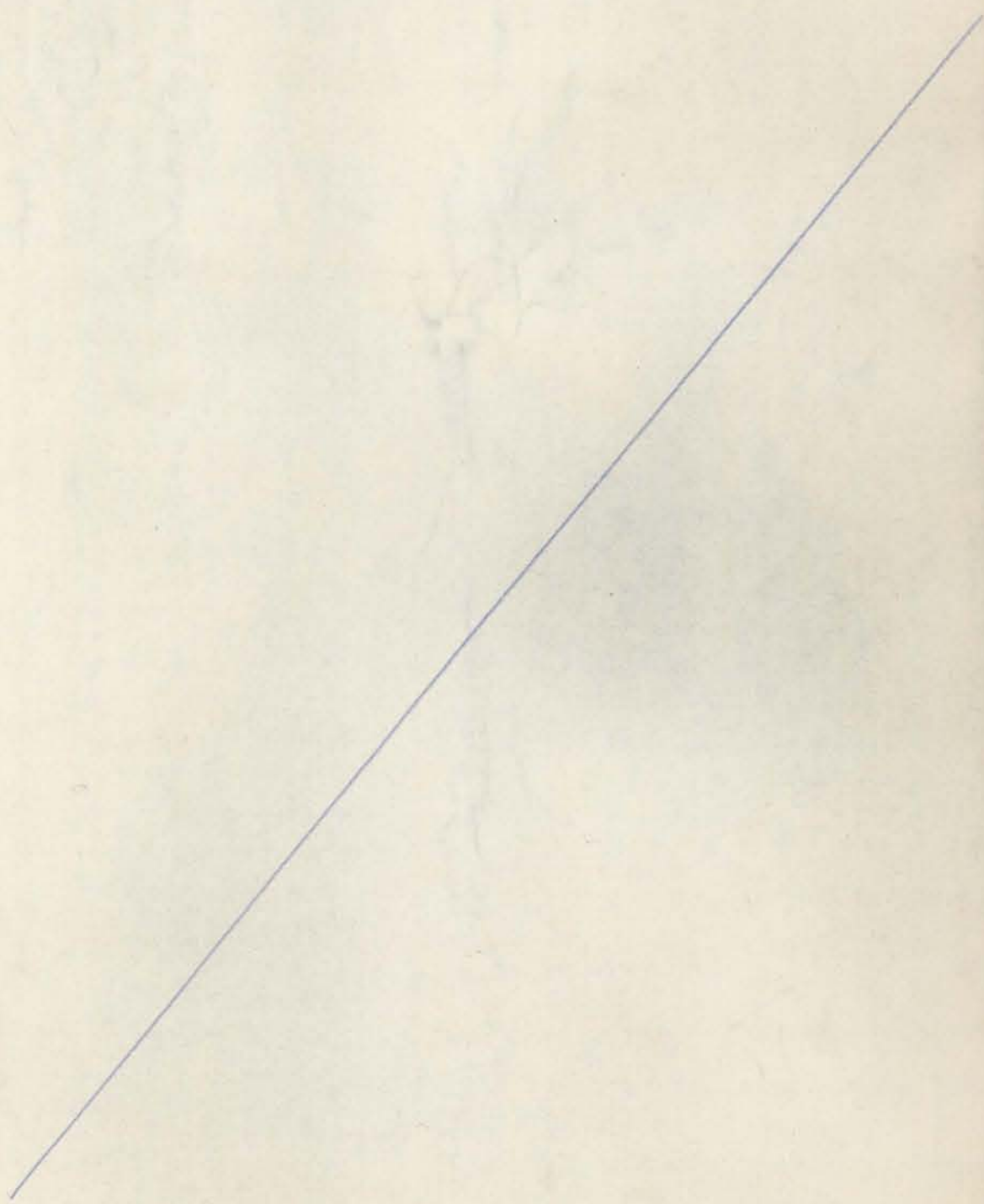


this meeting including payments to Contractors of Roads and Works, be, and the same, are hereby adopted subject to the orders made thereon and initialled by the Chairman. And that Pay Orders issue from this meeting."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING, 15th OCTOBER, 1937:-

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 15th October, 1937, were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th October, 1937.

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

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4891. 18. 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
E. J. Murphy	36.6
P. Nolan	33.5
J. J. O'Reilly	33.5
S. Gannon	33.3
D. Kenny	32.0
J. Cummins	31.0
J. Curtis	30.2
A. Dunne	29.6
P. Carty	29.0
J. Quirke	28.8
J. Deegan	28.7
W. Doyle	28.6
W. Cummins	28.4
M. Kehoe	27.2
P. Doyle	26.9
M. McCarthy	26.1
J. Flood	24.4
J. J. Sinnott	<u>24.0</u>

Average 29.7

The Collection showed an improvement of approximately 5 per cent as compared with the corresponding period last year.

REPORT RE INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS: The following report was submitted from the Secretary:-



"I have to report that on 12th October 1937 seven of the Rate Collectors were interviewed, viz., James Quirke, M. McCarthy, W. Doyle, W. Cummins, J. Flood, J. J. Sinnott, and Art Dunne.

Since last meeting of the Committee, a seizure was made by Collector Patrick Carty (No. 4 District) on holding of Michael Devereux, Curraghmore, E.D. Rathroe, in connection with his current rate account amounting to £19. 10. 0 for two years' rates due at 31st March next. The Collector seized 21 bags of corn and oats which were on the premises. These were lodged in the pound at New Ross on the night of the 11th instant and were sold on 15th instant for approximately £17 from which costs will be deducted. (Expenses say 3 men at 10/- = £1. 10s.; 14/- for Poundkeeper and hire of lorry).

The majority of the Collectors have not, so far, issued six-day notices, having allowed ratepayers to the 30th October to pay the first moiety, but Collector W. Doyle stated he has already served 40 notices on defaulters. Collectors explained that services of six-day notices were held over this year owing to the late threshing which they say is nearly a month later than last season. Collectors state that the majority of ratepayers in arrear will pay when they have "threshed".

It was pointed out to Collectors that unless definite steps are taken to bring the collection up to date, the position of Wexford on 31st March next will compare unfavourably with other Counties, in practically all of which, the collection is showing a gradual improvement, year after year. Copy of the Department's letter which stated that Wexford was the fourth lowest County as regards improvement in rate collection in March last was sent the Collectors so that the position would be fully realised. They were also notified that very considerable amounts which they are at



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present receiving from numbers of ratepayers should have been collected before the 30th September. Collectors stated that they would prefer not to take legal proceedings till October when they would proceed for the recovery of the full year's rate. They promised to take steps to issue six-day notices for the full year's rate on persons in arrear for the first moiety and to follow this by suitable legal action. This procedure will be carried out in all cases by 30th October.

Collector Dunne raised the point in connection with seizures that the 10/- allowed for men helping at seizures was not sufficient to cover outlay. He was informed that seizures were covered by the Rate Collectors' duties and the 10/- allowed by the County Council was an ex-gratia payment towards the cost of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Collector in connection with seizures. Mr. Dunne also referred to rates due on houses in Gorey Town which were condemned as unfit for habitation. The opinion of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that Collector should sue for rates against landlords in these cases has been furnished.

Collector W. Cummins explained that, owing to his taking over part of the district formerly collected by Matthew Murphy he was delayed somewhat in getting his collection under weigh. He expected a decided improvement in his collection by 30th October.

From interview with the Collectors it is apparent they regard 30th October as the proper date to take steps against defaulters who had not paid first moiety. Collectors will be directed in the month of November to send particulars of all cases in which they have taken legal proceedings against defaulters and a Collector who fails to submit satisfactory returns will be warned that, unless he takes immediate action against ratepayers in arrear, his case will be reported to the proper authority."



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Collectors W. Cummins, John Flood and J. J. Sinnott submitted particulars of a number of cases in which they had served Six Day Notices on ratepayers. This action, it was stated, would be followed up by the necessary legal proceedings.

The report of the Secretary was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly.

SEIZURES BY COLLECTORS: Mr. Colfer raised the question of the sum allowed Rate Collectors, viz., 10/- per day for drovers assisting at seizures made by Collectors on their own warrants. He believed it would not be possible to secure men at this rate. At the recent seizure carried out by Collector Sinnott at Templederry, Clonevan, he had been unable to obtain the services of drovers at less than 12/6d each. Mr. Colfer considered that if the Rate Collectors were to be at a loss in carrying out these seizures it might be difficult to get them to move in this direction.

The Chairman stated that the 10/- referred to by Mr. Colfer was only a contribution by the Council towards the expenses of the Rate Collector, and as a matter of fact according to the terms of the Rate Collectors' appointments these expenses should be borne entirely by Collectors.

The matter dropped.

RATES ON FLOODED LANDS: Mr. E. J. Murphy (District No. 15) wrote that in connection with flooded lands of Patrick McGrath and Mary and Michael Bolger, Coolback, Electoral Division of Ballyanne, he understood so long as these lands were flooded, they were not liable to rates.

The Secretary stated that the matter had been submitted to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, who had written that, having looked into the various Acts of Parliament dealing with the matter, he found nothing which enabled the County Council to strike off as irrecoverable, rates on submerged lands.



The County Council were bound to follow the Valuation Lists in striking their rates and as long as these lands were set out as assessable for rates in these lists, rates were leviable and collectable. The Rate Collector for the area or the parties concerned could make application for revision of the Valuation, but that was all that could be done in the matter.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Elgee's letter should be forwarded to Rate Collector E. J. Murphy for his information and that he could point out the position to the parties concerned who could apply for revision of valuation if they so desired.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

PROPOSED SALE OF HOUSE: Under date 29th September 1937, Thomas Dwyer, Kilmichael, Arklow, recently appointed Caretaker of Gorey Courthouse and Gorey Pound, wrote asking for permission to sell or set his house erected at Kilmichael under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, owing to the fact that he was changing his residence to Gorey.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman that Mr. Thomas Dwyer be given permission to sell this house on condition that the outstanding amount on foot of Loan advanced by the County Council be repaid in full.

CHARGE ON LANDS: In connection with the Charge of £100 by the National Bank on the lands of George Black, Coragh, Buncloody, who had applied for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey (acting for George Black) wrote that he was taking steps to have the Charge released and that when this had been done he would communicate with the County Solicitor.



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DELAY IN ERECTION OF HOUSES: Mr. Elgee submitted correspondence which had taken place between himself and Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, for Owen Hiney in respect of the erection of house at Enniscorthy under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Elgee had written that unless the building was put in hands at once the loan provisionally approved for Mr. Hiney, viz., £130, would not be available.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that Mr. Elgee inform Mr. Hiney that if the erection of the building is not commenced by the 30th November next, the Finance Committee must recommend the Council to cancel approval to the proposed loan in this case.

In connection with the erection of house by John Mullett of Greenville, Enniscorthy, correspondence was read between Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor and Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors for Mullett. The letters included a communication from the Allied Iron Founders (Ireland) Ltd., Bilberry, Waterford, to the Enniscorthy Agricultural Co-operative Society stating that the Mantel Register Grates required for Mullett's house would not be available until the 13th October. The Contractor had been waiting for over two months for these grates. In every other way the house was complete.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, inform John Mullett that his house must be completed by the end of November, 1937, at latest.

A similar order that house must be completed by 30th November was made in connection with the delay in the erection of house of Nicholas Hayes, Nine Acre, Carne, who pointed out in a letter under date 27th September 1937, that he was unable to obtain blue tiles necessary for roofing until 7th October 1937. He had been waiting for these for



HOUSE OF MICHAEL McGRATH AT ST. SENAN'S: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that the conveyance of this house had been duly executed and the full amount of liability to the County Council discharged by the purchaser, Mr. John Doyle.

Mr. Kelly said that Daniel Mahon of Ferns, who had been provisionally passed for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had withdrawn his application.

NEW APPLICATIONS - ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Daniel Sullivan, Ballyellan, Davidstown, farmer, applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £350. The annual income derived from his farm was about £140.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Keegan, to provisionally recommend a loan of £175 to Mr. Sullivan.

Sarah Dunne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, farmer, (husband working for County Council at road work) applied for loan of £130 for house valued at £240.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded a resolution provisionally agreeing to amount of loan applied for, viz., £130.

Application was received from Denis Murphy, Gurteen, Bunclody, farmer and labourer, for loan of £90, on house valued at £140.

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

"That application of Denis Murphy, Gurteen, Bunclody, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, be provisionally agreed to provided applicant holds land up to at least five acres." It was pointed out that the maximum loan he can receive for house valued at £140 is £65."

John Murphy, Ballysimon, Ferns, labourer, applied for loan of £200 on house, the estimated value of which is £270.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to provisionally approve to John Murphy, Ballysimon, Ferns, the loan of £180 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Miss Annie Foley, Borrmount, Enniscorthy, Dressmaker, applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £375.

Mr. Kelly stated that Miss Foley had a small shop and about two acres of land and would be well able to repay the amount of loan.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to provisionally approve under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, loan of £185 to Miss A. Foley, Borrmount, which is the maximum amount which can be granted in respect of house valued at £375."

GOREY DISTRICT: Matthew Mullett, Raheengurren, Gorey, farm labourer, applied for loan of £200 on a house valued at £350.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to provisionally approve under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts of loan to Matthew Mullett of £175."

John Byrne, 12 Pearse Street, Gorey, Factory hand, applied for loan of £300 on a £350 house. His application did not give particulars of Government Grant.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to provisionally approve of loan of £175 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Byrne, 12 Pearse Street, Gorey."

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Michael Doyle, Carniven, Fethard-on-Sea, Farmer, applied for loan of £100 on house valued at £200.



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The application was provisionally recommended to the County Council for approval of Loan of £100.

Catherine M. Devereux, Battlestown, Ramsgrange, house-keeper, applied for loan for house, the estimated value of which was set down as £400. The applicant was understood to be working in Dublin. She intended to retire and live in Battlestown, Ramsgrange, at the home of her parents.

It was decided to adjourn the application for further particulars.

FURTHER APPLICATIONS: It was agreed that so long as any amount of the loan remained available applications for advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts would be considered by the Finance Committee at meeting immediately after the close of each quarter.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Under date 4th October 1937, Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, wrote that a complaint had been made to him by Mr. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross, that some dipping forms received from the Garda Síochána at Ballycullane Station were 17 days out of date, and also that some sent to him from Campile Garda Station were also out of date.

Sergeant Walsh, Ballycullane, wrote that three notices of dipping which had been mislaid at the Station were late when sent to Mr. Hennessy. He regretted the inconvenience and stated that every effort would be made to see that the sheep dipping regulations were carried out.

Sergeant O'Connor, Campile Garda Station, wrote that in the case of some of the notifications to dip the proper period of notice was not given and in every such case a Garda visited the premises and saw that the dipping had been carried out. The defaulting sheep owners were also warned that a similar failure in the future would entail prosecution.



All notifications received were forwarded the Inspector on the date of receipt and if they were lodged at a late hour were forwarded the following day.

The meeting regarded the explanation of both Sergeants as satisfactory.

The Weekly Reports of the six Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors were examined.

The meeting considered that Thomas Prendergast (Gorey District) should have been able (in consequence of the very fine weather) to have attended more dippings than those set out in his report and it was decided to inform him that if he is not more energetic in the discharge of his duties he will run the risk of not securing appointment for next dipping season.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Inspector under National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children wrote that application was to be made for the committal to Industrial School of Mary Harman, 12 years old, Ballyknocken, Rosslare and Mary Bridget Doyle, 10 years old, Fair Gate, New Ross.

The New Ross District Court Clerk wrote as to the application for the committal to Industrial School of Anastasia Byrne, Boley, Duncannon, aged 1½ years, illegitimate child of Mary Anne Byrne who was destitute and unable to support the child.

The three applications were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### GOREY POUND

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded copy of the following letter received by him from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Gorey, Solicitors for John Valentine who claimed the ownership of Gorey Pound:-



"You will recollect that we had previous correspondence with you about this matter (Gorey Pound) from August 1925 to November 1936 when we were acting for the then owner, the late Mr. John Valentine, who is now succeeded by his son, Robert Valentine.

We are instructed to-day that the servants of the County Council have taken possession of these premises and are erecting sheds thereon, and we have to ask you to be good enough to inform the Council to remove their servants and their belongings from our client's property forthwith, otherwise, such steps will have to be taken as our client may be advised.

May we say that in view of the nature and contents of the correspondence that has already taken place between you and us in the matter that we are very much surprised at the highhanded and arbitrary action of the Council and its servants in this matter. One would think that the ordinary regard for the law and its forms would be observed by Public Bodies and their officials."

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

"That Mr. Elgee (County Solicitor) be instructed to defend any proceedings taken on behalf of Reps. John Valentine, Gorey, as to their claim relative to ownership of Gorey Pound."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with University Scholarship of Mr. William J. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, the following under date 13th October 1937, was read from Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"In reply to your communications relative to the renewal of the Scholarship held by William G. Lambert, I am directed by Professor Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, to say that he recommends the renewal of Mr. Lambert's



Scholarship, and that as Mr. Lambert will not be attending Courses in the College during Session 1937-38, the Scholarship be held over until Session 1938-39, when he will resume his Courses having spent Session 1937-38 doing Practical Agriculture on a Farm.

Before proceeding to his Third Year Courses next Session, Mr. Lambert must, of course, complete his First Year Examination, by passing in the subjects in which he was rejected at previous examinations. This must be done in June 1938."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to renew University Scholarship of Mr. William J. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, on the terms and conditions set out in letter from University College, Dublin, under date 13th October 1937, copy to be furnished Mr. Lambert."

Mr. Thomas Cullimore, 15 Green Street, Wexford (University Scholar) wrote asking for extension of his scholarship for a fourth year to enable him to obtain Higher Diploma in Education.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to extend for fourth year University Scholarship of Thomas Cullimore, 15, Green Street, Wexford, to enable him to obtain Higher Diploma in Education."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 8th October 1937 the Department of Education wrote conveying sanction for the renewal for School Year 1937-38 of the Scholarships and Bursaries to the following:-  
Christian Brothers' School, Gorey.

(Scholarship £30) Peter Lawless Camolin.

(Bursaries) Patrick J. Byrne, 12 Pearse St., Gorey.



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Joseph Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey.

Edward Kelly, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.

Hubert Sheil, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.

Loreto Convent, Wexford:-

(Scholarships) Elizabeth Devereux, Grange, Broadway.

Brigid T. Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.

Annie Foley, Rathimney, Gusserane.

Mary T. Mulligan, Craan, Craanford, Gorey.

Margaret O'Leary, Lady's Island.

(Bursary) - Margaret Donovan, High Street, Wexford.

Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford:-

(Scholarship £30) - Gerald W. Fenelon, Church View,  
Tagoat.

(Bursary) - James A. Leeson, Parnell Street, Wexford.

Christian Brothers' Schols, Enniscorthy:-

(Bursaries) - Samuel Jordan, Market Square, Enniscorthy.

Richard McConville, Railway Station, Enniscorthy.

Michael A. O'Hanlon, 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy.

Matthew Treacy, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.

Maurice Treacy, do. do.

St. Peter's College, Wexford:-

(Scholarships) - William F. Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.

Laurence Jordan, Ballyvelig, Campile.

John A. O'Brien, Ballycowan, Tagoat.

John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche.

Colaiste Ciaran, Bray:-

(Bursary) - Edward P. Carty, Bride Street, Wexford.

(Scholarship £30) - Edwin F. Todd, Bungalow, Kilrane.

This pupil failed to obtain a Pass with Honours at the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination 1937. As however, there was no provision in the Scheme of the Council for 1934 for pupils to present themselves for this examina-



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tion the Department offered no objection to the renewal of his Scholarship for the current School year.

With regard to John Breen, Coolishal, Gorey, (Bursary) Christian Brothers' School, Gorey; Edward Rutledge, 35, Parnell Street, Wexford (Bursary); Timothy J. O'Leary, 13, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford (Bursary) Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford and Mary A. O'Neill, Busville, Tagcoat, and Mary A. Carroll, Streamstown, Tagcoat (Scholarships) they presented themselves for the examination for Department's Intermediate Certificate 1937 and obtained a pass without Honours. As, however, Edward Rutledge and Timothy T. O'Leary have two more years to go and John Breen, Mary O'Neill and Mary A. Carroll have another year in which to comply with the terms of the Council's Schemes for 1935 and 1936 the Department had no objection to the renewal of these Scholarships for the current school year.

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

"That Scholarships and Bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Schemes due for renewal be and the same are hereby renewed for current school year in accordance with the terms and conditions of letter from Department of Education under date 8th October 1937."

L. J. Doyle, Killurin, J. O'Leary, Cornwall, Killurin and T. Wheeler, Killurin, claimed 13/- each expenses for attending Easter Examination under Secondary and Vocational Scheme.

It was decided to allow 3/- per day for 3 days expenses and rail fare (return) Killurin-Wexford 1s. 8d. Total 10s. 8d for each of the three students.

It was also decided that all further claims under this head be based on the resolution of the Finance Committee to allow students whose marks entitled them to expenses at the rate of 3/- per day to cover expenses in addition to actual



WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following under date 7th October 1937 (G.81257/37 Loch Garman (Sc)) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to a communication received in this Department from the Department of Agriculture regarding payment to Mr. T. Frizelle, Accountant, in connection with the administration of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, and to state that he will raise no objection to the payment to Mr. Frizelle of a sum of £20 as proposed."

ROAD MATTERS

LOAN CURRACLOE ROAD: Under date 11th October 1937 the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, (County Council Treasurer) wrote that his directors had sanctioned the additional loan of £500 for Road Improvement between Curracloe village and Strand. Period of repayment to be ten years at usual rate.

FLOODING ROAD 686: The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 4th October 1937 from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross, on behalf of Henry Long, Ballykelly, New Ross, complaining that the County Council, by making a channel through his field and an inlet through his fence had allowed the water from the public road to flood his land rendering it useless. If the Council took similar steps this year Mr. Long would suffer very heavy loss, for which the Council would be held in damages.

The following report under date 8th October 1937 was submitted from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I think that Mr. Long is under a misapprehension about the flooding of the above road. As far as I can find out, there never was a flood on it until he stopped the passage into his land, a thing, I believe, he has no right to do,



and thereby caused considerable inconvenience to people going to church and to children attending school.

As to the flooding of his land, if such occurs, I believe it can be remedied by cleaning up a drain in his land."

The County Surveyor said there was no water on the place when he inspected it.

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

"That Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, be furnished with a copy of report of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, as to Mr. Long's complaint re alleged flooding of his land by surface water from Road 686. That the County Solicitor (Mr. Elgee) inform Messrs. Colfer & Son that he has been instructed by the Finance Committee to proceed against Mr. Long for having stopped the passage by which the water was taken from the road No. 686."

KILAGOLEY LANE: Mr. T. Balfe, Croneyhorn, Carnew, the landlord of two houses on Kilagoley Lane about one mile from Enniscorthy which were approached by this lane on by-road leading from Drumgoold Road out to the Shannon, asked for County Council to put same in order. The lane was about 800 yards long, about 200 being in the Enniscorthy Urban area and 600 yards in County Council area. The Urban Council repaired the 200 yards but the 600 in County Council area was in bad repair, so much so that in winter children going to school had to be carried on to the road adjoining the lane. The lane was used for the Fathers of the Mission House, by about five other farmers and by a number passing to and from the Shannon.

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

"That the question of repairing lane at Killagoley,



Enniscorthy, be favourably considered when money under Minor Relief Scheme Vote be available."

STREAM AT RAMSTOWN (GOREY): Representations were read from four landholders as to the pollution of stream running through their land at Ramstown (Gorey) at the rere of the old Gorey Union premises. The water was totally unfit for cattle to drink and in fact, was never worse than at the moment. The Council were asked to utilise portion of the money under Minor Relief Scheme Vote to have the stream thoroughly cleaned out.

The County Surveyor said if the stream was polluted, it was a matter for the Sanitary Authority. It was decided to obtain report in the matter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th October, 1937, be received and considered."

FLOODED ROAD NO. 686: In reply to Mr. Redmond, the County Surveyor said there was a crossfence at the premises of Mr. Long along which the surface water of the road formerly ran. This was now practically obliterated.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said the tenant of the land had not the right to stop this old drain. He and the County Surveyor had arranged to inspect the place, and they would report to the Finance Committee.

RATES ON FLOODED LANDS: The Secretary read letter from Mr. Thomas Redmond forwarding letter from Mr. N. J. Murphy Kilmokea, Campile, on behalf of Richard Ryan, Fisherstown. This man purchased his farm of 66 statute acres six or seven years ago for £550 and now 29 acres of it was a mud bank covered at every tide of the River Barrow. The Land Commission admit that 27 acres are useless, but there were 2 acres of a tail of upland which were also useless as they were covered by the spring tides. The County Council were pressing for rates but Ryan was unable to pay. He was willing to pay anything in reason but it was an impossibility to pay the full rates.

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

"That it be pointed out to Mr. Ryan, Fisherstown, he can apply for a revision of his valuation, but so long as the submerged land appears as assessable to rates in General Valuation Lists the County Council are bound to levy and collect the rates".



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th October, 1937, be and the same are hereby approved."

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING 29th OCTOBER 1937: Minutes of Finance Committee for meeting of 29th October, 1937, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th October, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding, also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, William Cullimore, *W.P. Keegan*, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6334. 19. 4d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>1937/38 Assessment</u> <u>&amp; two years arrears.</u>
E. J. Murphy	42.8
S. Gannon	40.9
D. Kenny	38.6
J. J. O'Reilly	38.5
J. Cummins	37.4
P. Nolan	36.8
M. Kehoe	36.4
J. Deegan	35.8
J. Curtis	35.2
A. Dunne	33.7
W. Doyle	33.0
P. Doyle	32.9
W. Cummins	32.2
J. Quirke	31.3
P. Carty	31.2
M. McCarthy	30.6
J. Flood	30.5
J. J. Sinnott	28.8
Average	34.8

The average percentage was 34.8 calculated on current Warrant and two years' arrears.

The Secretary submitted circular letter which he had forwarded Collectors on 25th October 1937 urging (among several other matters) that six day notices should be served on Ratepayers who had not paid first moiety of



current rate so that no time would be lost after 30th October 1937 in bringing defaulters into Court for the full amount of current year's rate and directing Collectors to furnish by 30th November list of cases in which actual proceedings in Court had been taken. Unless the position at March next showed a decided improvement over last year's figures Collectors who failed to take suitable action by Decrees, Examination Orders and seizures would be reported to the proper authority.

It was decided to write to Collectors Quirke, Carty, M. McCarthy, Flood and Sinnott, and inform them that the Finance Committee were not at all satisfied with the progress they were making and will report the backwardness of the Collection in the area of these Collectors unless a very appreciable improvement is shown by next meeting of the Committee.

POUNDAGE: Mr. John M. Curtis (Hon. Secretary to County Wexford Rate Collectors), wrote making application on behalf of Collectors for poundage on all monies collected and lodged to date.

The Secretary stated he had asked for the information of the Finance Committee if the Minister would be prepared to approve of the payment of poundage to Collectors on the 1937-38 Warrants on terms similar to those which had been approved for 1936-37 Warrants in letter of 19th November 1936 (G.228962/36 Loch Garman).

The following is the ruling referred to in last named communication:-

75% of poundage to Collectors be paid when a sum equivalent to 40% of the first moiety along with arrears applicable to the 1935-36 warrants had been collected provided the requisite amount be lodged by 15th November 1936. That Collectors who lodge a sum equivalent to the



first moiety and the arrears applicable to the 1935-36 assessment by the 15th December 1936 be paid full poundage. That Collectors who, by 15th March 1937, lodge a sum representing 75% of the current warrant and the arrears applicable to the 1935-36 assessment be paid 80% of poundage. The final payment in cases in which warrants were not closed by 31st March had to be submitted to Department for prior sanction.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to agree to payment of poundage fees to Rate Collectors on the same terms and conditions as set out in the letter from the Department under date 19th November 1936 (G.228962 Loch Garman) with the substitution of appropriate dates for those appearing in that communication."

ABATEMENT FORMS - RELIEF RATES AGRICULTURAL LAND: List of Ratepayers who claimed for rebate of rates on land on the ground that men in their employment were working for the whole year, but who on investigation, worked for only part of a year, was submitted.

The Secretary stated that in these cases a separate demand note claiming additional amount of rates would be issued to ratepayers.

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

"That early in year 1938 advertisement be inserted in the three local newspapers warning Ratepayers that any one supplying incorrect particulars as to periods for which workmen were in their employment, in order to obtain benefit under Relief of Rates (Agricultural Land) Act, will be prosecuted. That the County Solicitor communicate with a number of the ratepayers who have been reported to this meeting as supplying incorrect particulars relative to



employees and point out that for any future action of this description they will be prosecuted by the County Council."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

CATHERINE M. DEVEREUX: The Secretary read letter under date 19th October 1937 which he had written to Miss Devereux that it appeared from her application she had been working in Dublin for a number of years past and as loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were confined to applicants who had earned their livelihood in County Wexford for the past twelve months she was not eligible for loan.

NICHOLAS CARR, KILLIANNE: Under date 28th October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.84994-37 Loch Garman) that the Minister was unable to approve of an advance of more than £92 to this man, as this amount with the Government Grant represents 90% of the market value of the premises.

It was decided as loans are issued in multiples of 5 that loan to Nicholas Carr be fixed at £90.

MRS. FORRESTAL, THOMAS ORMONDE, JAMESTOWN, TEMPLESCOBY AND LAURENCE HANRAHAN, FERNS: Under date 21st October, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Housing Section H.84993-37 Loch Garman) that the Minister was unable to approve of advances exceeding £106, £115 and £96 to Mrs. Forrestal, Mr. Ormonde and Mr. Hanrahan, respectively, as these amounts with the Government Grants applied for represent 90% of the market value of the premises in each case.

It was decided that as Loans are granted in multiples of £5 the amount of the loan in each case be fixed as follows:- Mrs. Forrestal £105; Mr. Ormonde £115 and Mr. Hanrahan £95.



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Mr. Jordan, Solicitor for Ormonde, wrote under date 27th October, 1937, that his house had been completed for a long time and Ormonde was actually living in it. The reduction in the amount of advance created a very awkward position, as when loan was first sanctioned the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society had completed the erection of house on the understanding that the original amount of the loan would be paid. Ormonde was now indebted to the Co-operative Society in the sum of £156 and had no means of paying except by the loan. It was, Mr. Jordan contended, extremely unfair that the loan should be reduced by such a substantial figure and he wished to know if the Minister would reconsider his decision.

Mr. Elgee said that when applicants were informed about the loan provisionally agreed to they were definitely told that they should not incur any liability until they were informed that the amount of the loan had been sanctioned by the Minister.

It was decided that the amounts of loans in these cases be fixed at:- Mrs. Forrestal £105; Ormonde £115, and Hanrahan £95 and that Mr. Elgee inform Mr. Jordan, Solicitor, that his client (Ormonde) had been informed he was not to proceed with the erection of house until intimation of the amount sanctioned by the Minister was conveyed to him.

#### DAMAGE BY BLASTING

Under date 26th October 1937 the following was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, acting for Miss H. E. Palmer, Gorey Hill:-

"We are instructed by Miss Harriet E. Palmer of Gorey Hill that on Friday last, the 22nd instant, two charges of explosives were blasted in Gorey Hill starting about 2 p.m. and as a result of this explosion, of which our client had received about two hour's notice, considerable damage was done to our client's land and premises.



In the first instance our client's field immediately below the Quarry in which Oats sown down by grass seeds had been planted this year and an adjoining field of our clients which was under grass were both torn up and made virtually useless, not only by the number and size of the stones thrown into them but even more so by the damage done by your Council's workmen in digging up and removing these stones and by their trespassing with Barrows to assist in removing same.

In addition our client's Dwelling house and Out offices were badly shaken by explosives and a considerable quantity of stones thrown about them resulting in one breakage at least through the slated roof of the Barn and causing slates to fall off.

At the moment, it is not possible for our client to state definitely the amount of damage and loss caused by her for the reason aforesaid, or what it would exactly cost to make this damage good, but as far as we can ascertain at the moment the amount of damage and loss to her would be from £15 to £20.

Under these circumstances, we would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible as to what reparation your Council intends making our client for this loss and in default of a satisfactory reply, we are instructed to institute proceedings.

If you wish to inspect the damage to the roof of our client's Barn, you would want to arrange to have the inspection carried out immediately as our client expects to thresh in a couple of days and must have the Barn roof repaired for this purpose and of course, any money she has to spend on having this done will be for the account of those responsible for damaging it."

The following under date 28th October 1937 was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Yours of the 27th with copy of letter from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan re above received. In reply, I beg to state that in carrying out blast in above on 22nd instant some stones fell on Miss Palmer's lands and yard and one stone struck roof of outhouse breaking one slate. I inspected the outhouse immediately after blast and undertook to have injury to this roof made good at once. Miss Palmer refused to accept my offer to have this done. As for stones which fell on land adjoining, these were removed and the damage to fields is certainly very trifling, if any."

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



IMPROVEMENTS AT MENTAL HOSPITAL, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 16th October 1937, the following letter (No. 80840/37, Enniscorthy, M.H.(B)) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 24th ultimo in regard to the proposed scheme of improvements at Enniscorthy Mental Hospital, and to state that on the 2nd October 1936 the Committee of Management were informed by letter that the Minister is prepared to agree to the following works being proceeded with:-

	£.
1. Water Supply Estimated cost	1,500
2. Electric Lighting do.	1,200
3. Refrigerator do.	600
4. Central Heating do.	15,000
5. Bathing Accommodation do.	5,250
6. Laundry Equipment do.	4,600

Total £28,150

I am to add that a deputation appointed by the Mental Hospital Committee attended here on the 16th January 1936 and agreed that if the above works were allowed to proceed they would be satisfied to hold over the building of a Nurses' Home, Admission Unit and Chapel until funds were available."

Copy of this was forwarded to Dr. Conlon, Acting Resident Medical Superintendent, who replied under date 23rd October, 1937, as follows:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of the 16th instant regarding money for Mental Hospital improvements, the following memo should held towards a better understanding of the position both as regards loan and grant.

(1) Re amount of grant. In January last the Department in reply to letter on the subject wrote that in the case of Mental Hospitals the practice is, to give a contribution of half the cost of works of improvement approved by the Minister for the purposes of the grant, and that the Minister is prepared to follow this course in relation to works at Enniscorthy Mental Hospital.

(2) The Department's letter of the 16th instant makes it clear that £28150 is the estimated cost of works which are approved of for carrying out as soon as possible. This figure includes £1,500 for Water Supply and £1,200 for Electric Lighting. I do not know the data on which these figures are based. I may mention, however, that the Contractor's Tender for Water Supply is £1,477 and this does not include the engineer's fees, legal expenses, way-leaves advertising etc., which are estimated to cost over £200, so that £1,500 for Water Supply appears to be an underestimate. In this connection the Consulting Engineer's estimate is £2,000. I have no particulars at all as to the £1,200 for Electric Light. Possibly this money is for rewiring the institution and for capital charges consequent on change over from our own to E.S.B. power. The other estimates submitted by the Department, that is Refrigerator £600, Central Heating £15,000, Bathing Accommodation £5,250 and



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Laundry Equipment £4,600 are in accordance with those of the Committee's Consulting Engineer, except that £4,600 for the Laundry includes £1,000 for contingencies which more properly belongs to Central Heating.

(3) The Department's letter of the 16th instant in stating that the Committee of Management were informed on the 2nd October, 1936, that the Minister was prepared to agree to the works enumerated above being proceeded with, is misleading. What the Department did write is that the Minister was prepared to agree to steps being taken by the Committee to improve the Water Supply, Electric Lighting, Central Heating, Bathing Accommodation, Laundry Equipment and the Refrigerator. At this time, the Committee had under consideration the development of Kilcarberry for Electricity and Water Supply at estimated cost of about £18,000. And, as this proposal was not abandoned by the Committee until last April the implication/the Department's letter that the Minister was prepared last October to agree to Water Supply and Electric Lighting schemes being proceeded with at cost of £1,500 £1,200 is misleading.

(4) With regard to last paragraph in the Department's letter stating that the deputation which waited on the Department in January 1936 agreed that if the works mentioned above were allowed to proceed, they would be satisfied to hold over the building of a Nurses' Home, Admission Unit, and Chapel until funds were available. I do not think this is correct. What really happened is that Mr. McArdle who was spokesman for the Department, said that as regards grants out of the Sweepstake Funds, the position at the time was that the total of this Fund was £800,000 while grants up to 2½ million pounds had been allocated for works to be carried out as money became available. Mr. McArdle suggested and it was agreed to that the deputation place the proposed improvements in their order of urgency for carrying out, as money became available and he would place this recommendation before the Minister. Accordingly, it was decided that improvements in the following order, as money became available be carried out: (I) Water Supply, (II) Kilcarberry Electric Power Development, (III) Refrigerator, (IV) Laundry Equipment, (V) Central Heating, (VI) Building of Admission Unit, (VII) Bathing Accommodation, (VIII) Nurses' Home, (IX) Chapel. At this conference, there was no mention of leaving over the building of Admission Unit, although the Committee were satisfied to leave over the building of a Nurses' Home and Chapel for a time until funds would be available.

If any other relative information is required, I would suggest that the Clerk and myself go down to your office for a general discussion."

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

"That, in view of the terms of letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 16th October 1937, (80840/57 M.H.(b)) application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to loan of £14075 towards cost of improvements at Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy."



### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That we recommend the County Council to insert in the provisions of Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme for 1939, clause that only one member of a family should be granted Scholarship under this Scheme in the same year."

### SECOND COURT FOR WEXFORD TOWN

Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar, came before the meeting and stated that a Bill ~~which~~ was about to be presented to the Dail to make provision for the establishment of a second Court so that one court could deal with the Criminal side of Court business and the other the Civil side. The Department of Justice were arranging for Circuits to be put in operation in March next. Of course, this Department would give County Councils ample time in which to provide a second Court, and in the meantime, temporary accommodation could be arranged. According to the County Registrar, it was very necessary to have a Court which would deal with criminal appeals. Although these were few they at present took about two years for disposal, and it was possible when facilities were available there would be more of these appeals to be dealt with. Later on a requisition for the provision of the two Courts would be issued. The Department of Justice recognised that it would take the best part of two years to provide new Courts. If the second court would not be made available the business might be transferred to Wicklow and this would be a considerable loss to the town of Wexford, as well as causing very grave inconvenience to all concerned with Court business.

The County Surveyor believed that the old female prison adjacent to County Council offices could be suitably converted for two Courts and for offices for County



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Registrar etc.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit as soon as possible to the Finance Committee a sketch plan of the old female prison, showing how two Courts and offices could be provided therein.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from Inspector of the National Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Wexford Branch) as to proposed committal of Josephine Stafford, 33, Patrick Street, Enniscorthy (illegitimate), 3 years, 7 months old, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS EXHIBITION, LONDON

Under date 22nd October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (I.R./111) that in connection with the above congress and exhibition to be held in London from 15th to 20th November, 1937, it had been represented to the Department that County Surveyors should be authorised to attend, provided the Councils were satisfied that suitable arrangements could be made for the carrying out of their duties during their absence. Travelling expenses and subsistence allowance could be charged against this year's Road Improvement Grant, on the submission of a certified statement to the Department.

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

"That the Finance Committee approve of the attendance of County Surveyor at the Road Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from the 15th to 20th November, on the terms and conditions set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 22nd October 1937 (I.R./111).

That we request the Department to agree to the atten-



dance of one Assistant Surveyor (to be selected by the County Surveyor) for attendance at above Congress and Exhibition, on the same terms and conditions as apply to the attendance of County Surveyor."

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 23rd October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (MT.209/32) approving of the proposal of the Council to employ Messrs. J. J. O'Leary and Michael Kirwan for a fortnight for filing work in Motor Taxation Office.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 22nd October 1937, letter was read from Office of Public Works (C.87/60/1/36) relative to dredging work carried out at Courtown Harbour. The Grant in this case was £450 and as the cost of dredging was £205. 16. 10d a Paying Order for the balance (£244. 3. 2d) due to the Council, was forwarded.

The Finance Committee considered the arrangement satisfactory.

DRINAGH - KILLIANE ROAD

Representation signed by 38 Ratepayers calling attention to the "dreadful condition" of the above road during the past year and asking that something should be done with it before the Winter, was received.

The signatories pointed out that the greater part of the road was water-logged and a mass of holes all last winter. During the year the road had to carry bus traffic to coursing meetings and air displays and in consequence, the surface had worn down to the bottom.

The County Surveyor admitted that the road was very bad but sufficient money had not been allocated for its maintenance.

Referred to County Surveyor to be considered when



Council are dealing with Road Works Scheme.

"ELECTROLUX" FOR COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES ETC.

Miss N. Flannery, Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, who demonstrated at the County Council offices the working of an Electrolux cleaning machine, furnished quotation for this machine with all attachments at £18.

Under date 22nd October 1937, Mr. J. J. Keegan, 6 Macken Street, Wexford, wrote that he was in charge of all sales and demonstrations for Electrolux for Wexford district and no other person had any right to come into it. As a matter of fact, in the letter from the Branch Manager it was stated - "I have instructed Miss Flannery to keep out of Wexford". He therefore asked that the Order would be placed with him and not with Miss Flannery.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase Electrolux Machine etc. for use in cleaning of County Council Chamber and offices, cost not to exceed £18."

WRITING UP OF MACHINERY RECORDS

Under date 22nd October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote R/RS/32 as follows:-

"With further reference to your letter of 18th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to continuance for a further period of six months of the present arrangement for writing up of records at the Enniscorthy Machinery Yard."

BUSES CROSSING WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following letter under date 26th October 1937, (Ref.F.435) from the Omnibus Department of the Great Southern Railways to the County Surveyor was submitted:-



"With reference to my recent interview, when I informed you that Mr. Michael Boggan, Omnibus Proprietor, Wexford, had applied to the Minister for Industry and Commerce for an Order compulsorily transferring to the Great Southern Railways the Omnibus Licences held by him under the provisions of the Road Transport Act, 1932, it is the intention of the Company to take over the services operated by Mr. Boggan as from Monday the 1st prox.

I shall be glad if you will place before the County Council the Company's application for continuance of the use of the bridge known, I understand, as The New Bridge, for omnibus traffic.

I understand that Mr. Boggan was allowed to run his buses over this bridge, and for your information I would inform you that it is not intended to use the actual buses presently in use by Mr. Boggan, but to replace these vehicles by vehicles of a similar seating capacity, viz., 20 seaters.

If there is any question of reducing the existing speed limit on this bridge, I can assure you that strict instructions will be issued to all concerned to see that such speed limit is strictly adhered to.

It will be appreciated, I am sure, that if the Company is prevented from crossing this bridge with the buses, it will seriously inconvenience the passengers availing of the service between Oulart and Wexford and Gorey and Wexford, apart from any other difficulties.

I understand that the unladen weights of the buses proposed to be placed in Wexford are as follows:

1 Bedford Bus	...	2 Tons 19 cwt. 6 lbs.
1 Leyland Cub	...	3 " 6 "

The County Surveyor said that Boggan's buses were registered for 14 seats instead of 20; the weight of one was 2 tons 5 cwt. and of the other 1 ton, 19cwt., as registered. As they provided for only 14 seats instead of 20 proposed by Railway Company, it could be said, that for all practical purposes, the buses which the Railway proposed to run were a ton heavier than Boggan's.

The Chairman said that the route the buses proposed to use was very narrow and was really not capable of carrying bus traffic, though it should be acknowledged that the bus was most convenient for a large number of people. Part of the road from Riverchapel to Ballygarrett was very bad and full of difficult turns.

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



"That the County Surveyor be requested to make to next meeting of County Council, a recommendation re road and bridge on Wexford - Kilmuckridge and Oulart Bus route.

That the County Surveyor be directed to inform the Railway Company that they must run Boggan's buses until the County Council have arrived at a final decision as regards their application."

PURCHASE OF SECOND-HAND SAFES

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

"That offer of Mr. L. Radford, Wygram Place, Wexford, to supply two safes - No. 1. - 16" X 24" X 15" deep. No. 2 - 2' 3" high by 2' 3" X 2' deep, two drawers at end; at a cost of £7 be accepted."

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application on behalf of Miss Elizabeth A. Poole, Ballyowen Bridge, Gorey, for £40 for bullock which, it was stated, was wantonly destroyed, was received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to defend.

J. J. KELLY V. COUNTY COUNCIL

In connection with the case of Mr. J. J. Kelly, Cedar Lodge, Rosslare, for injury to his hotel and premises by alleged delay in carrying out the work of widening the road in front of his premises, correspondence was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor and Mr. Bolger, Solicitor for County Board of Health, suggesting a settlement of the suit.

It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Elgee and that he consult with Mr. Bolger, Solicitor for Board of Health.



FILING CABINETS ETC.

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

"That the following requisition from County Secretary for office supplies be agreed to:-

	£.	s.	d.	
6 foolscap Super Pronto Filing Cabinets	4.	4.	0	t
2 stands for same	1.	4.	0	
2 Steel Compressor blocks		5.	10	
Calendar for 1938 with base		5.	6	y
Box of 50 Speedway File Fasteners		5.	0	
	£6.	4.	4."	



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th October, 1937, be received and considered."

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee would, at their meeting on 12th November 1937, consider letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health as to payment of poundage to Collectors who by the 15th November 1937 had lodged 60 per cent of first moiety of current rate and last year's arrears.

DRINAGH - KILLANE ROAD: The County Surveyor said he would send forward to the Department a proposal to do some work on this road under the Employment Grant.

BUSES CROSSING WEXFORD BRIDGE: Under date 4th November 1937 Mr. L. Maher, Traffic Superintendent, Great Southern Railways, Omnibus Department, wrote asking the members of the Council to bear in mind the rapid development of road traffic and the possibility of an increase in public facilities on the Gorey route via New Bridge and the possible demand of the public for adequate accommodation in the buses. He referred particularly to the position by which the Company is restricted to the use of a sixteen seater bus as he understood from Mr. Boggan that on Saturdays particularly one 14 seater bus was totally inadequate to carry the number of passengers offering, whereas a large vehicle would meet the situation.

Under date 5th November, 1937, Mr. Maher wrote that on the 3rd November 1937, 29 passengers offered from points between Gorey and the New Bridge for transport to Wexford town and the same number offered for the return journey.



The County Surveyor said that the road up along the coast from Kilmuckridge on to Courtown was not suitable to bear the weight of Boggan's bus, not to talk of a larger vehicle.

Mr. Corish said that the Railway Company had made representations to him and to the Chairman as to the great inconvenience which would be caused to the public by the stoppage of the bus service, and they gave permission to use the Company's smaller bus pending the meeting of the County Council. The small bus proposed to be utilized by the Railway Company was only 3 cwt. heavier than the second of Boggan's buses and the Railway Company had promised they would observe any speed limit set by the County Council in crossing the bridge.

The County Surveyor said if the bus would stick to the slow speed he did not believe much harm would be done but he was doubtful if this would happen on all occasions.

Mr. Kinsella said that the bridge, in spite of the bye-law was being crossed by heavy lorries. It would be a grave loss to Wexford town if the bus service was suspended.

The County Surveyor said the unladen weight of any mechanically propelled vehicle crossing the bridge was not to exceed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons, and for public convenience Boggan's buses were allowed to cross though they exceeded that weight. He had obtained a list of heavy lorries passing over the bridge on particular occasions and County Solicitor wrote warning them against the practice, but it appeared as if the Council could not stop them. The Council had to depend on the Civic Guards for assistance and it appeared this was outside their duty.

Col. Quin said that portion of the bus route was in a disgusting state at present.

The Chairman said the real question at the moment



was if the bridge was capable of carrying buses and similar heavy traffic.

Mr. Ronan said they should ask the County Surveyor for his opinion.

The County Surveyor said he would not object to the lighter bus of the Railway Company crossing the bridge at a moderate speed. It would not be reasonable to refuse the Railway Company to use the bridge and to allow heavy lorries of private owners over it. When he came to the County the bridge was in very bad condition, but it was not so now.

Mr. Corish asked to what extent would the County Surveyor agree to heavier traffic owing to the improved condition of the bridge.

The County Surveyor said he certainly would not agree to an increase over the weight of the light bus of the Company.

The Chairman said it might meet the case if the Railway Company would agree to run two buses of 2 tons, 19 cwt. each.

Mr. Walker of the Great Southern Railway Company, who attended, said the bus of the Company was a 20 Seater and Boggan's 16 Seater. They had only one Bedford Bus of 2 tons, 19 cwt. available.

The Chairman said the Company could provide a second similar bus.

The County Surveyor said that in the case of a large number of passengers offering, some of them might be dropped and picked up again. The restriction regarding weight did not apply to the road.

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

"That notwithstanding the by-law prohibiting mechanically propelled vehicles of an unladen weight not



exceeding  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons crossing Wexford Bridge this County Council (as a special concession) agree to allow the Great Southern Railway Company to cross this bridge with buses of three tons and under, unladen weight. If, at any time, the Council ascertains that these buses are causing damage to the Bridge permission for its use will be withdrawn."

The County Surveyor said he would have careful records kept and see what was happening.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th October 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The County Surveyor submitted Provisional Road Works Scheme for financial year 1938/39. The total amount is £97,090, an increase of £39,960 over the actual allocation allowed for current year. The following shows how the Estimate is made up:-

Repair Main Roads	£. 53,323
Repair County Roads	38,210
Improvement Main Roads	752
Improvement County Roads	1,180
Contingencies (including Insurance, Holiday Fund, Relief Votes etc.)	<u>3,625</u>
	£97,090.

The following resolution of Special Roads Committee adjourned from meeting of 11th October, 1937, was read:-

"That portion of Grants from Road Fund in accordance with the recommendations of County Surveyor be applied to important third class roads. That the County Council be recommended to put up for improvement of third class roads the equivalent of a Rate of 4d in the £ in addition to



existing maintenance allocation, the Government to provide an equal amount."

"That further consideration of recommendations of Roads Committee be adjourned to next County Council meeting and that, in the meantime, report of the Committee be published in local Press in order to allow of the County Council considering any representations which may be made by ratepayers as to the Committee's proposals."

Under date 4th November 1937, No. R/SR/1, the following letter was read from the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo and enclosure, regarding the adoption of a resolution by the County Council that portion of Grants from Road Fund be applied to important third-class roads, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the demands of Main Roads he cannot make Grants available from the Road Fund for the upkeep or improvement of County Roads."

The Secretary stated that up to the present no suggestions or recommendations had been received from ratepayers in the matter.

Col. Gibbon held they should not agree to a higher amount than last year as ratepayers were not able to meet any increase. He noticed that the next item on the agenda paper was a motion by the Chairman to borrow £20,000, which he understood was only a beginning for the hospitalization Scheme in County Wexford.

Chairman - It will cover about two-thirds of the total expenditure.

Col. Gibbon said what the ratepayers were concerned with was what total amount they had to pay, but what they were still more concerned with was the amount they were able to pay. Farmers were not able to pay a largely



increased rate and he gathered there would be increases on account of loans and on account of outdoor assistance. He feared there would be more men unemployed this winter than they had had in the past. He proposed that they agree to allocate for next financial year a sum of £57,130 the figure allocated for current year, and that the Provisional Road Works Scheme be sent back to the County Surveyor to submit new detailed figures on a basis of £57, 130.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said there would be no difficulty in getting everybody to agree that an increased rate was not wanted, but at the same time the Council should not come to meetings, and ask for additional allocations for roads, if they were not prepared to meet the cost. She was prepared to consider Col. Gibbon's proposal on condition that the members would be satisfied with the County Surveyor's allocation as to how he proposed spending the money.

Mr. T. Redmond said he had moved for the appointment of the special committee as a result of complaints made by ratepayers. He could not say if these were general all over the County, but they certainly applied generally in New Ross district, and pointed to the fact that the roads were deteriorating year after year as the result of reduction in the Road Estimate for a number of years. It had been stated the roads of the County were improving, but he challenged that statement as regards New Ross Area. The Second and Third class roads between New Ross and the Tower of Hook were not fit for the traffic they were carrying at present. This was not the fault of the Council but of the sudden change from horse to motor traffic. Lorry traffic came on these roads quite suddenly with the result that in bad weather they became impassable. He



had been speaking to a number of farmers, and they had no objection to raising an extra 4d in the £ to stop the deterioration of the roads as they recognised this step was inevitable. If more money than in the past few years was not allocated, they would soon have to spend much more than 4d in the £ to keep the roads together. Col. Gibbon had stated there would be more unemployment in the rural districts this year than heretofore, but he (Mr. Redmond) could not see why this should occur. The proposal to spend more money on the roads would mean that men would get a full year's work instead of being laid off for two or three months.

Mr. Keegan said that when he explained the reason of the increase of the 4d in the £ everybody to whom he spoke was satisfied.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that the Council agreed to the 4d, but it was entirely conditional on a Government Grant being forthcoming. That day, they had a letter from the Department that no funds were available. He agreed with Mr. Redmond that the present poor state of a number of the roads was caused by the sudden change in the incidence of traffic. But he did not see why they should not get an additional grant from the Government to help the Council in endeavouring to meet the wants of the public in this matter. It appeared no fund was at present available but it was up to the Government to make a fund available. At present, they received over one million a year in petrol tax and a big sum in taxes on imported motor cars and motor parts, and he did not see why some of this should not be devoted to putting important third-class roads into a decent state of repair. They should press the Government to introduce a Bill to allocate some of that money to the Councils. Public Bodies should agitate to have present grants for improve-



ment of roads increased.

Mr. Bowe agreed that in certain areas roads were in a bad way, but he had been approached by ratepayers to say they could not think of paying 4d in the £ of an increase as they were not in a position to meet this extra demand. Beyond doubt direct labour had improved the roads. There should be a chance of taking money from roads that were not carrying big traffic and applying it to roads that had become important in recent periods.

Mr. Corish said that the Council had invited representations from ratepayers as regards the proposed increase of 4d in the £, and as none were forthcoming they might feel content ratepayers were satisfied that certain roads really needed attention. As for the statement that people were not able to pay rates, he had been a member of the Council for seventeen years and heard this statement year after year. In fact, it appeared that almost since local rates were imposed certain people (and not those the worst off) grumbled about the rates.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should deal with the Road Estimate leaving out of account the 4d in the £ for the moment. This had been passed conditionally on a Grant being obtained from the Department. After agreeing to the Estimate they could again make application and representations to the Department for additional funds.

Mr. Walsh held that the Government should be more generous towards County Councils as regards Grants for roads. The beet traffic for instance on the roads was really most unjurious and Beet was regarded as a national industry. Everybody would admit that the traffic occasioned by it had caused considerable damage to many roads.

Mr. Sweetman said the trouble about the deterioration of roads was not peculiar to County Wexford. They had the General Council of County Councils raising the point



and he believed that the question of whether they were getting sufficient of the road tax and petrol tax on to the roads should be cleared up at once and for all. The Council should send on a strong resolution to the General Council asking that the whole matter of petrol tax etc. should be examined with a view to requesting the Government to pass a special Act, if necessary, to provide for increased road Grants. The amount now proposed was not going to keep the roads in such repair as would meet increasing lorry traffic. He believed the farmer should not be called upon to provide roads for the railway and other Companies, to use as highways. Up to the present, they had used steel rails and they were now expecting the Council to carry the traffic of these Companies on mud.

Col. Quin said they should endeavour to secure some Grants through petrol tax.

Mr. Smyth referred to the fact that farmers in his district were opposed to the increase of 4d in the £. Too much was being spent on Main and Link roads while Third Class roads were neglected. Owing to the high valuation of the Maccamore district, they would be worse hit than other portions of the County by any increased rate. In fact, 4d of an increase in other districts would come as heavy as 8d on the Maccamore district.

Col. Gibbon said that 50% of the previous goods traffic of the railways was now on to the roads and the Council were asked to maintain these roads for such purposes. It was impossible for the situation to continue as the 4d in the £ referred to by Mr. Redmond was only a drop in the ocean. The County Surveyor had estimated that to put these roads in order would cost a quarter of a million and it was not worth while imposing 4d in the £ on farmers when they could get no corresponding grant from the Government. Nobody would contradict the fact



that the farmers had to face a very difficult situation. The wheat crop this year was only about half (as far as he could make out) as compared with other years. In fact, all corn crops were light. They had still to meet taxes on farm produce such as on dairy, poultry and cattle and pigs. They should really consider the ability of ratepayers to pay and in this respect not the rates alone but the entire budget of the Council should be taken into consideration including amounts paid to subsidiary bodies.

Mr. T. Redmond said he did not think the refusal of the Department to provide a Grant was final. They should insist that they were going to spend an extra 4d in the £ and the Department should contribute their share. They did not want to saddle the ratepayers with this 4d unless they could bring the Department in as a partner in the expenditure.

The Chairman said that undoubtedly the County Surveyor or before the Special Committee made a reasonable case for the expenditure of more money on certain Third Class roads. The Council were the trustees of these roads as public property and there was no doubt they were bound to maintain them. It had been stated definitely and emphatically over and over by the County Surveyor that unless some provisions was made for roads on which unexpected heavy motor traffic had taken place, they would go to pieces. And unless more money was provided the roads could not be kept in a decent state of repair. It was impossible to make improvements in roads without money.

He proposed that the allocation for the current year be increased to £61,775. If the Council agreed to this it should be clearly understood that no further proposal for road improvement would be brought forward in the coming financial year. He had definitely decided to rule out of order all proposals for improvement of roads for



the next twelve months, if the figure which he now submitted was accepted, and in this connection he included items of special works.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The County Surveyor said the Grants received from Government last year amounted to £32,000 made up of £11,000 maintenance Grant for Main and Link Roads, £11,000 Improvement Grant and £10,000 Unemployment Grant.

The Secretary mentioned various roads in respect of which applications for repair had been recently made to the County Council and which had been adjourned for consideration with Road Works Scheme.

Included was the following notice of motion from Mr. Lawlor:-

"That the Council consider the advisability of raising loan to rapair the road leading from Enniscorthy to Galbally."

The County Surveyor said that the average price on third-class roads in the Saorstat was £24, and two years ago Wexford had an average of £11. If they only got the £55,000 owing to having to pay £2,524, £950 and £1,375 towards employment schemes it would reduce the money available for third-class roads, so that it would only work out at about £10 a mile. Col. Gibbon said the roads were improving. They were not. The third-class roads were certainly going back. It was said that £4,000 or £5,000 would be of little utility. Well, it would certainly keep the roads from going absolutely to pieces because that was what would happen some of the roads if they did not get a little more money for them. He remembered attending a Road Congress just when motor traffic had come in in England all at once. The English Surveyors said: "You have an opportunity that we hadn't. This was sprung on us. It is coming gradually to you, and if you take



the bull by the horns you will have roads that will stand it". They did not take the advice in this country, and the result was they had to pay for it now. In those days, it was the ordinary motor car that did the damage, and since then they had big lorries and buses. The Railway Company's buses were referred to, but they were for the benefit of the public, who asked for them, and farmers were using lorries to take their produce to market. People said that the roads were impassable. They were not impassable. They were very bad, but, undoubtedly, if the Council did not give a few pounds more they would be impassable.

The Chairman said that recognising the difficulty of preserving the roads the amount asked by the addition to last year's allocation was not excessive. A farmer with £40 valuation would have to pay an increased rate of about 10/-. The petrol tax had gone to the ordinary taxation fund and if its produce had been applied to the roads ordinary taxation would be higher. It was - though not quite - like a transfer of liability from one pocket to another.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella the Chairman said that for the half year to the 30th September last the County Board of Health had lived within its estimate. He believed owing to increased cost of living there would be increases in the Demands of Board of Health and Mental Hospital for next year.

Mr. Corish said that very many applications were being received from people by the Board for additional sewerage and water Schemes.

Mr. Redmond held that road services should not be curtailed because money was required for something else.

The Chairman considered that public health should be



their first consideration but, as trustees for the roads as public property, the Council were bound to keep them in decent condition and obviate any enhanced capital expenditure in future years.

Mr. Sweetman advocated a higher motor tax in the case of lorries.

The Chairman said it was the farmers all over the country who were keeping the lorries on the roads.

Mr. Sweetman said they should take up the whole question with the Government.

After further discussion a poll was taken as between £57,130 and £61,755, with the following result:-

For £61,755:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Quin, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. - (13)

For £57,130:- Messrs. Bowe, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. - (8).

The Chairman declared the motion to provide a Road Allocation of £61,755, carried.

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

"That £61,755 be fixed as the amount to be spent on Roads for financial year 1938-39 and which sum must be regarded as the full amount of expenditure under this head with the exception of expenditure arising out of sudden damage.

That the Council refuse to entertain for financial year 1938-39 any isolated applications for repair of roads by loans or otherwise."

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

"That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health and endeavour to secure for the important third-



class roads by way of Grant the equivalent of the extra road allocation which the Council have agreed to raise for next financial year."

Mr. Redmond said he was sure that from the discussion that day they would be able to make it clear to the Department that extra money was required.

#### COUNTY HOSPITALISATION SCHEME

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

"That the consent of the Wexford County Council be given to the proposal of County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to obtain loan of £20,000 (Twenty Thousand Pounds) to meet the share of County Wexford of their Hospitalization programme."

This motion was circulated to County Councillors on 13th September, 1937.

The Chairman, in moving his motion, said there were three hospitals in course of erection - two almost complete - the district Hospitals in Gorey and New Ross, and there was also the Fever Hospital in New Ross to be dealt with. The balance for the completion of the Scheme would be paid from Sweepstakes Fund.

In seconding the motion Miss O'Ryan said that in 1930 when allocations from the Sweepstake funds were made available to assist schemes of County Hospitalisation, the Board of Health submitted proposals to the Ministry.

A deputation from the Board waited on the Ministry, and after a lengthy discussion of proposals they obtained an agreement to their request that an allocation of nine-tenths of the total expenditure would be made available from Sweepstakes funds up to a limit of £42,000. The Board of Health then appointed Architects, and had an examination made of the County's Hospital needs. As a



result they decided upon the following programme:-

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|-----|---|--------------|
| (1) | The provision and equipment of a County Fever Hospital at New Ross. Present estimate of cost                              | £.<br>34,000 |
| (2) | The provision and equipment of a District Hospital at New Ross. Present estimate of cost                                  | 22,000       |
| (3) | The provision and equipment of a District Hospital at Gorey. Present estimate of cost                                     | 22,000       |
| (4) | Site developments and other charges incidental to the above   | 6,000        |
| (5) | The provision and equipment of a District and Fever Hospital at Wexford, not at present being proceeded with              | 15,000       |
| (6) | The provision and equipment of a new County General Medical, Surgical and Maternity Hospital at Wexford, estimate of cost | 120,000      |
| (7) | Renovation, equipment and extension of the County Sanatorium, Grianan Charmain, at an estimated cost of                   | 40,000.      |

The Board's programme in respect of Hospitalisation, excluding from the present estimate the cost of the District Fever Hospital at Wexford, will therefore, entail an expenditure of £244,000.

The Board have at present in hands and nearing completion

- (1) A District Hospital at New Ross.
- (2) A Fever Hospital at New Ross.
- (3) A District Hospital at Gorey,

and have partially developed the sites in these cases. They are negotiating for the acquisition of a site for the County Hospital at Wexford.

The work at Grianan Charmain is very advanced. The cost will be defrayed wholly out of the Sweepstake funds and no portion of the expenses will fall upon the rates.

To meet the Board's share of the £84,000 which will cover Hospitalisation expenses, most of which have already been incurred, the Board will require one-tenth of the expenditure thereafter, which would mean, if the present



estimate covers the complete cost, a nett sum of £18,200. The motion to-day asks for permission to borrow the sum of not more than £20,000 and instalments of the loan will be applied for only up to the amount required.

When the Board begins work at the New County Hospital, a further loan will be necessary to meet the County's share of the cost.

Since the 30th September, 1934, £68,493 has been actually paid in the County in respect of contract work on the Hospitals, and this sum has been met entirely by advances from Sweepstakes Funds.

Every member of the Council would be in agreement with the requirements of the Board of Health and would also agree that they in Wexford, should keep in line with the rest of the world and make the hospitals in the Model County the best that could be provided in Ireland or outside of it.

The motion passed nem. con.

#### CAHORE PIER

Mr. Corish wanted to know if the County Surveyor had any report to make in regard to Cahore Pier. He had told them he was preparing some scheme to submit to the Department.

The County Surveyor said he had not report completed. He had it in hands.

Mr. Corish said that the fishermen were complaining they could not berth their boats.

The County Surveyor said that one of the questions asked was if work could be done in winter. Nothing could be done in winter. If a grant were given, work could be started in the spring. There was no particular hurry about the work.



DUNCANNON HARBOUR

Mr. Corish asked what was the position in regard to Duncannon Harbour. Various complaints had, he said, been made by fishermen that their boats were in danger, and he thought the Council made representations to the Department about it.

The County Surveyor said that no doubt there was danger to boats. The inner pier was so uneven and rough that with the rise and fall of the tide boats got under the roughness and were liable to have gunwales damaged. He proposed to deal with the matter in the coming Spring.

Mr. Corish said his information was that £2,000 or £3,000 worth of fish was landed there every year, and there was a good number of boats there.

The County Surveyor said they also wanted the inner harbour dredged and deepened. The Council had no money for that unless they got a grant.

Mr. Corish - What they want is a proper shelter for boats. Would the inner harbour do?

County Surveyor - It would, if some dredging is done in it.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

FETHARD HARBOUR

Mr. Colfer referred to Fethard Harbour.

County Surveyor - Really what the fishermen want is out of the question. They are not going to get £3000.

Mr. Colfer said that the cost would be £3000 to £5000. Along with helping the fishing, the work would save the land from erosion.

The County Surveyor said he would not say that altogether. It was possible that it would have some effect, but it would not act as a breakwater.

Mr. Colfer said that if they had a pier it would change the current.



County Surveyor - When you start interfering with tidal currents you don't know where you are. We had this up before about other little harbours, and we have already got small grants allowed, but in regard to a grant of from £3,000 to £5,000 you won't get it.

Mr. Colfer - Supposing we could get a grant of half the amount, could we raise a loan for the other half?

Chairman - The best thing to do is wait until the County Surveyor makes a report to next meeting and the Council can then consider it.

Mr. Colfer - This is work that should be carried on in Spring or early Summer. It should be taken into consideration that by helping fishermen at one side it would be saving the land at the other side.

Further consideration of the matter was adjourned for report of County Surveyor.

#### FLOODING AT BALLINDAGGIN

Mr. Lawlor said that in Ballindaggin the school children had to wade through water owing to flooding of road.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said there was no place for the water to escape.

Mr. Lawler asked if the pipe at the place could not be extended.

Mr. Ennis said that this would be no remedy owing to the situation of the place. If there was a "plough-cut" down the field the water might be carried off.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should inspect and report.

#### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

The County Surveyor reported that the following Road Contractors were in default as they were not carrying out the terms of their contracts:-



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MR. TREANOR'S AREA:-

Patrick Kinsella, Parklands, Gorey. Road 142  
J. Codd, Ballyscarton, Gorey. Road 143  
Michael Keegan, Grattan Street, Gorey Road 218.

MR. BIRTHISTLE'S AREA:-

	<u>Roads</u>
P. Kennedy, Ballyvergin.	750, 744 and 745
James Doyle, Kiltra.	893 and 910

MR. CULLEN'S AREA:-

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral	426, 439, 646 and 647
William McGill, Ballingowan	444 and 445
Patrick Mangan, Knocknasilla	447
Thomas Walsh, Ballinclash	450
John Murphy, Ballyhought	559 and 560
John Murphy, Inch	561
Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin	606
Edward Browne, Ballyhow	644 and 645
Reps. Denis Murphy, Johnstown	648 and 649.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against defaulting Road Contractors reported to this meeting, and their Sureties, or in the alternative, to cancel contracts and take the Roads into his own charge, should he consider this step more advisable."

EXTERMINATION OF RABBITS

Under date 27th October 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (Div. I. Sec.2) that the Minister was satisfied the present rate of bounty on exported rabbit skins enabled exporters to pay trappers sufficiently remunerative prices for supplies and accordingly, he was <sup>not</sup> prepared to consider - as requested by Wexford County Council - an increase of 1d per skin in the existing rate of 3d. The large increase in the export of rabbits since the inception of the bounty Scheme in June 1935 indicated that the



destruction of these animals was being carried out on a very large scale in all parts of the country. The following were particulars of exports for the last three years:-

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1934	1,022 cwt.
1935	5,802 "
1936	53,247 "
1937 (to 30th Sept.)	35,801 "

The total quantity exported up to 30th September 1936, was 19,406 cwt.

No order.

MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. K. FORTUNE

Under date 28th October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.80444/37 Loch Garman) forwarding copy of letter to the Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, sanctioning payment of marriage gratuity of £134 to Mrs. K. Fortune (nee Power) formerly Domestic Economy Instructress of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the amount, viz., £134 be paid.

DUMP AT BALLYGEARY

Under date 3rd November, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.73811/37 Loch Garman) (Pg) forwarding copy of Sealed Order made by the Minister fixing Area of Charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a dumping ground at Ballygeary on the townlands of Ballygillane Little and Ballygillane Big, District Electoral Division of St. Helen's.



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### ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of County Analyst in respect of Quarter ended 30th September last was submitted. The total amount of analyses was 254 made up of:- Foods 200; Drugs 41; Waters 13.

Number adulterated:- 2 Butters; 1 New Milk; 1 Olive Oil; 2 Drugs; 1 Sheep Dip; 9 Waters.

Of the waters condemned six were submitted by the County Board of Health and three from the Wexford Corporation per County Medical Officer of Health. Four submitted by the County Board of Health were passed as suitable.

### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

On the motion of Mr. Michael Redmond, seconded by Mr. Cullimore, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mrs. Mary Lacy, Monamolin, Oulart, the Garda Siochana offering no objection. Also renewal to Anastasia O'Donnell, Taghmon."

### PROPOSED ALLOWANCE OF EXPENSES TO COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"That as an increase of allowances to our Public Legislators seems to be the order of the day we call on the Government to pass legislation granting at least a pound a day and reasonable expenses to all Members of County Councils for every meeting attended, as the miserable pittance of 5d per mile to place of meeting and no allowance for return journey is quite inadequate to compensate our Public Administrators fairly. We ask that copies of this resolution be sent to all County Councils in the Saorstát."

Mr. Michael Redmond proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the adoption of this resolution.



The Chairman said that in his opinion the resolution was not reasonable and had very little chance of securing the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. He suggested the following should be substituted:-

"That provision be made for the payment of expenses to County Councillors for attendance at all meetings, and that this apply to all County Councillors who do not reside in the centre at which the County Council meetings are held and to the journey to and from such centre."

Mr. Redmond and Mr. Kinsella withdrew their motion and the Chairman proposed his suggestion in the form of a resolution. This was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that some Councillors immediately after the Local Government Elections had a distinct grievance as regards payment of travelling expenses. As elections were held in June and July it was impossible for Councillors who were not re-elected to attend 75% of meetings necessary to secure payment of travelling expense contributions and the same thing applied to new members who were elected for the first time.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Under date 13th October, 1937, Mr. James Barry, Secretary, Library Association of Ireland, 53 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, wrote thanking the Council for resolution inviting the Association to hold their Annual Conference for 1938 in Wexford.

J. Allen

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