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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING - 14th NOVEMBER, 1938

MINUTES

County Hall, WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE, Secretary Wexford County Council. The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th November, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D., (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were signed:Ordinary Payments £5733. 8. 7d; Transfer Loan County Wexford
Vocational Education Committee, Enniscorthy School £726. 5.0;
Monthly Salaries £269. 10. 0.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 14th OCTOBER 1938: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th October 1938.

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

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

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

After confirmation of the Minutes Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) attended and presided during the consideration of the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,949. 8. 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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right they paid the Landlord an annual sum.

Further enquiry was then made into the matter, and as far as I can understand the Successors of those parties, whose names appeared on the old Estate Rentals were traced down to the persons who were then set out on the Valuation Books as the parties to be rated in respect of the Commons.

the purpose of grazing a certain number of sheep, for which

The grants made to the persons above mentioned have never, so far as can be traced, been revoked, and this being so, the only way for the persons so rated to rid themselves of their liability, would be to assign the right to graze to some other person.

As long as the names appear on the Valuation Books the County Council are bound to assess the rates upon them, but, whether they are able to collect same or not, is governed by the Decision in "The Sligo County Council - v - Cooke", which I referred to in a former report on the matter."

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

"That Rate Collectors concerned proceed against three or four ratepayers on Bantry Commons. If they fail to secure a Decree in the District Court, appeal be made to the Circuit Court, the County Council to be responsible for the legal costs involved."

VALUATION GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS' HOUSES: Under date 12th October 1938, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I have made enquiries into the question of the valuations of the above houses, as compared with Houses built under the Labourers' Acts, and I find that, as regards the houses built under the Labourers' Acts, there is a limit placed upon the amount which they are to be valued at, but that in respect of the Houses built under a Scheme such as the houses at Gorey were, there is no limit placed upon the valuations by any Act, and accordingly, the Valuation Authorities are free to place what Valuation they consider fair upon the Houses, having regard to the amount of rent payable for them, and such rents are in this case fairly high, and hence the Valuation is high also."

The Secretary stated that the Commissioners of Valuation had declined to reduce on Appeal the valuation of these houses.

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

"That the County Council point out to the Local Government Department it is inequitable that Poor Law Valuations of houses erected for occupation by former slum dwellers should be made at the full figure. The Finance Committee are of opinion the limit of valuation in such instances especially in small towns, should be that fixed for houses erected in the vicinity of towns under the Labourers' Acts.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to take up thes matter with the Valuation Department."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to remit to the 30th September 1938, rates assessed on houses recently erected by Gorey Town Commissioners, if this proposal can be legally carried out."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO ADVANCE MARTIN DUNBAR: Under date 4th October 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (25942/38 - Loch Garman) that the Minister would not raise objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to advance a loan of £150 to Martin Dunbar in respect of erection of house at Wexford Street, Gorey.

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MRS. MANGAN, GLENBOUGH: Mrs. Mary D. Rooney, Crovinia

Avenue, Rislyn Montgomery Co., Penn. U.S.A. (sister to Mrs.

Mangan) wrote that she would pay instalments - arrears and

current - if time was given.

It was decided to refer this matter to the County Solicitor.

JAMES SEXTON, BULGAN: Under date 7th October 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that Mr. Corish, Auctioneer, had informed him that Sexton never gave him any instructions to sell the house which he had erected under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He had written Sexton asking him what he intended doing and would let the Council know what the reply would be.

PREPARATION OF ROAD MATERIAL

The County Surveyor forwarded the following letter under date 21st September 1938 (S.W.12/13/27) from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th instant on the subject of the preparation of road material, I am to state that we have no particulars as to the comparative costs of hand breaking and machine breaking.

It is assumed that you have addressed a similar enquiry to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and we will discuss the matter with the Department."

The County Surveyor stated that up to the present he had

not heard from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter.

ROAD, BALLYCARNEY - CLOHAMON

The following under date 28th September 1938, addressed to the Chairman from Mr. Hamilton Coffey, Clobemon Hall, Ballycarney, was read:-

"I wish to call the attention of the Council to the extremely unsatisfactory state of the road from Ballycarney to Clohamon on the left bank of the Slaney. It holds a succession of pot-holes which makes it a grievance to drive a car along it; and it is very dangerous to the springs of a car.

This road was never good, but it was ruined by heavy lorries having to use it when the road on the other side of the river was being remade. The only attention it has been paid has been that the holes have occasionally been filled with earth from the side of the road sometimes mixed with round water worn gravel which does not bind at all. This is simply a waste of money. After a few cars have passed along the earth and gravel have been knocked out of the pot holes by the wheels and the road is as bad as ever. The law enjoins me to keep my land clear of certain weeds, but those along the road here have been cut by the Council's men for the last two years after they have seeded. Consequently, I have to deal every year with a fine crop of thistles, ragweed etc.

I should like some responsible official to drive a car across Ballycarney Bridge and along this Road to Clohamon.

If the springs of his car have held out when he arrives there I think that he would admit that my complaint is justified."

Referred to County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said the road was bad, but it was a © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

question of money. He could not do more with the money which had been allocated.

COOLOOK LANE

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that Coolook Lane near Ballycanew be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme in view of representations from ratepayers concerned submitted to this meeting.

CLONMORE LANE, GLENBRIEN

Mrs. Katherine Murphy, Clonmore House, Glenbrien, submitted memorial signed by 16 ratepayers and herself as regards repair of above lane.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Murphy that lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

ROADS IN ROSSIARE DISTRICT

The following under date 9th October was read from Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am directed by the Committee of the above to ask you to be good enough to bring the following before the next meeting of your Council.

The Cumann wish to draw the attention of the County
Council to the deplorable condition of the Tagoat-Rosslare
Road. It is a matter of urgency that this important work
be undertaken immediately as in the opinion of competent
judges this road is one of the worst in County Wexford. The
Cumann is reliably informed that during the tourist season,
the Automobile Association recommended its members on
leaving Rosslare Harbour to avoid this road owing to its
highly dangerous condition. Now that the Winter has arrived
and the condition of the road becomes worse the Cumann
regrest that the work of reconstruction be started
immediately.

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Grange Road: The attention of the County Council is also requested to the serious flooding of the public road at Grange Railway Bridge. This is due mainly to the filling up of a drain formerly cleaned yearly by the Railway Company. The Cumann request the County Council to have the matter investigated forthwith.

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Woodtown Road: The Woodtown road has been impassible during the past week, and residents of the area were unable to go to Mass on Sunday, October 9th, as a result of flooding, caused also by drains not being cleaned. The Cumann also request that this matter be remedied.

Burrow Road: Residents of the Burrow, Rosslare, habe asked the Cumann to point out to the County Council that whilst defence works against the ravages of the Sea have been constructed below the main embankment, nothing has been done with that portion of the road from Peare's house to the Embankment controlled by the County Council. It is stated that the tide rises in this low lying portion to a greater extent than formerly and a number of houses are in immediate danger of flooding. The Cumann request that extra material be dumped here as soon as possible.

Hoping that you will see your way to bring above matters before your Council and thanking you in anticipation!

The County Surveyor stated that the Council were spending £4,200 (of which half was obtained by loan) on the road Rosslare to Carne Pier. This would cover portion of the road from Rosslare to Tagoat. As regards Woodtown road since Hopeland Bank was flooded the whole drainage in the district was upset. A big amount of money had been recently spent in the district including £1500 for widening road by Relief Grant from Etchingham's towards Woodtown.

It was decided to refer the communication from Rosslare
Fianna Fail Cumann to the County Surveyor and that the latter
be requested to send reply to Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary to
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RATHDUFF LANE, KILLANNE

Mr. Simon Doran, Rathduff, wrote asking the Council to allow some money for the upkeep of this lane, which was repaired under Minor Relief Scheme and was in good order, the corners having been widened. The residents feared unless there was some money allowed to keep the water off the road it would soon be as bad as ever.

The County Surveyor considered the application unreasonable. It was unfair that ratepayers, when lanes were put into good condition for them, refused to do a "hand's turn" to keep them in order.

The application was refused.

DUNANMORE-TORDUFF LANE (ROADS 355 AND 349)

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that the application from the ratepayers covered Grant from Relief Scheme. If the lane could be repaired in this manner it would be a great convenience to residents and other users.

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

"That the application re Dunamore-Torduff road be recommended for repair under Relief Scheme."

CARETAKER'S PREMISES - GOREY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 12th October 1938 from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I made an inspection of caretaker's premises, Gorey Courthouse since vacated and beg to report that it is in the very bad condition. Many of walls require plastering as old plaster is falling off. Papering and painting also necessary. There is no lavatory, and stove in kitchen not suitable where children in family. Some repairs to roof will also require to be done."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to procure estimates for repair of Caretaker's premises, Gorey Courthouse, and accept the one he considers reasonable and satisfactory."

CROGHAN LANE

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Mr.
Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Above was repaired under Minor Relief Grant some time ago. It is a lane very much used by residents in area most of whom have grazing rights on Groghan Mountain.

A sum of £10 per annum would suffice to maintain it if' scheduled as County Road."

The County Surveyor stated it was understood when lanes were repaired under Minor Relief Scheme their future maintenance would be undertaken by the Ratepayers concerned.

It was decided to inform these Ratepayers that the Finance Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to set aside any sum for the repair of Croghan lane. They consider - as the lane has been put in order by State Grant-ratepayers and others using the lane should take over its future maintenance.

CONTINGENCY FUND

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

"That £20 be transferred from County Contingency Fund to Section 40 - Duncormack Road (approved of by County Council at last meeting) and £27 to Section 2, Ahare Bridge, (which the County Surveyor said had collapsed)."

PAID HOLDDAYS OF CARTERS

Under date 12th October 1938, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As instructed by the Council I have looked into the question as to whether the carters in the employment of the Council are entitled to the holidays allowed to other Workers under the provisions of the Conditions of Employment Act 1936 and in my opinion they are not entitled to the holidays.

Section 3(1) of the Act defines the expression "Industrial Work" to which the Act applies and declares, that "Industrial Work" does not include Agricultural, Commercial, nor Domestic Work, Mining nor the transport of Persons or Goods.

Section 3(2) of the Act defines what Agricultural Work, Commercial Work and Demestic Work are, but gives no definition of the Expression "Transport of Persons or Goods" and this being so, in my view, the words must be interpreted in their ordinary meaning which is "to convey from one place to another" and the carter's work is plainly (in the main) to cart stones and other materials from one place to another on the Roads. This being so, I cannot form any other opinion, but that the carters are not entitled to the benefits of the above mentioned Act."

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to inform the County Council that as regards holidays with pay to Carters the Finance Committee consider that the Council are bound by the opinion of their Solicitor.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME

Correspondence was submitted from Major Barnewall,
Kilmannock House, Campile, as to his liability in connection
with repair of a certain section of Kilmannock Drainage Area.

The County Surveyor mentioned it had been decided by
the Council that he should interview Major Barnewall in the
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CLAIM FOR DAMAGE BY BLASTING

Under date 28th September 1938, the following were read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are instructed by Messrs. Shortle Bros., Castle-bridge, that on the 7th January last they wrote you drawing your attention to damage done to their Mill at Edenvale by blasting operations carried on by the County Council in Edenvale Quarry, and to point out that although eight months have since elapsed, nothing has been done either to repair the damage or to compensate our clients. Further blasting operations took place on Monday last, the 26th instant, and examination of the roof of our clients' Mill disclosed the fact that the roof had been holed in thirty-four places by stones and boulders flung through the air as a result of the blasting. In addition, the roof of their kiln has been damaged and also the roof of a stable. Our instructions now are to call on the County Council to immediately cease blasting operations in the Quarry in question and to inform you that unless you intimate to us within forty-eight hours that the County Council will do so, we are further instructed to apply for an Injunction, as our clients cannot carry on their business as long as the present state of affairs exists. We are also instructed to take proceedings against the County Council for damages."

"Since writing the annexed letter to-day, our clients called on us again and handed us the letter written to them by you to-day. This is the first offer made by you to make good the damage done and apparently this is made only by reason of the extensive damage done on the 26th instant. We have instructed an Engineer to inspect the premises and make a Report and he is visiting the premises to-morrow morning. If he advises that the damage can be adequately repaired, we shall have to insist that the repairs are carried out according to his Specification and under his supervision. This letter is without prejudice to any other cause of action our clients may have against the County Council for consequential loss or otherwise and to the proposed proceedings for an Injunction."

Under date 3rd October 1938, Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan wrote as follows:-

"Referring to our letters to you of the 28th ultimo we have had our clients' premises inspected by Mr. T. J. Millar and as regards the roof of the Mill and the roof of the Stores which have been damaged, he reports that to repair and make the roof watertight, it will be necessary to have all broken and damaged slates removed, and the roof re-dated the ridge tiles to be made good and pointed and the lead valley repaired where necessary. On hearing from you that you are prepared to put the work in hands in accordance with a Specification to be prepared by Mr. Millar and under his supervision, we will send you Specification. In the meantime, our clients, in accordance with Mr. Millar's recommendation, propose to have temporary repairs carried out to prevent damage to the contents of the Mill. Our clients also will have to look to the County Council for the expenses to which they have been put by reason of the necessity to employ an Engineer. Before applying for an injunction to restrain the County Council from further damage to our client's property, we shall be glad to know what their attitude in the matter is.

The County Surveyor stated that the complaint in

January referred to in letter of Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan of

28th September last, had been sent to the Insurance Company
when it came to hand. No specific claim was received from

Messrs. Shortle as regards this January complaint and it

was assumed the claim had been dropped.

As regards the present application for compensation he (County Surveyor) had forwarded the correspondence to the Insurance Company and the latter had sent him a draft letter to be headed "Without Prejudice" to be forwarded to Messrs. Kirwan saying they were satisfied that temporary repairs should be carried out pending further work. He (County Surveyor) was satisfied that a good deal of damage had been done but was not satisfied that the walls had been damaged in January last.

It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the Insurance Company.

COMPENSATION - ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of Mary Britton,
Brownswood, Enniscorthy, for alleged injury to her house.
Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 6th October 1938, read at meeting of the County Council on 10th October 1938, from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health, was submitted:-

"I am directed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant together with copy of a letter sent to the Finance Committee of the County Council by Dr. Bastible. The Board note that the Finance Committee have requested an investigation into the manner in which the County Medical

'That this Council, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, suspend Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer, from duty pending the decision of the Minister as to the holding of sworn inquiry; into the manner in which the County Medical Officer has been discharging his duties, and into the administration of his department. The County Council adopt this resolution after full consideration.

That the Solicitor to the County Council be directed to co-operate with the Solicitor to the Wexford Board of Health in preparing the evidence for the proposed inquiry.

The Finance Committee would appreciate a reply to this resolution in time for meeting of County Board of Health to be held on 17th instant."

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION - BROKEN TELEGRAPH WIRES

Under date 10th October 1938, the Engineer-in-Chief,
Department of Posts and Telegraphs, wrote (No. W/L.31)
stating that telegraph wires were broken at Carriganeagh
Quarry, Gorey, on the 7th September 1938 as a result of
blasting operations carried out by the Council. When the
cost of repairing the damage had been ascertained the
account would be forwarded to the County Council for settlement.

The County Surveyor sated the amount involved would be small and he was in communication with the Insurance Company in the matter.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman, that renewal of University Scholarship of William G. Lambert be held over until Gouncil ascertain if he passes his first year's examination in June 1939.

GOREY COURTHOUSE - GAELIC LEAGUE The Secretary of Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League wrote under date 13th October, 1938, applying for the use of the upper part of Gorey Courthouse for the purpose of holding a weekly Ceilidhe dance and dramatic class, one night per week, the same as last year. It was pointed out that the premises referred to are in the portion of the building controlled by the County Council. Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-"That permission be given Gorey Branch of Gaelic League for the use of upper portion of Gorey Courthouse in accordance with their application under date 13th October 1938 and on condition that this League Branch be responsible for any damage caused to the room or furniture while in their occupation. " NUISANCE AT BALLYKEROGUE The following resolution from the minutes of meeting of Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, held on 19th September 1938, in connection with above was read:-"The County Medical Officer of Health reported:-'Owing to a complaint received regarding the condition of a laneway leading to three cottages in Ballykerogue, I have investigated the matter. It appears that in wet weather the laneway, which leads to three cottages, becomes flooded and impassible for several days at a time and great inconvenience is caused to the occupants of the cottages thereby. I would recommend to the Board that the County Council be asked to make this lane passable in wet weather. There is no public pump convenient to these cottages and the people have to depend on a private pump to supply their needs in this respect. I recommend that the Engineer be asked to make a report on the possibility of a water supply for these houses. The Board directed:-That a copy of the County Medical Officer's of Health report be sent to the County Council, and that they be asked © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

to examine the complaint as to # road flooding.

2. That the Engineer for the area be asked to report upon the possibility of providing a water supply for the area."

The County Surveyor stated that the nuisance was not on the premises of the County Council and they had nothing to say to it.

No order.

RAIL TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES' ORGANISATION

Circular letter was received from Mr. E. Dignan,
Chairman of the above, requesting County Councils to put
full pressure to bear on the Government to introduce
nationalisation of Transport without delay.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was decided to refer this communication to the County Council.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, wrote he intended to make application at Enniscorthy District Court on the 27th October 1938 for the committal to Industrial Schools of John Allen, 10½ years old; Patrick Allen, 9 years 7 months; Mary Allen, 12 years 3 months, of Railway Cottage, Enniscorthy; also James Kavanagh, 13 years, St. John's, Enniscorthy.

Referred to County Solicitor.

OVERDRAFT

Under date 1st October 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.8195/4/38 - Loch Garman) that the Minister had consented to Overdraft not exceeding £35,000 up to 31st December 1938.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th October 1938 be received and considered."

VALUATION GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS' HOUSES: The Secretary stated that the Gorey Town Commissioners had appealed to the Circuit Court against the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation refusing to reduce the valuation of their new houses.

RAIL TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES POLITICIAL ORGANISATION - PROPOSED

NATIONALISATION OF TRANSPORT: A long statement was read

from the Rail Transport Empoyees' Political Organization

dealing with the present chaotic condition of road and rail

transport and asking the County Council to put full pressure

on the Government to introduce Nationalisation of Transport

without delay.

This was before the meeting of Finance Committee on 14th October 1938 and was referred to the County Council.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the adoption of the following resolution:-

"That the Government be requested to introduce a measure for the nationalisation of Irish Railways."

Mr. McCarthy said the Council did not know sufficient about the position to agree to the resolution. He, for one, desired to be convinced that nationalisation of the railways would be the best thing for the country. Everybody realised that the railways were in a bad way but the Government knew more about the matter than the Public Bodies and he understood they were preparing a measure for introduction to the Dail which was the proper place to have it threshed out and to ascertain what was the best course to be pursued. The Railways were, as he said, badly hit and it was suggested

that in future they would carry goods traffic only and not look to passenger traffic. The goods traffic which should belong to them was being taken away for the roads. The Railways themselves were not free from blame as a statement meeting had been made at a recent County Council/that they were charging a less freight for delivery to business premises by lorry than by rail to their railway stations.

Mr. Walsh agreed that the Council had not sufficient information to enable them to accept the resolution. At present it appeared that the money of the ratepayers was spent to keep all traffic on the roads.

Mr. Doyle held it was in the interests of the community that the railways should be placed on a sound financial position.

After further discussion Mr. Kelly withdrew his motion and substituted therefor the following which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the Government be requested to consider immediately the whole question of Transport, particularly with the view to having all heavy traffic carried by rail and not by road."

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

"That Minutes of France Committee of 14th October 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 28th OCTOBER 1938: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,975. 4. ld was examined and signed.

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make application for poundage on all monies lodged to date.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public

Health be requested to sanction interim payments of Poundage
fees to Rate Collectors on the same basis as obtained for
year 1937-38 Warrants as follows:-

First Interim: Lodgment by 15th November 1938 of 60% of first moiety of current warrant plus arrears applicable to assessment of year 1937-38 to qualify for 75% of poundage fees.

Second Interim: Lodgment by 15th December 1938 of an amount equivalent to first moiety of current warrant along with the total arrears applicable to 1937-38 assessment for payment of full pointage.

Third Interim: Lodgment by 15th March 1939 of a sum equivalent to 75% of current warrant along with total arrears applicable to 1937-38 assessment for Collectors to qualify for 80% of poundage.

Final Payment: Special sanction of Minister to be applied for in the case of each Collector at close of Warrant

PAYMENT OF RATES ON HOUSES OF GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

In connection with resolution at last meeting that rates on recently erected houses by Gorey Town Commissioners in respect of current financial year should be remitted, Mr.

Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 21st October 1938, as follows:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 19th instant, and in reply write to say, that in my opinion, the County Council cannot remit the Rates due on the Houses recently erected by the Gorey Town Commissioners up to the 30th September 1938 as suggested. The County Council have no power to remit any Rates."

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It was decided that copy of letter from the County Solicitor be furnished Gorey Town Commissioners.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: Under date 20th October, 1938,

(G.22356/38 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government
and Public Health wrote:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th instant and previous correspondence regarding the continuance of the system of acceptance of "part payment" of rates in respect of current rate warrants, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the figures previously given show that no material advantage has been gained from the operation of the Scheme in certain areas.

The Minister cannot, therefore, see what benefit can accrue from continuing the Scheme as heretofore and can consent only to its continuance on the lines previously indicated."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision as regards the system of acceptance of "part" payment of Rates in respect of current Rate Warrant as set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 20th October 1938 (G.22355/38-Loch Garman).

The Finance Committee, having carefully considered this matter, feel that if a guarantee regarding the payment of arrears by a definite date is insisted upon before a "part" payment can be accepted it will mean, in a number of cases, loss of Rate revenue owing to the fact that certain rate-payers will not find it possible to pay more than the current year's assessment.

Taking all circumstances into account the Finance Committee urge the Minister to allow the system in its

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present form to continue until the close of current year's

collection, on the understanding that its continuance in

£14500 has been provisionally allocated out of above Grant for Main Road improvement as follows in County Wexford:-

- L. 29. Gorey-Wexford, at Ballymartin Cross. Ease corners and make road diversion ... 400
- 2. L. 30. Enniscorthy-Kiltealy, Shingaun to Monart East and at Wheelagower. Widen, sidefill, strengthen, surface in bitumen grouted macadam and surface dress 3,150
- 3. L. 159A. New Ross-Fethard, Balliniry to Dungulph. Widen, sidefill, strengthen, surface in tar bitumen macadam and surface dress
- T.8. Wexford-Rosslare, Tagoat to Rosslare 4. Harbour. Ease corners, drain, widen, sidefill, strengthen, surface in tar bitumen madadam and surface dress 5,600
- T.7. 5. Gorey-New Ross, Mill Park Road, Enniscorthy. Drain, regrade, strengthen, surface in tar bitumen macadam and surface dress. Remake footpaths.

£14,500.

SANCTION GRANT ROAD FROM ROSSLARE STRAND TO CARNE PIER

Under date 24th October 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that the scheme submitted for reconstruction of above Road estimated to cost £4200, half from State Grant and half from Rates, had been approved by the Minister.

REMOVAL BEACH MATERIAL BALLYHEALY SOUTH AND RINBAWN

The following under date 20th October 1938 (M.S.5110) re above was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant relating to the removal of beach material from the foreshore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to inform you that the position of the proposed delimiting line described in the resolution of the Finance Committee as being seven yards at each side of the bank or gap towards the sea cannot be

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I am to suggest that, as there are no Inspectors attached to this Department available for consulting with the local people about this matter, you might have a rough sketch of the area prepared with an indication thereon of the limits within which the Finance Committee consider that removals might be permitted.

It is added for the information of the Council that the foreshore with which the Minister is concerned at present is the area below the line of high water of ordinary or medium tides, that is, a line approximately midway between the line of high water at spring tides and the line of high water at neap tides. The area above the line of high water of ordinary or medium tides is normally the property of the adjoining landowner and removals therefrom cannot legally be made except by arrangement with him."

It was decided to refer this letter to Mr. Sean Murphy and County Surveyor to supply to the Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) sketch of the foreshore area with an indication of the limits within which the County Council consider that removals might be permitted.

DRAINAGE COMMISSION

Under date 14th October 1938 the Drainage Commission wrote (E.9) that they had decided to invite County CouncilS to submit to the Commission a written statement of evidence affecting matters which came within the terms of reference. Heads of evidence under which the Commission desired particularly to have the Views of County Councils were enclosed.

The following are the terms of reference:-To consider the whole question of land drainage (examuding field drainage) with special reference to the technical, administrative, financial and legal aspects of

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the problem, and to submit recommendations as to:-(1) How an efficient system of drainage reasonably consonant with requirements and calculated to facilitate future land reclamation can best be secured. (2) The provisions which should be made for the proper maintenance of existing and future drainage works. (3) How the cost of drainage works and their maintenance could most equitably be apportioned amongst the various interests concerned. (4) The changes (if any) in the existing law and administrative system which would be necessary to give effect to the recommendations. It was decided that copy of Suggested Heads for Evidence by County Councils be furnished County Councillors with a request for suggestions. Mr. Colfer said that a drainage scheme was very necessary for an area adjacent to Wellingtonbridge. TEMPORARY RAILING - GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL The following extract from Minutes of County Wexford Vocational Education Committee in respect of meeting held on Ath October 1938 was submitted:-"Report Gorey Sub-Committee. The Report stated that the Sub-Committee had investigated the question of railing off a portion of the side walk in front of the school on fair days, and had unanimously adopted the following resolution:-"That a temporary railing be erected on fair days for the full width of the side walk and frontage of the school, and that this recommendation be forwarded to the County Committee for transmission to the County Council." (At this stage the Rev. Chairman arrived). A discussion ensued during which Messrs. Keegan, © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

Technical School the Garda, owing to the amount of obstruction that would be caused, might move the fair from the street.

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

"That no objection will be made to the Gorey Sub-Committee of County Wexford Vocational Education Committee placing hurdles up to three feet from frontage of Technical School, this permission to apply to fair days only."

CAMPILE SEWERAGE

The following letter to the Manager of Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd. from County Surveyor under date 27th October 1938 was read:-

"Recently I was in Campile and inspected a connection that you have made with the drain pipe from the Railway Bridge down through the Village. Some years ago the County Council made no objection to your connecting up the waste water from the premises at the East side of the road. I understand now that you have made this connection into a regular sewer taking discharge from lavatories and W.C.'s. Now you have connected up from the West side also, and on this side the W.C.'s etc., are connected to surface water pipe. These connections have now converted what is only a simple pipe for road drainage into a common sewer, and I must request that you, at once, sever all these unwarranted connections with the pipe taking road surface water. have noted in road below your premises the water bursts up from the channel where our pipe is not able to carry the discharge, and this is a decided nuisance and insanitary. Your Society should lay a pipe for their own use, and sever all connections with ours, which is a mere surface water drain.

I am bringing this matter up before the Finance
Committee on Friday next, and shall be glad to hear from you
before then that you have severed these unauthorised
connections.

Messrs. James Byrne, Boley, Ballycullane, and N. J.
Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, attended as a deputation from the t
Shelbourne Co-operative Society.

The County Surveyor said that when the railway line was constructed at Campile a hollow was left close to Campile village. To meet the question of drainage the County Council put in two grates and a six inch pipe to carry off the surface water. The Road Contractors did not keep the grates clear of debris with the result that the road was constantly flooded. The pipe went by the Co-op and the latter were given permission by the Council to run waste wter from their premises through the pipe. Then the Society made connections with the lavatories and closets. The six inch pipe was unable to carry the matter from these and the pipe intended only for surface water had now become a sewer. The outlet was in the river. He (County Surveyor) believed the six inch should be replaced by a nine inch pipe. He (County Surveyor) was loathe to make complaint of a Society which was doing such a big business to the advantage of the people of the locality, but when a pipe for surface water was used as a sewer he was bound to object. The pipe had burst in the channel below the Co-op and he regarded this as objectionable.

Mr. Byrne said the pipe in question was laid down 12 years ago with the full consent of the County Surveyor.

Mr. Murphy could prove that the bursts in the pipe which had occurred down the village had no connection with the Co-operative Society at all but originated in a field of Mr. Kenny's. As for the sewerage from the West side of the premises two only of the staff were there during the night

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and no one during the day. The whole thing boiled down to the point if the County Council were prepared to meet the Co-operative Society on the question. The Society was progressive and was doing well and he (Mr. Byrne) believed it would be a mistake for the County Council to object to what the Co-operative Society did in this matter. He could not believe they had created a dangerous nuisance.

Mr. N. J. Murphy, the second member of the deputation, said that 12 years ago a six-inch pipe was put in and no complaint had been made in regard to it until quite recently. In his opinion, the amount of sewerage passing through this pipe was simply infinitesimal. There was a small urinal at the far side of the Co-operative Society's premises, he admitted.

The County Surveyor said this was a soil pipe and he could not recommend that it should be allowed to discharge into what was put down to carry surface water only from the road.

Mr. N. J. Murphy said that the place used for fattening and killing of poultry on the west side was washed out once a week and could not possibly block the mix inch pipe. He examined the place that day and found water two feet deep at Kenny's side. After heavy rain this got on to the road and flooded it. There was also water coming from Finn's premises and, in his opinion, the material from the Colop had nothing to do with blocking up the outlet of the pipe.

The County Surveyor stated that poultry mamure in this six inch wate road pipe was most objectionable. It had burst up on a couple of occasions and had to be attended to.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said that water which had been used for washing milk cans was going through the pipe.

The Shelbourne Co-operative Society had developed a splendid industry, in fact, one of the finest in the country and he

The Chairman said that the Medical Officer of the Board of Health had reported a remedy should be found for the present position at Campile. There was nothing there to prevent conoxious smells coming back through the pipe. He understood perfectly the position of the Co-operative Society in the matter but the County Council or the Board of Health could not allow the existence of a sewer at the present position.

In reply to Mr. James Byrne, Miss O'Ryan said that a new sewerage scheme for Campile would be laid down when the water scheme there was completed.

Mr. N. J. Murphy asked if it would be possible for the County Council to allow the present state of affairs to continue until new sewerage scheme had been provided.

The Chairman said it would not be possible for the County Council or the Board of Health to comply with Mr. Murphy's request. This was a sanitary matter and when the health of the people was concerned the County Council could not hold over action for any period.

The County Surveyor said he did not know anything about the lavatory and closets on the west side until his attention to the matter had been called by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

The Chairman said it might be two years or more before the sewerage scheme could be laid down in Campile. Immediate action at Campile was necessary judging by the statement of the County Surveyor. In fact, any citizen could move against the sanitary authority and probably against the County Council in the matter. It was a well established principle that they could not discharge crude sewerage

without treatment. The Finance Committee would give further consideration to the position, and if possible, try and meet the Co-operative Society in some way.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the matter was adjourned for this purpose.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOAN: Under date 15th October 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.15081/4/38 Loch Garman) stating that the Minister would not make objection to the increase of loan to James O'Brien in respect of house at Ballyhit, Barntown, from £150 to £185.

WAITING FOR TITLE: In connection with proposed advances to Matthew Mullett, Raheengurren, Gorey; Joseph Kavanagh, Cronecribbin, Inch and Elizabeth Sweetman, Ballynabola, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 3rd October 1938 that he would furnish certificates to the Council when he found the titles in order in these three cases.

Under date 24th October 1938 a similar communication was received from Mr. Elgee as regards proposed advances to Edward Kelly, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy and Arthur Doyle, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.

In connection with house for which advance had been made to Ellen O'Leary, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge, Mr. Elgee, under date 15th October 1938, submitted letter from Mrs. O'Leary's husband that he was doing everything possible to get the Contractor to finish the house.

ARREARS OF INSTALMENTS: Under date 26th October 1938 the following letter in connection with arrears of instalments due by Mrs. Mary Anne Pender was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In this case I have obtained a Decree against Mrs.

Pender for £16. 1. Id being the amount of Instalments due by
her up to the 1st April 1938. The Decree is dated the 11th
August 1938.

Mrs. Pender's Husband has now got a good position, and is working. I have received from him £3. 9. 6 on account of these Instalments, and he is making regular payments each week to cover the current Instalments and a payment on account of the arrears, the weekly payment being 10/-. I havd every reason to believe that Mr. Pender will continue to make these payments, and that the arrears due will, in time, be paid off.

I have not lodged Mrs. Pender's Decree with the County Registrar for levy owing to the fact that he is making the above payments, but I have lodged Sexton's Decree, and have received same back with a Return thereon of "No Goods"."

Under dates 7th and 21st October 1938 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letters written by him to James Sexton, Glynn, as to proposed sale of his house. Mr. Elgee pointed out that he had seen Mr. Corish, Auctioneer, who informed him that Sexton had not been with him. He warned Sexton that if he did not do something immediately he (Mr. Elgee) had been instructed to have the house put up for sale.

So far no reply had been received from Sexton and it was decided to adjourn further consideration to the next meeting.

With regard to arrears due by Mrs. Mangan, Glenbough, Screen, Mr. Elgee wrote under date 21st October 1938 that he had impressed on Mrs. Rooney, sister of Mrs. Mangan (and who resided in the United States of America) the necessity for clearing off at once Mrs. Mangan's debt to the County Council.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF CUMMER QUARRY

The following under date 27th October 1938 was read from Mr. T. M. Tiernan, 83 Merrion Square, Dublin (Inspector Irish Land Commission):-

"I write to inform you that the Irish Land Commission have agreed to allot the Cummer Quarry with eight acres of land to your Council for the sum of £60 free of rent. Please let me know as soon as possible when you will be in a position to execute the Agreement with the Land Commission and take over possession on the lands of Cummer.

I am writing this letter from Gorey and intend to go out now to take over possession of the lands from Mr.

Kinsella, the Registered Owner."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the amount paid for the past four years for material to quarry owner was £21. 11. 6d. He did not think they would ever require eight acres of land at this quarry.

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

"That in accordance with letter from Mr. T. M. Tiernan (Inspector Irish Land Commission) under date 27th October 1938 the County Council be recommended to provide a sum of £60 to meet the cost of purchase of Cummer Quarry and eight acres of land."

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

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

"That the County Solicitor communicate with Mr. M. Henihan, Kilmannock, Campile, and inform him that if he does not remove the obstruction which the County Council understand he placed in one of the drains of Kilmannock Drainage

Area they will be obliged to take the necessary steps to © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. McCarthy.

"That application be made to the Public Trustee for a

compel him to do so."

seconded by Mr. Murphy and adopted:-

The County Surveyor said the proposal suggested by Mr. Murphy had been tried in other Counties, without success, and he could not see his way to agree to it. He would, however, have the sides of the road made up with course chips and which he believed would make it safe for horse traffic.

GILES CORNER, GOREY - COURTOWN ROAD

The following letter under date 7th October 1938 from Mr. G. Langley Taylor, agent to the Courtown Estate, to County Surveyor, was referred to the latter for report after interview with Mr. Langley Taylor:-

"I have your letter of the 7th October concerning the corner on 44M (Giles Corner).

Whilst the Estate would like to facilitate the County Council in any way they can, I think it only proper to point out that Lord Courtown is only tenant for life of this property and the matter will have to be referred to the Trustees.

Because of this, it would be better if there were some quid pro quo for the giving up of the land, even if only a small amount like five or ten pounds (£5 or £10).

I am sure you will appreciate that my desire is not to be mercenary with the County Council in connection with improvements they desire to make to the highways, but I cannot agree with your statement that this would be a decided advantage to the residents on the Courtown Estates. We have no land at this corner and the Estate is about two miles away, with the exception of the one house "Marlfield".

I shall be over in Courtown in November and suggest that you should discuss the matter again with your Finance Committee and then we can meet and no doubt arrange the matter satisfactorily to us both."

RENTS - ENNISCORTHY CO-OPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

"That, as regards the sum of £83. 13. 4d proportion of rent for various premises held from Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society, this Committee approves of the apportionment of the various items due to 1st October 1938 certified by the County Surveyor as follows:-

Rent of	Small Store and Yard	70.	16.	8
	Coal Yard	7.	1.	8
11	Store at end of Workshop	4.	5.	0
н	piece of ground from January 1st 1938 to October 1st.	1.	10.	0
	Total	£83.	13.	4.8"

DRAIN AT BALLINAMONA

The following report under date 22nd October 1938 was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"On 12th ultimo notice was served on Mrs. Lynch,
Ballinclare, Leskinfere, Gorey, owner of land in Ballinamona,
to clear drain in Ballinamona, which causes injury to road
by flooding. Up to present nothing has been done and I
recommend that proceedings be taken."

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

"That County Solicitor be instructed to inform Mrs.

Lynch, Ballinclare, Camolin, that if she does not attend to the cleaning of drain at Ballinamona, within ten days from receipt of his letter, proceedings against her will be instituted."

It is felt that a small press neasuring 4' 3" by 1' 6" will meet the purpose and I am sure your Council will appreciate the necessity for such a provision. Each Food and Drugs Inspector is directly responsible for the safe custody of various samples retained by him and usually the samples are in his possession for a long time. He has no accommodation for storing those samples and we are strongly of opinion that it is in the best interests of efficiency and administration that a small press as described would be provided."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the provision of presses required by the Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts and present same to the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: Under date 17th October 1938 the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that James Doran, Main Street, Gorey, had passed his first University Examination in Engineering and the renewal of his Scholarship was recommended.

Miss Nora O'Sullivan, Camolin, had passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.

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

"That, in view of satisfactory report from University
Authorities we recommend the renewal of University Scholarship to James Doran, Main Street, Gorey."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 25th October 1938, the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, wrote as follows:-

"With reference to a letter received in this Office for Sr. M. Victorine, Loreto Convent, Wexford, and to the official communication of the 28th ultimo regarding the renewal of Scholarships in Secondary Schools for the current school year, I am to inform you that Annie Foley, Loreto Convent, Wexford, passed the Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1938, with Honours. It is regretted that you were incorrectly informed that the pupil had obtained a Pass without Honours at the Examination."

The following under date 25th October, 1938, was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to your communication of the 7th instant regarding your Council's proposal to renew for the current school year the Scholarships awarded to Margaret O'Leary and Mary A. Carroll, Loreto Convent, Wexford, I am to inform you that in view of the representations made the Department will offer no further objection to the renewal in these cases."

It was decided that copies of both letters be furnished the Rev. Mother Superior, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Under date 15th October 1938, the Department of

Education wrote, Oil. 11/51575, as follows in connection with the ages of pupils under Secondary & Vocational Scholarship Schemes:-

"In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, with reference to changing the date mentioned in Section 7 from the 1st August, 1939, to the 1st July, 1939, I am to say that unless the Council has very strong reasons for desiring the change, the Department wishes to avoid the inevitable confusion that would arise from the introduction of different dates for different schemes. I am also to advert to the fact that the 1st August is the date generally recognised for examination purposes by the Department."

The Finance Committee decided to take no action in the matter.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 7th October 1938, Mr. Patrick M. Donohoe applied for extra remuneration while acting for Local Taxation Officer during the holidays of the latter in the month of August.

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

"That application of Mr. Donohoe for extra remuneration while engaged in Local Taxation Office Euring the month of August be agreed to, a sum of £4 to be allowed. This proposal is subject to the sanction of the Minister."

FLOODING CLONARD ROAD (WEXFORD)

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter which he had addressed to the Borough Surveyor, Wexford:-

"The County Road immediately opposite the Urban
Council's rubbish dump is constantly flooded since your
Council took over this place for dumping. On yesterday, I
visited the site myself, and found that the former drain

running between dump and the Sports Field has been © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

completely blocked up. This is the cause of flooding on the County Road, and I must request that, without delay, you have the entire length of the drain cleaned so as to allow free flow of water from the road."

It was decided that County Surveyor furnish copy of this letter to the Town Clerk, Wexford.

FLOODING OF ROAD AT CLONES LOWER

The following letter under date 22nd October, 1938, received from Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, Kilpatrick, Castletown, Inch, as to the flooding of road leading to his residence at Clones Lower, was referred to the County Surveyor for report:-

"I wish to bring before the notice of the County Council! the immediate necessity of something being done to the road leading to my home at Clones Lower. Some years ago the County Council men repaired it and it was alright for a considerable time, but the adjacent stream has since got out one it, and torn up the foundation, and will continue to do so especially during the prevalence of the present wet winter and eventually it will be rendered totally impassable for everyone.

In my opinion, this flooding could be rectified by the; erection of a low narrow wall, which with an abundant supply of gravel and sand almost on the spot would be built at the minimum amount of cost, and would therefore be of great convenience to me especially my small children, and would also salve further repairs for practically all time.

Also, of late years, this seems to be the most accessible beach for the whole surrounding district. There is an abnormally high amount of gravel being drawn from it during the year, and especially during the winter months."

Mr. Joseph Hughes, Mangan, Killena, wrote calling attention to the bad condition of Mangan Lane, Killena, which had been recommended for repair under Minor Relief

Schemes Vote last year. It was impassable for the four families who had to use it and also for the children

attending school.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hughes that the County Council had submitted application for repair of Mangan Lane to the Office of Public Works and unless it was selected by them the County Council were powerless as they had no authority to spend money raised in rate on lanes or roads which were not directly under their own control.

DISUSED LICENCED PREMISES IN GOREY

The following under date 25th October 1938 was read from Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to draw the attention of your Council to the dangerous state of a disused premises in Main Street, Gorey, owned by Mr. Richard Whitney, Kilmichael, Hollyfort, Gorey. These premises were the subject of correspondence before with both your Council and the County Board of Health as to the danger to the public passing underneath them from falling slates and masonry, and nothing was done to remedy the matter. If there was a danger then, what must be the state of these premises now remaining derelict and unattended to ever since.

My Commissioners consider that this is a case definitely for attention by your Council or it's subsidiary Bodies,
who have in their service the necessary Officials proper to
the case. I am to request that you bring this matter before
your Council without further delay, as my Commissioners are
of opinion that the coming winter will see the collapse of
the building into the street causing serious injury.

In the circumstances, I am to request that you take the necessary steps to advise your Council of the gravity of the situation at the earliest opportunity."

The Secretary stated he had asked Town Clerk, Gorey, to furnish copy of last communication received by him from the Board of Health.

This, dated 5th April 1938, was as follows:-

"With reference to your letter regarding the condition of a house in Main Street, Gorey, the property of Mr. Richard Whitney, Kilmichael, Gorey, I beg to inform you that this matter was before the Board on the 7th ultimo.

It was considered that the matter was one for the County Council, and I have, accordingly, sent a copy of your letter to the County Surveyor for his attention."

The following, under date 27th October 1938, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with copy of one from Stafford, Clerk to the Gorey Town Commissioners, with reference to the dangerous state of Disused Premises in the Main Street, Gorey, and with reference thereto I write to say that the County Council have no power, nor are they under any liability in connection with the premises, and cannot interfere with same in any way."

Mr. Corish said that in Urban Districts what happened in similar cases was for the Urban Council to serve notice on the owner to take down the building. If he did not, and the Council considered the safety of the public was involved, the Urban Council took it down at the owner's expense. He (Mr. Corish) wondered if in a place like Gorey where there were only Town Commissioners would the County Surveyor, who was the Officer responsible for the highways in Gorey, have the same power.

Mr. Keegan said the building was such a danger it should

be taken down immediately.

The Chairman agreed and said it was not long since a woman narrowly escaped injury by a slate which fell from the roof. The owner had not bothered about the place for the past 25 years. It appeared the Town Commissioners had the power to have the place taken down under the Towns Improvement Act but, as the procedure against the owner was costly and complicated the Town Commissioners would themselves arrange to take down the building, if they had the staff.

It was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish should during the coming week, consider the matter with the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application of District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to proposed committal of James Cleary, 9
Irish Street, Enniscorthy, to Industrial School, was referred to County Solicitor.

EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Resolution from the meeting of Policy Holders of the above Association now in liquidation asking the Government to come to the aid of policy holders on whom a demand of £5 had been made, was submitted.

The Finance Committee considered as this matter was subjudice they should not interfere.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of

DRAINAGE COMMISSION: Mr. Corish said that in the past some drainage schemes were carried out to relieve unemployment.

The County Surveyors were not consulted as to local conditions with the result that when the Office of Works completed their work they had half completed schemes and the Government handed over the baby to the County Councils for nursing.

Mr. T. Redmond said that Kilmannock drainage area was flooded for two weeks every month on Spring tides and the people there were paying annuities and rates for land they could not use.

Miss O'Ryan said that as a member of the Drainage Commission she would like to say that the County Councils were represented on the Drainage Commission by herself and two other members. She regarded the apportioning of the cost of drainage schemes as very important, and she believed that the County Councils would not like to take a large portion of the cost on themselves. Apart from that, the benefits of drainage schemes would certainly accrue to the agricultural community, and it was in the interest of the farmers themselves to come forward with any suggestions that would be of use to the Commission. All the other members of the Commission were experts, such as engineers, who would like to know how drainage could be best carried out, so as to increase the total area of arable land in the country and also to improve the condition of the land already under cultivation. The farmer that can give the best evidence before the Drainage Commission is the man who has lived in an area or near an area that was the subject of a drainage scheme and who can

say how the value of the land is increased by drainage. If evidence does not come from the practical farmers and the most practical farmers of the country are in Wexford, the engineers and other experts cannot do very much. The Commission might sit for one year or three years and the reports and the evidence that come up will be of great value to the Office of Works when drainage schemes are to be carried out in the future, because they will know the outlook of the local people on any definite scheme.

Mr. O'Byrne expressed himself in favour of appointing a small committee to collect and collate evidence for the Drainage Commission.

The Chairman believed it would be more advisable if the people concerned would put their heads together and send in any information they could dealing with their own locality.

Mr. Kinsella said that as regards the Drainage of the River Sow the farmers at the opposite end to Ballymurn said the scheme was not necessary. These were the people who were not so eager to pay for it.

Mr. Culleton said they should urge the Commission to recommend that immediate steps be taken in certain localities subject to flooding and which had been going on for a long time. There were cases which should be attended to while they were waiting for the findings of the Commission. What was to become of people whose land was no use to them? They should urge on the Government to allow the County Councils to agree to a remission of rates in such cases and to take up drainage work immediately. Mr. Sean Murphy, a member of the Council, had a large portion of his holding under water for a considerable period of the year and yet he was obliged to pay annuity and rates.

Chairman - You cannot do a thing like that over-night.

Chairman - We hope something will be done.

Mr. Culleton - The fact that it is referred to a Commission gives people a hopeless feeling about it.

Chairman - There is no use in condemning anything before it is tried. We want to help the effort that is at present being made to solve the difficulty.

Mr. Corish - Commissions have been known to issue ad interim reports and to implement them.

The Chairman thought that farmers who are subject to loss by flooding should organise themselves and prepare evidence to go before the Drainage Commission. It would be in their own interest. The County Council had responsibility only for the schemes under their control.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bowe seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That farmers concerned in the Drainage areas of
Kilmannock, Sow, Ballyteigue (No. 1) Ballyteigue and Kilmore
(No. 2) Cahore and any other districts in which Drainage is
needed should arrange for local conferences to prepare
evidence to be submitted to the Drainage Commission and to
appoint Representatives to support that evidence."

CAMPILE SEWERAGE: The Chairman said that the Board of Health were dealing with this matter.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 28th October 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

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MEETING 11th NOVEMBER 1938: The Minutes of this meeting

were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th November 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, 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 £5497. 15. 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection

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Average 39.1

The percentage for the corresponding period last year was 40.2%.

It was decided to inform Rate Collectors that the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the progress made by several of their number. They direct that Collectors should use more energy in carrying out their duties.

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REPORT RATE INSPECTOR: The following was read from the Rate Inspector:-

"I attach list of 11 ratepayers visited by me during the present week in Collector Dunne's area. (No. 13).

These represent the worst cases in this district.

Court decrees have been obtained against most of these defaulters at one time or another. As some of these decrees were taken out four or five years ago, the Collector has started proceedings with a view to renewing them. Further particulars on attached sheet.

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- Edward Murphy, Ballinatray. Amount due £8. 10. 3d
 Decree to be renewed.
- 2. Timothy Murphy, Ballinatray, Amount due £12. 19. 6d.

 Decree to be renewed.
- James Keyes, Parknacross, Courtown. Rates due £22. 16. 9d.
 Payments promised immediately in this case.
- 4. John Taylor, Ballywaltermore, Killena. Rates due £81. 11. 0d. Decree to be renewed.
- 5. R. Doran, Ballywalterbeg,
 Ballycanew. Rates due £73. 5. 4d.

 Decree to be renewed.
- 6. John Whelan, Ballylusk, Killena. Rates due £124. 5. 9d. Decree to be renewed.
- 7. James Murphy, Ballinagran, Rates due £37. 9. 8d.

 Over 1 year's Rate paid by Messrs. Warren & Co. last year.
- 8. W. G. Murphy, Garrynew, Killena, Rates due £91. 5. 7d.

 Place to be sold. Decree not being renewed for present.
- 9. William Boyce, Raheenmore, Ballycanew.

E. D. Kilnahue.

- 10. Stephen Mordaunt, Lyrane. Rates due £26. 5. 0
 Payment promiséed in this case.
- 11. Patrick McCann, Lyrane. Rates due £13. 8. 6d.

 Payment promised in this case."

It was decided that in all cases reported in Schedule Collector Dunne be instructed to follow up the decrees with Examination Orders.

In regard to the cases of John Taylor, Ballywaltermore, Killena, and John Whelan, Ballylusk, Killena, the Finance Committee are strongly of opinion that these holdings have been systematicially grazed and believe the Collector should arrange for seizures under his own warrant.

POUNDAGE DRAINGE RATES: Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to pay poundage fees at 7d in £ on Drainage Rate lodged to close of 1937/38 Collection:

Kilmannock Drainage Area - Collector Maurice Kehoe.

Sow Drainage Area - Collectors Joseph Cummins, Walter
Cummins and William Doyle."

POUNDAGE FEES: The following under date 8th November 1938 (G.3043/11/38 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant requesting sanction to proposed poundage scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to direct your attention to the terms of this Department's letter of the 1st November, 1937, G.89760/37 and to inquire why the scheme was not submitted before the warrants were issued to the Rate Collectors."

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action of the County Council is illegal in this matter.

However, I have referred this matter to my Solicitors, Messrs. Le Brasseur and Oakley, c/o London and Counties Medical Protection Society, Ltd., Victory House, Leicester Square, London W.C.2. and I shall be glad if you would for the future address any communication with regard to this matter to these Solicitors."

Under date 1st November 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.26265/6/38 - Loch Garman (Sc)):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo transmitting copy of a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council at a special meeting on that date suspending Dr. Christopher Bastible, for the performance of his duties as County Medical Officer of Health from the 31st October 1938, and directing that his office premises should be taken over by the Secretary of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance. I am to state that this resolution has been noted and that the requisite action in connection therewith will be taken in accordance with the terms of Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act. 1926.

Bastible to the Wexford County Council enclosed with your second letter of the 31st ultimo, that the statement contained therein that Dr. Bastible had been in communication by telephone with the Secretary for Local Government and Public Health is quite unfounded. Dr. Bastible communicated by telephone with officials of this Department and was informed that the County Council had power under Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, to suspend any of their officers or servants subject to the terms of that section, and that Article 5 of the County Medical

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Officers of Health Order 1926, prescribes that when a County Medical Officer of Health is suspended by a County Council from the performance of his duties in pursuance of the above mentioned Section, the Council shall forthwith report such suspension together with the causes thereof to the Minister. A copy of this letter is being transmitted to Dr. Bastible."

AIR RAIDS AND GAS CASUALITIES

The following under date 7th November 1938 (P.H.2869/ 30/38 - Ilgh H.) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the County Council, that arrangements are being made for safeguarding the population in the event of an air attack, and in connection therewith it is proposed by the Department of Defence to provide facilities for the instruction of certain medical practitioners in the medical treatment of gas casualties. It is considered very desirable that in certain counties the County Medical Officer of Health should undertake a course of instruction of that nature so that he may subsequently act as instructor and give lectures on the subject to medical practitioners gaerally in his county. The course of instruction will be given at the Department of Defence Civilian Anti-Gas School, Dublin, and is expected to occupy from 8 to 10 days.

It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements may be made to permit of the attendance of the Acting County Medical Officer of Health at that course and to grant him travelling expenses and subsistence allowance on the usual scale in connection therewith. It is desirable that this matter should be arranged as soon as possible and if a meeting of the County Council is not being held within the next few

weeks it is suggested that you and the Acting County Medical Officer of Health might consult the Chairman of the Council with a view to permission being granted for the making of the requisite arrangements subject to ratification by the County Council at their next meeting. The date of commencement of the course will be intimated to you on receipt of notification that the services of the above-mentioned officer will be available."

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

"That Dr. McDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of
Health be granted permission to attend series of lectures to
be arranged by Department of Defence as to instruction in
medical treatment of Gas casualties in accordance with letter,
from Department of Local Government and Public Health (P.H.
2869/30/38)(Ilgh.H.) under date 7th November 1938. That
substitute for Dr. McDonald be appointed for the period of
his absence by County Council or by County Board of Health
as advised."

APPLICATION - INCREASE WAGES OF WORKERS

The following under date 2nd November 1938 was read from Mr. Liam Moran, Secretary Enniscorthy Branch Irish Transport and General Workers' Union:-

"I have been directed by the workers in your employment to apply for 10/- increase in wages per week for all road workers, i.e., quarry men, engine men, attendants etc. Also for increase of 1/8d per day for carters."

It was decided to refer this application to the County Council meeting on 14th November when proposal from Mr. Colfer for an increase in wages of County Council workers will be considered.

REPAIR WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated he had written Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health who had made an inspection of Wexford Bridge and asked him to have something definite in the matter for the meeting of the County Council on 14th instant.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Mr. Joseph Rea, Secretary Irish Labour Party, Lady's Island Branch, under date 31st October 1938, wrote:-

"In view of the present herring season I again draw the attention of the County Council to the deplorable state of St. Helen's Harbour which renders it impossible for local fishermen to operate at this fishing certre which may be said to be the most local departure on the South Coast. The inconvenience caused by the bad state of the harbour may be judged by the fact that almost all the craft proper to this centre must be kept at Rosslare Harbour or Carne. If the County Council would again approach the Board of Works with the view of having the work of repairs on the St. Helen's Harbour expedited it would not alone facilitate the fishermen referred to, but would also tend to relieve the unemployed in the district."

The Secretary said that the County Surveyor had written the following to the Department of Fisheries on 24th

February 1937 in this matter:-

"I have been directed by the Wexford County Council to make application to your Department for a Grant to restore the break-water at St. Helen's Harbour.

My Council has for some years past, been in communication with Government Departments in regard to this matter, and I have forwarded Plans to the Office of Works for the job at an estimated cost of £900. The Wexford County Council is not empowered to make any expenditure on this harbour as it is not "Scheduled", but I believe the Council would be willing to take over harbour and maintain it if it be properly restored. The Office of Works states that no Grant can be made from the Employment Schemes Vote for the proposed work, and my Council believe that your Department may be in a position to deal with the matter."

Mr. Corish said that the Council had been prepared to provide one-third of the cost of improvement at St. Helen's if the Government made the balance available.

It was stated that up to the present there was no intimation from the Government as to whether they were prepared to make any contribution towards the work.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman that the County Surveyor ask the Fisheries Department if they were prepared to furnish the negessary State Grant for improvement of St. Helen's Harbour.

FETHARD HARBOUR

The following letter to the County Surveyor under date 5th November 1938 (W.5/5/35) was read from Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of 23rd March, 1938, and previous correspondence relative to a proposal for the dredging of Fethard Harbour, Co. Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that the engineer of the Office of Public Works who visited the place recently agrees that the suggested sum of £200 is sufficient for the purpose of hand-dredging the harbour. He was, however, informed by the local fishermen that the sand in the area is of a shifting nature and that while with certain winds the harbour will silt badly, at other times it is fairly clear. Furthermore, there appears to be a difference of opinion among the fishermen as to the wisdom of dredging the place

owing to the danger of exposing rocks which might damage their boats during S. or S.E. winds. They suggest instead the construction of a pier or breakwater adjoining the existing pier and running out into deep water. This proposal was under consideration in 1933 but was not proceeded with as it was thought the amount of fishing done at Fethard did not justify the heavy expenditure involved.

In view of the conflict of views as to the merits of the dredging proposal, I am to suggest that you may wish to examine the whole question again in consultation with the parties affected with a view to the formulation of an agreed scheme."

The County Surveyor said he visited Fethard recently with an Inspector from the Department of Fisheries and the letter was the result of the visit. So far as he (County Surveyor) could gather the local people wanted an extension of the pier which would cost between £2000 and £3000. He did not believe the results would justify this expenditure.

The following order was made: - "That the fishermen of Fethard be informed that as regards improvement of Fethard dock if they will furnish the County Council with an agreed scheme it will receive the most careful consideration."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: Under date 28th October 1938, Mr. Patrick J. Corish, University Scholarship holder, wrote asking for permission of the Council to change his course from Science to Arts course.

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

"That the application of Mr. Patrick J. Corish
(University Scholar) to change from a Science to Arts
course be recommended the County Council for approval."

November 1938 (Ref. RGR/32/4) stating that as the road from Ballycullane to Poulfur runs parallel to and is about one mile distant from Main Road L. 159a, a special Grant from the Road Fund could not be justified for its improvement. Special consideration would be given to the needs of this road if further grants are made available for road works through the employment Schemes Vote. It was decided to adjourn further consideration until Government Grants are made available. PORTER'S GATE ROADS The following under date 5th November 1938, was read from Rev. Denis Doyle, Loftus Hall, Fethard-on-Sea:-"I have been asked by the ratepayers to bring to your notice the scandalous condition of the following roads in this locality:-1. From Porter's Gate to Fethard Nos. 863 and 864. 2. From Porter's Gate towards Ramsgrange and Duncannor Nos. 857 and 858. Both of these stretches are becoming worse each year, and the latter, viz., from Porter's Gate to Ramsgrange is positively dangerous - at present. Unless something is done it will be impassable before the end of the Winter. The ratepayers are very indignant and ask:- "What have we a County Council for?" "Did we not elect them to look After our interest?" "Do they expect us to keep on paying rates while our roads are kept in such wretched condition?" In short, their tempers are at breaking point and they have every reason for feeling so." The following report under date 10th November 1938 was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-© WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

BALLYCULLANE - POULFUR ROAD

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Department

of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 4th

The County Surveyor said that at the turn to Buncannon going up from Porter's Gate there was a high bank which was positively dangerous. The traffic since the development of the Shelbourne Co-operative Society's business had increased very substantially.

It was decided that the proposals suggested by Mr. O'Neill should be recommended to the County Council for consideration.

PROVISION OF ROAD METALLING

The Chairman asked if it was a fact that not a single stone had been spread on some third class roads.

The County Surveyor said this was the fact as regards a very few roads as they had not been able to provide the material.

The Chairman said he had recently been over the road Enniscorthy-Killanne via Ballyhighland and he took particular notice there was not a single stone in the depots. It was one of the worst roads in the County.

COMPLAINT OF SLIPPERY ROADS

The following under date 10th November 1938 was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"As regards the complaint of Mr. Murphy I think it

should be pointed out to him that it is mainly the extraordinary traffic of the Shelbourne Co-Op. Society that is
responsible for the state of the roads in that vicinity.
The water-bound macadam was not able to stand up to the
traffic and if the "tarred" road is not properly maintained
it will also fail, and the money so far spent will be wasted.
It is not very easy on a narrow road to leave a margin
(unsprayed), it will very quickly become dangerous. However
in future spraying if at all possible, his suggestion will
be borne in mind."

The County Surveyor said that he had informed Mr.

Murphy that he would treat the sides of the road with coarse chippings on which horses would not slip.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered, owing to their neglect, to carry out their contracts, to take up road contracts of the following or to take such other steps as he may consider most advisable in the interest of the roads:

James Kinsella, Longraigue, Foulksmills (Road No. 724). Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea (Road No. 872).

ALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION - RELIEF GRANT (ROADS)

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

"That the balance of local contribution towards Relief Grant, viz., £1290 be employed in carrying out special improvements on Roads."

ERECTION OF WALL AT GUSSERANE

Mr. T. O'Hanlon, Gusserane, applied to the County Surveyor in connection with the erection of a low wall in front of his house to obviate flooding.

It was decided to take no action in the matter in view of the report of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, that the wall would not interfere with the effective width of the road or cause obstruction.

BUNCLODY TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Under date 9th November 1938 the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary Town Improvement Committee, 5 Main Street, Bunclody:-

"By direction of my Committee I am to ask that a share of the Christmas Relief Grant be expended amongst the unemployed in Bunclody towards the repair of Irish Street Hill. The attention of the Council was drawn to this road on at least one previous occasion without result. It is now in a very bad state; it is used by seven or eight families including children on their way to and from school and to Mass on Sundays.

The thoroughfare across the Square is completely blocked up by large heaps of stones across which people have to climb to and from Mass on Sundays. My Committee again ask the Council to have the work of macadamising this square undertaken without further delay. In addition to the difficulty and danger of climbing over heaps of stones it is also most unsightly.

I am also directed to inquire the probable date when the work of re-surfacing the streets of the town will be taken in hand and completed."

The County Surveyor said that he could not understand the complaint re stones in Bunclody Square. As this was about to be steamrolled it was necessary to provide the

material. He disputed the statement as to the condition of Irish Street Hill.

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Town Improvements Committee.

KERLOGUE - MURRINTOWN - BRIDGETOWN - BALDWINSTOWN ROAD

The following largely signed memorial was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned Landowners, Ratepayers and Motor Vehicle owners, wish to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the very bad state of the Kerlogue - Murrintown - Bridgetown - Baldwinstown Road.

The surface of the road is completely broken up and owing to the heavy motor traffic, the road is always potholed.

The system of carrying out minor repairs, such as filling potholes seems to be useless and we have to appeal strongly to the members of the Council to give this matter their immediate consideration and we hope steps will be taken to have this important road put into a proper state of repair as soon as possible."

The following was read from Rev. E. Prendergast, C.C., Murrintown:-

"I understand that at this time of the year, the roads of the County are under discussion.

There is one road in particular that needs immediate attention, and that road is the Kerlogue road leading through Murrintown to Bridgetown.

When you consider the amount of traffic on this road, you will understand the need for immediate remedy. I not only speak on my own behalf, but on the behalf of many, whose names do not appear and we conjointly demand that the Kerlogue-Bridgetown Road be made first-class, suitable for all kinds of traffic.

Thanking your for consideration of the matter, and I

Several members of the Committee mentioned that the roads referred to in memorial were in very bad condition.

It was decided to refer the application to the County Council.

DUMP AT COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 1st November 1938 was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"We wish to notify the County Council that no site for the dumping of refuse from the house in Courtown Harbour, has yet been acquired. In view of the fact that the new house for the Harbour Master is very convenient to the place now used as a dumping ground it is very important that the matter should be dealt with immediately. We would also point out that the South beach is very popular with visitors during the Summer months and the dumping of refuse is both unsightly and unhealthy.

We sincerely hope that you will give this matter your immediate attention."

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

"That the County Surveyor take immediate steps to endeavour to provide a site for suitable dumping pound at Courtown Harbour. That County Surveyor consult with Mr. Dunbar, Engineer to County Board of Health, in this matter and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee."

CARNE ROAD

In connection with the proposal to provide a public County Road to Carne Pier the County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. W. Joyce to Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Soliditors, Wexford, under date 5th November 1938, in which he offered to give right of way to make and keep road leading to Carne Pier to the County Council, for the sum of £5.

On the suggestion of the County Surveyor it was decided to adjourn this matter for further consideration.

MANGAN LANE

Mr. Joseph Hughes, Mangan, Killena, wrote asking for repair of Mangan Lane.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hughes that the Council had requested the Office of Public Works to arrange for repair of this lane under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

BALLYDONEGAN LANE

Mr. Peter Buttle, Ballydonegan, wrote enclosing names of ten ratepayers including Rev. C. Ffrench, P.P., Monageer, asking that above lane should be carried out to Knockduff road or in the alternative reconstructed as far as his residence.

It was decided to inform Mr. Buttle that the Council would schedule Ballydonegan Lane for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

AUGHNAMAULMEEN LANE

The following memorial signed by 13 Ratepayers, was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned Ratepayers of Monaseed Division, beg to petition your Council to put in repair Aughnamaulmeen Lane by Relief Grant or otherwise.

This Lane leads to four farmhouses in the townland of Aughnamaulmeen and is also utilised by pedestrians as a short cut to Church and School.

It is at present in such a bad state as to be almost impassable. We would be much obliged if you would kindly have it put in proper repair."

It was decided to schedule application for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

CORRIGSHETOGUE LANE, NASH

Application was read from Mr. Mark Byrne, Nash, forwarding lists of ratepayers in favour of having above lane put into proper repair.

It was decided to include the application in list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOAN: The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 8th November 1938 (H.259,41-2-1938) that the Minister would raise no objection to advance of £195 under above Acts to Patrick Martin, Moneyhere, Davidstown, Enniscorthy.

WITHDRAWALS OF LOAN APPLICATIONS: Under date 25th October 1938 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that G. J. Paskins, Courtown Harbour, was not proceeding with the building of his house.

Philip Jackman, Johnstown, Clonegal, wrote under date 24th October 1938 that he was not accepting the loan of £50 offered.

APPROVAL OF LOANS: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided to approve provisionally of loan of £50 to Daniel Ivory, Ballycarrigeen Upper, Ferns (Small farmer).

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided to approve provisionally of loan of £100 to Richard Hennessy, Greenane, Killenne, Enniscorthy (Tailor).

It was decided to inform both applicants as to amount of preliminary expenses including legal costs and also that their houses should be completed by 31st March next.

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The Secretary submitted the following statement in connection with the indebtedness of Urban District Councils:Enniscorthy Urban:

17th September lodged	£849. 1. 2d.
leaving outstanding in respect of last March year	£1572.19. 2d
Outstanding to 30th September half year	£1901. 8. 3d
	£3474. 7. 5d

New Ross Urban:

Cleared off.

Wexford Urban:

Due in respect of year March last	£856. 9. 5a
Half year to 30th September	£3892.16.6a
	£4749. 5.11d.

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

"That, in view of the large amounts outstanding on Urban Demands of Wexford and Enniscorthy we must request these Councils to take steps to reduce their indebtedness to the County Council."

RE-ADJUSTMENT OLD AGE PENSION AREAS

The following under date 8th November 1938 was read from Mrs. K. C. Howard, Clerk to No. 7 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-

"Yours of the 14th of October with enclosures re increase of salary which I submitted to my Committee at the meeting held on Saturday, the 5th instant. They unanimously decided to waive the claim for additional remuneration for their Clerk with a hope that the Finance Committee may at a future date urge the Revenue Commissioners to reconsider the case. Will you please convey my grateful thanks to the County Council and Finance Committee for their kind efforts on my behalf."

It was decided that Scheme relating to revised areas should operate as from 1st January 1939.

INSURANCE PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY 5,531,336

The following under date 10th November 1938 to the County Surveyor was read from Mr. Frennan, General Manager Mutual Insurances Ltd.:-

"Referring to our letter of the 19th ultimo, we should be much obliged if you would now favour us with your advices regarding the inclusion of Fire and Explosion Risks in the indemnity granted by the above Policy.

You may have observed from the Press to-day that a Public Liability Claim of the Louth County Council was settled for £1,000 and costs. Had it gone before a Jury they might have awarded from £1,500 to £2,000.

You will remember that the above Policy was not originally arranged by us on behalf of the Council but we observe that the indemnity on the document was £1,000 any one accident £10,000 any one year. We would suggest that the minimum cover which the Council should have is £5,000 any one accident £20,000 any one year.

We shall be glad to hear if we may arrange increased cover accordingly, and will quote you premium on receipt of your instructions."

The County Surveyor said that what he wrote about was in connection with a fire which occurred in one of their tar boilers in New Ross town. It was a very small matter, the compensation being about £3. When he wrote the Insurance Company he found they were not covered and he asked for a quotation to cover the risk. He received a quotation at 6d per cent on the total amount of wages and which amounted to £11. 11. 6d. He considered the quotation might have been on the wages for the men employed on tar boilers only. He did not think there was any particular risk as this was

the first incident of the kind that had occurred. He suggested they would allow the matter to stand until the pdicies were being renewed next year and they could then have the risk for the tar boilers included.

The Committee considered, in view of the remoteness of the risk, the Council could as regards accidents with tar boilers would not cover this risk with an Insurance Company.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted:-

"That the six lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors be paid £20 each plus actual cost of postage for dipping period 1938 notwithstanding occasional absences from duty in some cases owing to inclement weather or for private reasons and that the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal."

Mr. Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, Lay Sheep
Dipping Inspector, wrote that the following sheepowners
failed to give notice of intention to dip their sheep. They
had sheep on their farms at present:-

Peter Donnelly, Perrymount, Inch.

Joseph Doyle, Kilnahue, Gorey.

William Somers, Kilanerin, Inch.

Annie Tyndall, Ballingarry, Gorey.

It was decided to ascertain from Mr. Ormonde if the four farmers reported by him had carried out the actual dipping of their sheep.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Sergeant Doherty, Fethard-on-Sea, wrote of his intention to apply at Ballycullane District Court for the committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:-

- (1) Mary Ellen Hayes aged 10 years and 4 months.
- (2) Elizabeth Hayes aged 7 years.

(3) Anastatia Hayes aged 3 years and 4 months. (4) Mary Margaret Hayes aged 1 year and 4 months. The Sergeant wrote:-"The children reside at Ballinruan with their widowed mother, Mary Hayes, who is extremely poor circumstances and they are neglected in every possible way. The two eldest have not been sent to school yet, and on an occasion when I visited the house I found that the children were left to roam about as they pleased during their mother's absence." Referred to County Solicitor. The Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, wrote under date 8th November 1938 that applications would be made under the Children's Act 1908-29 for committal to Industrial Schools of (1) Ellen Byrne aged 32 years, illegitimate child of Ellen Byrne, no fixed abode - late of Killanure, Co. Wexford. (2) Philomena Kearns aged 5 years, illegitimate child of Anastatia Kearns, Redmondstown, Co. Wexford. Referred to County Solicitor. The District Court Clerk, New Ross, under date 1st November, 1938, wrote that on the 8th instant, application would be made to New Ross District Court to have two male children, sons of John Anderson, Bullagn, New Ross, committed to Industrial School, also as to the committal of Mary Fitzpatrick, Sheilbaggan, Remsgrange, illegitimate child of Brigid Kehoe. Anderson had gone to work in England and as his wife was dead there was no one to take care of the children. Referred to County Solicitor. LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE Under date 7th November 1938 the following (R/MT/209/ 32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-© WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 4th instant relative to the proposal to allow Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerk in the offices of the County Council, a sum of £4 for acting as substitute for the Local Taxation Officer during the annual holidays of the latter, and to draw your attention to the direction in this Department's letter of the 18th December last in regard to the performance of the work during the Local Taxation Officer's absence."

The letter of 18th December 1937 (R/MT.209/32) referred to by Department pointed out that while no objection would be made to the payment on that occasion but "in future such arrangements as will obviate a similar payment should be made for the performance of the work during the Local Taxation Officer's absence".

The meeting decided to take no further action in the matter.

PETROL PUMP LICENCE

With reference to Petrol Pump Licence (No. 191) issued to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, he was informed that he could not be allowed to erect tank under the street footpath in view of the resolution adopted by the County Council some considerable time back that all such tanks should be placed on the premises of petrol pump licence holders.

This matter was referred to Mr. Colfer, County Councillor, to ascertain if it were possible to find some way by which the tank for petrol pump of Mr. Hogan will not be erected on public footpath.

Mr. Colfer had not had an opportunity of examining the premises and it was decided to obtain report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, as to the possibility of having tank in connection with petrol pump licence of Mr. Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, erected in a manner that will comply.

with the regulations of the County Council.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL UNJURY - APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION

Application of Kate Flood, Grange, Rathnure, for £50 for alleged burning of hay was referred to County Solicitor to oppose.

ENNISCORTHY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY - LEASE TO COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 4th November 1938 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that it was in order to pay £34. 3. 3d, costs of Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, in connection with lease of Enniscorthy Machinery Yard to County Council.

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

"That, as recommended by County Solicitor, we request the County Council to issue Pay Order for £34. 3. 3d, costs of Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, in connection with Lease of Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy to County Council."

Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

of Health and Public Assistance:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th November 1938 be received and considered."

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: The following under date 14th October 1938 was read from the Secretary, Wexford Board

"I am directed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st October last conveying the Resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on that date suspending Dr. Christopher Bastible from the performance of his duties.

I am directed by the Board to refer to the second paragraph of your letter, and to inform you that the Office of the County Medical Officer of Health was taken over by the Secretary to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance in accordance with the paragraph, and seals affixed to the lock of the Office.

I am further directed by the Board to advert to the fact that the records in this Office will be required by the Acting County Medical Officer of Health. The need for certain of these records has now become urgent. Maps in connection with a Sewerage Installation at New Ross town and other documents are wanted immediately by the Acting County Medical Officer of Health.

I would be, therefore, glad if the County Council empowered the removal of the seals, the opening of the Office and the putting of the records at the disposal of the Acting County Medical Officer of Health."

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

"That permission be given the Secretary of County Board of Health to open Offices of County Medical Officer of

Health which were sealed by directions of Wexford County
Council on 31st October 1938 in view of the fact that certain
maps in said offices are required for Town Clerk, New Ross
and certain records by Acting County Medical Officer of
Health."

Under date 10th October 1938 the following letter
P.H.26265/38 Loch Garman Sc.) was read from Department of
Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant relative to the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council on the 30th ultimo, requesting an investigation by this Department into the manner in which the County Medical Officer of Health has been discharging his duties.

As regards the communication received by the County
Council from the Secretary of the Board of Health in which it
is stated that Dr. Bastible was absent from the meeting of
the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 19th
ultimo without explanation, it will be necessary to obtain
from the Board of Health what directions were given by them
in pursuance of Article 9(10) of the County Medical Officers
of Health Order, 1926, for the attendance of the County
Medical Officer of Health at meetings of the Board.

As regards the last paragraph of the letter of the Board of Health relating to Tuberculosis Dispensaries at New Ross it would be desirable that the Board should submit all the evidence available bearing on this matter."

Under date 15th October 1938 the following letter (P.H.26265/2/38 - Loch Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 10th and 14th instant, on the subject of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting of 10th idem, suspending Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, subject to the Minister's approval, pending a decision as to the holding of a Sworn Inquiry into the manner in which that officer has been discharging his duties and into the administration of his Department.

It is requested that the statement of the charges of neglect of duties prepared by the County Solicitor in conjunction with the Solicitor of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance may be transmitted to this Office as soon as possible. The matter will then receive early attention."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: The following, addressed to the County
Surveyor, under date 12th November 1938 from Mr. W. Ian
Bloomer, Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public
Health, was read:-

"Mr. Courtney has asked me to write to you to the effect that having inspected the bridge with you he is satisfied that it would be unwise to put a heavier structure than that existing upon the piles.

Accordingly he is of opinion that the scheme proposed for lightening the dead load by the removal of the heavy decking and the substitution of a timber decking would be the more satisfactory solution to the problem.

Would you kindly arrange to have plans etc., and the detailed calculations which Mr. Delap was to furnish submitted in due course for examination.

I am given to understand that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the 40% maintenance grant provided that the balance of the works over the £600 provided in the road works scheme of 1938-39 is provided in the Road Works Scheme for

Scheme for 1939-40 as a whole."

Mr. Corish stated he would move his motion - which had been adjourned on a couple of occasions - for the erection of a new bridge at Wexford at the meeting of County Council on 12th December next.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that the proposed repairs would give the Council time to arrange for the erection of a new bridge. It would be 12 months before they could start the plans, then they would have to look for a Contractor and various other matters would have to be seen to with the result that it would be four or five years before the bridge would be open. The present proposal was merely for temporary work to keep the existing bridge going while the work in connection with the erection of the new bridge was being attended to. He believed the temporary work would be finished in Spring. While it was under way it would not be necessary to close the bridge to traffic as half only of the travelling surface would be dealt with at the one time. The cost would be £2600.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: Mr. Corish said that since the meeting of the Finance Committee he and the Chairman had waited on the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture and as a result a communication was sent the Office of Works that the Department were in favour of a grant being made available for St. Helensharbour. He and Mr. Allen would make further recommendations immediately in the matter.

FETHARD HARBOUR: Mr. Thomas Redmond said that it appeared what the fishermen wanted would cost about £5000. But the £200 offered would be money thrown away. The place was never intended as a shelter for Boats. If the dock was cleared out completely it would endanger the boats which sheltered there.

BALLINCASH LANE: The County Surveyor said he had now been able to identify this lane. It would be necessary to reconstruct nearly quarter of a mile and this would cost

£500 or £600.

The Chairman said the matter would require further consideration by the Council.

BALLYCULIANE POULFUR ROAD: Mr. Colfer said this road was even worse than the two referred to as from Porter's Gate.

The County Surveyor said most of that road had been repaired in days gone by with a fairly good gravel. Latterly the gravel was not so good but gravel would not stand up to the present traffic. The only thing to be done for the present was for the people to go the other road. He was prepared to carry out repairs if the Council provided the money but the Department were not prepared to furnish a grant.

PORTERS GATE ROADS: Mr. Kennedy said that there was a tremendous amount of traffic on the two roads and unless something was done immediately they would become impassable.

PROVISION ROAD METALLING: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that material was now being put on the Killanne Road.

The County Surveyor said the neighbouring quarry at Kiltrea was nearly worked out. He had pointed out to the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the concentration of big depots of material for main roads and special jobs was bound to upset the maintenance of ordinary roads. Owing to the limited number of quarries in the County when they had to get out a large amount of material they were bound to neglect the other roads in the district.

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor should fight the Department on the point. He should keep the potholes on roads other than those in the main and link classes of these roads the grants should be held up. From this on to March material should be provided in the depots and steps should be taken to see that the necessary amount of this material should be used in proper time for the third class roads. They should be looked after independently of grants.

The County Surveyor said in the past they had a fair amount of stock in the quarries which enabled them to carry out the press of work which came with large grants. That stock had been dipleted. He pointed out that it was only through having that stock they were able to carry on. He would try and accumulate further stock in the quarries so far as it was possible.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS: The County Surveyor submitted the names of the following defaulting Road Contractors in district of Mr. Cullen (Assistant Surveyor) and on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Murphy it was decided that the Roads concerned be taken into his own charge by County Surveyor or that he take such other steps as he believes most advisable to have the roads put into repair:-

William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater (Roads 444 & 445) Charles Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater (Roads 559 & 560). Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills (Road 606).

BUNCLODY TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: The County Surveyor said the only thing they could do about Irish Street Hill which was outside Bunclody would be to apply for a grant. They made application before for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote but a man named Kidd objected to any interference at the place and the matter dropped.

It was decided to apply for a grant for repair of Irish Street Hill under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

KERLOGUE - MURRINTOWN - BRIDGETOWN - BALDWINSTOWN ROAD: The

County Surveyor said this route was no worse than others referred to at the meeting. He would be delighted to improve it if he had the money. The portion from Newcastle to Bridgetown certainly needed improvement as did the road opposite Johnstown.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The Secretary stated in order to qualify for Grants in Urban Areas houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should have been completed by 30th September last and all those in Rural Areas must be finished by the 31st March next.

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

"That, owing to the very inclement weather which has prevailed for some time past, outside work at the erection of houses could not be carried out and in consequence we appeal to the Government to make provision for extension of the period during which grants for the erection of houses will be available. We are satisfied that the weather has affected the erection of mumber of houses under the Act and in consequence we suggest that legislation should be enacted by which Grants for the erection of houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in Urban and Rural Areas should be available for a year as from 31st March next."

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS: The Secretary stated that since the meeting of the Finance Committee the Wexford Corporation had lodged £1831. 9. 5d leaving a balance outstanding of £2917. 16. 6d at 30th September last.

It was decided to send the resolution of the Finance Committee to Enniscorthy Urban Council only.

PETROL PUMP, FETHARD: Mr. Colfer mentioned that Mr. Hogan,
Fethard, had been able to lay down the tank for his petrol
pump at the rere of his premises.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 11th November 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1939-1940

Copies of above Scheme for financial year 1939-40 had been circulated to Councillors. The totals were: Repairs, main roads, £55,664; third class roads £38,655; fourth class roads, £5,547; and for improvements, main roads, £4,255; county roads, £33,703; contingencies, £2,100; relief loans repayment £4217; total £144,141.

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that the amounts actually allocated for roads for current year were:

Main Roads £34,713

County Roads £27,043

Total £61,756.

For 1937-38.

Main Roads £33,987

County Roads £23,143

Total £57,130

showing an increase for current year of £4626 over 1937-38.

The County Surveyor said that last year he asked the Council for £100,861 for the roads, and this year the total was £144,141. Last year the Council allowed him £61,756 to spend on the roads out of approximately £100,000. On the main roads last year he asked for £47,000 and got £28,000. This year the main roads' estimate was £50,000 because of a request by the L.G.D. last year that a lot more surface dressing should be done. For county bridges last year he was allowed £1,400. This year he was asking for £3,700, which included £2,600 for Wexford Bridge reconstruction.

He wanted about £1,000 for New Ross bridge and it was essential that they should have a detailed report by an expert about the iron work of that bridge, because when doing some repairs in the current year he found some of the plates defective. They were not seriously dangerous, but there may be places where it may be dangerous. Last year he asked for £31,000 for County Roads and got £15,000. This year he estimated for £37,000 because there were a number of these roads which had been steamrolled with water-bound macadam and it was an instruction of the L.G.D. that such roads must be tar-sprayed. There was also provision for broken road material on certain roads instead of sea gravel. For The Deeps and Edermine bridges he had £150 estimate this year instead of £200 last year. There was an increase of £400 in the estimate for fourth class roads, one of which was the road to Barrett's Park. The biggest increase was in the County roads improvement schemes. Last year they were £2,283 and this year they are £33,703. This was due to works proposed by members of the Council and some proposed by himself to cover the roads about which there had been serious complaints and memorials. The Council should read down the list of roads shown under this heading and see how many of them would be done. They were all necessary and if the Council had the money they should be done.

The following notice of motion lodged on 30th September 1938, stood in the name of Mr. Colfer:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 14th of November 1938 that the wages of all County Council outdoor workers be increased and that amount of said increase be fixed at above meeting."

The following application from Enniscorthy Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers Union under date 2nd November 1938 referred to County Council by Finance Committee meeting was read:-

"I have been directed by the workers in your employment to apply for 10/- increase in wages per week for all road workers, i.e., quarrymen, engine men, attendants. Also for increase of 1/8d per day for carters."

In moving his motion Mr. Colfer added the following:"That the said increase of wages be at the rate of 10/- per
week". He said that the increase was necessary owing to
the increased cost of living for one thing and the second
reason for agreeing to his motion was that the wages had
been reduced about 13 or 14 years ago by 10/- per week. By
agreeing to the 10/- per week they would restore the wages
to the figure of 1922.

Mr. Culleton, in seconding, said he wondered how men www could exist on their wages of 30/- per week.

Miss O'Ryan contended that the cost of living at the time when wages were fixed at 28/- per week and now, would be of some value in the consideration of the question.

The Chairman said that according to the Trade Returns the cost of living in 1928 was at 175 and this year it was at 159.

Mr. Corish said he had not much faith in the Trade

Returns as in his opinion they were made out on an erroneous basis.

Miss O'Ryan then proposed the following:-

"That the Council approve of allocating a sum of £61,756 for General Road Maintenance, this being the figure which obtained last year plus £2,600 for repair of Wexford Bridge. Out of the £61,756, £1000 is to be taken for Improvement Works. She then explained that as regards the figure for repair of Wexford Bridge, they could calculate on receiving from the Department 40% of the cost leaving net

Mr. Keegan then referred to the hardships on people who resided in the towns and who were obliged to pay rents which were really exorbitant. Even people on the dole had to pay $10\frac{1}{2}$ d a week for rates and that looked as if they were robbing Peter to pay Paul. He would be prepared to support any proposal to deal with all classes of labour, rural and urban. As regards their own wmployees they were, in his ophion, the best off of any class in the working community. They were paid for wet days and Holydays, a concession which other workers did not enjoy. In the circumstances, he could not agree to vote in favour of Mr. Colfer's motion.

Mr. Bowe said that they had had a very unfortunate harvest and he feared the result would be that owing to the enormous losses sustained by the farmers they would not be in a position to pay even the current rate. His one regret was that every worker in the County was not receiving 30/-per week as they certainly would then be in a position to meet the demands of the County Council. Unfortunately, the moment they increased rates they also increased unemployment. He admitted that a number of the roads were bad but the County Council could not go beyond the taxable capacity of the ratepayers and in his opinion they had reached saturation point.

In reply to Mr. Doyle, the County Surveyor said except in the case of quarry men who were trained for their job, they frequently had agricultural labourers working on Relief Grants, and found that they gave reasonable results. He made no complaint of their own staff, in fact, he thought 95% of them were good workers and gave good returns.

In further reply to Mr. Doyle the Chairman said he believed that the second class of agricultural labourer was capable of doing ordinary road work.

Mr. Doyle said that the road workers had a 48 hour week

and their wage was 3/- higher than that of the agricultural labourer. In the circumstances, he could see no case for an increase.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that he could not see how the County Council could agree to a higher figure for the roads than that allowed last year. They had to consider the increased cost of the social services, mainly for the improvement of the health of the people. A number of roads were in a bad state but to put them in the order the Council would like to see, would cost more than could be provided by their ordinary rates. The roads requring attention would have to wait and be done from time to time.

Mr. Culleton complained that when other classes asked for increases of salary and increased bonus their claims were conceded, but when the working man asked for something to improve his lot of life, the only reply he received was that if any increase were given him, it would mean throwing his fellow workers out on the road to starve. This was poor comfort for the men looking forward to the coming year.

Actually the cash received by the workers was 28s. 5d. per week and this was a very low rate on which to keep a family even in frugal comfort. He suggested that the Council would agree to an increase of 5/- per week.

Miss O'Ryan said she would be pleased to support an increase in wages if anybody could point out where the money to meet it could be obtained.

After further discussion, Mr. Colfer agreed to withdraw his proposal in favour of the following amendment which was proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Road Estimate for 1939-40 be fixed at £66,422 (with £2600 for repair of Wexford Bridge) so as to allow of an increase of 5/- per week to County Council workers while also allowing for the same amount of work as for current

Mr. Corish Any time, he said, an increase of wages was asked for in this County they were told the rates could not stand it. They had gone through the economic war and twelve months ago they were told that when the economic war was finished many things could be done which they were not in a position to do twelve months ago. Now that the economic war was finished. and if they were to take the statements made over two and trree years ago, they were entitled to believe that the position in the country had improved a good deal. Chairman, he said, had quoted certain figures from the Trade Journal and he was at a loss to understand how figures lake them could be compiled, because it would be admitted that the cost of living today is more than what it was in 1928. Everyone knew that the cost of sugar, boots, bread, clothes and butter had been increasing in recent years, and the person responsible for the compilation of the figures referred to did not know what he was talking about. He (Mr. Corish) mentioned these articles, because they were absolute necessaries and they had been increasing for some years, and nobody in the room there could deny it, for the farmers themselves were complaining about the increased cost of living. He asked the Council to adopt the proposal of a road rate for £66,422, stating that the only people who were not in receipt of an increase of wages in recent years were the road workers. Somebody mentioned that a resolution should be passed to improve the conditions of farm labourers. The Labour Party thought as much about the farm labourers, continued Mr. Corish, as anybody here and look at them in the same plane as the road workers, but the road workers got no increase at all.

The Secretary said the increase of £4,000 odd would mean an increase of about 3d in the £.

The Chairman said the figures he quoted as regards the cost of living were taken from the Trade Journal on Saturday last by him. It was quite true that the cost of living had increased in recent years, but in 1930 the figure was 172 and it fell as low as 130 in 1933 and had increased steadily from 1933. He agreed with Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Keegan and other members that they could not possibly increase the amount of money for roads. They knew quite well when it was possible to provide more money for roads that they increased the estimate from £50,000 to £61,000. addition, the grants given each year were so big that they were embarrassing the County Surveyor who could not provide material for certain roads. They were actually spending a lot more money on roads for the last four years than had been spent since 1924. They were told they had a disastrous year, and Mr. Corish said they were promised, when the ecomomic war was over, that the farmers would be well off. That was said and from their experience he thought the farmers were not as badly off during the economic war as they thought they were. He was sorry that the improvement after the ending of the economic war was not what they expected it would be and it was bad for the country and bad for them all. As regards the road workers! wages there was no doubt they could do with more money if the Council could afford to give it. His particular work was as much rural work and just as similar as the agricultural labourer's work. and there was not a single agricultural labourer but would leave the farm and go on the road, for they knew the road worker had a better position. He had, continued the Chairman, what the ratepayers of the County and both the agricultural workers, town workers and people living on home assistance could afford to pay. He remembered when the rate was struck last year a lot of propaganda went on that it was the County Council and Government were responsible

for increasing the rates. Referring to the motion, he said if they increased the rate any more they would have more difficulty in collecting it. Before the social schemes they had embarked on were complete, in connection with hospitals, etc., the rates would increase by almost 2s. in the £, and he could see that prospect in four years. The Roads will have to suffer on and the County Surveyor will have to make the best use of the money we can afford to give him.

A vote was taken on Mr. Corish's amendment with the following result.

For: Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. (5).

Against: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Doyle, Keegan, Kinsella, Kennedy, Lawlor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond and Thomas Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (17)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Miss O'Ryan's motion was then put and declared carried nem. con.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the County Surveyor, with the Assistant Surveyors, allocate the amount allowed to each Road, and that as regards the £1000 for improvement works £250 be allocated to each Assistant Surveyor's area.

EMPLOYEES COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXERCISES COAST LIFE SAVING SERVICE.

Under date 8th November 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RM/7) that if the County Council granted facilities to road workers who are members of Coast Life Saving Service to attend the periodic exercises the Minister would not raise objection to their attendance without deductions from pay.

APPOINTMENT OF EX-OFFICIO INSPECTOR UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

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

"That Garda John Riordan (3707) Gorey Station, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford."

DUNCANNON HARBOUR

The following under date 12th November 1938 (W.5/11/35) addressed to the County Surveyor from Fisheries Branch of Department of Agriculture was read:-

"With reference to your letter of 23rd March, 1938, and previous correspondence relative to a proposal for the dredging of Duncannon Harbour, Co. Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that the engineer of the Office of Public Works who recently visited the place agrees that the necessary hand-dreding, and the construction of a retaining wall can be carried out for the estimated sum of £300.

During the course of his inspection representations were made to the engineer by some of the local fishermen for the extension of the existing pier by about 70 to 80 yards or. alternatively, the construction of a breakwater near the harbour entrance.

I am to state that before further action is taken in regard to the proposal for the dredging of the dock, the Minister will be glad to be favoured with your observations

able expenditure on marine works."

The County Surveyor said the breakwater suggested would mean considerable expenditure but he would go into the matter fully.

fishing in that area would not seem to justify any consider-

Further consideration adjourned pending report of County Surveyor.

FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE (IMPORTED CARCASES AND PACKING (MATERIALS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1938

Under date 18th October 1938 the Department of Agriculture forwarded copies of above Order which came into force on 21st October 1938.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF COUNTY ANALYST

It appeared from the report of County Analyst in respect of Quarter ended 30th September last that 187 foods; 40 drugs and 9 waters had been examined. Total 236. Number found to be adulterated:— 3 whole milks; 1 buttermilk; 1 butter; and 3 Drugs. The four waters condemned were submitted by Wexford Corporation.

KERLOGUE QUARRY

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

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to Agreement between James Dake, Mulgannon, Wexford and Wexford County Council for material raised from Kerlogue Quarry, the agreed price being 3d per cubic yard."

PAY TO WORKERS WHILE INJURED

Mr. Colfer complained that a County Council worker in Duncannon who injured his hand was docked three days' pay because he returned to work within a month.

"That we inform the Department of Local Government and Public Health and Department of Industry and Commerce it is the opinion of this Council that the regulations under Workmens' Compensation Acts as to compensation to injured workers should be amended so that worker who receives an injury shall be paid from that date irrespective of the time of the full period of his disablement."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Mrs. Mary Lacy, Monamolin, Gorey."

CAPITATION GRANTS - MENTAL HOSPITALS

The Resident Medical Superintendent, District Hospital, Sligo, forwarded for the information of the County Council, letter from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to above, and which was accompanied by extract from letter written to the General Council of County Councils under date 18th October 1938 (No. G.2266 17-21/38) which pointed out that the Capitation Grant was part of a system of financial subvention, and that when this originated grants-in-aid were few and had not attained their present proportions. The monies now received annually by County Councils from Government sources were very little short of the amount raised yearly by Poor Rate. The question of the revision of this Capitation Grant could not be considered apart from the revision of other grants particularly the Agricultural Grant.

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

"That this County Council are prepared to assist in every possible way the efforts of Sligo Mental Hospital Committee to secure increase of Grant-in-Aid for Mental Hospitals. Since this was first established the cost of administration of Mental Hospitals shows a very substantial increase and in our opinion it is only just and equitable that the Government should agree to a reasonable increase in the Grant to meet the altered circumstances."

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment presented at this meeting including proposals for payment to Contractors for roads and works as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22 be and the same are hereby agreed to subject to the modifications and any other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

RUMOURED CLOSING OF RAILWAY LINE - BORRIS TO PALACE EAST

In connection with resolution of County Council at recent meeting protesting against closing of railway line from Borris to Palace East letter of acknowledgment of resolution was received from the Great Southern Railway Company.

Thomas Lasthy