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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 13th NOVEMBER, 1939

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also present, Messrs. Moses Bolger, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance, Messrs. J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen, R. J. Ennis and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £21,126. 9. 2d were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. RONAN, FERNS

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution:-

"That we offer our respected colleague, Mr. P. Ronan, our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his wife."

In moving her resolution Miss O'Ryan said she was very sorry the occasion should arise for this motion and she assured Mr. Ronan that he had the sympathy of the entire Council in his bereavement. Mr. Ronan was a good and efficient member of the Council.

Mr. Bolger seconded.

Mr. Kelly, Col. Quin, Mr. Corish and the Secretary associated themselves with the motion.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Mr. Ronan had been always prominent in the National movement and deserved all the



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sympathy they could extend to him.

The motion was adopted in the usual manner.

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4. Liam Moran, Church Street, Enniscorthy.
5. Stephen Somers, Ballydaw, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy.
6. Mrs. Mary Whitty, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy.

The candidates in attendance were interviewed.

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following result:-

For Mrs. Whitty: Rev. J. D'Arcy, Messrs. Kelly, Larkin, Lawlor and Tobin. - 5.

For Mr. Moran: Mr. McCarthy, Rev. Canon Squires and the Chairman. - 3.

The Rev. Chairman then declared Mrs. Whitty elected Clerk to the Sub-Committee on the terms and conditions issued to candidates and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Following correspondence between the County Secretary and the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the eligibility of all members voting at the clerk's election the Department wrote that as one member voted when he was disqualified by non-attendance the Minister considered the appointment of Mrs. Whitty invalid.

The following is the conclusion of the Department's communication:-

"A further meeting should therefore be called, consisting of members of the Sub-Committee properly qualified to vote to make the appointment and to ratify any business transacted at the meeting above referred to which might be held to be invalidated by the voting of the person who had ceased to be a member of the Sub-Committee."

The second meeting was accordingly arranged for 11th November 1939 at the Workmen's Club, Enniscorthy.

Rev. J. Wadding (Chairman) presided and there were six other members of the Sub-Committee in attendance.

The minutes of meeting of 14th October 1939 having been read and signed the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health declaring the appointment of Mrs. Whitty to be invalid etc., was read.

It was then decided to take a vote on the candidates who



were interviewed at the meeting of 14th October 1939.

The poll resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Liam Moran: Rev. J. D'Arcy, Mr. McCarthy, M.C.C., Canon Squires and the Rev. Cahirman - 4.

For Mrs. Whitty - Messrs. Larkin, Lawlor, McC.C., and Tobin. - 3.

The Chairman declared Liam Moran, Church Street, Enniscorthy, elected Clerk to No. 5 Sub-Committee (Co. Wexford) Old Age Pension Acts on the terms and conditions governing the appointment and which were issued to candidates and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Mr. Kelly said he was the member referred to as disqualified. The meetings of the Old Age Pensions in Enniscorthy had been held on Saturdays, an inconvenient day for him. He got no notification that he had been disqualified by being absent from previous meetings, but he did get a notice to attend the meeting at which the election arose. He thought that members should be notified when they became disqualified, especially if they are summoned to attend a meeting.

Secretary - You did not attend from July 1936 until this meeting.

Mr. Kelly - I will attend the meetings in future if the Council agree.

Secretary - If the Old Age Pensions Committee recommend you the Council will accept it, because they never turned down any recommendation made in that way. The Secretary added that the Enniscorthy Old Age Pensions Committee had no clerk, and it was his duty as County Council Secretary to act as clerk to the Committee until they got a clerk. When the notification for the meeting had been issued he (Secretary) was informed that



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some of the members were not qualified and he asked Mr. Elgee, solicitor, to say what was the legal position. Mr. Elgee wrote that if disqualified members voted for the clerk they did so at their own risk. It was his business to call attention to that fact and to record it in the minutes. The Department then said the meeting was invalid and that another meeting should be called.

Mr. Kelly - Who informed you about my absence?

Secretary - I have no notion whatever of telling you that.

Mr. Kelly - It was never raised before at any public body.

Secretary - I assure you it was no pleasure to me to say you were disqualified, but I had a duty to perform.

Mr. Kelly - I should have been notified beforehand.

Secretary - I showed you Mr. Elgee's letter before you voted. If a man is absent from meeting for six months he must be ill or must have some valid reason that is accepted by the Committee or he will be disqualified. A member of the County Council must be twelve months absent before he is disqualified.

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

"That the attention of Clerks to Sub-Committees of County Wexford Old Age Pension Committee be called to Article 21(3)(c) of Old Age Pensions Consolidated Regulations 1922 as to disqualification of members.

That Sub-Committees arrange for the holding of meetings so as not to clash with meetings of Local Authorities of which members of Sub-Committees are also members."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 13th OCTOBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Friday, 13th October 1939.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5595. 10. 5d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and 3 years' Arrears Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon	33.8
2. E. J. Murphy	33.4
3. P. Nolan	32.9
4. A. Dunne	31.4
5. J. J. O'Reilly	31.2
6. M. Kehoe	30.8
7. J. Curtis	29.2
8. P. Carty	29.0
9. D. Kenny	28.9
10. W. Doyle	28.0
11. J. Quirke	27.5
12. J. Cummins	27.5
13. J. Deegan	27.4
14. W. Cummins	25.5
15. J. J. Sinnott	24.5
16. M. McCarthy	23.0
17. P. Doyle	22.7
18. J. Flood	22.2

Average 28.4 %

This shows an improvement over corresponding period of last year of .4 per cent.

It was decided to inform Collectors W. Cummins, J. J. Sinnott, M. McCarthy, P. Doyle and J. Flood that the



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Finance Committee are surprised that they have not been able to show more improvement in their lodgements since last Finance Committee meeting. The Committee will be driven to recommend drastic action unless these Collectors take more active steps in the collection of the rates.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 30th September 1939 the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of to-day's date, and in reply thereto I write to say, that on yesterday I wrote to Mr. Kehoe, Raheenduff, asking him if he proposed to accept the loan of £100 which was provisionally approved for him by the County Council, and if so, to let me know during the coming week, and if I did not hear from him in that time, the Loan would be cancelled. When I hear from him I will let you know."

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

"That, in the event of Edward Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart, failing to notify the County Solicitor by 14th October 1939 that he intends availing of loan of £100 provisionally approved for him under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the amount allocated to him be provisionally approved for Thomas Casy, Newbawn."

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936 AND 1939

The following letter under date 29th September 1939, No. L.350/39 was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of the 17th ultimo and its enclosed copies of reports furnished by the Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors regarding the operation of the above-mentioned Orders in County Wexford during the past treatment period.



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As indicated in this Department's communication (L.350/39) of 21st March last the Minister approved of the proposal of your Local Authority in regard to the payment of bonuses to the Veterinary Inspectors provided, in the first instance, a detailed report as to the work done by each Inspector was submitted through your Local Authority to this Department and that each such report was considered satisfactory. Messrs. F. S. Ringwood and F. W. Taylor have complied with this requirement but the reports furnished by Messrs. F. Staples, T. A. Mernagh and J. Lynch are not sufficiently detailed and they should be requested to submit to your Local Authority, for transmission to this Department, further statements giving particulars of visits to stockowners and interviews with the temporary Warble Fly Inspectors. It is noted from the recoupment claim furnished by you on the 22nd instant that the bonuses were paid to the Inspectors on 21st July last i.e. before the necessary reports were furnished to this Department and the approval of the Minister obtained. I am, accordingly, to request the favour of your observations as to the circumstances in which the payments were so made."

The Secretary stated that he had communicated with Messrs. Lynch, Mernagh and Staples, Veterinary Inspectors, and asked them to supply fuller details as to their work under above Order, during the past season, for transmission to the Department.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR BLACK-OUT

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter, received from William Donegan, David Callaghan and Edward Byrne, Boat Owners, under date 11th October 1939, as to lights at this Harbour:-

"We, the undersigned, do, on behalf of the Boat Owners and



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Fishermen of Courtown Harbour respectfully ask that you might grant us the use of the lights during the Winter Fishing Season. As it is almost impossible to enter the Harbour on a dark Winter's night without the Pier Head Lights to guide us, if their use was to be discontinued, the fishing would have to be abandoned. We only ask for the two pier lights and fairway light at the turn of the river. Hoping you will be so kind as to grant us this favour."

The County Surveyor stated that he carried out the Black-out at Courtown Harbour in accordance with the telegram received from the Minister of Defence.

The Chairman pointed out that the telegram in question was only a request to the Council and in present circumstances he believed the request of the boat owners might be complied with.

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

"That the County Surveyor inform the Harbour Master at Courtown Harbour that pending any compulsory order relative to Black-out regulations, the request of the boat owners of Courtown as to navigational lights, be acceded to and that the Harbour Master be directed to inform boat owners of the terms of this resolution."

#### ROAD MATTERS

POULPEASTY ROADS: Under date 6th October 1939, the following letter was received by the County Surveyor from the County Secretary:-

"Fr. Martin Murphy, C.C., Poulpeasty, has been in with me re the following:-

1. Road from Donard School to the boundary at Poulpeasty, practically at the gate of the New Church. He says it is in



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very bad condition with the surface considerably worn down about 100 yards.

2. Road from the old Church at Poulpeasty to Donard School about 200 yards. The water from the pump is running down the middle of this road which is on a slope besides the surface water from the high ground. The water tables, he states, are ineffective. The major portion of the people coming to Mass pass along the road.

According to him no outlet was laid down from the pump with the result that all the overflow goes along the road.

It might be well if you had a report on these two roads."

Miss O'Ryan stated that on account of the new Church there steps should be taken to see that the roads leading to it were brought into decent condition. As a matter of fact, these observations should be made to apply to approaches to all churches.

The County Surveyor said he had notified Messrs. Cullen and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, to furnish him with reports in the matter. As these came to hand he would submit them to the first available meeting of the Finance Committee.

BALLINAKILL LANE: Application was received from eight rate-payers asking for repair of this lane under Minor Relief Scheme. Five families used this thoroughfare constantly. It was about three quarters of a mile in length and connected two roads, and was at present in very bad condition.

The County Surveyor mentioned that application had been already made to the Office of Public Works, including Ballinakill Lane in their present Schedule, to be carried out through the Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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



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"That the County Surveyor be instructed to again send forward to the Office of Public Works, application under Minor Relief Schemes Vote for repair of Ballinakill Lane, Marshals-town."

CUSH GAP: Under date 6th October 1939 the following letter was read from Mr. Laurence Murphy, Ballyconnigar Upper, Blackwater:-

"Reference to the above matter which was before your Council meeting in the early Summer. The following Landowners, i.e., Thomas O'Brien, Laurence Murphy, and Mrs. M. E. Sinnott, whose lands adjoin the Roadway at Cush Gap where the Chute existed, give notice to the Council that unless the Water Chute is erected there before the coming Winter and Rain Storms they will take proceedings for compensation in respect of any damage as a result of same. We disagree with every word of the County Surveyor in respect of his Report in this matter and would point out that it is not the Coast Erosion that is responsible for removal of Chute. The Blocks erected on the Beach at this point are still there, they are covered in the strand. The damage to the Water Chute is caused by the overhead water and if a properly erected structure was placed there it would remain so for years without any loss or damage. We would refer to the Chute erected at Knocknasilloge Gap and would suggest a similar erection at this Gap. It must be realised by the County Council that besides the loss of Lands, <sup>and</sup> Houses ~~and~~ the only Water Supply in the townland is endangered as a result of the removal of the Chute. Only a few years ago I was personally speaking to Mr. Barry on this spot or site and he gave them to understand they were compelled to keep that Chute there.

We ask the Council to take this matter seriously and have



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this very important matter reviewed."

The County Surveyor said he was prepared to dispute a good deal of the statements in this letter but he would submit a report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

FENCE AT BALLYWITCH, KILRANE: The following letter under date 11th October 1939 was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, 2 George Street, Wexford, on behalf of Mr. William O'Leary, Ballywitch, Kilrane:-

"We understand that Mr. John Carr of Ballywitch is about or has sold to you the material constituting a boundary fence between his land and the public road at Ballywitch. Our client, Mr. William O'Leary of Ballywitch, has the grazing of the adjoining land until next March and if the fence is demolished and taken away the land which he is taking will become an absolute commons and will be open for trespass by straying animals. We enclose copy of a letter which we have written to Mr. Carr to-day and we would suggest that the County Council should cease the demolition work at once unless they are prepared to replace the wall by another type of fence. In a matter of this kind, the County Council as a Public Body has obligations as well as rights."

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said he was dealing with the matter.

KILLINCOOLEY LANE: The following letter under date 12th October 1939, was read from Mr. R. J. Hughes, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, re Killincooley Lane, and was referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"As Secretary to Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Club, I kindly ask you to put before the next meeting of your County Council a request that the road known as the Killincooley Lane should



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be seen to, at least a mile of it. A little of trimming would help it and save a lot of expense at the moment, such as filling holes and trimming up. We are informed it's a bad case with holes, and small outlay would save a lot."

MEELGARROW LANE: Under date 6th October 1939, the following was read from six ratepayers:-

"We, the undersigned, again beg to draw the above Council's attention to our application to have the Mielgarrow Lane repaired.

Some time before last March we made application to your Council to have this lane repaired. We received an acknowledgment dated 21st March 1939, where the Finance Committee passed a resolution to schedule this lane for repair under Minor Relief Scheme and passed by the Council.

The application was to be forwarded to the Office of Board of Works. We would be anxious to know what are the results, if any.

We would be thankful if you would put this matter again before your Council and oblige."

The County Surveyor stated that the application for repair of this lane had been already before the Office of Public Works but had not been selected for improvement.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make further representations to the Office of Public Works relative to repair of Meelgarrow Lane."

BUNCLODY STREETS: Under date 10th October 1939 the following was read from J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvements Committee, Bunclody, and was referred to County Surveyor for report:-



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"At their meeting on the 3rd instant my Committee directed me to convey to the Council their great disappointment at the failure of the County Surveyor to fulfil his promise to complete the work of having the streets of Bunclody tar macadamed as directed by the Local Government Department. This promise was made to the Finance Committee last May and my Committee was informed of it by your letter of 17th of May. He stated that the work was to be started shortly and was part of the Road Programme of the year. Though the year has now far advanced there is no sign of this work being taken in hands unless the accumulation of material at Ryland Wood quarry may be taken as such.

My Committee hope that this work will be completed before winter sets in."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

BERNARD LEARY: The following letter under date 5th October 1939, was read from Mr. D. J. Hannon, Solicitor, Athlone, who represented the County Council at the hearing on the application for the committal to Industrial School under the Childrens Act 1908 of Bernard Leary, born in New Ross:-

"With reference to above case. The District Justice made an Order committing the child to Letterfrack Industrial School. He made no order as to maintenance against either of the County Councils.

My costs in connection with the matter are £2. 2. Od."

It was decided that Mr. Elgee be instructed to include costs of Mr. Hannon with his out-of-pocket expenses.

BRIDGET CONNORS, BALLINLOW, KILMUCKRIDGE: In connection with the application for the committal of Bridget Connors, aged 9½ years, illegitimate child of Mary Connors, at present an inmate of the County Home, the County Solicitor reported



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that the case was considered at the Wexford District Court on 11th October 1939 and the child was committed to St. Michael's Industrial School. The father was dead and the mother was in the County Home and the child was living with her grandparents, the grandfather being an agricultural labourer. There was no one to look after her and she was in a neglected condition.

#### ANNUAL MEETING - COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

Under date 4th October 1939 the Secretary to above wrote that the Winter meeting would be held early in December and matters which the Council desired to have placed on agenda paper should be forwarded on or before 25th November.

No action.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Reports of Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors were submitted and considered satisfactory.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

The County Solicitor reported that in the case of Guard O'Donnell v. William Armstrong (trading as W. & S. Armstrong) in connection with sample of butter found on analysis to contain 3.51 % more water than the legal standard, the case was heard by the District Justice on 5th October 1939 when it was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act, Mr. Armstrong undertaking to pay the cost of the summons. No order was made as to fine or as to Analyst's fee.

#### THANKS FROM CANON FRY ETC.

Under date 25th September 1939, Canon Fry, Rector, Bunclody, wrote to the County Surveyor to convey his sincere thanks to the County Council for their kindness in having the



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water from the village brought to the Rectory. He also offered his personal thanks to the County Surveyor.

The Ferns Diocesan Council, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 26th September 1939 stating that the Glebe Committee expressed their appreciation of the help given by the County Council in having the water service conveyed to the Rectory.

The County Surveyor said that Canon Fry was under the impression that the blasting in Ryland quarry had interfered with his private supply. The work carried out by the Council cost very little and would be the means of having the quarry at Ryland utilised in the future.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Rev. Brother Dooley, Christian Brothers, Wexford; Rev. Brother Tynan, Christian Brothers, New Ross and Rev. Brother McGovern, Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy, (who acted as spokesman) came before the meeting as a deputation representative of the Teachers of County Wexford Secondary Schools to ask for reconsideration of the changes which the County Council had made in their Scholarship Schemes.

Brother McGovern said he had obtained information and facts which would enable him to put the case of the Secondary Schools before the Finance Committee from the financial and educational points of view in regard to the changes made in schemes which certainly for the last five years worked well. It was to be regretted that the argument should have been put up that the Urban areas were receiving preferential treatment in view of the statutory authority directing that the Rate for Scholarships should be a County at Large Charge. The appropriate Statutes visualised the County as a whole and there was no segregation of any districts urban or otherwise. The Urban areas contributed their share and if the scholarship holders from Urban areas outnumbered those



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from the rest of the County it was inequitable that the Urban Areas should be penalised. The Urban Areas were paying in Rates at least three times the Rates of the rural areas. If it was desired to change the Scholarship Schemes because the Urban Areas are not contributing more towards them a strong case could be made for the Urban Areas to get preferential treatment in some of the other schemes of the County Council. Another argument from the financial point of view was it might happen that through the activity of a particular Teacher and the keenness of the students in a certain section of the Rural area the scholarships would go to this particular district, and the benefit by it derived would be out of all proportion to the amount contributed to Scholarships Rate. The people who really supported the Scholarship Schemes did not stand to benefit from them. These were the better circumstanced rate-payers. The poor boy and his relations were the only ones to benefit. This was the main idea of the Act of Parliament, and it was never intended to help one district or one class more than another.

Speaking from the educational point of view, Brother McGovern said it was quite evident that the original purpose of the statute establishing Scholarships was as he wished to emphasise to help the poor boy of ability to secure a really good education. It was a sound reason to devote public money to this purpose and any scheme of Scholarships should be so devised that everybody would have a fair chance of competing for them. Scholarships as established up to this year created a tremendous amount of enthusiasm amongst the pupils and teachers. The poor scholars felt they had something to aim at and that their poverty would not tell against them in obtaining education which would be valuable to them in after



life. As a matter of fact, this enthusiasm was apparent also in the schools generally and amongst the parents of the boys. There was all round disappointment when the proposed changes became known. He suggested that in these Scholarship Schemes certain general principles should be followed. As regards the Secondary & Vocational Scholarship it should be made worth the pupil's while to work for and to carry him over his academic career - something really worth working for to complete the period in his education. The £10 Scholarships for two years such as suggested could not be regarded as scholarships at all. Such a scholarship was only a waste of money and no real return would be obtained through it. To his mind the whole principle underlying such a Scholarship was really wrong. The pupil would get £10 for two years and at the end of that period his scholarship lapsed. He was really only becoming fitted for his education when the scholarship was taken from him. There was much more objection to the two Scholarships of £40, in fact, the proposal was worse if possible than as regards the £10 limit. It was proposed that these £40 Scholarships should be tenable at a residential School and it was suggested that ~~such~~ a boy who had such a scholarship would be able to secure his Intermediate Certificate at the end of two years. The Department of Education provided for a four years' course and according to the Scholarship Scheme which it was now proposed to abandon, the retention of Scholarship for the fourth year depended upon the Pupil securing Honours in the Intermediate Certificate at the end of three years. He was not saying it was absolutely impossible to pass this examination inside of two years but it was only pupils of very considerable ability who could be expected to do this. Another point was that the parents of



a boy who won a £10 Scholarship had to keep him at home and provide for his support whereas in the case of the boy who goes to a residential school, the County Council guaranteed by the amount of Scholarship to completely support him. He considered that this ~~is~~ was a matter which required re-adjustment. The Principal Teachers of the Secondary Schools in the County were satisfied that the old Schemes should, with minor amendments, be adopted. Brother McGovern suggested in any amendments the Council proposed to make they should be guided by what had been done in other Counties. As suggestions for discussion he submitted the following:-

1. Make the County at large the unit as the Act implies.
2. Give say 10 scholarships reserving 3 or 4 of those for the pupils of schools with an average of 96 or under. The rest should be for open competition.
3. If a successful student reside within 6 miles of an approved secondary school the value of the scholarship should be say £20. If at a further distance than 6 miles it should be suitably increased not to exceed £40.

Owing to the location of the various secondary schools in the County there will be relatively few areas more than 6 miles from an approved secondary school within the County. Hence the majority will turn out to be £20 scholarships.

It is generally accepted that the farmer who sends his boy to a secondary school to reach the standard of a University Scholarship does not intend him for the land and when you confine your scholarships to the faculty of Agriculture you restrict his choice of a career.

The old scheme for University Scholarships met the situation in an equitable manner. Furthermore, the competition for the open Scholarships for the University was always keener than for the confined one for Agriculture. We would



suggest that the old scheme remains.

The teachers concerned would prefer if the Council would hold on to both of the old Schemes at least for the present. He would point out that the changes came upon them without warning. The teachers were interested in preparing boys for these Scholarships and naturally, if the new proposals were the last word on the matter great disappointment would result. The Christian Brothers really catered for a big number of Secondary students, certainly over 500 and their secondary education was for all purposes practically free, the nominal fee being £2 to £3 per year. If a boy was unable to pay the fee and if books were required, they were provided for him. At times they had 30%, 40% or 50% of their Secondary pupils coming from rural areas up to a distance of 10 or 12 miles. The Brothers had provided and equipped these secondary schools. Though they had benefited by the money from Government Grants it would not be possible to keep the Schools on that alone. The Brothers were paid a personal incremental grant from the Department of Education and living in community they were able to put the major portion of these grants into the school fund. The Council surely would recognise it was only a body of Religious who could do this and would admit that the Brothers were making a big contribution to the education and development of the education of the young people of the County. In these circumstances, they felt that the new proposals of the County Council meant a retrograde step and while disappointing the students and teachers would also aim a blow at the development of Secondary Education in the County. They were of opinion that the Department would not sanction the scheme. The attitude of the Secondary teachers in the County was to help the Council. If the points he submitted were in any way useful, they might be



able to hammer out a Scheme which could apply in future years. Examinations for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools would be held in March next and the time between now and then was very short and naturally the teachers would like to know how they stood as regards the scholarships.

The Chairman said that the County Council fully appreciated the good work which the Brothers were doing for education and the changes which were now proposed were not intended to reflect in any way whatever on teachers, more particularly the Christian Brothers. The Council, however, felt that boys living in the country were not in a position under present circumstances to secure the education which would induce them to go back to the land and become better farmers. What the Council were anxious to do was to devise Schemes which would be in the best interests of the County as a whole. The points put forward by Brother McGovern would receive their very best consideration. They had no prejudice against the towns but they did not consider it equitable that the majority of University Scholarships should be secured from classes other than those who lived on the land. This was really the fact which influenced the Committee to suggest the changes, and the Council wanted to find some money for the Agricultural education of boys who would become farmers without increasing the rates.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that from a return which she had applied for it appeared that during the last five years 32 University Scholarships were made available and only five of these went to the children of parents actually deriving their means of living from farming. It was unnecessary to stress that there was nothing as important at the moment as the land. University Scholarship holders who wished to obtain



an Agricultural Degree under their old scheme did not come back to the County and were of no value to the people who paid for their education. It was about time to explode the theory that the boy or girl who is intended to remain on the land after their school period should not secure a full education. Pupils who resided in towns had Secondary Schools at their doors but those at a distance had no such opportunity. The money set aside under the new conditions would pay for the education of the children who would come back to the County. This was the underlying motive which accounted for the proposed changes. They recognised the magnificent work done by the Christian Brothers and how so many would be unable to obtain a good education except for them.

Brother McGovern held that if they excluded any portion of the County from the sphere of their scholarships they would be establishing a vicious circle. The boy who sought a University Scholarship would have to go to a Secondary School where he was competing in open competition with other students and he would have the same chance as anybody else. He held that a University Scheme for the rural area was not going to benefit rural children. It should be remembered that a vast number of the boys who went to the Christian Brothers' Schools returned to the land.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that if every student who secured a Scholarship came back to the County it would be very difficult to secure positions for them. The Local Appointments Commissioners who dealt with such a variety of appointments covered a wide area for applicants.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that the changes suggested would certainly develop Agricultural education and would be more in conformity with the wishes of the general ratepayers.



The Chairman pointed out that these scholarships schemes were purely voluntary and there was no compulsion on the Council to establish them. However, acting on behalf of the people who put up most of the money, the Council wanted to provide as much benefit for their children as was possible.

Mr. O'Byrne held that the best value for the County would be secured by increasing and developing the best agricultural education.

Brother McGovern said if the Council adopted Scholarship Schemes they should be worth while and those now suggested particularly those under the Secondary and Vocational Scheme would be found unworkable. It would be preferable if they even reduced the number of Scholarships and left them worth while for the students to work for them.

The deputation then withdrew, Brother McGovern thanking the Finance Committee for allowing the Christian Brothers to put before them the views of the Secondary Schools.

In connection with the proposed amendments in Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, the following letter under date 11th October 1939, No. Trg.11/54329 was read from the Department of Education, (Primary Branch), Marlborough Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to your communication of the 12th ultimo relative to the scheme for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools 1940, I am directed to inform you that the proposals submitted by you have received the careful consideration of the Department.

The main purpose of these scholarship schemes is to enable students of ability who are in need of assistance to receive a full course of education in Secondary or Vocational Schools.



As the normal course for secondary students is from four to five years, the Council's proposal to terminate scholarships and bursaries after two years, except in the cases of the first and second candidates in order of merit, is not one which can be approved by the Department. The award of a scholarship or bursary for two years only would be of little material benefit to the students affected who would not have the opportunity of completing their Secondary or Vocational Course.

Apart from the objections on educational grounds it would be difficult to determine an order of merit at the Intermediate Certificate Examination for the purpose of selecting the best of the candidates, owing to the difference in the maximum marks allotted to subjects and to the fact that different candidates will take different subjects."

It was decided that the Special Sub-Committee who drafted the proposed amendments in Scholarship Schemes meet on Saturday, 21st October 1939 at 2.30 p.m. (Official time) in the County Hall, Wexford, to further consider the provisions of these schemes.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 13th October 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 27th OCTOBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th October 1939.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5579. 0. 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and 3 years' Arrears Collected.</u>
1. E. J. Murphy	39.8
2. S. Gannon	39.6
3. J. J. O'Reilly	38.5
4. D. Kenny	37.8
5. P. Nolan	36.5
6. J. Curtis	36.1
7. A. Dunne	35.9
8. J. Deegan	35.6
9. J. Flood	35.3
10. M. Kehoe	34.2
11. P. Carty	33.4
12. W. Doyle	32.9
13. J. Cummins	32.9
14. J. Quirke	31.3
15. W. Cummins	31.2
16. M. McCarthy	29.7
17. J. J. Sinnott	29.2
18. P. Doyle	28.0
Average	34.3%



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POUNDAGE: The following under date 23rd October 1939,  
G.2732/10/39 was read from the Department of Local Government  
and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st August, I am  
directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public  
Health to state that he has sanctioned the following condit-  
ions in regard to Rate Collectors poundage in respect of the  
1939-40 warrant:

Interim payment - 60% of 1st Moiety and arrears by 15th  
November - 75% of poundage on lodgments.

First Moiety and previous years arrears by 15th December-  
Full poundage on amount of first moiety and previous  
years arrears.

65% of warrant and previous years arrears by 31st  
January 1940 - 75% of poundage on lodgments.

Final payments to be considered in the light of the date  
and the manner in which the warrant is closed by the dates  
specified in the Public Bodies Order or such later date as  
may be approved having regard to the dates on which the  
arrears lists can be dealt with."

It was decided that copy of letter from Department of  
Local Government and Public Health be furnished Rate  
Collectors.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN BYRNE, PEARSE STREET, GOREY: The following under date  
12th October 1939 (H.18269/7/1939 Loch Garman) was read from  
Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and  
Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the  
6th instant regarding the proposed additional advance by the



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Wexford County Council to John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and to refer to the Department's letter of the 14th ultimo in which it was pointed out that collateral security on £55 is to be obtained in addition to a mortgage on the full amount of the advance proposed, viz., £300."

The following under date 18th October 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours enclosing Copy of a letter received by you from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the Collateral Security to be given herein and with reference thereto, I write to say, that I have now arranged with Mr. E. W. Warren, Solicitor, for Mr. Byrne, that Miss Jane Byrne, sister of Mr. John Byrne, who owns House Property in the Town of Gorey, should give a formal Guarantee to the Secretary of the County Council for the £55 Collateral Security as mentioned in the Department's letter."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Miss Jane Byrne be regarded as in such a financial position as would allow the County Council to accept her as collateral security for her brother in respect of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.

THOMAS MULLALY, EFFERNOGUE, FERNS: Letter under date 16th October 1939 from above named applicant complaining that he had been refused loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was marked read, Mr. Kelly pointing out that Mullaly's application for a labourer's cottage was before the County Board of Health.



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EMERGENCY POWERS (CONTROL OF LIGHTS) ORDER 1939

The Department of Defence (Air Raid Precautions Branch), St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, wrote forwarding copy of above Order under date 23rd October 1939 as to the steps to be taken regarding the screening and central controlling of public lighting in the functional area of the County Council. This would form part of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme and the expenditure incurred by the local authorities in putting them into operation would rank for grant subject to any adjustment which might be considered reasonable in view of any saving on account of economy of labour effected through the system of central control. A provisional estimate of the cost of the work was as follows:- Rosslare Harbour and Strand £16. 9. 0; Ferns £2. 19. 0; Bunclody £3. 16. 0 (Board of Health), Enniscorthy Urban District £20. 0. 0; New Ross Urban District £22. 18. 0; Gorey Town Commissioners £7. 7. 0. Total £73. 9. 0d.

The Secretary stated that the instructions from the Department of Defence to direct the local authorities concerned to communicate with the Electricity Supply Board had been carried out.

In this connection the following ~~from~~ letter received from Enniscorthy Urban Council under date 26th October 1939, was read:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing copy of a letter from the Department of Defence regarding The Emergency Powers (Control of Lights) Order 1939.

The Electricity Supply Board has been in communication with us relative to the cowling of street lamps and their control by suitable switchgear, and I have already issued to the Board authorisation to proceed with the work necessary to conform to the Minister's requirements."



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

"That the local authorities referred to in schedule accompanying letter from Department of Defence (Air Raid Precautions Branch) under date 23rd October 1939 be informed they must in the first instance pay to the Electricity Supply Board cost of screening the public lights in their area and the arrangement for the central control of such lights. Should the County Council receive any Government Grants to meet this expenditure the amount of said grants will be handed over to the appropriate public Body."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS

At last meeting of Finance Committee letter under date 29th September 1939 (L.350-39) was read from Department of Agriculture. In this communication the Department pointed out that the reports of Supervising Veterinary Surgeons J. Lynch (New Ross); T. A. Mernagh (Gorey) and F. Staples (Wexford) were not sufficiently detailed and they should be requested to submit further statements giving particulars of visits to stock owners and interviews with temporary Warble Fly Inspectors.

The Secretary stated that copy of the letter of the Department had been furnished the Veterinary Inspectors concerned.

Mr. J. Lynch reported as follows under date 15th October 1939:-

"Re yours of 5th instant, I felt I had given a pretty exhaustive report re working of Warble Fly Order in my area.

It would be impossible for me to give particulars of visits to stock owners 3 months after season ending. I can only say I interviewed Farmers every day in the course of my ordinary practice and the results of these interviews are -



In the majority of cases the dressings were not started early enough in the season hence the necessity of providing Inspectors with Detention Notices at beginning of dressing period.

Both Inspectors whose work I supervise informed me that cattle loaded at Ballycullane railway station and also Campile station showed a big percentage infested.

These were cattle purchased by dealers on other than Fair days and the infestation appeared greatest among those loaded towards end of April.

I think I can add nothing of importance to what I have already said.

With regard to interviews with Inspectors I had talks with them at least once a week as well as on Fair Days."

Under date 24th October 1939 Mr. Mernagh reported:-

"Sorry for not replying to your letter of 5th October before now, but I mislaid my notes and cannot find them. In my previous report, I gave a general survey of work carried out and you will find any more required in the Inspectors' notebooks on various occasions when I interviewed them. I will give below a list of stockowners whom I visited but until I find my notes I cannot give you the dates:- G. W. Warren, Montague; B. Maguire, Tomgar; Arthur Kinsella, Ballafin; W. Boggan, Kilmuckridge; T. Carty, Coolishall; Joseph Murray, Kilmichael; Mogue Whitty, Island; F. Carty, Coolnastud; Mrs. Kinsella, Ballyloughan; Patrick Doyle, Tara Hill."

Under date 18th October 1939 Mr. Staples reported:-

"Re reports on Warble Fly treatment during period March-July 1939:-

A report of the results of the treatment has already been furnished to the Department.

A detailed report as required now, would, I presume, mean furnishing dates etc.



During the treatment period I had meetings every Saturday evening with the three Inspectors in the Wexford area, when their reports were handed in, examined the reports and pointed out the persons who were dilatory in carrying out dressings; instructed the Inspectors to visit these places and see the dressings were carried out; visited the bi-monthly fairs at Taghmon in company with Inspector Woods and the monthly fairs at Wexford in company with Inspector Druhan, examining cattle shown on the fairs.

There are no fairs held in Inspector Rossiter's area.

Also visiting farms and inspecting stock of Mr. P. Kelly, Ballyconnick; Mr. W. Joyce, Croase; Mr. Furlong, Rosslare; Mr. R. Scallan, Ballyla, etc., reports being received from the inspectors carrying out the work in these areas that the treatment was not being carried out at the proper time."

It was decided that copies of these reports be furnished the Department of Agriculture.

#### APPLICATION OF WORKERS FOR INCREASE OF WAGES

Under date 24th October 1939, letter was read from Thomas Devereux, Milehouse, Enniscorthy; J. Jordan, Ballycarney; P. Doyle, Ryland and J. Redmond, Clohamon, asking the Finance Committee to receive a deputation on behalf of County Council workers relative to increase of wages.

The Secretary stated he had written that the Committee would agree to hear the deputation.

The deputation came before the meeting.

Mr. James Jordan, who acted as spokesman, said they had come before the Finance Committee to put forward this application for an increase of wages. The cost of living had gone up to a great extent and in fact, everything that the



workingman had to purchase had increased considerably in cost, and to such a figure that it was very difficult for County Council workers to eke out an existence.

In reply to the Chairman Mr. Jordan said they had no complaints as to the conditions of their employment. They got 8 or 9 months' work each year for many years past, but the unemployment stamps on their cards would only cover four or five weeks. They were all married men.

The County Surveyor in reply to the Chairman said that the period of employment for County Council workers varied from 8 to 11 months according to the incidence of work and also according to the district.

The Chairman informed the deputation that the times were very critical from the point of view of the County Council. They did not know how they would stand with regard to Government Grants or their finances generally. He believed that the men would be very lucky if they obtained the same amount of employment as obtained last year. In fact, the principal problem before the Council was to keep their men at work for as long a period as possible. Their application for the wages increase would get every consideration although he would not hold out any hope that the Council would be able to agree to it. He believed it would be favourably considered if finances would allow, but unfortunately, the Council would be obliged to cut their cloth according to measure.

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

"That the application for increased wages for County Council workers be considered at meeting at which provisional Road Works Scheme is presented."

Mr. Jordan returned the thanks of the deputation to the Finance Committee for having heard their application.



SITE OF WEIGHBRIDGE FOR WEIGHING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 26th October 1939 from Mr. T. R. Leonard, District Engineer, Great Southern Railways, re above:-

"Referring to your letter of the 12th October, and previous correspondence, the Company are prepared to sell the plot in question to the County Council for a price to be agreed on subject to the following conditions:-

1. The County Council agreeing to bear the cost of moving to a suitable position Messrs. Eason's advertisement hoarding at present standing just inside the existing wall.
2. County Council to move the gate in the existing wall to a point decided on by the Company, and to hang same and provide a ramp on the field side where the ground is lower than the road.
3. County Council to provide a wall between the property handed over and the Company's field at least 4' 6" high and constructed to the satisfaction of the Company's Engineer.
4. The County Council to be responsible for the maintenance of this wall.

I have been requested to ask what sum the County Council are prepared to pay for the land and would point out that in arriving at a price it must be borne in mind that the rent of the field which is at present let by the Company must be reduced owing to the reduction in area.

If you will let me know if the County Council are agreeable to the above conditions and also let me have an offer for the piece of ground."

The County Surveyor said that one question which was not considered was drainage. It did not arise until he was



discussing the matter with the Town Surveyor who told him that when he was dealing with the road there the place was subject to flooding. However, he (County Surveyor) would be able to arrange for this.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of Finance Committee an estimate of the cost of carrying out the work referred to in the letter of the Railway District Engineer.

#### REBUILDING OF PALLAS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 26th October 1939 from Mr. William Lee, Contractor for water works in the construction of which the above Bridge was carried away:-

"In reference to my conversation with yourself and Mr. Treanor, viz:-

The building of a new reinforced concrete bridge at above with a 20' clear span to the following dimensions. Foundation to be carried down 3' below present river bed, side walls to be 3' thick at river bed and finish 2' 6" at top. 3 roll steel joists 25' x 14" x 6" 46 lbs, set in side walls to carry a 12" reinforced concrete slab 19' 6" wide by 25' long. Reinforced with 2 sheets No. T 12" coverbond reinforcement. One sheet 2" from bottom of slab and the other sheet 3" from top of slab with necessary tension strip 2 parapet concrete walls built on side of concrete slab 3' high by 9" thick. Roadway between parapet walls to be 18' clear roadway.

This bridge would cost £350 (Three hundred and fifty pounds).

Work to be carried out to your entire satisfaction. The construction of the bridge not to be commenced until the



Spring, say April next. But the old one to be removed at once as it is very dangerous."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that Mr. Lee's offer was on the understanding that the County Council would provide the £350.

The Chairman said this matter was before Counsel for advice and in his opinion the Finance Committee should not entertain the idea of negotiating with Mr. Lee on any basis until they had Counsel's opinion before them and had considered it from all angles especially from the point of view as to who was liable for the reconstruction of this bridge. It was time enough to consider what action should be taken as to rebuilding when the Council had decided who was responsible for the work.

The meeting adopted the suggestion of the <sup>Chairman</sup> ~~Chairman~~ to postpone action for the present.

#### COOLHULL CASTLE

The following under date 27th October 1939 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I made an inspection of Coolhull Castle. The building is in fairly good condition, but will require a good deal of under-pinning above foundations, and some pointing and other repairs elsewhere. No doubt a large sum could be expended now for the repairs, but I do not consider this would be necessary at the present time. Adjoining the castle and built on to the walls there are out-offices belonging to the farm, and I do not know if it is intended that these should be removed. Inside the tower there are a couple of sheds for stores or byres, and I consider that these should be removed. I estimate for the absolute necessary repairs at the present time it would be from £~~500~~ <sup>500</sup> to £~~1,000~~ <sup>1,000</sup>.



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

"That copy of letter from County Surveyor re repair of Coolhull Castle be forwarded Mr. Murphy, owner of the building, and that he be asked how far he would be prepared to meet the suggestions of the County Surveyor. The County Council are prepared to pay for the necessary changes within a reasonable limit. But, previous to this Mr. Murphy must consent to the vesting of the Castle in the County Council as an ancient monument."

#### ROAD MATTERS

FLOODING AT ELY'S WALKS, NEW ROSS: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Lieutenant Col. R. Tyndall, Oaklands, New Ross, as to the flooding of road:-

"With the high tides of the last few days the Road at Ely's Walks has again been flooded, causing the usual inconvenience to everyone, and the usual traffic through my place and past my hall door which I object to.

Can anything be done to put this matter right. Even raising the footpath would be something."

The County Surveyor said he had written in reply that he did not see that anything of a really permanent nature could be done until the river embankment was repaired. He thought if the footpath there was raised about 15 inches for approximately 100 yards it would be of considerable help.

Mr. Colfer suggested that the road should be raised. He believed that any rise of the footpath would be of little utility. If there was a storm it would not allow the water to go off the road. The flooding there was often to a depth of three feet on the road.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit estimate



of cost for raising the road and a separate estimate for the raising of the footpath.

MR. R. DOYLE, M.C.C. AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT: The following under date 24th October 1939 was submitted by County Surveyor from Mr. Raymond Doyle, County Councillor:-

"Adverting to your enquiry re suggested and necessary road improvement I wish to draw your attention to the condition of the Road at Tomhaggard Village.

The people there feel they are very badly treated, and undoubtedly the road surface is very bad, and uneven; in this place there is a Catholic Church, School, Graveyard, four shops etc.

I suggest that you make provision to provide a tarred-macadam surface on the village road, and improve the condition of leading roads also."

It was decided to defer consideration of this letter to meeting at which Provisional Road Works Scheme for next financial year is submitted.

LACKEN HILL (GOREY): The following under date 19th October 1939 was read from Mr. John Jones, Pallas, Inch:-

"Please bring before the notice of your Committee the memorial of the ratepayers of the district north of Gorey re repairs and improvements to Lacken Hill. The people of this district think they are very badly treated as the bottom of this hill is the most dangerous place in the whole county at present and as yet the Council have taken no action to improve matters there."

The County Surveyor said that he had brought this before the Council already but it was not approved owing to cost; it would be a very big job.



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The Chairman said it was a very steep hill on a very narrow road. It carried all the traffic from Pallas and Wicklow Gap to Inch Railway Station. It was certainly a very necessary work if their finances allowed them to deal with it.

It was decided that the County Surveyor would include in Provisional Road Works Scheme a proposal for the execution of this work.

FENCE AT BALLYWITCH, KILRANE: Correspondence was submitted at meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13th October 1939 from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of William Leary, Ballywitch, complaining that John Carr should not have sold to the County Council stones from an old fence on his land at Ballywitch as Leary claimed grazing rights over the entire holding.

The following letter under date 14th October 1939, written by Messrs. O'Connor & Co. on behalf of William Leary to John Carr was read:-

"We duly received your letter of the 12th instant, in which you stated that the stone wall which you are selling to the County Council has nothing to do with the land which you have let to Mr. Leary. This, we understand, is not so as Mr. Leary has the grazing rights of your entire holding, with the exception of the site of the new house which you have built. Mr. Leary merely gave you the meadowing, the two parks in question, because they were little use to him on account of there being no water there. Mr. Leary is however entitled to the grazing of the land and the after grass up to next March and consequently neither yourself nor the County Council have any right to take down the wall which divides the land from the public road.

In view of your unjustifiable attitude our client will



have to take serious steps in the matter and we have notified the County Council that in the first place you have no right to remove the wall and neither have the County Council any right to take it away.

Our client does not want any unpleasantness but if the demolition of the fence is proceeded with we desire to warn you that both yourself and the County Council will be responsible for any loss which our client may sustain."

The County Surveyor pointed out that the County Council purchased the stones in all good faith from Carr who had taken them down. It was a dispute between Carr and Leary. Until some arrangement had been arrived at he would not draw any more of these stones.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

BACK ROAD AT BARNTOWN: Miss O'Ryan said the people residing on the back road at Barntown were very much dissatisfied with its condition. Material from Windy Gap quarry was drawn over this road and while the main road was under reconstruction tractors and heavy lorries were brought over it. The people who lived "on the mountain" could not bring their produce to town on account of the condition of this road. She was always of opinion that when one road was damaged by exceptional traffic on account of the reconstruction of a second road the first one was restored at least to its original condition.

The County Surveyor said they always tried to do this.

Miss O'Ryan considered that the restoration on this back road at Barntown was far below what should have been done for public convenience.

Mr. Colfer said that after the road from Camblin - New



Ross had been repaired it took four or five years before a second road which suffered through this improvement was put into proper condition. He held this should not have occurred and claimed that provision should be made by the Survey Staff to have second and third class <sup>Roads</sup> damaged in this way put into repair without delay.

The Chairman said he had received similar complaints about other roads to those made by Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Colfer.

Miss O'Ryan said it was bad policy that people should suffer by giving a better road to another district.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should inspect and report as to the condition of the back road through Barntown village.

SLIPPERY APPROACH ROADS NEW ROSS: The following under date 19th October 1939 was read from Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"I am directed by the Council to inform you that the approaches to the town are very slippery and a danger to horse traffic <sup>and</sup> necessarily a hindrance to business in the town.

The spreading of sand or gravel, in the opinion of the Council, is totally inadequate, and they suggest that gritting, as on the Cherry Road, each side be introduced instead, at a margin of 4 feet wide."

The County Surveyor said he was carrying out gritting such roads bit by bit but there was a large number of such places in the County and to make the matter general for a year or two would mean a big sum of money. He was endeavouring to deal with the worst spots first.

It was decided the County Surveyor should communicate with the New Ross Urban Council in the matter.



BUNCLODY STREETS: The following under date 20th October 1939 was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in reply to letter from the Bunclody Town Improvement Committee:-

"The Town Improvement Committee seems from their letter to be under the impression that there is money available for the reconstruction of these streets. There is, in fact, no such money available. The only funds in hands are those for the maintenance of this section of road, extending from the County Bounds to Clohamon. These funds are barely sufficient for this maintenance.

I think, however, that an effort should be made to continue next Summer the work already done on these Streets. We spent about £400 about two years ago, and did some satisfactory work on portion of the Streets. I have included in this years estimate a sum of £550 for special repairs on this section of road. If this were passed and if a further sum were put up next year we would have the work completed. This type of work is considerably cheaper than what we might call regular grant work. It is essentially work for the Summer months. The road from Clohamon to Bunclody was done some 10 or 11 years ago on these lines.

I would like to press very strongly for this £550 to be passed. One would get the impression from some previous letter from this Committee that I was in some way responsible for delaying the work being done on these streets. In fact, the contrary is the case."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the County Surveyor said he had not so far been able to reach on the steamrolling of Bunclody Square for which Mr. Hall Dare had expressed his willingness to pay.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Ennis's letter be furnished the Bunclody Town Improvement Committee.



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GULLET AT CLONE - MONAMOLIN: The following under date 15th October 1939 was read from Mr. James Gahan, Ballyedmond, Monamolin:-

"I wish to make a complaint to the Finance Committee re a gullet on the Clone-Monamolin road at Garrdaniel, which is gone down and will not let the water come causing the Mill race to overflow and break away the banks which means a big loss to me."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

APPROACH TO SEA AT BALLYCONNIGAR LOWER: The following under date 24th October 1939 was read from Mr. M. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"In connection with the proposed purchase of piece of Mr. Keating's Field at Ballyconnigar Lower for the provision of Gap and Roadway to the Beach there, I am directed by my Cumann to know if any steps has been taken by the Council to come to agreement with the owner in the matter of accepting his offer which is considered very fair."

The following order was made:- "That the County Council through special <sup>Committee</sup> ~~meeting~~ which inspected the field of Mr. Keating at Ballyconnigar Upper came to the conclusion that the offer of Mr. Keating to the County Council was excessive and the Finance Committee see no reason to alter this conclusion."

GRANT FEES FOR SURVEYORS FOR URBAN AREA WORK: The following under date 19th October 1939 was read from Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"I am directed by the Council to refer to your letter of the 14th ultimo in regard to your Council's efforts to allow fees to Mr. O'Neill for the road work in the town and to inform you that this Council cannot be satisfied until ordinary justice is meted out to Mr. O'Neill and consequently beg



respectfully to ask your Council to use every effort to obtain for Mr. O'Neill not less than the percentage already suggested by the Council as very reasonable remuneration for his excellent work. The Council can see no reason at all in asking any man to devote the time and sympathetic attention which Mr. O'Neill has given this Council and its Officials without paying him for his work.

If there is anything further the Council can do and you will inform them in Mr. O'Neill's interest you shall get a ready and eager response."

It was decided that copy of this letter be forwarded the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads).

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The following minutes of meeting of Special Sub-Committee of County Council in respect of meeting held on 21st October were submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-



SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE

Meeting of above Special Sub-Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st October 1939, to consider amendments suggested in Scholarships Schemes by Christian Brothers on behalf of the Secondary Schools and also letter from the Department of Education refusing to sanction Secondary and Vocational Scheme as drafted by the Special Committee.

Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman County Council) presided. All the other members of the Committee, viz., Messrs. R. Corish, R. Doyle, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan were present.

The County Secretary was in attendance.

The meeting spent a considerable time examining the financial side of the Schemes as set out in those at present current; the amendments recommended by the Sub-Committee and adopted by the Council, and the suggested changes proposed on behalf of Secondary Schools.

In this connection the Committee felt that their further proposals should not entail any appreciable increase in Rates over the amended Scheme recommended for next year.

The Sub-Committee also examined the incidence of bursaries and the value of Scholarships in the case of pupils who reside within a reasonable distance of Secondary Schools by train or other convenient method of transport.

They submit the following to the County Council for approval:-

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHEMES: Scholarships and Bursaries to be tenable for four years as follows:-

4 Scholarships at £40 and

4 Bursaries at £12.



The Committee did not see their way to recommend an extension in period of Scholarship or Bursary beyond the four years mentioned.

Successful Scholars residing within three miles of recognised Secondary Schools are to be eligible for Bursaries only.

Successful Scholars residing more than three miles from Secondary School and who can attend Secondary Schools by train or by means of other transport facilities to be granted Scholarship - minimum £12 and maximum £20.

That two of the four Scholarships be reserved for pupils of Schools at which the average yearly attendance is less than 80 or in which not more than two teachers are engaged, a greater average attendance than 79 notwithstanding. If two students from these smaller schools fail to qualify at the examination, the unawarded Scholarship or Scholarships be granted to the candidates placed highest in the order of merit list. It is proposed that these reserved Scholarships be first awarded after which the remaining Scholarships will be awarded in order of merit, irrespective of the average attendance or number of teachers in schools from which candidates are presented for examination.

The financial proposals for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme under the suggestions now made would entail an expenditure of £832 when Scheme is fully in operation as compared with £1560 in last year's and previous year's schemes. The amended Scheme agreed to on the 18th August covered an expenditure of £760 when fully working.

Recommendation of Sub-Committee meeting on 18th August 1939 as to handing over £180 to County Committee to provide Scholarships tenable in Agricultural Schools was confirmed.



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME: No change was made as to the means of applicants' parents or guardians nor in the number of University Scholarships to be awarded next year as agreed to at Sub-Committee meeting on 18th August 1939, viz., 3 Scholarships at £70 each.

The only amendments now proposed in the suggestions made by the Sub-Committee were the following:-

That instead of two of the three University Scholarships being confined to Agriculture, one only be confined; the other two should be for open competition.

Competition for the Scholarship in Agriculture will be confined to the children of parents who derive their means of living mainly from agriculture, i.e., farmers and agricultural workers and who reside in the Rural Area of the County.

In the queries to be issued with University Scholarship applications, parents or <sup>guardians</sup> ~~guardians~~ are to furnish particulars of any sums they may have on deposit; their investments and the amount of dividends they receive.

It was also decided that particulars furnished in the application for University Scholarship Scheme should be supported by statutory declaration.



Under date 19th October 1939 the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"The following are the results of the recent examinations of Students holding scholarships from your Council in this College in Session 1938-39:-

John Flynn	Passed the B.A.(Hons) Degree Examination in the Latin and English Group with Second Class Honours. The renewal of his scholarship for a further year is recommended to allow him to proceed to a higher Degree.
Anne Hickey	Rejected at the B.Sc.(Hons) Degree Examination. Renewal recommended to allow her to complete the Degree in 1940 and also to take the Lectures for the Higher Diploma in Education.
John P. Kehoe	Passed the B.A.(Hons) Degree Examination in the Latin and History Group with Second Class Honours. Renewal recommended to allow him to proceed to a Higher Degree.
James Doran	Passed the Second University Examination in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Renewal recommended.
Peter Doran	Passed the Second University Examination in Civil Engineering. Renewal recommended.
Robert A. Scanlon	Passed the Second Year Honours College Examination in Arts attaining Second Class Honours Standard. Renewal recommended."

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

"That, as recommended by Secretary, University College, Dublin, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ University Scholarships be renewed for Miss Annie Hickey, West Gate, Wexford; John Flynn, Ballymacclare, Campile and John P. Kehoe, Creacon, New Ross, as they are taking University Course leading to the Higher Diploma in Education."

It was also decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the following Scholarships be renewed in accordance with recommendation of Secretary, University College, Dublin:- James Doran, Main St., Gorey; Peter Doran, Main Street, Gorey and Robert A. Scanlon, Brandane, Bannow.



SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Reports since last Finance Committee meeting from the Sheep Dipping Inspectors were submitted and considered satisfactory.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Application was received from Superintendent Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to the proposed committal of Patrick Quinn, Patrick Street, Enniscorthy, to Industrial School. The boy who was aged 11 years and 2 months, had not attended school for a considerable time and his father had been convicted on a number of occasions for breaches of the School Attendance Act. There were five children aged between 9 and 17 in the family. The father was earning £2. 3. 0 per week and one of the children was in receipt of 14s. 8d weekly wage. The other children were of school age.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote relative to proposed committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School of Johanna Jane O'Neill, 4½ years old, daughter of the late Owen O'Neill and Catherine O'Neill, Ballylane, New Ross. The widow was somewhat "simple" and was unable to support or look after the child.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES

The following under date 13th October 1939 (G.4508/15/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 5th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. Cleary as temporary clerical Assistant up to the 31st instant on the terms already approved."



TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 12th October 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (No. R/RS/32) wrote as follows:-

"With further reference to your letter of 6th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the employment of a temporary clerk at remuneration of £2. 10. 0 a week while Mr. O'Kennedy, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, is absent on sick leave.

The enclosed Query Form should be completed in respect of the person selected for the employment."

Under date 21st October 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (No. R/RS/32) wrote as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of 17th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state it is noted that Mr. J. E. Brennan has been employed upon the terms already sanctioned as Clerk in the County Surveyor's office during the sick absence of Mr. J. O'Kennedy."

APPLICATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of Kate Hayes for £210 injury to buildings erected on the grounds of the Wexford Social and Tennis Club, at rear of houses in High Street and Mary Street, Wexford.

Referred to County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th October be received and considered."

CRIMINAL INJURY - MRS. HAYES: On the suggestion of Mr. Corish it was decided that the County Solicitor be associated with Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors to Wexford Corporation, in opposing the claim of Mrs. Hayes for £210 for the burning of buildings erected on the grounds at the rear of houses in High Street and Mary Street, Wexford.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th October 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MINUTES MEETING OF 10th NOVEMBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th November, 1939.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5115. 15. 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and three year's arrears collected.</u>
1. E. J. Murphy	44.9
2. S. Gannon	44.4
3. J. J. O'Reilly	43.6
4. M. Kehoe	42.6
5. P. Nolan	41.8
6. D. Kenny	41.8
7. J. Deegan	41.4
8. A. Dunne	40.3
9. J. Curtis	39.6
10. J. Flood	39.5
11. J. Cummins	38.2
12. P. Carty	38.1
13. W. Doyle	36.6
14. M. McCarthy	36.3
15. P. Doyle	35.9
16. W. Cummins	35.8
17. J. Quirke	35.0
18. J. J. Sinnott	35.5

Average 39.3

The collection was .2% better than at the corresponding period last year.



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POUNDAGE: The following under date 31st October 1939 (G.2732/12/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th instant regarding payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that arrears in relation to first interim payment are those applicable to the 1938/39 assessment.

"First Moiety and arrears" may be construed as "the equivalent of the first Moiety and arrears".

COLLECTORS ON PENSIONABLE BASIS: The following letter under date 7th November 1939 (G.24286/2/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 19th ultimo regarding the proposal of the County Council to regard certain collectors as being employed in a pensionable capacity and I am to enquire if the Council has examined the circumstances in each case with the object of ascertaining whether in fact the posts require whole time service. If such is the case the Council should then determine in the light of the facts known to them whether the Collectors concerned have any other occupations and if so whether the demands made on their time by such occupations are inconsistent with their claim that they are in fact whole time officers.

Any data necessary to enable the cases to be considered such as the number of ratings in each district, and the statements of the collectors as to any other occupations, might be prepared locally and submitted to the Council."

The Secretary stated that particulars of any occupations



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etc. which Rate Collectors may have in addition to Rate Collection such as Farms were being obtained and would be submitted to the Finance Committee in due course.

CLAIM FOR REFUND: The following under date 27th October 1939 was read from Mr. A. John B. Boyd, Kiltra House, Wellington-bridge, relative to rates on house which was claimed to have been vacant:-

"In reply to yours of 21st August last I am not satisfied that you will not allow a refund of Rates and I would like to point out that I would not have paid this Rate only I was wrongly informed, by your Rate Collector, as to what property the rate was on.

If you will not allow this refund I will deduct same from the amount of rates I now owe."

It was decided to refer this communication to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

The Secretary said that the Rate Collector had been asked to furnish a report in the matter.

PRINTING ABATEMENT FORMS ETC.: Tenders were received from the following for the printing of 8000 Abatement Forms and 5500 postcards for distribution to Ratepayers:-

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy. £10. 0. 0.

Echo, Enniscorthy. £10. 17. 6d.

The People, Wexford. £12. 19. 6d.

English & Co., Wexford. £14. 7. 0d.

The cost of this work last year was £10. 19. 6d.

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

"That the quotation of Redmond Bros., Printers, Enniscorthy, for the printing of Abatement Forms and postcards - under date 6th November 1939 - for the sum of £10 be accepted subject



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to work being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Secretary and within the time specified by him. In the event of failure to comply with the terms of this resolution the County Secretary be empowered to have the work done at the expense of Redmond Bros."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN BYRNE, PEARSE STREET, GOREY: The following under date 25th October 1939 (H.18269/8/39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and previous correspondence regarding additional advance of £115 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to alter the decision conveyed in the Department's letters of the 14th ultimo and 12th instant in respect of the condition of providing collateral security for the amount of advance in excess of 70% of the ownership."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Byrne had now entered into the collateral security directed by the Department.

JOSEPH KAVANAGH, MACOYLE, INCH: The following under date 4th November 1939 (H.27791-39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th September last regarding the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make an advance of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Joseph Kavanagh in respect of a house to be erected at Macoye Upper, Inch, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will be prepared to sanction an advance not exceeding £150 in this case."



Mr. Elgee stated he wrote to Mr. Kavanagh and asked if he would accept the £150.

The following under date 9th November 1939 from Mr. Edward Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, acting on behalf of Mr. Kavanagh, was read:-

"I have received your letter of the 7th instant herein and have seen my client in reference. From a copy of the application which he made for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts I find that the amount applied for was £250. Unless my client receives an advance of at least £200 he would be unable to complete the erection of the dwellinghouse and I would be glad to hear if the Department would be prepared to sanction same having regard to the fact that he applied in the first instance for £250."

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

"That copy of letter of Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, under date 9th November 1939, on behalf of Joseph Kavanagh, Maccoyle, Inch, as to the necessity for fixing loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts at £200 to enable him to complete the erection of house, be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their favourable consideration."

ANNIE McCARTHY, Corcannon, Inch: The following under date 6th November 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"With reference to the application of Mrs. McCarthy, for a Loan under the above Acts, which Loan has been provisionally sanctioned by the Council at £150.

I sent Mrs. McCarthy's solicitors, the usual Query Form for completion and I to-day received same back, the reply to the Query (c), annual salary of income of applicant, being "variable as usual in farming and applicant also has the old



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age pension".

The applicant has a farm of 11 acres, which must be of poor quality, as the valuation is low, the annual Poor Rate being only £1. 13. 2d.

Having regard to this and also to the fact that applicant is an old pensioneer, I am doubtful if this is a suitable case for making an advance of £150, the annuity on which would be £9. 8. 3d.

I will be glad, therefore, if you would bring the matter before the next meeting of the Finance Committee for their consideration."

Mr. Elgee said in this case the title was in order. Since writing this letter he had received the following under date 9th November 1939 from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, acting for Mrs. McCarthy:-

"Our client's son, James McCarthy, lives at home with his mother and works the farm for her and she would, of course, have a substantial income out of the farm. In addition to this, her daughter, Dora McCarthy, also lives with her and carries on a dressmaking business from which she would receive about £20 per year. We trust you will have all these additional facts brought before the Finance Committee and we shall be glad to hear from you when the matter has been dealt with by them."

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

"That, in view of the facts set out in the letter of Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, under date 9th November 1939 the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act a loan of £150 to Mrs. Annie McCarthy, Corcannon, Inch, subject to applicant being entitled to the amount on certificate of value



for house from Assistant Surveyor and provided the Local Government Department sanction the loan."

JOHN HOLBROOK, TEMPLESHANNON, ENNISCORTHY: The following under date 31st October 1939 was read from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"Our client, Mr. John Holbrook of Templeshannon, who obtained a loan from the County Council which enabled him to erect a residence at Templeshannon and in respect of which he gave a Mortgage to the County Council, has instructed us that he wishes to transfer this holding to his sister Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy.

We understand that the consent of the County Council in the circumstances has to be obtained to the transfer and we will be obliged if you will kindly let us hear as to this in course."

The Secretary stated that the advance in this case was £180.

It was decided to adjourn request for assignment of house to Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy and that Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors for Mr. Holbrook, be requested to furnish to next meeting of Finance Committee a statement as to Mrs. O'Duffy's means.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: The following under date 8th November 1939 was read from the Registrar, University College, Dublin:-

"Your Scholarship Scheme for 1940 was considered by the Academic Council and they do not approve of the recommendation that extensions should apply only to scholars who desire to secure the Higher Diploma in Education. As I pointed out in my letter of September 13th, this would prevent students from obtaining a Degree in Mechanical Engineering, Architecture,



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Agriculture, Medicine, or from obtaining a Postgraduate Degree in any Faculty."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to insert the following article in their University Scholarship Scheme:-

That as regards extension of periods of scholarship other than Higher Diploma of Education and for Agriculture, each application for such extension will be considered on its merits. In the case of Higher Diploma in Education and in Agriculture Scholarships will be tenable for four years."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHEME: The following under date 8th November (Trg.11/54329) was read from the Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication of 31st ultimo, I am to convey the Department's approval to the scheme as submitted for 1940 on the assumption that it has been, or will be, accepted by the County Council. It is observed that the special reservation of scholarships for boys and girls has been deleted from the scheme proposed for 1940.

1. The Department would be glad, however, if the Council would give consideration to the question of the adoption of the amendment suggested hereunder.
2. Clause I. The introduction of the arrangements for the operation of Diocesan Panels (copy of pamphlet attached) whereby teachers, from whom, in the ordinary way, recognition in their schools would be withdrawn owing to the decline in average attendance, may be continued in their schools pending the occurrence of suitable



vacancies elsewhere, renders it desirable that the terms of Section I, Paragraph 2, should be altered, so that the reservation for small schools should apply only to those schools which it was intended originally should benefit from the reservation. Accordingly, it is suggested that the second paragraph of this section should be amended to read as follows:-

"Subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Clause, and provided that a sufficient number of pupils from such schools qualify at the examination two scholarships shall be reserved for pupils of schools in which the number of teachers serving in the school during the greater portion of the calendar year preceding the examination has not exceeded two (continue to end of paragraph "should.....list").

3. I am to enquire whether the Council has decided to adopt the Department's proposal regarding the revision of the application Form as set out in circular letter of 13th June last.
4. It is assumed that the Revised Syllabus will be incorporated in the Scheme for 1940.
5. Please be good enough to forward, for official purposes, twelve copies of the scheme when printed for circulation."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to embody in their Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme suggested clause relative to small schools as appearing in communication from Department of Education under date 8th November 1939 (T.C. 11/54329) "



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WEXFORD BRIDGE.

The following report under date 9th November, 1939 was submitted from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:

"As instructed I issued a summons and had same served on Mr. Joseph White of 68, Kincora Road, Clontarf, Dublin, arising out of a complaint which had been made by Mr. Simon Quirke, the watch man on the Bridge, that on the 20th of September last the said Joseph White had driven a Ford Motor Van, over the Bridge contrary to the Provisions of the Regulations as to Motor Traffic, which had been made by the Council.

The Summons came before the District Justice, at Wexford on the 25th October last, when having heard same, and taking into consideration the fact, that this was the first summons for a breach of the regulations, he dismissed same under the Probation of Offenders' Act."

In reply to Mr. Colfer, the County Surveyor said that they found rock at the Boat Club site at 167 feet. At the Courthouse site they found rock at one end at 60 feet and at the abutment opposite the Courthouse at 100 feet.

BALLYCULLANE LIVE STOCK POUND.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that the title of Mr. Patrick Power, Ballycullane to the land on which a pound was to be established was in order.

It was decided that the resolution of the Council to rent the pound from Mr. Power at £10 per annum provided that running water would be available at all times should be put into force as soon as possible and that the agreement between the Council and Mr. Power covering this resolution be prepared and executed.



SITE FOR NEW WEIGHBRIDGE

The following under date 10th November, 1939, was read from County Surveyor:-

"I have inspected the proposed site for Weighbridge adjoining Railway Station, and have taken measurements and examined into the requirements of the Railway Company. I find that the area required is in or about twelve stat. pers., and I suggest that an offer of £5 should be made to the Railway Company for this plot. In regard to the other requirements of the Railway Company I wish to point out that they are necessary in the preparation of the site for the weighbridge, and I am satisfied that they should be agreed to. I estimate that the total cost of preparing the site will be say £300. I wish to point out that the erection of the weighbridge on this site, besides its general convenience will have a very material advantage in removing wall at blind corner at the approach to the Railway Station, and will lessen danger at this place."

The Chairman referred to the great convenience the weighbridge would afford farmers and others as there was no public weighbridge available.

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

"That the report of County Surveyor under date 10th November, 1939, relative to erection of weighbridge be approved provided that the full cost of the erection of machine and the other work referred to in said report be furnished through Road Taxation Fund."

ROAD MATTERS.

BALLYMORE FIANNA FAIL CUMANN.

The following under date 30th October, 1939, was read:-

"At a meeting of the Ballymore F.F. Cumann the following resolution was passed:-



"We wish to draw the attention of the County Council to the state of the road from Ashfield Cross, Killinick, to Wexford town, which is in a very slippery state and request the Council to do something with it. We also want to draw the attention of the County Council to the bad state of the road from Ballykilliane Cross to Piercestown and the road from Killinick to Tacumshane, on this road which is the main one from Montfield School, Ballymore R.C. Church, and Killinick Protestant Church. There is a very dangerous corner at Ballyfane. There is part of a tree sticking out well over the road and a very serious accident may be avoided if this corner is done like the many others and proper sight given for the traffic.

We have drawn the attention of the County Council to this matter before and nothing was done about it, so we now ask that it be done immediately."

The County Surveyor said that the main road from Killinick to Wexford was done in a cheap way with - in the main - the small material left over after the work of *concreting* a section and it was a very good job. Later *he* had been engaged in making up the sides but the traffic would not go on the sides. He held the road was not slippery. Under the new Scheme there would be money for surface dressing this road. There were much worse cases on steep hills as regards the slippery nature of roads.

He (County Surveyor) had asked Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor to furnish him with a report dealing with all projecting trees on the Rosslare Road. An accident had occurred recently on this road, a high furniture van having collided with a projecting tree. Notice had been served on Mr. Walker on whose land this tree stood to have it removed. As regards the surfacing of the road to which he had made reference this cost £600 a mile. He was widening the sides of this road and had completed about half.



ROADS BANNOW DISTRICT

The following under date 2nd November, 1939, was read from Mr. Thomas Crosbie, Farm House, Bannow, Acting Secretary Bannow Ratepayers:-

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Ratepayers of Bannow Electoral Division present this memorial for improvement of the roads of the District, and in particular of the important direct road from Bannow Proper through Grange, Carrig Village, Cooleshall and Coolhull to Duncormack - a road which serves an intensive Agricultural District, and leads to Parish Church, Post Office, and Dispensary.

The reports of your Surveyors will doubtless, bear out the genuineness of our complaint, but however convincing their accounts, only an actual visit on a wet day will demonstrate the roads' deplorable state. Accordingly, we desire to state that the toleration shown by the ratepayers cannot, in fairness, be expected to continue indefinitely, and hence this appeal from a meeting of Ratepayers held on 25th ult. Our grounds for redress are as follows:-

1. The Valuations in this District have been and are (for well known reasons) the highest in the County; our Rates are correspondingly the highest, and from an examination of the List published our number of defaulters one of the lowest. We welcome publication of Comparative Road Expenditure with any equal area in the County.

2. In this area of intensive cultivation sound roads are essential, but particularly in the Spring, Grain and Beet Seasons. Our district loads 2,000/2,500 tons of beet annually and the Grain Transport of over 10,000 barrels - to store, and railhead places a severe strain on roads already unsuited to modern traffic. In addition there is considerable commercial traffic throughout the year to the many shops serving this thickly populated district.



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3. A decided hardship is inflicted on the ordinary working people who form a large proportion of our population and whose sole means of transport is the humble donkey or bicycle - many still go on foot. Cycle axles and saddles mean as much to the honest toiler as the half shafts and springs to the furied motorist who becomes a victim in the potholes in dry weather and the miniature lakes in the wet. Words cannot describe the unfairness to people whose raiment is spoiled in wet weather by every passing car (at any time of the year). This is particularly true of the Sabbath and of occasions of Special evening devotions when people wear their best clothes: many of whom can ill afford to replace them and certainly deserve consideration. This is cruel fact, not a fantastic picture.

4. Local Effort is entirely thwarted by the bad roads. Any enterprize towards the development of attractive strands at Cullenstown and Blackhall is foredoomed as strangers invariably complain of the unsatisfactory roads - potholes and clouds of dust in summer. Tourists to the historic church at Bannow have same complaint - the dreadful road surface.

5. Motor Taxation (see appended List) paid in district is usually large. Heavy repair bills through excessive tyre wear, broken springs, broken drive shafts and shaken body work mean an extra and unjust tax. Our Revered and respected Parish priest - Very Rev. Fr. Keating P.P. has had complaints from Priests of other districts attending Offices in his Church.

It is not for us to describe the actual condition of the roads nor to prescribe the obvious remedy, but we do say that the money spent on the present system is absolute waste. Observation shows that repairs effected by sea sand and sod are displaced by first car. It has been suggested that the entire stoppage of such work for a year would leave the



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roads very little worse but would provide a cumulative fund towards proper sectional repair at intervals of two or three years.

We have extended our case, not to manufacture a grievance, but to give voice to the feelings of the Ratepayers who attended the meeting and who felt they are being unfairly dealt with. We realize the heavy responsibility the upkeep of roads entails on your Council's Funds but we feel that we are (definitely and without fear of contradiction) paying sufficiently high rates to warrant the special consideration of your Committee and Council: a consideration which we confidently and respectfully await."

The County Surveyor stated that by direction of the County Council the road in front of the new school at Bannow had been repaired. It was a good job and when he was speaking to Fr. Keating P.P. about it the latter referred to several roads in the area which were in need of repair.

He (County Surveyor) told Fr. Keating it was no use in going into the matter with the Survey Staff until those concerned asked the County Council to put up the necessary money for the work. This was the reason why the present representations had been made to the Council.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council meeting on 13th November, 1939 at which the Provisional Road Works Scheme for next financial year would be considered as the County Surveyor stated that to carry out the wishes of the Bannow Ratepayers was all a question of money.

#### FLOODING AT ELYS WALKS, NEW ROSS.

The following report under date 10th November, 1939, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I inspected the road subject to flooding at Oaklands Gate, New Ross. The length of the road (subject to flooding) is in or about 120



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lineal yards, and by thirty feet between boundary walls, including 5' 6" footpath. The Council ask for a separate estimate for raising roadway and footpath, but on examination and enquiry I think that the raising of the footpath would not be advisable. However, I give separate price for the work if it be decided to get it done. The greater portion of the ordinary traffic over the flooded part consists of carts, motors and lorries, and the number of foot passengers using the road at such times would be very limited. It will be necessary, I think, if the road is to be raised up, also to raise the boundary walls at both sides, but this possibly may not be essential, or required to be done in the first instance. The maximum depth of filling would be, say 18" and I estimate that the cost of the filling in road and footpath combined would be £320, and if the wall is to be raised subsequently this would cost another £50. The raising of the footpath alone would cost about £70, as it would be necessary to provide concrete kerb adjoining the road."

The County Surveyor stated that even lorries had been held in the flood on this road. Col. Tyndall was complaining that people were using his avenue and causing him annoyance.

The Chairman said that there could be no question but the public were greatly inconvenienced by the condition of this road and the County Council should take steps to remedy the existing state of affairs.

It was decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 13th November, 1939.

ROAD BARTOWN CASTLE TO KINGSFORD BRIDGE

The following under date 9th November, 1939, signed by 26 Ratepayers was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to call the attention of your Council to the very bad state of the road between Bartown



Castle and cross at Shilmalier Commons or Kingsford Bridge. The road at present is worn down to its foundation and there are stones of all sizes sticking up in the surfact from one inch to five. Drainage was also very much neglected in the past. This road was greatly damaged last year by the heavy haulage on it to the Wexford Barntown road. We do not ask for a tarred road; all we want is a good surface so that we can travel on it with safety to ourselves and others. This road being so close to the quarry at Carrigfoyle we consider the cost of repairing would be very small. Complaints about this road have been before your Council on former occasions with little result so we ask that this appeal for a better road will not pass without better result."

The County Surveyor stated that he expected to have this road inspected with Miss O'Ryan but this was not possible as she was away from home. He did not agree with the statement that there were rocks in the road sticking up five inches. The road was uneven and the surface rocky. But the drainage was not neglected and he did not admit that the haulage of last year did all the damage that was claimed for it.

The Chairman considered the statement submitted was a very mild representation of the real state of affairs.

The County Surveyor said he was providing in the Road Works Scheme for a special price for this road.

After further discussion it was decided that Miss O'Ryan and the County Surveyor inspect this road and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

GARRYDANIEL GULLET - CLONE MONAMOLIN ROAD.

The following report under date 10th November, 1939, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I have had an interview with Mr. James Gahan who complains of damage to his Millrace owing to defective



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gullet. It appears that this gullet has been giving him trouble for some time, but only recently has the nuisance become acute. Mr. Gahan is not pressing for any immediate work to be done, and I have arranged with Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, who will see him later as to what is necessary, and Mr. Gahan has promised to give assistance in the matter."

This report was regarded as satisfactory.

BLACKSTONE FLOODING.

The following under date 3rd November, 1939, was read from Mr. A. Cleary, Blackstone, Duncormack:-

"I wish to ask you on my own behalf and behalf of the tenants here in Blackstone when is the work to be carried out in the cleaning of this drain here in Blackstone leading to the sea. It was to have been done before the winter but now we have winter and very bad weather, it is already flooded and we cannot get to our houses or lands. Kindly do the best you can in the matter. We are in a very bad way. We have always paid our rates without any difficulty and we cannot get this badly needed work done we will not pay any rates until something is done as it is in a very bad way.

There is a very dangerous turn when coming down the hill. The road is all broken away and it is nearly impossible for cars or lorries to come up or down at all.

There is nothing done with it for the past year. I hope you will do your best to see to this without delay and greatly oblige."

Adjourned for report from County Surveyor.

MINEBRIDGE FLOODING.

Robert McCrea, Minebridge, Carnew, wrote complaining that the water on the road was running in through the wall



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of his piggery. This occurred every winter during the past five years.

The following under date 10th November, 1939, was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, has already taken this matter in hands, and some work has been done in cleaning out the drain alongside road. I inspected the place, and found that the stream apparently was diverted many years ago for the purpose of water supply to several premises, and it is very difficult to prevent water at flood time going into Mr. McGrea's yard which is considerably below the level of the drain. I shall arrange later to have a more complete examination made, and see what can be done to remedy the matter."

This report was considered satisfactory.

#### TOMHAGGARD ROADS.

The following under date 4th November, 1939, was read from Mr. Thos. Ennis, Secretary, Tomhaggard Village Committee:-

"I am instructed by the above Committee to bring under your notice the bad condition of the approach roads to Tomhaggard Village, also the bad condition of the Village streets. The road approaching the Village from Bargo side is in a very bad way and the water table is in the centre of same instead of being at either sides. Much can also be said about the bad condition of the Village streets. I consider it very unfair to have a Village like Tomhaggard left in such a disgraceful condition, seeing that it is served with a Catholic Church, a School, Graveyard, four Shops, Blacksmith's Forge and private dwellinghouses."

The County Surveyor stated he was bringing forward a proposal in the Road Works Scheme for improving the Tomhaggard Roads.



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ROADS IN CLONGEEN AND WELLINGTONBRIDGE:

Mr. Colfer said that regarding Road No. 811 Foulksmills to Clongeen on the hill past the village the centre had gone and the water should be kept to the sides. Then motorists were anxious that the road at Wellingtonbridge Post Office should be widened. There was an old dyke there that could be thrown into the road. There were a couple of corners at Clonmines Five Roads that were most dangerous, a serious accident being narrowly averted there recently.

Referred to County Surveyor.

INJURY TO ROAD WORKMAN.

The following under date 3rd November, 1939, was read from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are instructed on behalf of Mr. Patrick Stafford, of Cools, Barntown, who was employed by the County Council as a carter that on the 30th of October last whilst working at Carrigfoyle Quarry his right hand was struck by the hopper of a stone crusher as the result of which he suffered severe injuries. He resumed work on the 27th or 28th ultimo., but owing to the fact that his hand swelled so badly as a result of the accident he had to discontinue.

Our client is, of course, entitled to compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1934, and we shall be glad to hear from you as to whether the County Council is prepared to pay him the maximum amount payable under the Act and to which he is entitled."

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was in the hands of the Insurance Company.

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF ROAD GRANT:

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 9th October, 1939:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to transfer the Road Improvement Grant of £3000 for reconstruction of Road L159 New Ross -



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Duncannon Road (Horeswood Church to Grange Cross) to the Road through Balliniry to Rathminey No. 704 - L159"

The following under date 7th November, 1939 (R/SGT-32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo submitting a copy of a resolution adopted by your Council requesting the transfer of the sum allocated to Works No. 5 of the current Road Improvement Grant notified under this Department's letter of the 5th idem, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is considered desirable to complete the section of the road (L.159) to which the allocation has been made."

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

"That we desire to point out to the Department Of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) that having an intimate knowledge of the two roads referred to and of the local conditions the Finance Committee have no hesitation in stating that the £3000 grant would be more usefully spent on the alternative road suggested by the Council. - This last mentioned road is much more important and carries considerably more traffic than the route approved by the Department."

#### DEMANDS ON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The Secretary reported that the following amounts were due by the Urban District Councils of the County up to 30th September last:-

<u>Enniscorthy</u>	£4,284. 3.10	(little over 1 year)
<u>New Ross</u>	£882.15. 4	( $\frac{1}{4}$ )
<u>Wexford</u>	£2,029.17. 3	( $\frac{1}{4}$ )
Total:	£7,196.16. 5	



Since last meeting of County Council, Enniscorthy Urban lodged £1,000 and Wexford Corporation £2,029,17. 6.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER:

Reports of work under above Order since last meeting of the Finance Committee were submitted from the Sheep Dipping Inspectors and considered satisfactory.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY.

Notice of application for £20 compensation for malicious damage to labourer's cottage the property of County Kilkenny Board of Health and situate at Tinneranny, Rosbercon, County Kilkenny, was received. Also report from Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana.

The application was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor to defend.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

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

"That leave of absence be granted Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, in consequence of urgent private business.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th November 1939 be received and considered."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - ANNIE MCCARTHY: Col. Quin said he believed this woman's house was burned and there appeared to have been some difficulty with the Insurance Company as to compensation.

The Chairman said this was not a matter which had anything to do with County Council. They were concerned only with the question if the applicant offered reasonable security for repayment of the loan of £150.

Mr. Keegan said applicant would keep two or three cows and other stock.

Miss O'Ryan believed the house to be erected would be value for the advance.

The Chairman said he knew Mrs. McCarthy and her people to be hardworking and industrious, and in his opinion, the Council were quite safe in agreeing to the loan.

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Corish - What will be the next stage?

The County Surveyor said that the borings were not finished.

Mr. Corish - How long more is this going to go on about the bridge? It is terrible trying to get into Wexford. It is a serious thing for Mr. Nunn.

The County Surveyor said they had already adopted a proposal to build a bridge, and the next stage after borings would be to get designs for the bridge. The County Council had not decided on the site.

Miss O'Ryan - Are we at liberty to decide on the site



without consultation with the Department?

Mr. Corish - I would say it would be subject to their approval.

Miss O'Ryan asked when the County Surveyor would be able to lay the result of the borings before them, so that they could decide on the site? They could not get designs until they knew where the bridge was to be.

The County Surveyor said they should be in a very good position when boring on the Crosstown side was done. It might not be over a week and might be a month.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought they might take it that at next meeting they would be in a position to decide on the site.

Mr. Corish - It is a very serious matter for Wexford and Castlebridge.

Miss O'Ryan - Something must be done. Everyone can see that.

Mr. Corish - Mr. Nunn told me it is going to cost him up to £1,000 a year <sup>extra</sup> to handle his corn owing to the position.

ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE: The County Surveyor said a grant of £400 was offered to the Council and the cost of preparing the site apart from the weighbridge was £320. The Department had given the Council the weighbridge free of cost.

Mr. R. Doyle asked if the Council proposed to charge a fee for use of the weighbridge by the farmers.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Finance Committee wanted to extend the usefulness of the weighbridge instead of having it merely for weighing lorries. The Finance Committee asked that the weighbridge be used for cattle and that it be erected at the railway end of the town. Most farmers had to go to the Bacon Factory or some of the yards along the Quay if they sell their cattle by weight and bring them back to the station and a weighbridge at the railway end of the town would be very



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convenient for the people attending fairs.

Mr. Corish - There is no reason why we should not have it if it will cost the Council nothing. I propose we agree to the County Surveyor's suggestion.

Mr. Doyle - As long as it pays for itself and facilitates the public it seems to be sound enough.

Mr. Redmond seconded the proposition which was passed.

The Chairman asked how the weighbridge was to be looked after. The County Council could not keep a man there all the time.

County Surveyor - He would be nine-tenths of his time idle.

The Chairman suggested that the Corporation take over the weighbridge for the sake of the revenue, so far as the public use of the weighbridge was concerned.

Mr. Doyle - You could put a County Council man in charge for the fair days.

Chairman - He would want to be a very responsible and accurate official.

ROADS BANNOW DISTRICT: The following deputation appeared in connection with representations as to repair of the roads in Bannow District:- Messrs. Thomas Crosbie, Bannow; Simon O'Dwyer, Ballygow, and James Harpur, Crosslake, Bannow.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish, Standing Orders were suspended to enable the deputation to be heard.

Mr. Crosbie said that the Road by the Island of Bannow on to the Catholic Church and thence to Duncormack was for one way traffic only owing to its bad condition. Bannow was an intensive tillage area and it was a great hardship and great loss to farmers that they were obliged to bring their beet and corn over very bad roads. The tide at the Island of Bannow overflowed on to the road up to two or three feet of water with the



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result that people could not get to Mass. The people were grateful for what had been done by the Council in connection with the road adjoining the new School in Bannow and hoped that similar action would be taken for the road of which they now complained.

Mr. Harpur endorsed the remarks of Mr. Crosbie.

Mr. M. Redmond said he saw the road during the Summer and could bear out what Mr. Crosbie said as to its condition. He (Mr. Redmond) was strongly of opinion that in view of the incidence of present-day traffic it was not possible to keep roads even in a fair condition by the use of sea gravel.

Miss O'Ryan said they would certainly do what they could to meet the Bannow people in so far as their finances would allow.

Mr. Corish said the road in question was in a wretched condition. He suggested that the local people should communicate with the Tourist Association of which he (Mr. Corish) was a director and ask them to help as Bannow was full of historic associations. If the local people would do this he (Mr. Corish) would be happy to support their application for a grant and he knew that the Council would be only too pleased if he moved in the matter on their behalf also.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the worst portion of the Road was from the Island of Bannow to Carrig through Grange. It was a very fine tillage area and the people were greatly hampered by the flooding of the tide.

The Chairman said they would consider most carefully the representations made by the Bannow people and by the deputation. Of course, everyone would recognise that it was a very big problem to find sufficient money to keep all their roads in the condition in which they would like to have them.



FLOODING AT ELY'S WALKS, NEW ROSS: Mr. Walsh said that to-day when passing the road he saw two lorries "bogged" in it. Even at low tide this last week the water on the road was very high - practically three quarters of the way up the road wall. The flooding had been going for the past three or four years. This was a very urgent matter.

The County Surveyor said that the flooding was caused by damage to the river banks and he strongly recommended that his report should be accepted. This was the only road leading to New Ross from a large area south of it. Such a state of affairs should not happen regarding approaches to a town. Col. Tyndall had been very reasonable in allowing people to utilise his avenue. He could - if he wished - have prevented it and this would have led to a complete deadlock. This, as Mr. Walsh had pointed out, was a really pressing matter. He (County Surveyor) had no appreciation of the real damage until he inspected the place recently.

Mr. T. Redmond held that raising the road would not obviate the flooding which would continue so long as no attempt to repair the river banks was made. He would like to know the condition of the foundation of the road walls. They must be deteriorating and would some day give way.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded a resolution approving of the proposals in the report of the County Surveyor.

The motion was adopted nem. con.

ROAD - BARN TOWN CASTLE TO KINGSFORD BRIDGE: Miss O'Ryan said she did not like to be unreasonable about any particular road, but there was a principle they should deal with - that where a road was damaged by reason of material having been carried over it to repair another road the first road should be



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restored. She proposed that this principle be adopted.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the proposition was adopted.

Mr. Sweetman asked if some of a Main Road Grant could be allocated to do repairs to roads damaged by haulage of material to the main road in question.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that it could be provided for in the sum allowed for the main road material.

Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor) said the road was never neglected. The drainage was bad but it was better than it ever was. So far as the maintenance of third class roads was concerned the Department would challenge the estimate for the main road work if anything was included for other road repairs. The Department officials had already challenged such an arrangement on the point that it made the main road estimate too high. The attitude was that if the Department gave a grant for a main road it should go to the main road and that the Council should be able to repair the by-road out of the rates.

Mr. O'Byrne - It is necessary to get the material for the main road over the by-road and that should be allowed for.

Mr. Birthistle - If you can convince the Department of that it will suit us very well and the Survey staff would certainly be pleased.

The County Surveyor said he regarded the damage to a by-road under this circumstance as extraordinary traffic. If a man was drawing a lot of timber or putting up a big building and damaged a road by the traffic necessary for the work that man would be liable to repair the road, and where a by-road was damaged by the traffic of road material for a main road the Department should be liable for the extraordinary traffic and should repair the by-road. He would allow for that in the specifications, and if the Department challenged it the Council could fight the point.



Mr. Smyth drew attention to the state of the road in Killena and said that some material should have been put on the by-road while the traffic was going on to supply the material to the main road, so as not to have the by-road absolutely worn away. The expenditure for restoring the road would have been less if this had been done.

The County Surveyor said that usually the holes in a by-road in such cases were filled but the by-road was not finished until the main road was made and the traffic of material ended.

The Chairman said the County Surveyor would make provision in future for repair to a by-road damaged by drawing material for a main road.

TOMHAGGARD ROAD: Mr. Doyle - Tomhaggard is an important centre and there had been several complaints about the state of the roads. The surface suggested to be tarred and macadamised was not more than 500 yards.

Mr. Corish agreed that the work was very necessary; the streets were in a wretched condition.

The Chairman remarked that the Council could not at this stage go into particular items in the proposed Road Works Scheme as the general scheme was on the agenda and they would come to it later in the meeting.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 10th November 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."



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SLIPPERY ROAD - MONEYLAWN-CAMOLIN

The following under date 7th November 1939 was read from Captain Kennedy, Ballinclay, Gorey:-

"At a public meeting held at Clough last night a deputation was appointed to wait on the County Council at their next meeting to draw the attention of the Council to the dangerous state of the main Gorey - Ferns road between Moneylawn and The Bay (Camolin).

I shall accordingly be greatly obliged if you will arrange for this deputation to come before the Council at its meeting next week and if you will kindly let me know at what hour they should be there I will notify the members of the deputation."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Council to hear the deputation consisting of Captain Kennedy and Messrs. Laurence D'Arcy, Moneycross; Patrick Tyrrell, Clough, Gorey and Frederick C. Walsh, Moneylawn.

Mr. Walsh said the deputation came to ask the County Council to do something with the road they complained of so that their horses would be able to travel on it. This portion of the road was dangerous for the past five or six years and during that period there were numerous reports of injury to horses, broken shafts of vehicles etc. A number of farmers had to use an alternative poor road and they would be driven to employ lorries to do all their haulage unless something was done since they could not use their farm carts.

Mr. Darcy corroborated the statement of Mr. Walsh and stated that going to the Enniscorthy fair in the dark, one morning, his horse fell six times and was practically useless after. The daily users of the road had to leave it and go an alternative route which was a roundabout way to the station and the surface was poor.



Mr. Tyrrell said the ~~pass~~ road was in a dangerous state and he considered the sides should be treated so as to allow horses to travel in safety. Quite recently a woman fell off a bicycle on this road and broke her leg.

Mr. Sweetman asked if one of the sides was treated for horse traffic would that satisfy the deputation.

Mr. Darcy said it would be necessary to treat both sides as the road was slippery for horses going up and down.

Captain Kennedy referred to several accidents which had happened on this road to horses and carts, cyclists and even motorists. He was always in terror crossing it on a horse. A man said that passing along this road was like walking on a bottle; it was dangerous even to pedestrians who had hob-nails in their shoes. The construction of the road was faulty owing to excessive camber and the use of too much tar. He believed it would be a saving in the maintenance if fine chips were rolled in during the summer with a heavy roller.

The County Surveyor said there was no doubt that that parts of this road were slippery as originally it was too much crowned. It was repaired in waterbound macadam and a camber had to be arranged to keep the water off. Heavy bitumen and chips worked up through the road and polished it. He was now using a coarser mixture which would prevent slipperiness and he would also get rid of excessive camber by filling in the sides. Unless the ratepayers were prepared to apy an extra 6d Road Rate they could not get relief all at once. But by degrees the complaint would be remedied.

Captain Kennedy said that for the last three years only one mile of this road had been treated and what were the people to do in the meantime. He suggested they should spend the money on the sides of the road and allow the middle to remain as at present.



The County Surveyor said if possible he would do the worst places on the down grade during the next year or two.

The Chairman said there was no denying that the road was slippery and that the farmers had a grievance. How quickly this could be remedied depended on how deeply the ratepayers can put their hands into their pockets. Portion of the road would be dealt with this year but the people must have patience. In the Press report of the public meeting in Clough it was stated that the Authorities had been approached more than once but would do nothing about the road. He resented that and could assure the deputation that the Council and its officials were doing what they could with the money at their disposal to remedy this and other grievances of road users.

Mr. Sweetman said that in the County Wexford there was a practice when horses were being shod to cut away the frog of the hoof. This gave a natural grip and if not interfered with would prevent the animal from slipping. The attention of horse owners should be called to this.

Mr. Keegan said the farmers using the road would be greatly benefited if they used rubber pads in the shoeing of their horses.

Captain Kennedy said that every farmer could not afford to purchase these pads. He had driven horses thousands of miles over ice in Canada and they never slipped as it was on the flat.

Col. Quin said it appeared a statement had been made at the public meeting that the Council had spent no money on this road. As a matter of fact they spent a tremendous amount.

Captain Kennedy said he quite realised that and also that the road was in first class condition outside of this complaint. There was no reflection cast on the Council or any criticism of their action at the meeting. He then thanked the Council for having heard the deputation at such length.



FINISH OF RECONSTRUCTION OF WEXFORD CLONARD ROAD

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

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 13th November 1939, that the Council agree to borrow £550 (Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for further reconstruction of Road No. 774 from Wexford to Cross of Clonard Little."

This motion was circulated to members of County Council on 2nd October 1939.

Mr. Corish, in moving his motion, said that the Finance Committee had considered report from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in connection with this proposal. With the exception of a small gap (approximately 60 perches) in between, this road up to Clonard Little had now been reconstructed in a very efficient manner. The gap would have been also dealt with but as the widening, strengthening and shaping of the road proved very expensive owing to the bulging up of the sides the allocation was found insufficient to complete the entire work. As a very good job could be carried out with an additional £550, the Finance Committee were unanimously in favour of the motion which he now proposed.

Mr. Kelly seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Col. Quin, in dissenting, said they should realise there was a war on and they should economise.

Mr. Colfer said there was no war in this country.

The Chairman said that the Finance Committee knew there was a war on when they recommended the County Council to agree to the motion, but they saw there was really no option but to accept it.



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NEW COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 18th October 1939, letter was read from Dr. Michael F. Daly, recently appointed County Medical Officer of Health for Wexford, stating he would take up duty on the 1st December 1939.

ANALYST'S REPORT

It appeared from report of County Analyst in respect of Quarter ended 30th September 1939 that the following samples were analysed for the period:-

Foods	309
Drugs	54
Waters	<u>12</u>
Total	375.

Adulterated: 5 Milks and 3 Butters.

Six Waters (submitted by the County Wexford Board of Health) were condemned.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Laurence Doyle, The Square, Ferns."

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement fixing the Compensation to be paid to Mr. John Harney, an employee of the Council, for injury to his left hand, at £20, plus £3. 3. 0 Medical Expenses and £7. 14. 0 Costs."



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LEASE OF MOUNTGARRETT CASTLE

In connection with the decision of the County Council to take over Mountgarrett Castle, New Ross, as a National Monument, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Lease, and Counterpart thereof, from Lord Mountgarrett to the Wexford County Council of the Ruins of "Mountgarrett Castle" for the term of 150 years from the 29th September 1939, at the yearly rent of one shilling."

HEIFER LOAN SCHEME

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

"That the Minister for Agriculture be asked to again put into operation the Heifer Loan Scheme, and that we circulate the various County Councils and County Committees of Agriculture to adopt this motion."

ADJOURNED TO NEXT MEETING

Consideration of the Road Works Scheme 1940-41, with application from the road workers for increased wages; motion replacing salaries of the four Assistant Surveyors on an incremental scale; motion to borrow £4,000 for reconstruction of road from Ballycullane to Fethard, between Duncannon main line at Curraghmore, via Saltmills to end of improved road at Dungulph; 3½ miles; and motion to take over as a new road the thoroughfare from Tinnock through Ballincash Upper to the county road, 1,370 yards, estimated cost of reconstruction being £429.

When these motions were reached Mr. Corish said it was too late to go into them in the time available, as the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture at which a number of the



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members had to attend was about to start. In addition, the Finance Committee had no opportunity to consider some of the proposals.

The Chairman said that the deputations in connection with roads had taken longer than was estimated and had put up proposals that along with others would have to be considered by the Finance Committee in conjunction with the complete demand of the County Surveyor.

It was decided that the matters mentioned be dealt with at the next meeting to be held on 11th December 1939.

#### PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment - including payments for Roads and Works as certified for by County Surveyor on Form 22 - presented to this meeting be and the same are hereby agreed to and that Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."

*Denis Allen*

*11/12/39*