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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 13th SEPTEMBER, 1937.

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th September, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Malachi Sweetman.

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

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

After their confirmation, Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman of the Council) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £7177. 4. 3d were examined and signed.

LATE VERY REV. DEAN ROSSITER, P.P., GOREY

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

"That reply of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and Mr. T. J. Meyler, County Councillor, to vote of condolence adopted in the death of Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, P.P., Gorey, be inserted on this day's minutes."

The following is copy of reply from Most Rev. Dr. Codd:-

"I hasten to acknowledge with thanks the expression of sympathy adopted by the County Council upon the death of

the late Very Rev. Dean Rossiter. I am confident that the Clergy will much appreciate this vote of condolence, since the late Dean's personal worth was so well and widely known.

I must not fail to offer a word of thanks to you personally for your high tribute to his memory."

Mr. T. J. Meyler wrote as follows:-

"Kindly convey to the Council my appreciation of their sympathy on the death of my Uncle, Dean Rossiter.

You know how deeply he was attached to our County. Its welfare and that of its sons and daughters in other lands was ever of deep interest to him.

Your personal words of regret truly spoken were a fitting tribute to a great Churchman."

THE LATE MR. RICHARD CORISH

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to their colleague, Mr. R. Corish, T.D., on the death of his son, Mr. Richard Corish. The sympathy of every member of the Council was offered most sincerely to Mr. Corish (Senior).

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Messrs. McCarthy, C. Culleton, Col. Gibbon and Mr. Kelly (the latter on behalf of the Labour Party of the County) and the County Secretary associated themselves with the motion.

THE LATE MR. AIDAN SUTTON, RYANE, OYLEGATE

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

"That we offer our sincere sympathy to our esteemed colleague, Miss O'Ryan, and also to Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, in the death of their uncle, Mr. Aidan Sutton, Ryane, Oylegate, a lifelong and sterling Nationalist."

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THE LATE MRS. KELLY, WATERFORD

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. John P. Kelly, in the death of his Aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, Waterford.

Mr. Kelly returned thanks for the vote.

THE LATE LORD MAYOR OF CORK

Mr. Sweetman, proposing a vote of sympathy with the family of late Alderman Sean French, Lord Mayor of Cork, and with with people of Cork, said that Alderman French's name had been before the Irish people for a good many years. He knew Alderman French personally. He was a charming man in every possible way, and he thought, loved by everyone who knew him.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded, and said that the late Alderman French was a man whom they all admired.

Secretary. - His death certainly means a big loss to Cork and Ireland generally.

Chairman. - I knew him for a number of years, and no better man could one know. He is a great loss to the citizens of Cork.

The vote was passed in silence.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 20th AUGUST, 1937: The minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th August, 1937.

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

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6271. 13. 10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the collection up to day of Finance Committee meeting:-

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| S. Gannon | 12.6 |
| J. Cummins | 10.1 |
| W. Cummins | 8.4 |
| J. J. O'Reilly | 7.9 |
| J. Quirke | 7.4 |
| D. Kenny | 7.1 |
| J. Deegan | 6.4 |
| P. Nolan | 6.0 |
| W. Doyle | 5.5 |
| A. Dunne | 5.4 |
| J. Curtis | 5.0 |
| P. Doyle | 4.6 |
| E. J. Murphy | 4.4 |
| J. J. Sinnott | 4.0 |
| M. Kehoe | 3.5 |
| M. McCarthy | 3.4 |
| P. Carty | 3.4 |
| J. Flood | <u>2.3</u> |

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

"That Rate Collectors who have not, up to the date of this meeting, lodged at least 5 per cent of their warrants be informed they must show more diligence in the discharge of their duties; otherwise, the Finance Committee will take drastic action in their cases."

In reply to query from Secretary, John Flood, Rate Collector, Clonroche (No. 9 District) wrote under date 17th August 1937 that he did not lodge any rates up to 4th August, date of last meeting of Finance Committee, as he was engaged getting out all of his Demand Notes. He lodged on 10th August.

Under date 16th August 1937, in reply to a similar query, Collector M. McCarthy (No. 4 District) wrote that he had lodged £65 on 6th August. He did "not think it mattered for the sake of a couple of days".

The Secretary stated that Mr. McCarthy had been reminded it was his duty to lodge at least every 48 hours.

SEIZURES FOR RATES: Under date 18th August 1937, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, with copy of one from the Local Government Department, of the 6th April last (No. G.25163/37 Loch Garman) enclosed.

I have looked into the Sections of the Acts to which the letter refers, and I find that:

Section 152 of the Grand Jury Act 1836 gives the Rate Collector power to Levy by Distress for Rates due, but there is nothing in the Section fixing what fees he is to charge or be allowed.

Section 15 of The Ejectment and Distresses Act 1846 (9th & 10th Vic C. 111.) deals with the Distress for Rates not exceeding the sum of £20, and fixes the amounts to be allowed for the expenses of so levying, according to the amounts set out in Schedule "B" to the said Act. The amount as set out in the Schedule is 2/- per Man per day.

The sum of 2/- a day may have been considered ample remuneration in the year 1845, but values have changed considerably since then, and it would be utterly impossible to get men to go out to make a seizure for such a sum, at the

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present time, and I consider that the sum of 10/- a day which I mentioned in my former report is a reasonable sum, and it would be utterly impossible to get the work done for less."

The Secretary stated that the recommendation of the Finance Committee allowing 10/- per day to drovers and Assistants to Rate Collectors engaged in seizures had been already approved by the County Council.

SYSTEM OF PART PAYMENT OF RATES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction for 1937-38 warrants continuance of the part payment system of collection approved for warrants for 1936-37 and for previous collections."

ISSUE OF UNOFFICIAL RECEIPTS: Letter was read from Collector Art Dunne (No. 13 District) that in the case of P. McCann, Lyrane, Craanford, who claimed to have paid (in part payment of rates) £1 on 17th April 1936; 10/- on 4th November 1936 and 10/- on 17th November 1936, to the Collector and had not received official receipt, that he (Dunne) had paid a year's rate for McCann as he had been ordered to do so when closing the 1934 Rate. As the money referred to by McCann was (according to the Collector) due to him, he had not lodged it to the credit of the County Council.

The Secretary stated that Mrs. Winters, Yolegrove, Taghmon, had called to County Council office and produced an undated unofficial receipt for £7 from Collector Quirke (No. 1 district). She stated she paid him "on the Street".

In reply to query this Collector wrote under date 12th August 1937, as follows:-

"I had a talk with Mrs. Winters, Yolegrove, Taghmon,

to-day re Rates. We could get no further about the time amount was supposed to be paid. I believe yet that it was last year. She says she paid me on the street as I was passing by.

However, to give her the benefit, I decided to lodge amount and if she repents I am to get a refund sometime from her."

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

"That Rate Collectors be reminded they must notify Rates Inspector immediately they receive any sums in part payment of rates in order that the part payment receipts may be issued from County Council Offices. That Collectors be informed that a Collector who issues an unofficial receipt (for part payment or otherwise) renders himself liable to immediate suspension. The County Council have machinery for dealing with part payment of rates and the procedure therein must be complied with strictly in all cases by Rate Collectors."

POUNDAGE FEES: The following letter under date 18th August 1937 was read from Collector J. J. Sinnott (No. 14 District):

"I would be thankful if you would bring before the next meeting of the Finance Committee my application to have the "cuts or deductions" which has been made from my Poundage Fees restored. The total, over a period of four years, amounts to £31. 4. 1d. This does not appear much, but amounts to a lot to a Rate Collector, and it appears rather unjust and hard for a Collector to not be paid on "all monies collected and lodged".

I have at all times tried to carry out my duties to the best of my ability, and as far as I know for my period of office - now almost seventeen years - I don't think anyone can say I neglected my duty in any way.

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I wish to point out that this is an extremely difficult district to collect. It is practically all grazing land, with the exception of two divisions - Monamolin and Wells. There are no big Estates to collect from except Miss Doyne's, Wells. The half year there only amounts to £58 - no railway lines - no prosperous Ratepayers that you find in the vicinity of towns - no beet or barley; in short, it is one of the poorest districts in the County, and I must travel day in day out, from the time I get the Books until the close to keep the Collection going.

Kindly do all you can for me in the matter and oblige."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to agree to the payment of full Poundage Fees to Collector John J. Sinnott as we are of opinion he has done his best in a most difficult district.

That the Minister be informed that the amounts of Poundage Fees deducted from this Collector for 1936/7 and previous warrants were as follows:-

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| 1936/37 | £7. 18. 9d |
| 1935/36 | £4. 14. 3d |
| 1934/35 | £3. 5. 10d |
| 1933/34 | £15. 5. 3d |
| Total | £31. 4. 1d." |

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

MICHAEL WICKHAM, TOMNALOSSETT: The following report under date 18th August 1937, from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, was read:-

"As far as I understand this case, the complaint is that Mr. Wickham is living in the house himself, and taking in lodgers. If this be so, the Council cannot interfere, as the only restriction on persons building houses under the above Acts, is that they must reside therein themselves for

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at least three years, and it is only if they do not do so the Council can take action.

I am, however, writing to Mr. Wickham on the matter."

Mr. Kelly stated he would ascertain by date of next meeting of Finance Committee if Wickham was actually living in the house.

SANCTION TO LOAN - MISS LUCY M. BYRNE: The following letter, under date 9th August, 1937, (H.63312/37, Loch Garman), was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County Council of an advance of £160 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Miss Lucy M. Byrne in respect of a house to be erected at Bolabradra, Inch, Co. Wexford."

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Application was submitted from Sarah Dunne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, for loan of £130.

It was decided that consideration of the application be postponed until 30th September 1937, when all similar applications received to that date will be dealt with.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION - THOMAS O'BRIEN, ALLENSTOWN BIG, BROADWAY: The following report from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, under date 12th August, 1937, was read:-

"Mr. Thomas O'Brien has informed me that owing to the increased cost of Material &c., he is not in a position to avail himself of the Loan herein, £150, and states that he does not intend to proceed further with his application."

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REDUCTION IN LOAN- CHARLES WILLOUGHBY: The following report, under date 16th August 1937, from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, was read:-

"In this case a Loan of £130 had been sanctioned for payment to Mr. Willoughby, I, this morning heard from his Solicitors, stating that he now only required a loan of £65 and accordingly, I am having his Mortgage amended to the smaller sum, and assume that the matter will be in order."

Reduction of loan to £65 was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:

NEW REGULATIONS RE APPLICATIONS FOR SANCTIONS TO LOANS: The following circular letter, under date 29th July, 1937, (60281/37 - Ilgh.Pc) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to applications made for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of premises erected on holdings subject to Land Commission charges and to request that in future when applications are being submitted to this Department in any such cases, the application form should indicate, in addition to the usual particulars, the townland and Land Commission Receivable Order of the applicant's holding."

The Secretary stated that the information asked for relative to Land Commission Receivable Orders would be furnished on forms of applications for loans in future.

APPOINTMENT CARETAKER GOREY COURTHOUSE AND KEEPER
GOREY POUND.

The following letter under date 18th August 1937 was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor:-

"I have now looked further into this matter, and I find that by Sec. 4 (1) of The Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act 1935, the Control of Pounds is Vested in the County

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Registrar.

By Section 5 (1) of the said Act it is Provided that the local authority (in this case the County Council), shall as often as occasion requires, appoint and shall pay a fit and proper person to be keeper of such pound.

This being so, the County Council are now in a position to appoint a Keeper for the Pound in Gorey, and as mentioned in my former letter, I am of opinion that there is nothing to prevent the same person being appointed as Court Keeper and Pound Keeper."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that the duties of Pound Keeper, Gorey, should be carried out by the Courthouse caretaker.

The following draft advertisement and conditions of appointment were approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by the Chairman:-

ADVERTISEMENT:

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT, CARETAKER, GOREY COURTHOUSE

The above County Council will, at their meeting to be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 13th September, 1937, at 10.30 a.m., consider applications for the position of permanent Caretaker for above Courthouse.

Remuneration 5/- per week with free house and light.

Three tons of coal per annum will be allowed which must suffice for all purposes except the heating of the Court Room proper.

The person appointed must reside on the premises and be prepared to act as Pound Keeper.

Conditions of Appointment, which should be obtained by all intending applicants, can be had from the Undersigned.

Candidate should make application for the position in his own handwriting, state his age, and furnish two references - one being from a Clergyman - as to character.

Applications should be lodged with the Undersigned by 10 o'clock, a.m., ("Official" Time) on 13th September 1937.

The position is non-pensionable.

The Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment at above meeting.

Candidates must be in attendance at meeting on 13th September, 1937, for interview by the Council.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, County Council.

County Hall, Wexford.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT:

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

CARETAKER GOREY COURTHOUSE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

1. The person appointed to the above position shall reside in the caretaker's apartments in Gorey Courthouse. He shall occupy the same as caretaker only, and not by way of tenancy or anything in the nature thereof.
2. He shall attend to the stoves in the Court and see that same are in proper order to supply the necessary heating of the premises.
3. He shall sweep out all offices in use in Courthouse premises each evening after closing and the landings, corridors and lavatories in the Courthouse premises, and wash out, clean and polish same when directed.
4. He shall thoroughly sweep, dust and clean out the Courtroom and Justice's room on the evening before the holding of the Court or of any other meeting or Inquiry in connection with County Administration and likewise after the sitting of the Court etc.
5. He shall clean out fire grates and set the fires required and light same and attend to same in the offices of Court Buildings when in use.

6. He shall keep the outside of the Premises and the approaches thereto clean and tidy and prevent all trespass on the said premises and shall forthwith report any such trespass or damage to the responsible authority.

7. He shall not keep or permit to be kept any pigs, poultry or other live stock or permit the said premises to be used for any other purpose except as directed by the responsible authority.

8. He shall not let apartments in the said premises or receive Boarders.

9. He shall be prepared to carry out from time to time the orders of the County Council or its officers.

10. The person appointed shall be required to act as Poundkeeper for the Pound at Gorey.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary County Council.

County Hall, Wexford.

SHED AT GOREY POUND

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan that the County Surveyor be directed to provide a suitable shed for the housing of impounded animals in Gorey Pound.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following letter under date 10th August 1937, from Mrs. Esther M. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, mother of Gerard Lambert, holder of University Scholarship, was read:-

"In reply to yours of the 30th July, I respectfully beg to state Gerard's case. He had no opportunity to work up the subjects Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry for last Autumn Examination as Professor Drew called him to the Albert College for the period 1st July - 30th September, for practical work on the Model Farm.

He then started his second year's work on October 4th. The programme was extensive and the subjects new. He had Geology, Botany, Zoology, practical and theoretical, also, Irish and Organic Chemistry - all of which he got through creditably. He intended doing the subjects of 1st year in

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the next session and paid his fee of £2. 10. 0.

Professor Drew now informs him that before he take his 3rd year he must spend a year on an up-to-date farm to acquire an all-the-year round knowledge of practical farming. This means his course would take 5 instead of 4 years, which was not anticipated in the beginning and naturally is a great set-back.

He also told him that he could not take him into the Albert for that year, and with the exception of farm work, the other Agricultural Colleges do not cater for a higher course of studies than he has had in college for the past two years.

I would like the advice of the Finance Committee on the matter, where such a farm is to be found, and how he stands regarding the Scholarship, which I sincerely trust they will kindly grant him until he finishes his Course.

Needless to say I am very troubled, as I can give him little financial help.

I am sincerely grateful to you personally and with every confidence in your help in this matter."

It was proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That letter from Mrs. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, (under date 10th August 1937) on behalf of her son, Gerard, holder of University Scholarship, be submitted for their advice to the Authorities of National University, and that it be pointed out the Finance Committee are prepared to recommend the continuance of this Scholarship subject to the approval of the University Authorities."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

It was proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That Scholarship of £50 under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be recommended ~~for~~ award by County Council to John Joseph O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat, whose Scholarship is tenable at St. Peter's College, Wexford, and award of Scholarship, value £30, to Patrick Joseph O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat, who is taking his Scholarship at Day Secondary School, viz., Christian Brothers, Wexford."

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 10th August 1937 (S.35695/37 Ilgh.(S.C.)) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, forwarding Order made by the Minister in connection with payment of £180. 10. 7d, assessment for County Wexford, under the above-mentioned Act for year ended 31st March 1937.

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

"That the assessment of £180. 10. 7d up to March 1937 on County Wexford under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 be recommended to the County Council for payment."

SANCTION TO LOAN OF £4151 - GROUND RENTS COUNTY HALL

The following letter, under date 6th August 1937 (S.64137/37-Loch Garman) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, and previous correspondence in regard to the proposed redemption by the Wexford County Council of the ground rent of the County Hall, Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the County Council of a loan of £4151 for this purpose, the loan to be obtained from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, and to be repayable over a period of 15 years with interest at the usual rate."

SANCTION TO LOAN OF £1200 - RURAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The following letter, under date 18th August 1937, (S.70200/37 - Loch Garman) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence in regard to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to provide new Technical Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggan, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the Council of a loan of £1200 to defray expendi-

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ture thereon and that he has obtained the authority of the Minister for Finance for the issue of the loan from the Local Loans Fund.

The loan will be repayable on the instalment system, within a period of twenty-five (25) years, with interest at the rate of $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent per annum.

The Minister for Finance has intimated that instalments in repayment of this loan and of all existing loans from the Local Loan Fund must be paid punctually on each 1st May and 1st November.

The Finance Solicitor will prepare the Mortgage Deed for the loan and will communicate direct with the Council on the matter.

No advances on foot of the loan can be made until the Mortgage Deed has been completed and unless the loan account is clear at the time an advance is required."

TEMPORARY VETERINARY INSPECTOR MR. F. W. TAYLOR, V.S.

The following letter under date 18th August 1937

(L.3280/37) from the Department of Agriculture was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that he offers no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the South New Ross district, with remuneration at the rate of £2 per week during the absence on leave of Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., for two weeks from the 16th ultimo."

APPLICATION COMPENSATION MALICIOUS INJURY

Notification of application for compensation for alleged malicious injury from Mrs. Anastasia Murphy, Rosslare, for £6, was referred to County Council Solicitor.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification re application for committal of Bridget Manning, County Home, Enniscorthy, to Industrial School, was referred to County Council Solicitor.

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WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following report, under date 6th August 1937, from Mr. F. Staples, Veterinary Inspector, Wexford, was submitted:-

"Re your query - Warble Fly Order - the dressing of infested cattle during the year 1936 has in my opinion greatly decreased the number of infested cattle and this year's dressings will, I hope, further decrease the number of animals infested.

The three inspectors carrying out the work in the Wexford area. I have found on my occasional visits to the farms in the district to be very efficient and attentive to their duties.

It would be impossible for them to be on every farm in the area to see cattle dressed and as a consequence, I am afraid certain owners are not carrying out the dressings although reporting their cattle as dressed.

To make a complete success of the Order steps should be taken to prohibit exposing for sale in fairs cattle infested or presenting them for shipment at the ports."

Consideration was referred to the County Committee of Agriculture.

INSPECTIONS OF FAIRS BY VETERINARY INSPECTORS

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

"That the attention of the Veterinary Inspectors be called to that portion of their duties providing for their attendance at all the live stock fairs of their districts."

REPRESENTATION OF ARKLOW HARBOUR BOARD

The following letter, under date 17th August 1937, from Mr. T. P. Kavanagh, Chairman, Arklow Harbour Board, was read:-

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"Referring to previous correspondence re the matter of Mr. M. Tyrrell and membership of the Arklow Harbour Board, I wish, as Chairman of the said Board, to inform you that Mr. Tyrrell still insists in attending the meetings of the Board "as representative of the Wexford County Council". Further he stated at the last meeting that he never received intimation from you that he no longer represented your Council on the Arklow Harbour Board."

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

"That as regards representation of Wexford County Council on Arklow Harbour Board, Mr. M. Tyrrell be informed that acting on the advice of the County Solicitor we recommend the County Council to declare that Mr. Tyrrell no longer represents Wexford County Council on said Harbour Board."

APPLICATION FROM P. BEARY - TEMPORARY CLERK

The following letter from P. Beary, under date 17th August, 1937, was read:-

"I beg to apply to your Council for an increase of my present rate of 1/- per hour for such time as you may require my services as a temporary clerk.

I would like to point out that I am a married man with wife and family of four, all living, and that my wages at present for a full week after deducting Insurance amounts to £2. 2. 7d. If a Catholic Holyday or Bank Holiday occurs in any week, my wages for that week would be roughly £1. 15. - a very small sum on which to run a house at the present cost of living.

I might mention also that I have been in the service of the Council for a period each year since 1926 and trust I have given satisfaction.

Hoping you will lay this application before your Council at the earliest opportunity and anticipating a favourable reply"

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

"That rate of remuneration payable to Patrick Beary, out of allocations of £50 and £26 sanctioned in letter of Department of 30th November 1936 No. R/RM/32 be fixed at 1/2d per hour as from 21st August 1937."

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 20th August 1937 be received and considered."

"CUTS" IN POUNDAGE FEES: The Secretary stated that since the last meeting of the Finance Committee an application on behalf of all the Rate Collectors for restoration of all "cuts" had been received.

REPRESENTATION ON ARKLOW HARBOUR BOARD: Col. Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That recommendation of Finance Committee regarding representation of the County Council on Arklow Harbour Board be altered to read as follows:- 'That as regards representation of Wexford County Council on Arklow Harbour Board, Mr. M. Tyrrell be informed that acting on the advice of the County Solicitor we recommend the County Council to declare that Mr. Tyrrell no longer represents Wexford County Council on said Harbour Board. As the County Council have no longer power to appoint a representative on said Board, that this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Tyrrell by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.'"

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th August 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 3rd SEPTEMBER 1937: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd September, 1937.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6662. 16. 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

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| S. Gannon | 16.0 |
| P. Nolan | 15.8 |
| J. Cummins | 15.7 |
| J. Deegan | 12.3 |
| J. Quirke | 12.0 |
| W. Cummins | 11.1 |
| J. J. O'Reilly | 11.1 |
| D. Kenny | 11.0 |
| A. Dunne | 10.3 |
| W. Doyle | 10.0 |
| P. Doyle | 9.7 |
| M. McCarthy | 8.3 |
| J. J. Sinnott | 7.9 |
| E. J. Murphy | 7.0 |
| P. Carty | 6.9 |
| J. Curtis | 6.8 |
| J. Flood | 6.1 |
| M. Kehoe | 5.7 |

The average percentage is 10.6. At the corresponding period last year the percentage was 8.4.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the Secretary communicate with Collectors who, in his opinion, are not making satisfactory progress and that we approve the proposal of the Secretary to summon the Collectors for interview after the end of September and at which methods of collection will be

examined and particularly as regards outstanding items.

COLLECTOR DUNNE AND RATEPAYER: The following letter under date 24th August 1937 was read from Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, as to payments for rates alleged to have been made by Laurence McGuinness, Bolinready, Ballycanew:-

"Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, our client asks us to find out when the 13s. 1d mentioned in Mr. Dunne's statement was paid by him and in respect of what Poor Rate. In any event, our client would obviously be entitled to 6s. 11d, the balance between this 13s. 1d and the £1.

Our client also holds an acknowledgment of the payment of £1 from Mr. Dunne dated the 16th May 1936 and we shall be glad to know where credit has been given for this.

We shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

The following reply under date 27th August 1937 was read from Collector Dunne:-

"I have copy of letter received by you from Huggard Brennan & Godfrey re Laurence McGuinness. The 13s. 1d was a balance due on 1934 Rate carried forward into 1935 Rate. As this was not paid by McGuinness by end of 1934 I lodged the amount and checked it on 8th January 1935 (8th Checking) so as not to have small amounts of Arrears outstanding.

As already explained to you, in May 1936 I paid two men to carry out a seizure on McGuinness' farm. Although we got nothing, I had to pay the men 12s. 6d each £1. 5s. This, I believe I am entitled to recover from any money paid subsequently. As there was only 6s. 11d to meet a bill of £1. 5. 0 I think I am still on the wrong side (6s. 11d of 25/- leaves 18s. 1d).

With reference to the claim that McGuinness paid me £1 on the 16th May 1936, I have no recollection of receiving such money, nor have I any record of getting it. Still it is possible that he did give me money on that date as

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it would be some time after the abortive seizure, and as I was out of pocket by him I would not have any official record of the transaction. I am calling on Huggard and Brennan's about the matter and I will see the receipt which McGuinness holds as soon as possible and let you know the result."

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter pending further reply from Collector Dunne as to his interview with Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors.

COLLECTOR J. J. SINNOTT AND DEDUCTIONS FROM POUNDAGE FEES:

Under date 1st September 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.73054/37 Loch Garman) as to resolution of Finance Committee asking that deductions from poundage fees of Collector J. J. Sinnott should be restored, that there are no facts in this case which would enable it to be distinguished from that of the other Collectors whose poundage fees were also reduced.

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

"That in view of the very difficult area in which Collector Sinnott acts as Rate Collector, we request the Minister to reconsider his decision and agree to the restoration of the deductions made from the poundage fees of this Collector."

ABATEMENT FORMS: The Secretary stated that Query Forms in connection with relief of rates granted in respect of male employees on Agricultural Land had been returned by the National Health Insurance Society who entered on the Forms particulars of Insurance Contributions paid and the number of weeks sickness benefit received by Employees.

In a number of cases in which abatement of rates had been granted for employment during the whole year to 31st

December 1936 the National Insurance Society had certified that the workmen concerned had drawn sickness benefit for a period. It was necessary that all claims should be examined to sort out those dealing with sickness benefit and the question of re-assessment of rates in such cases would have to be dealt with. It was necessary that one of the temporary Rate Staff should be employed for a period in connection with this matter.

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

"That John O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, temporary Rate Clerk, be employed in connection with the examination of Abatement Forms with replies received from National Health Insurance Society, and the re-assessment of rates in cases in which such action was necessary."

In connection with the sickness benefit received by workers, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer that, subject to decision of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, the County Council be recommended not to disqualify for full abatement, ratepayers whose workers had drawn sickness benefit for a period not exceeding two months in the year.

For employees returned for less than full year's employment, sickness benefit not exceeding one sixth of the period of employment will not disqualify ratepayer from abatement of rates in respect of such employees.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The results of Leaving Certificate Examination in connection with the award of University Scholarships were received from University Authorities. The following shows order of merit:-

1. Robert A. Scanlon, Brandane, Bannow. (1596 Marks)

2. Peter Doran, 73 Main Street, Gorey. (1541 Marks).
3. James Doran, do. do. (1335).
4. Laurence O'Rourke, Brownstown, Newbawn. (1305).
5. James Breen, McCurtain Street, Gorey. (1303).
6. Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown.
(Agriculture). (1250).
7. Patrick Ryan, Mulmintra, Taghmon. (1244).
8. Thomas Browne, Rock's Lane, Wexford. (1207).
9. Thomas Butler, Blackhall, Glynn. (1135).
10. Timothy J. Murphy, Knockreigh, Adamstown. (1108).
11. Patrick Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare. (1069).
12. Mary A. Breen, 25 North Main Street, Wexford. (1068)
13. William J. Brewer, Irishtown, New Ross. (1055).
14. Elizabeth Cummins, 2 McCurtain Road, Wexford. (1045).
15. Alice Devereux, Grange, Broadway. (997).
16. Judith T. Redmond, 13 St. Michael's Terrace,
Gorey. (946).
17. Eileen O'Connor, Ballygarvan, New Ross. (929).
18. Eileen O'Neill, Bushville, Taghat. (916).

Six candidates failed and one was absent from examination.

In connection with above results Dr. Coffey, President of National University, wrote as regards the candidates who secured up to the tenth place:-

"All the above, except Murphy Timothy J., are fair Scholarship candidates, and in some respects very suitable candidates come low on the total marks but have a very fine group of subjects. Thus, Thomas Butler has honours in Irish, English, Latin, Greek and average Pass marks in three other subjects, and Patrick Ryan, 7th, is fairly similar with better total.

It is satisfactory to note that most of the Boy candidates took Latin or a Modern language in their sub-

jects, but a few have not done so. As the University now requires for the Faculty of Science, Commerce, Engineering, and General Agriculture either Latin or a Modern Continental language for matriculation, any scholarship candidate who has not such a subject in a Leaving Certificate should pass it at a matriculation examination."

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

"That, subject to conditions of University Scholarship Scheme, Scholarships be awarded to:-

Robert A. Scanlon, Brandane, Bannow.

Peter Doran, Main Street, Gorey.

James Doran, Main Street, Gorey.

Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown. (Agriculture)"

The Secretary stated that Gerald Coffey secured sixth place only at the examination, but according to the Scheme, scholarships for Agriculture are awarded "irrespective of place obtained by candidate in results, provided Candidate be recommended by University Academic Council for award of Scholarship on marks obtained".

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

"That Paragraph 13 of University Scholarship Scheme be altered to read as follows:- A candidate for University Scholarship who has not obtained Matriculation Certificate from a selected University previous to the award of Scholarship must secure this Certificate within the year in which award of Scholarship under this Scheme is made."

SEWERAGE WORK AND WIDENING OF ROAD AT ROSSLARE

The following letter, under date 23rd August, 1937, was read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Rowe Street, Wexford:-

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"We are acting for Mr. John J. Kelly of "The Cedars" Private Hotel, Rosslare, who in October 1935 entered into an agreement with the County Council, in conjunction with a number of other land holders, for the sale of portion of their holdings to the Council for the purpose of widening the road in connection with the sewerage works there. In this Agreement the Council contracted to erect a fence consisting of a concrete wall topped with an iron paling dividing off the land from the road, and, although almost two years have since elapsed and possession of the land taken without our client's consent and without any Conveyance to the Council or payment of the purchase money, no steps have been taken either to build the wall or carry out the Agreement. Proceedings by our client against the Board of Health Contractors are pending, but our client continues to suffer damage by reason of the default of the County Council to erect a wall, as the temporary fence which the contractors erected is totally inadequate to protect our client's property. His premises, including vegetable gardens, are being continually broken into by stray animals and seed beds, vegetables and flowers destroyed.

The failure of the Board of Health and the County Council to fulfil their legal obligations is most reprehensible. They are aware that our client carries on the business of a Hotel Proprietor, and during the present season his hotel has been full of guests. Apart from the injury our client has himself suffered to his property these guests have been subjected to considerable annoyance by the trespass referred to. No later than the night of the 21st instant a number of the guests were aroused in the early hours of the following morning by stray animals trampling about and disturbing them and some of the guests had to actually get out of their beds to drive the animals off.

We consider that our client has been scandalously treated in this matter and we are now instructed to take proceedings against the County Council for breach of their agreement and for damages, and we would be glad if you would instruct your Solicitor to accept service. We must also call on you to have the wall erected without further delay as our client must hold the Council responsible for all continuing damage until this has been done."

Copy of this letter was furnished the County Solicitor who submitted the following from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy, Solicitors to County Board of Health:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th instant. I have had previous cases in which claims for damage against the Board of Health were referred to arbitration, and I know that when the matter subsequently came to the Notice of the Department, no objection was taken by them to the method adopted to dispose of the claim, but, I cannot say if any case has been dealt with by the Auditor. I think, however, that in the present case, there are very strong reasons to support the suggestion that the matter be referred to arbitration rather than dealt with by the Court.

If Kelly succeeds in his action against the Contractor, the Contractor will certainly have a claim against the

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Board of Health, but I do not agree with your view that that Health Board are primarily liable for the damages. The Plaintiffs complaint really rises out of his agreement with the County Council. The claim is made on two grounds: First that the Contractors entered on his property beyond the boundary of the plot which he agreed to sell to the County Council. He contends that he only agreed to allow nine feet of the ground in front of his house to be used to widen the road. I understand that Mr. Birthistle does not accept this contention and Mr. McCarthy states that the agreed distance was thirteen feet. Secondly, he says that he has suffered damage from trespass because his property was left unfenced. It was the County Council who, in their agreement with Mr. Kelly, agreed to build a wall and any damage which he has suffered by reason of their failure to build that wall ought properly to be borne by the County Council.

It would be obviously ridiculous that there should be any controversy between the County Council and the Board of Health as to which of these parties should bear the damage (if any) awarded to Kelly. I, therefore, suggest that we should all agree to arbitration at which Kelly, the Contractors, my Board and your Council should be represented and I further suggest that the District Justice should be the most suitable Arbitrator. I have written to the Contractors and suggested this course to them."

Mr. Birthistle stated that Mr. Kelly signed an agreement as to the amount of land to be taken over. Ten or twelve feet was mentioned, but ^{it} was not possible to state the exact number except such amount as would be necessary to have a definite finish to the work. During the progress of the sewerage works the contractors endeavoured to put the matter of the erection of temporary fencing on the shoulders of the County Council, but he (Mr. Birthistle) declined to take any responsibility, and pointed this out definitely to the Clerk of Works acting for the Board of Health and also that it was - as usual in such cases - the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the fencing.

As regards the erection of wall it would be within the recollection of the Finance Committee that he (Mr. Birthistle) had mentioned at a meeting some months back that it was not feasible to have this wall or the concrete road side and footpath erected until the sewerage works being undertaken by the County Board of Health were completed.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, mentioned that according to the Act of Parliament it appeared the County Council could only pay damages in a case such as the present under the Decree of a competent Court.

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

"That consideration of claim made by Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. J. J. Kelly, Cedars, Rosslare, be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor. That the latter consult with Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor to the County Board of Health, relative to same and take any necessary steps he may deem necessary relative to arbitration."

COMPLAINT RE ROAD - ENNISCORTHY TO CURRACLOE

Under date 23rd August, 1937, the following was read from Mr. G. V. Maher, Ballinkeelee, Enniscorthy:-

"I wish to draw your attention to the disgraceful condition of the road from Enniscorthy to Curracloe via Ballymurn and Screen.

As one of the biggest ratepayers in County Wexford and one who has just paid rates to the tune of £300 odd I feel that I deserve some consideration in this matter.

I feel that in View of the desire to popularise Curracloe as a sea side resort this road should definitely be better than third class. At the moment it is simply a mass of pot-holes and ruts which are occasionally covered with clay and stones. This so called form of repair is quite useless as, as soon as the first lorry comes along it scatters all the stones into the ditch leaving all the pot-holes rather bigger than before.

I noticed some months ago that the road from Oylegate to Redgate was properly repaired and steamrolled. This road seems to me of much less importance than the Curracloe one as it is quite impossible to expect visitors to our coast to face the twelve miles nightmare from Enniscorthy as apart from the personal discomfort every trip must shorten the life of a car by weeks.

I would be glad if you would bring this matter to the notice of your Council and those who are at the moment inquiring into the state of the roads in County Wexford."

The Secretary stated that the improvement of the road Oylegate to Redgate, referred to by Mr. Maher, had been

carried out through Relief Grant, as a number of unemployed resided in the village of Oylegate and neighbourhood.

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

"That Mr. Maher be informed the County Council have scheduled road mentioned in his letter for special improvement if money can be made available. As regards the repair of road from Oylegate to Redgate, the expense of this work was not borne by County Funds, but was carried out under Government Relief Grant in consequence of the large amount of unemployment in Oylegate village and neighbourhood."

NEW ROSS - CAMPILE ROAD

The Manager of Shelbourne Agricultural Co-operative Society forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of that Society on the 11th August 1937:-

"That we call the attention of the County Council of Wexford to the dangerous condition of the New Ross Road on which accidents are happening to farmers' horses every other day; and we trust that when finishing the surfacing of the Campile road the Council and County Surveyor will take steps to provide for the safety of farmers' horses and carts doing business in Campile."

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

"That resolution from Shelbourne Co-operative Society as to condition of New Ross to Campile road, be referred to County Surveyor for favourable consideration."

GOREY GARDEN CITY ROAD

Under date 26th August, 1937, the following was read from Patrick Redmond, Secretary, Irish Labour Party,

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"I am directed by my Committee to write to you to ask your Council to have the Garden City Road done before the bad weather sets in and to have stones broken by hand for same."

Under date 28th August 1937, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, wrote that a Grant was available for this road and work would be put in hands as soon as the initial drilling and blasting at Gorey Hill quarry had been carried out.

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

COMPLAINT OF TARA HILL WORKERS

Under date 23rd August 1937, the following was read:-

"At your last meeting a statement was made re the employment of the men in Tara Hill area. Mr. Treanor, in a reply to Mr. Keegan, stated there were no idle men in this district to which he could give any work. Now, we, the undersigned, wish to contradict that most emphatically. For a number of years back, there has been a number of men who have never been given the chance to earn a day's pay. Road work and quarry work has been given to the same group all the time. We want to impress upon you the need of seeing that every man gets his share of any work that is to be done here in future, and that Gorey men will not be sent out to our doors to snatch the bit of work which rightfully belongs to us. How many men of Tara Hill will be given a job on the streets of Gorey? Once again we ask you who have the power to stop this injustice from continuing. Signed by John Dixon, Denis Lawlor, Patrick Gannon, Thomas Gannon, Junr., James Gannon, Peter Hughes, Patrick Spencer, Thomas Gannon, Sen., and Patrick Fortune."

In reply, under date 30th August 1937, letter was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

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"Yours of 27th instant with copy of letter re above enclosed, and in reply deal with matters referred to and men whose names appear as signatories.

When I stated unemployed were given an opportunity for work, I did so with the knowledge that from list of names supplied to me by Exchange when applied to for same, work was offered to all so registered under Minor Relief Scheme with the exception of three members of Gannon family. In this instance, I offered work to the father, who was in receipt of eleven shillings, but not to three sons who between them were drawing sixteen shillings per week. The father refused to work and asked me to take on one of sons instead - this I refused to do which accounts for his non-employment on this Scheme.

Of the other names to document only one of these was registered and accepted work when offered.

Reference is made to a man with four young children not getting any work. This description applies to only one of those who signed document, and he was employed. Further, this man denies having put his name or agreeing to his name being used though canvassed to do so.

Taking names as signed:-

John Dixon. In this case work was given this man at hand-breaking in Tara Hill some time ago, but before completing a full day's work, gave up. He sought for work again in June under Minor Relief Scheme, but not being registered could not be taken on. I have lately been informed that he has been working with farmer since Spring and is still working.

Gannons. The four names in this instance are belonging to one family and have been dealt with already in this.

Denis Lawlor. I have no recollection of this man applying for work. He was not employed on Relief Scheme as not registered as unemployed. I understand he also has been at work since early Spring and engaged at same place.

Patrick Hughes. I have made inquiries in locality, but failed to trace any man bearing this name.

Pat Spencer. This man was employed at Gorey Factory and I believe new Hospital Buildings. He was not registered as unemployed, and besides, gave up working under County Council some twelve or fourteen years ago.

Pat Fortune. This man denies having signed document and was engaged at work under Minor Relief Scheme."

Patrick Fortune wrote that he knew nothing about the letter from Tara Hill workers. He never signed it and he was at present working under County Council at Ahare River.

Mr. Keegan said that a complaint had been made to him in July last by a man who was not a worker as to allocation of work for Tara Hill men. He (Mr. Keegan) had moved some

time ago that a certain number of roads should be confined to Tara Hill worker and the principal complaint of the latter was that the roads in the district were done by a gang from Gorey town. Of course, what happened in connection with Tara Hill was that about 25 years ago a number of new people came into the district which now had an excess population as regards work. He (Mr. Keegan) was of opinion that the roads, but not Main Roads from the Railway Bridge at Gorey to Williams' Turn - in fact, all the roads from Gorey Railway Bridge bounded by the sea, should be dealt with by Tara Hill workers.

After further discussion, Mr. Keegan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to submit to next meeting of Finance Committee his recommendations as to particular roads on which maintenance work is to be confined to Tara Hill workers."

DANGER SIGNS - CLONJORDAN LANE

Under date 11th August 1937, Lt.Col. W. M. Acton, Kerswell, Chudleigh, S. Devon, England, wrote suggesting that road signs should be placed on either side of the lane at Clonjordan, where it entered the Ballycarney - Enniscorthy road at Farmleigh. The entrance from this lane into the main road was absolutely blind and according to report of the Civic Guards the visibility from the lane did not exceed five yards. He considered that this junction was the most dangerous he had ever seen.

The County Surveyor said he had seen the place with Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, and proposed to make alterations in the fence to improve the view. The place was dangerous to strange drivers.

CYCLING ACCIDENT

Annie J. Grant, Houselands, Fethard-on-Sea, wrote under date 23rd August 1937, that while cycling from Houselands to Fethard on 10th July she ran into a newly dug drain between Chapman's farm and Hearne's of Ralph. The road was down hill and the drain was not visible until too late to avoid it. She was thrown violently and besides sustaining several abrasions suffered from shock. The frame of her machine was broken. She asked for a refund of the doctor's fees and also the price of a new frame for her machine.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for report and that he consult the County Solicitor as regards the liability of the Council for the accident in question.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY

Preliminary Notice of Application for £100 compensation for alleged Criminal Injury to engine of motor boat at Ballinatray Lower, was received on behalf of Andrew Wafer, Courtown Harbour.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said so far he had not received any report from the Civic Guards in this matter.

It was decided that the County Solicitor approach the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, with a view to securing a report from the Gardai relative to the damage.

SHEEP DIPPING

Under date 17th August, 1937, Mr. Ringwood, V.S., Enniscorthy, wrote stating he noted the County Council hoped the Inspectors would show an increased number of sheep dipped this year. This, in his view, invited them to neglect small owners and go to the man who had 200 sheep

or so in order to bring their figures up. It had always been his view it was better for the Inspectors to pay attention to the owners of small flocks than to the owners of large ones. The latter would dip their sheep for their own safety as they knew and saw the benefits of dipping, whereas a small owner would not go to the trouble of getting a tub to dip unless he is obliged to do so.

The weekly reports of the lay Inspectors under Sheep Dipping Order from the opening of the Dipping Period to the 28th August were examined by the Committee. With the exception of Patrick Ormonde the Committee considered that the five other Inspectors could have been more energetic.

It was decided to point out to the five Inspectors that the Finance Committee were of opinion they were not sufficiently active in the discharge of their duties, and the Committee expected that reports for next meeting would show a considerable increase in the number of animals dipped.

DUMP AT COURTOWN

Mr. Keegan mentioned that in his opinion there was no great objection to the dump at Courtown, although the Harbour Commissioners had asked that it be closed. If the hole were filled he could not see any objection to it.

ROADS IN BLACKWATER DISTRICT

The following under date 29th August, 1937, was read from Mr. R. Morton of Ballinaclash, Blackwater:-

"I would be much obliged if you would bring before the County Council the state of the roads in this neighborhood as they are quite dangerous and are almost impassable.

It is with great reluctance that I write, but they have got into such a state that a user carries his life in his hands."

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The County Surveyor said the loop road off the main road at Blackwater was certainly in a poor condition, but he did not agree that the complaint was justified as regards all roads in this area. Two persons were in with him complaining of the same road recently. It was a very minor road in the old days, but had become more important with the advent of motor traffic. The surface was indifferent but he would arrange to do the best he could with the money allocated.

FOOTPATHS IN GOREY

P. Redmond, Secretary, Irish Labour Party, 47 Garden City, Gorey, wrote asking the Council to have concrete paths laid at both sides of Grattan Street, Gorey, and also that path leading from Railway Goods Store gate to Convent National Schools on to St. Michael's Church should be relaid in concrete. This path carried more traffic than any other path in the town.

Referred to County Surveyor.

BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 18th August 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RM/32) that the Minister had assented to the proposals of the Council in connection with the improvement of Bunclody streets.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS FROM APPLICANTS: Under date 27th August, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No. 116/37) that in connection with applications for loans under above Acts information should be submitted to the Department as to occupation of applicants - and if in permanent employment, also annual salary or income, and if Local Authority were satisfied that applicants would be in a position to repay punctually

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advances when due and to maintain the premises in good condition.

The Secretary stated that the information required by the Department would be furnished with all future applications.

MICHAEL WICKHAM, TOMNALOSSETT, ENNISCORTHY: In connection with report that house erected by this man, and in respect of which loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been obtained, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, received letter under date 29th August, 1937, from Wickham stating that he was going into occupation of the house at an early date. He admitted it had been let as a temporary measure but he had now decided to reside in it himself.

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

"That the County Solicitor inform Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, that as regards house erected by him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts it will be necessary that he should take up his residence therein by Monday, 4th October, 1937."

JAMES SHEIL, ST. MARY'S TERRACE, ROSSLARE: Under date 1st September 1937, James Sheil wrote that he had applied for loan of £248. 10. 0 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and he was expecting notification of his acceptance for loan, as on 25th May last, Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, wrote to him his application had been granted. He had all gravel and breeze on the site and water laid on. He wished to know how soon he might calculate on receiving amount of loan.

The Secretary stated this man's application was rejected by Finance Committee which pointed out that he could avail of one of the new houses about to be erected by the County Board of Health at Rosslare Harbour. Through

the mistake of typist in Mr. Elgee's office, he was informed his application had been accepted. At the same time, Mr. Elgee had written that Sheil should not take any steps relative to erection of house until he was advised that his Title was in order.

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

"That in view of letter of County Solicitor to James Sheil, St. Mary's Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, the Council be recommended to advance loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, amount of same to be fixed in accordance with regulations issued by the Council and to value of house as ascertained by Assistant Surveyor for the district."

MARGARET CULLEN, GRANGE, FETHARD: Application for advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was received from Mrs. Cullen. She wrote that she was unsuccessful in securing Government Grant.

It was decided to inform Mrs. Cullen that advances by Wexford County Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts are confined to applicants in whose cases Government Grants have been made available.

APPLICATION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL COMMITTAL

Notification was received from the Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C., "Ardeen", St. John's Road, Wexford, as to application to be made to the District Justice in the Childrens' Court, New Ross, on 6th September 1937, for the committal of Mary Sunderland (illegitimate), Ballyanne, New Ross, to Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 23rd August, 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L. 3484/37) acknowledging report from Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector for Wexford District, and stated that his observations in the matter had been noted. As regards the statement in report of Mr. Staples that certain stock owners were not carrying out the dressings under the Order, the Department inquired as to whether in making this statement, he had any particular stock owners in mind, and, if so, what steps, if any, were taken by him to secure their compliance with the Order.

The Secretary stated that copy of the Department's letter was sent to Mr. Staples on the 24th August 1937, but so far no reply had been received.

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

"That Mr. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, local Veterinary Inspector, be requested to furnish his observations regarding letter from the Department of Agriculture under date 23rd August, 1937, No. L. 3484/37."

Under date 18th August, 1937, (No. L. 3154/37) the Department of Agriculture wrote that refunds might be made to the ex-temporary Inspectors in respect of items - postage and stationery - provided claims were properly vouched and that the Council were satisfied that the expenditure in question was necessary.

The following are the claims referred to by the Department of Agriculture:- William Carty, 1/-; James Doyle, 1/-; Dermot E. Druhan, 3/6d; M. J. O'Connor, 7/9; Patrick Rossiter 2/4d.

It was decided that Secretary ask claimants to furnish vouchers in accordance with the decision of the Department of Agriculture.

At the last County Council meeting a proposal of Finance Committee to allow £20 to Assistant Secretary for extra work in connection with administration of Warble Fly Order was adjourned for the attendance of the Chairman who stated he was satisfied that the amount should be paid.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd September 1937 be received and considered."

ABATEMENT FORMS: Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:-

"That in connection with recommendation of Finance Committee that ratepayers whose workers had drawn sickness benefit for a period not exceeding two months in the year be qualified for full abatement of rates, we dissent from said resolution and recommend that disqualification for full abatement apply only in cases in which sickness benefit received by workers does not exceed four weeks."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee that sickness benefit for a period not exceeding two months of the year should not disqualify ratepayers for full abatement of rates.

After further discussion the Chairman suggested that both motions should be withdrawn. This was agreed to and he then proposed as a compromise, the following:-

"That in cases in which workers receive sickness benefit for a period not exceeding six weeks in the year, Ratepayer Employers be considered as qualified to receive full abatement of rates."

Mr. Keegan seconded the motion which was adopted.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Some members called attention to the fact that in the awards two members of the same family were receiving

Scholarships.

The Chairman gave notice to move at a subsequent meeting that the Council consider the advisability of awarding only one Scholarship in cases in which two members of the same family are successful at the examination held under the Scheme.

SEWERAGE WORK AND WIDENING ROAD AT ROSSLARE STRAND: In connection with recommendation of Finance Committee that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, consult with Mr. J.J. Bolger, Solicitor to County Board of Health, relative to claim by Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. J. J. Kelly, Cedars, Rosslare and take any steps he might think necessary relative to arbitration, Mr. Elgee submitted letter from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Rowe Street, Wexford, under date 10th September, that they had issued Circuit Court Civil Bill in the matter and asked Mr. Elgee to accept service of same.

Mr. Elgee stated he had written Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan that he was prepared to accept service.

COMPLAINT TARA HILL WORKERS: Col. Quin said that as regards Pat Fortune it appeared a "beastly forgery" had been committed. This man's name was attached to the representations in connection with the application for work and he stated most definitely in his letter that he knew nothing about the representations and that he had never signed them.

FOOTPATHS IN GOREY: The County Surveyor stated sections of this footpath were being laid down every year and he believed it would be unreasonable to take the whole side of a street and expect the County Council to deal with the paths offhand. The same claim could be made for every

small town in the County. The best he could do was to carry out the work piece meal, as he had stated and money was only available for this procedure.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER: At the meeting of County Council on 9th August 1937, a recommendation of the Finance Committee to allow the Assistant Secretary a sum of £20 for extra work under above Order was adjourned for the attendance of the Chairman.

At the Finance Committee meeting of 3rd September 1937, the Chairman said that he was satisfied the amount should be paid, but, for next year the question of clerical assistance should be considered when the Warble Fly Inspectors were being appointed.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kinsella proposed that the matter be adjourned.

There was no seconder and the resolution was adopted, Mr. Kinsella dissenting.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd September 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed unless where same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS - REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The following report of Special Roads Committee was submitted:-

At the meeting of Wexford County Council on 9th August 1937 a special Roads Committee consisting of the following members was appointed to consider the formulation of a Scheme for the improvement of the roads of the County:-

Enniscorthy: Messrs. John P. Kelly and M. Sweetman.

Gorey: Messrs. W. P. Keegan and Sean O'Byrne.

New Ross: Messrs. T. Redmond and James E. Walsh.

Wexford: Col. Gibbon and Miss O'Ryan.

The Chairman (Mr. Allen) and Vice-Chairman (Mr. Corish) ex-officio members.

A meeting of the Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th August 1937, the following being in attendance:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. R. Corish, Col. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Miss O'Ryan and Thomas Redmond.

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

Mr. Redmond said he moved in this matter as the result of repeated complaints from users of the roads in New Ross District and especially the farming community. It had been pointed out that the bye-roads are now reduced to such a condition that a big percentage will be impassible during the coming Winter. This will occur at a time when one of the most intensive tillage areas in Wexford will need the roads most for the harvest and beet seasons, and it was in the hope that some immediate steps would be taken that he was now pressing the matter on the attention of the Council. The present problem of road maintenance was one for which the Council was not prepared or responsible. It is the result of a sudden change from horse to mechanical traffic - a class of traffic for which the roads to which he was referring were never intended. The fact remained that the lorry,

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is on the road and has been accepted for the present at any rate, as the normal method of road transport and, in consequence, Wexford County Council, as were the Councils of every other County, ~~were~~ confronted with a task with which, apparently, they were unable to cope with financially without placing further burdens on the ratepayers. He was as much averse to increasing the rates as any other member, but he had come to realise that something must be done if they were to avoid a general strike in payment of rates. It was for the Committee to try to hammer out a scheme by which the situation can be reasonably met. Continuing, Mr. Redmond said he believed the procedure of members inducing the Council to seek for loans for the reconstruction of roads in their own areas was selfish and shortsighted. Ratepayers, past whose doors ran very poor roads in which very little interest appeared to be taken, had to meet these loan charges as well as those directly benefiting. He then instanced the case of the roads in New Ross Urban Area which since they had come under the County Council, with the provision of a large sum for repair under a comprehensive scheme, were now thoroughly sound and would require little expenditure for a number of years, though three years ago they were in a deplorable condition. Something similar should be done for the rural roads.

In reply to Mr. Redmond the County Surveyor said that with the allocation for the third class roads, he could just keep them going.

The Chairman said that Mr. Redmond appeared to believe that the County Council favoured one part of the County and that New Ross area was badly treated. The Council considered only the need wherever existing and never discriminated against any particular part.

The County Surveyor stated that when he discussed the

general allocation with the Assistant Surveyors, the latter-naturally - wanted as much money as possible for their own districts, and he (County Surveyor) did his best to keep the balance fairly adjusted.

Mr. Redmond said he believed the actual money allocated for New Ross roads was spent as evenly and as honestly as possible, but the allocation was insufficient and they were now faced with the real problem - where could the County Council obtain money to improve these roads. The scheme of loans for New Ross Urban area did not add a penny to the rates as the repayment of the loans was less than the previous maintenance charge. It was quite evident the roads could not be properly maintained on the existing allocation. If the Council borrowed £20,000 at 4 per cent for 15 years the annual repayment by instalment system of loan would amount to £1760 and to borrow half the amount for the same period would mean an annual repayment of £880. The Department should consider favourably an application from the County Council to supplement the sum provided by the County Council in view of the fact that several of the roads requiring special expenditure were now carrying as much traffic as some of their main roads. It certainly was within possibility that if the main roads Scheme was under review, it would include a number of the most important of the existing County roads. A very grave danger was that if they allowed the roads to deteriorate it would mean increased expenditure over a very long period to make up for the neglect of only a few years.

The Chairman said that there would be general agreement as to the necessity for keeping their roads up to standard but where was the money to come from?

The County Surveyor explained that according to official returns the following is the mileage of Wexford Roads:-

| | <u>Miles</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Trunk and Link | 291 |
| County Roads (Third Class) | 1245 |
| do. do. (Fourth Class) | <u>446</u> |
| Total | 1982 |

The average expenditure for main and link roads in 1935 in An Saorstat was £84 per mile and in Wexford £92.

The average expenditure for same period for all direct labour County Roads was £24 in An Saorstat in 1935 and in County Wexford £12.

The average for all County Roads was £18 and for County Wexford £11. All other Counties, with the exception of two showed a higher expenditure under this head. Leix spent the same amount as Wexford and Mayo £1 under that. Taking the four Counties contiguous to Wexford the percentage of main roads as compared with County Roads is as follows:-

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|-----------|----|
| Carlow | 21 |
| Kilkenny | 19 |
| Waterford | 18 |
| Wicklowl | 23 |

while the percentage for Wexford was 15. In 1936 the Maintenance Grant was £11958, Improvement Grant £11064, and Relief Grant £6630, a total of £29,652.

It was stated that the receipts for motor tax and for driving licences for the financial year 1936 were £26480 and for year 1937 £27426. The Council had no information as to amount received for petrol tax or for import duty on cars, but as these were raised for general taxation they could not be included in Road Administration.

In reply to Col. Gibbon the County Surveyor said all the trunk roads and half the link roads had been reconstruc-
ted. It was impossible to give an average for the state of the third and fourth class roads, but something over 400 miles of the third class roads were in bad condition. A number of the leading third class roads were carrying excep-

tionally heavy traffic and if these could be improved, it would be possible to deal with the balance. The fourth class roads could be described as accommodation roads affording a way for farmers to get on to a more important road.

Col. Gibbon considered the Council should approach the Government to secure a prohibition order against heavy lorries using roads which could not stand up to these vehicles and limiting the latter to the use of certain scheduled roads. They should try and agree on the standard of improvement for their third class roads. Then there was the question as to whether if money could be made available it should be all spent at once or spread over a certain period of years. The later plan, Col. Gibbon pointed out, had been successful and would not be so onerous financially. In conclusion he said that they should call for an increase in the taxation of very heavy lorries which were really causing the largest amount of damage to roads which were never built for such traffic.

The County Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, said that 300 miles of the third class roads were really important and if funds were at hand he would put down on them a bitumen mastic macadam carpet in a five or ten years' programme. He advocated the work should be done out of revenue and one shilling to one shilling and sixpence in the £ on the rates would provide sufficient to meet all requirements. £5,000 yearly for five years would effect a great improvement.

The Chairman said they had a programme for the expenditure of £80,000 on hospitals of which the County must provide one-third. The present could be described as their building period and until it was finished it would be difficult to see how money for road improvement could be found. It was essential they should take into consideration the amounts required by the Subsidiary Bodies and the

in five or six years and No. 4 estimate to keep them from deterioration.

Fourth Class roads - which are really accommodation roads - to be left out of count for the present.

Specifications for Nos. 2 and 3 are to be complete as to bottoming, surfacing and subsequent maintenance.

The Committee then adjourned to 3rd September 1937.

The adjourned meeting of Special Roads Committee was held on 3rd September 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Col. Gibbon, Messrs. W. P. Keegan, T. Redmond and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The County Surveyor submitted map on which he had marked $354\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the most important County Roads.

The following is the list:-

| ROAD | TERMINAL POINTS | MILES | OBSERVATIONS |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Gorey-Tinahely | Gorey Main Street to County Bounds Barnadown | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Through Hollyfort and Wicklow Gap |
| Carnew-Arklow | Limerick to County Bounds Lattinstown With branches to Inch and Tubberduff Bridge | 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Through Coolgreany |
| Gorey-Sea | Gorey Bridge to Old Coast Guard Station At Ballymoney with Branches to Kildermot Cross and Main Road at Ballyteigan | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Tourist Route |
| Camolin-Carnew | Camolin to Craanford | 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| Camolin-Carnew | Camolin to turn Kilthomas | 4 | Joins next Road |
| Ferns-Carnew | Rectory Gate Ferns to County Bounds Money | 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Over Slieveboy by Kilthomas |
| Camolin-Courtown | Ballydaniel Bridge to Riverchapel | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Passes Balloughter and crosses Gorey Wexford Link Rd. |
| Clogh- Enniscorthy | Clogh to Main Road at Rectory Turn | 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Thro Balloughter, The Harrow and Solsborough |
| Courtown - Blackwater | Courtown Harbour and Main Road Ballinatray to Blackwater | 16 | Tourist Route by coast, through Kilmuckridge |
| Ballycanew- Kilmuckridge | Ballycanew to Upton | 7 | Through Killenagh |
| Ferns- Ballygarrett | Main Road Ferns to turn Knockadawk | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Through The Harrow and Boleyvogue, and crosses Main Rd. Ballyedmond |
| Enniscorthy- Kilmuckridge | Main Road Oulartwick to Kilmuckridge and Oulart to Main Road Kilnamanagh | 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Through Raheenduff Branch from Main Road Oulart past R.C. Church |
| | | 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |

| ROAD | TERMINAL POINTS | MILES | OBSERVATIONS |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| Enniscorthy- Blackwater | Main Road Tomnafinshoge to Main Road at Castle Ellis | 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ | Through The Ballagh - is used as through route Enniscorthy to Blackwater |
| Bunclody- Shillelagh | Main Road near Bunclody to County Bounds Garryhaston | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Along County Bounds past Clonegal Bridge |
| Enniscorthy- Carnew | Scarawalsh Bridge to County Bounds Knocknalour with branch to Strahart | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Through Tombrack and Ballyroe buck - also Ballycarney |
| Kiltealy-Ferns | Wheelagower Cross to turn Craan near Ferns | 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ | Leading Road through Ballindaggin and Ballycarney |
| Bunclody-New Ross | Dorans Cross to Main Road Ballinlug | 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ | Used as thro route - leaving Main Road thro Kiltealy to West. |
| Enniscorthy- Templeshambo | Milehouse to Bolabeg | 6 | Leading Road Enniscorthy, Ballindaggin etc. |
| Enniscorthy- Killanne | Bellfield to Killanne | 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Leading Road Enniscorthy to Blackstairs Mountain etc. |
| Enniscorthy- New Ross | Enniscorthy Town to Main Road Bloomfield | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Leading Road from top of Enniscorthy at Duffrey Gate. |
| Enniscorthy- Ferns | Enniscorthy Main Road Blackstoops | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Leading Road Do. Do. |
| Enniscorthy- Taghmon | Main Road Knockmarshal to Taghmon | 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Leading Road through Bree and Galbally. |
| Enniscorthy- Curracloe | Enniscorthy Urban to Curracloe Branch of above to Coolnaboy | 13 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ | Tourist Route thro Ballymurrin and Screen to Sea. Route from Wexford to Glenbrien |
| Enniscorthy- Killurin | Borodale to Killurin | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Three Railway Stations off this route. |
| | | 87 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |

LIST OF IMPORTANT COUNTY ROADS REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT

3.

| ROAD: | TERMINAL POINTS | MILES | OBSERVATIONS |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Adamstown-Macmine | The Leap - Macmine Railway Station | 6 | By Sparrowsland Bridge (Railway) And Clonmore to Railway Station |
| Bree-Edermine | Ballybuckley turn to Main Road Edermine | 2 | Serves Edermine Railway Station |
| Castlebridge-Blackwater | Whittys's Cross Main Road to Crosshue Main Road | 2 | Leading Road Castlebridge to Blackwater |
| Enniscorthy-Castlebridge | Ballymurrin to Castlebridge | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Killurin - Castlebridge | Killurin to Castlebridge with branch to Main Road at Garrycleary | 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ | By Deeps Bridge, Kyle and Crossabeg, Branch past R.C. Church |
| Adamstown-Campile | Main Road Adamstown to Campile with branch | 13 | Thro Newbawn and Dunmain |
| Adamstown - Palace | Turn at Adamstown Bridge to Main Road Palace | 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ | Via Templesheelan past Palace Railway Station |
| Clonroche-Ballinaboola | Tomfarney Main Road Ballinaboola | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Thro Old Ross |
| Castleboro-Chapel | Main Road Aughnagopple to Chapel | 3 | Thro Clonroche |
| Old Ross-Pollmounty | Old Ross Pollmounty | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Past Rathgarogue and Ballywilliam Railway Station |
| New Ross-Palace | Urban Bounds to Turn Ballagh | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Leads to Palace Railway Station |
| New Ross-Vexford | Urban Bounds at two places to Main Road | 1 | Two Tie Roads connecting Main Road with upper part Of Town |

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LIST OF IMPORTANT COUNTY ROADS REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT

4.

| ROAD | TERMINAL POINTS | MILES | OBSERVATIONS |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Ballinaboola-Fethard | Ballinaboola to Main Road Poulfur | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Thro Cassagh, Ballycullane and Saltmills |
| New Ross-The Hook | Main Road Horeswood to Portersgate | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Thro Campile and adjoining Ramsgrange |
| Campile-Duncannon | Turn at Ballalley to Duncannon | 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Road from Duncannon to Campile Railway Station |
| Duncannon-Fethard | Duncannon to Main Road Grange With branch to Haggard | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| Fethard-The Hook | Fethard to Portersgate | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Burkestown-Foulksmills | Burkestown Main Road to Foulksmills Main Road | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | By Mullinderry Bridge |
| Ballinaboola-Wellingtonbridge | Newcastle Main Road Ballylannon Main Road | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Thro Clongeen |
| New Ross-Mountgarrett Br. | Urban Bounds to Woodville Gate | 1 | This is a 4th class Road - takes traffic Show Ground. |
| New Ross-Taghmon | Main Road Scullaboge to Main Road near Taghmon | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Past Cullenstown R.C. Church |
| Wexford-Forth Mountain | Urban Bounds to turn Newbay | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ | Past Show Ground |
| Wexford-Kilmore | Kerlogue Main Road to Kilmore | 12 | Thro Murntown and Baldwinstown |
| Wexford-Kilmore | Newcastle turn to turn at Kilmore Village | 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Thro Bridgetown |
| Taghmon-Duncormick | Main Road Aghermon to Duncormack Main Road | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | Thro Tullycanna and Ambrosetown-leads to Rly. Stn. |
| | | 75 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |

LIST OF IMPORTANT COUNTY ROADS REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT

5.

| ROAD | TERMINAL POINTS | MILES | OBSERVATIONS |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Duncormack-Bannow | Main Road Duncormick to Bannow | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Past Coolishal Church and thro Carrick |
| Bridgetown-Tagoat | Tenacre Main Road to Main Road Tagoat | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Wexford-Rosslare Strand | Ashfield Main Road Rosslare Strand | 3 | Tourist Route |
| Rosslare Strand-Carn | Concrete Road at Grange to St. Ivers | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Thro Tagoat - Tourist Route |
| Wexford-Carn | Killinick Main Road to Carn Harbour | 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ | Thro Broadway and Ladys Island - Tourist Route |
| | | 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |

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WEXFORD.
2nd September, 1937.

Dealing with the list, the County Surveyor said that about 40 or 50 miles of these roads had been improved, but their condition was not comparable with that of the main roads. When he (County Surveyor) considered the position he found that to put the 354 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles into good condition was not feasible - in fact was out of the question as it would cost quarter a million of money. Leaving out of account the large sum necessary it would not be possible to spend it within a reasonable time as he had neither the machinery nor quarries to deal with it. But, if extra money could be provided on a ten year programme very substantial improvement could be effected. Doing these roads bit by bit by an increased allocation on all third class roads would be carrying on to the best advantage.

Mr. Redmond considered that some of the main and link roads requiring improvement were not more important than some of the third class roads and his view was that improvement of the latter should be partly from rates and partly by Government Grant.

The County Surveyor pointed out that a number of years had elapsed since the Main Road Declaration was made. The main roads were the leading roads then, but changing conditions had diverted portion of the motor traffic which resulted in some of their third class roads having to bear excessive traffic.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the County Council should put up a resolution pressing the Government to have money made available on important third class roads. In addition to ordinary motor cars they had lorry and bus traffic which was most destructive to road surfaces. They did not want to de-class any of the main roads, but it was reasonable to expect that third class roads bearing as much - and in some cases - more heavy traffic than some of their main roads, deserved recognition in the way of Grants. They

should be satisfied to continue expanding improvement if a little every year. If they put forward proposals for the improvement of all their third class roads they would not be able to obtain sufficient from the Rates or the Government. They should resist emergency repair unless it could be proved that the road would otherwise go to pieces. He then submitted the following three points for consideration:-

(1) Approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the re-classification of certain important third class roads.

(2) Inform the County Council that it was not possible to improve their third class roads within a limited period.

(3) Rigidly refuse to obtain loan for road repair unless under exceptional circumstances such as the starting of a new industry in the locality.

The Chairman believed it would be more advisable as regards the classification of roads to induce the Government to agree to provide 40 per cent of the expenditure on important third class roads.

Mr. Redmond pointed out it was never the intention of anybody to father a scheme for the repair of all third class roads all at once, as they were up against the prohibitive cost. He asked if the County Surveyor could put forward a concrete scheme now. The problem facing them was the starvation of roads for years, and when intensive traffic arrived the roads were not able to carry it.

The County Surveyor suggested an additional allocation of £9,000 per annum for a period of years for all third class roads - half from Rates and the other half from the State. They should press for a percentage of Maintenance Grant for the important third class roads.

After considerable further discussion the Chairman

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proposed:-

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

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, considered that for at least seven years it would be fatal to eat into the Improvement Grant. It was the only means by which they were really improving their roads and they were only half way through it. The suggested allocation with a certain increase for link roads was necessary if they were going to keep the roads in good condition. From 1923 to 1928 the roads had improved greatly but since then they were gradually going back.

The County Surveyor said that in the opinion of himself and his Assistants, practically every road on the list submitted that day was deteriorating more or less.

The Chairman asked if it could be feasible to have certain roads permanently closed to motor traffic and to have signs erected on those which were suitable for such traffic.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said most of the damage done to roads was by lorries owned by farmers or used for farmers' convenience.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that nine-tenths of the beet traffic was carried in lorries which also delivered goods to the small shops in the country. In fact, lorries had supplanted the horse for all kinds of traffic. Farmers were very badly hit at the present, and in his view, they were unable to pay any higher rates than those existing.

Owing to the improvement of Main Roads it would not be necessary to spend so much money on them in the future, and if the Government could be got to recognise the important third class roads and the same road rate was raised as at present, portion of the money could be employed in the improvement of the third class roads and in this way by degrees they could be brought up to standard.

Mr. Keegan said Col. Gibbon and his party were responsible for the deterioration of the roads by the "penny-wise, pound foolish" policy they adopted in cutting down the County Surveyor's estimate every year to an impossible figure.

The resolution was then put and declared carried, Col. Gibbon dissenting.

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

"That the report of Special Roads Committee be received and considered."

Col. Gibbon said that according to the estimates of the County Surveyor to bring particular roads detailed in report up to the standard of their trunk roads would cost quarter of a million and a large sum for maintenance. In addition to this proposed increase for roads they were going to have a huge increase for public health purposes such as hospitals. He voted against the recommendation of the Roads Committee because he believed the road problem was less urgent than the problem of public health. If they had a greatly increased rate for public health they must reduce in other directions. He generally voted against increased road expenditure because he did not think they could afford it. With the aid of Government Grant they had effected a fair amount of road improvement and if they could get a bit more out of the Road Fund (which was growing year by year) the roads would be satisfactory enough for the time being.

Col. Quin said they could not put the lorry - which was the greatest friend the farmers had - off the roads. These were taxed up to their capacity to pay.

The Chairman said that the County Council were up against a situation in which, if further expenditure was not provided, a number of their third class roads would become impassable. The Committee's proposals would be only sufficient to keep the third class roads in ordinary repair.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Road Fund was in debt to the Exchequer to the extent of a million of money, portion of a larger sum borrowed some years ago for road improvement.

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

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. T. Redmond said that an extraordinary situation as regards their roads had arisen and the Council was prepared to do something if backed by the ratepayers. He (Mr. Redmond) considered in view of the representations of the Committee, the Council should adopt their recommendations. The facts as set out in the report of the Committee could not be challenged.

After further discussion, the resolution was put and passed.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The Secretary stated that a Pay Order for £849. 2. 4d on behalf of Enniscorthy Urban Council had just been handed in.

The position as regards the two other Urban Districts (New Ross and Wexford) was the same as at last meeting, Wexford owing a half year up to March last and New Ross a quarter on foot of ordinary demand and half year in respect of roads for same period.

Under date 7th September, 1937, letter was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation, stating that his Finance Committee had asked him to point out that owing to the death of the Poor Rate Collector the collection had to be suspended pending a new appointment. When this took place every effort would be made to bring the Demand up to date.

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In reply to query the Secretary said that the Poor Rate Collector referred to died on 27th April last.

Mr. Ronan asked if the Corporation could get an overdraft to pay the amount due. The Council would have to get an overdraft if they were short of the amount of rate due. Some effort should be made to get the money out of them.

Mr. Culleton said that before Mr. Corish left the meeting he asked him to refer to the matter and to state that the Corporation had some difficulty owing to the death of the Collector, and within the past few years he (Mr. Culleton) thought four Collectors died, which dislocated matters considerably. The Corporation had owed £10,000, but had reduced that amount considerably, and if they had the matter of the appointment of a Collector cleared up, they would make every effort to reduce the amount. They had done pretty well, and the position was due to circumstances over which they had no control. He thought they were making every effort to reduce the amount.

Mr. Ronan proposed that the Corporation be asked to provide an amount of overdraft sufficient to clear off the demand of County Council to 30th September.

Col. Quin seconded, and the proposition was passed.

WATER SUPPLY - MENTAL HOSPITAL

The following motion of which he had given previous notice, and which was circulated to County Councillors on 10th August, 1937, was moved by Mr. Kelly:-

"That a sum of £2,000 (Two Thousand Pounds) be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund or other approved source for the installation of Mental Hospital Water Supply."

At the suggestion of the Chairman the motion was amended to read "That a sum of £2,000 or such lesser sum

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as may be found adequate, be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund or other approved source for the installation of Mental Hospital Water Supply".

Mr. Kelly proposed the motion in these terms.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded, and the proposal was adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER GOREY COURTHOUSE AND POUNDKEEPER.

Two applications were submitted for the above appointment:-

Robert Valentine, son of the late caretaker of Gorey Courthouse, and

Thomas Dwyer, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey.

Mrs. Valentine, widow of the deceased caretaker, also submitted an application, but wrote under date 10th September 1937, withdrawing same.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the election of Robert Valentine.

Mr. Lawler proposed and Mr. Sweetman seconded the appointment of Thomas Dwyer.

The following is result of poll:-

For Dwyer: Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Lawler, Ml. Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman.
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For Valentine: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Quin. - 6.

Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, and Kelly did not vote.

Messrs. Corish, Gibbon and Kinsella were absent.

The Chairman declared Dwyer elected.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Sweetman:-

"That Thomas Dwyer, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, be elected Caretaker of Courthouse and Pound Keeper at Gorey, on the terms and conditions supplied to applicants in

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connection with the appointment, and also subject to the provisions of advertisement issued relative to same.

That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, prepare agreement of occupation of courthouse premises etc., to be executed by Mr. Dwyer."

The latter came before the meeting and expressed his thanks for his election. He said he would do all in his power to carry out his duties satisfactorily.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I wish to apply for the position as caretaker of the Gorey Courthouse and Pound Keeper. If elected to the position, I promise to carry out the duties attached to the best of my ability. I am a married man, age 36 years, with two children. Enclosing references required.

Trusting my application will be considered."

He was recommended by Rev. M. Murphy, P.P., Craanford and Dr. Eugene Connolly, Mayfield, Gorey.

REDEMPTION GROUND RENTS COUNTY HALL

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

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 6th August 1937 the sum of £4,151 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited for the purpose of redeeming the Ground Rent of the County Hall, Wexford, said sum to be repaid within 15 years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate varying subject to a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 2nd September 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637/35) that samples of butter for analysis had been taken by one of their officers at the following centres:-

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| Enniscorthy | 4 |
| Ferns | 3 |
| Gorey | 4 |

The samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for the County who certified they proved to be genuine.

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

"That Garda James Grimes (3604) Duncormack Garda Station, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector to Wexford County Council under Food and Drugs Acts for the Administrative County of Wexford, vice Garda Forde (7969) , Duncormack, transferred."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 10th September 1937, (Trg./45470) the following was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication with which you enclosed a list giving the names of the candidates to whom your Council desires to award scholarships under the above-mentioned Scheme. In reply, I am to convey the approval of the awards subject to all candidates complying with the requirements of Clause 3 and to the terms of the Scheme generally being observed."

SEALING MORTGAGE - OFFICE OF WORKS

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the

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repayment of the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Acts etc."

"That inasmuch as this County Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this County Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this County Council for the time being, countersigned by the Secretary of the County Council of Wexford. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and all such advances shall be lodged to the account of the Wexford County Council in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

LOAN FOR ROAD MACHINERY

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

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 21st July 1937, the sum of £2050 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited to defray expenditure on the purchase of road machinery said sum to be repaid within 7 years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate varying subject to a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan."

CARNE PIER IMPROVEMENT

The following letter from Office of Public Works, Dublin, under date 4th September, 1937, No. C.87101/1/37 to the County Surveyor was submitted:-

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"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to previous correspondence relative to the proposed improvement of Carne Pier, County Wexford and to state that he is advised that the fishery interests of the area would not warrant an expenditure of the order of your estimate of £1,755. I am to say, however, that if you consider a useful improvement could be effected within a maximum of £500, and if you will be good enough to submit a proposal on that basis, the question of a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote will be considered, having regard to the unemployment position in the district."

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

"That communication from Office of Public Works under date 4th September 1937 (C.87/107/1/37) be referred to Finance Committee for consideration."

ROAD ENNISCORTHY TO TAGHMON

Messrs. John Leacy, Kilgibbon; James Fortune, Sparrowsland and Owen Murphy, P.C., Ballymorris, attended as a deputation from Bree and Galbally Fianna Fail Cumann as to repair of road from Enniscorthy to Taghmon passing through Bree and Galbally.

Mr. Murphy, spokesman for the deputation, said the road is nearly impassable. It was used by about fifty motor and lorry owners in Enniscorthy and other places. He suggested that this road should be classified as a link road for the purpose of repairs. The amount of material allowed for the repair of the road would not fill the potholes much less keep the road in repair. If the road is not repaired it will be impossible for a motor car to travel on it next winter.

The County Surveyor said that the amount allowed by the County Council was only sufficient to fill the potholes.

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If the Council gave him more money he would be able to put it into decent order, as it was an important road.

Mr. McCarthy - Twelve months ago we had a memorial from motor owners in Enniscorthy about this road, and I and Mr. Kelly brought up the matter and a promise was made that attention would be given to it. I can bear out what the deputation says today. The road is in such a state that people will use any alternative route if they can get one.

Col. Gibbon asked the deputation if they were prepared to agree to an increase of 1/- in the £ in the rates to improve the third class roads, of which this was one.

Mr. T. Redmond - What is the feeling of the rate-payers about the cost of improving the roads - will they be satisfied to have a slight increase in the rates for road improvement?

Chairman - It is more than a slight increase.

Mr. T. Redmond - I am not mentioning any figure, but it is not as much as has been mentioned here.

Mr. Bowe said the Bree road was undoubtedly bad.

The Chairman said that the Council admitted the importance of the Bree road and would do their best they could to have it put into decent repair.

Mr. Lawler remarked that the only thing to do was to raise a loan for this road.

Col. Quin - Everyone wants repairs for their own road. We have over £1,000,000 in loans to pay interest on, and that is a bit thick.

Mr. Keegan said the Council would remember the Bree road was an exceptional case and they should ask the County Surveyor to deal with it.

The suggestion was adopted.

The deputation thanked the members and withdrew.

BALLYGALVERT LANE

The following, which was signed by Rev. M. Rossiter, C.C., Dr. Kissane, and 14 ratepayers, relative to repair of Ballygalvert Lane was read and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration with report of County Surveyor:-

"We, the undersigned, respectfully request the County Council to cut the corners and widen the narrowest points of the lane known as "Ballygalvert Lane" which is about 1½ miles long leading from Donard to Templeudigan. There is a great amount of motor traffic on this lane, and within the last three years four serious accidents occurred at the blind corners. There are six large-sized farms adjoining the land and the adjoining farmers will have no objection to the fences being put back. The lane is a link between the main roads at Donard and Templeudigan. Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor, will be able to verify these statements."

ROSSLARE STRAND ROAD, ROSSLARE

Under date 3rd September 1937, the following was read from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am instructed by the above Cumann to respectfully ask you to bring the following matters before the next meeting of your Council.

When sewerage connections were being made, the concrete road through Rosslare was broken at several points, and in many cases, the holes made therein were not filled. When the wind blows the sand is driven out of these holes which are 4 or 5 inches deep in some places. Motorists and other vehicles have to go to the wrong side of the road when passing to avoid breaking springs, and cyclists are in danger of being thrown from their machines.

In a place like Rosslare where the traffic is so heavy, these holes are highly dangerous and the Cumann requests the County Council to see that the road is put into proper repair immediately.

The Cumann also requests the County Council to see that the dangerous practice which has arisen of late, of dumping building material on the roadside and the leaving of mixed concrete on the road itself, does not occur again. The Cumann submits that the public road is not the place for such operations which nearly resulted in serious consequences this Summer.

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The Cumann also wishes to point out that the electric lamp erected at the entrance to the railway station prevents cyclists and pedestrians on the railway bridge approaching Rosslare having a clear view of the road, especially when meeting motor traffic. Several complaints have been received about people being dazzled owing to the position of this lamp.

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

Referred to the Finance Committee for consideration in conjunction with report of County Surveyor.

INJURY TO WORKMAN - AGREEMENT FOR COMPENSATION

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to agreement between said Council and Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, 34 Dame Street, Dublin, providing for compensation of £85 with £7. 7. 0 costs and £5. 5. 0d medical expenses in the case of Michael Jefford, 46 Bewley Street, New Ross, for injury to his hand."

FOOTPATH NEAR WEXFORD CEMETERY

Mr. Kinsella complained of the footpath adjacent to the cemetery at Crosstown, Wexford. Rocks were coming up through it.

The County Surveyor said he would examine this footpath, but believed it was not so bad as stated.

FOOTPATH - ROAD ENNISCORTHY-FERNS

Mr. Ronan complained of the footpath on above road, outside Enniscorthy. It was fairly decent before it was done, but it was now hopeless, and people were declining to walk on it. It was too high on the inside.

The County Surveyor stated that owing to the tremendous amount of fast traffic on this road the footpath had been improved for public safety.

Mr. Ronan said it was unsatisfactory in its present state.

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The County Surveyor said he would examine this footpath again in view of Mr. Ronan's complaint.

FOOTPATH - FERNS

Mr. Connors said the footpath in Ferns from village down to the station was in a bad state, and people were obliged to walk on the road which was subject to very heavy traffic.

Mr. Ronan agreed with this.

It was decided that the County Surveyor examine the footpath and report.

ROADS AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY

Letter from Robert Spencer, Ballymoney, Gorey, under date 9th September 1937, called attention to the roads leading from Gorey to Ballymoney, via Ballycomclone and Kilmurray linking up with the trunk road, Gorey to Arklow.

Referred to Finance Committee for consideration and report.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

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

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Michael R. Moran, Castle Street, Enniscorthy, and to Laurence Doyle, Ferns, reports having been received from Garda Síochána that they had no objection to same.

That renewals under this Act be issued to Peter Healy 82 North Main Street, Wexford and W. J. Haughton, Ferns."

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONERS

The following resolution was received from Dublin County Council:-

"That, as the Appointments Commissioners have not the confidence of the people or the Local Authorities in Éire, this Council requests their immediate abolition, and further

that an expression of an opinion be sought from the various Local Authorities with a view to having the Commissioners abolished."

The following was received from Sligo County Council:-

"That having had experience of the recommendations of the Appointments Commissioners to positions in this County and others, since their inception, we hereby express our utter want of confidence in the selections generally made and ask for their abolition and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each County Council in An Saorstat."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Ronan, seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond and adopted:-

"That no action be taken as regards resolutions from Dublin and Sligo County Councils recommending the abolition of Appointments Commission."

PIG FAIRS ETC.

Under date 31st August, 1937, the Pigs Marketing Board wrote P.C.56/37 that it was found that printed lists of Pig Fairs to be held in various centres in the County were anything but reliable, and if the Council could furnish information as to the pig fairs to be held in the County in each month, giving the town, date of Fair, estimated number of pigs to be on sale and number of pigs sold at fair held about same date in 1936, the Board would advise curers of the information, and a market at fixed prices for pigs would be available for producers.

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

"That we recommend the Pigs Marketing Board to approach the Department of Agriculture which might be able to arrange that Market reporters (generally Instructors in Agriculture) would supply the necessary information relative to Pig Fairs. It is understood these reporters send all information to the Department of Industry & Commerce."

OLD AGE PENSIONERS

Resolution was received from the Limerick City Council calling on the President of the Executive Council to introduce legislation whereby Old Age Pensioners in the Free State who are in receipt of small allowances from their Trade Unions or from former employers shall be entitled to the full 10/- per week Old Age Pension without any deduction.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

"CUTS" IN PAY OF GARDA SIOCHANA

The following motion of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr. Corish:-

"That the Government be requested to restore the "cuts" in the pay of Garda Siochana."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish pointed out that the Garda Siochana since 1924 had suffered a cut of 17 per cent while the boot allowance, given in Northern Ireland and Great Britain had been abolished. Their cycling allowance was £2. 10. 0 as compared with £12. 10. 0 for Northern Ireland and Great Britain. In 1924 an assurance had been given to the Guards that the "cuts" would be restored, as happened with other officials, but so far, this promise had not been carried out. Mr. Corish also referred to the fact that the cuts would interfere with the amount of the pensions.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

Col. Quin, while expressing every sympathy with the Gardai, considered that the proposal should not be considered as it had nothing to do with the business of the Council.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that while other people could form an organisation to press their claims the Gardai could not do so, and had to rely on public boards in helping their demands which he thought was reasonable.

Col. Gibbon supported the motion. The Gardai were doing good work and the cost of living had gone up very considerably.

Mr. Culleton held it was quite right for the public bodies to back up the Gardai in their demands.

Col. Quin pointed out that if they started on this, other people whose salaries or status might be interfered with, would expect the help of the Council for their reinstatement.

Mr. Ronan said he would like to see the Gardai well paid and to have them a contented force. They were a necessity in the country and were doing their duty fairly well. The Government should examine the question and decide whether it was possible to increase their present salaries. He then proposed as an amendment:-

"That this County Council ask the Government to examine the question of "cuts" in salaries of members of the Garda Siochana."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. T. Redmond said he had the greatest sympathy for the Gardai in this matter, and would like to see them well paid, as they were a splendid force and doing their duty excellently, but as far as he was personally concerned, he was not acquainted with the position and he was unaware of how much a Garda or Sergeant was paid. He didn't even know what the "cuts" were ~~for~~ and didn't know why they were brought about. What Government was responsible? Before deciding on anything, he considered the motion of Mr. Corish should be adjourned for the present and let the

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Council know exactly what the position is, what the Gardai are paid at present and what they received when the force was organised, when the "cuts" were made and why; also, why there was no objection advanced about these "cuts" up to the present.

Mr. Sweetman said they should look at this question from the point of view of what the Gardai Siochana were costing the country. As regards the figures which had been quoted that the members of the Gardai were receiving less than the plice in England, it would be interesting to find out the number of police in England per head of population and the same information for An Saorstat, also what the increase was going to cost the country per head. To a casual observer it appeared there were too many of the Gardai and it was hard luck on them if they had to be underpaid on account of the economic point of view. When considering the matter they might recommend not only better salaries but fewer Guards.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council had no responsibility in the matter. While he would like to see the Gardai contented and well paid, he objected strongly to the making of comparisons with other countries. This, he believed, to be bad nationally, and might lead to having a move for another Act of Union. There were far more police per head in Ireland than in England. This was purely and solely a matter for the Government. He agreed that the Government should be asked to investigate the question as to whether the Gardai were adequately paid and considered that was a reasonable motion for the Council to pass.

Mr. Sweetman said it was scarcely fair to say they had not the figures because a good many of the Councillors had. Personally, he had seen and read them all.

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Mr. Corish pointed out that as regards the County Council interfering in this matter the Gardai by reason of their position were not allowed to become members of any organisation. They had, therefore, no organised body to champion their cause. It was on the report of the Queensborough Commission that the pay of the Gardai was based, and all they were asked to do was to support the proposal that this basis should be restored. As regards the number of Police in England and Ireland, the duties of the police in England were entirely different. They had nothing to do but to administer the laws and were controlled by the Minister for Home Affairs. In Ireland the Gardai had something to do with almost every Act of Parliament passed in recent years. In fact, their duties had increased one hundredfold since their establishment. As far as he could see the difference between the salaries here and in England was about 12/- per week. In regard to the cycling allowance a cycle was necessary for every Garda, but there was a difference of £10 per annum in favour of England, while the boot allowance for the Gardai had disappeared completely. The Resolution he proposed had been adopted by other County Councils in the Saorstát and he suggested Wexford should fall into line with them.

Mr. Redmond said he was prepared to move an amendment that the matter be adjourned until the County Council had full information regarding the "cuts" and some information as to why they were not restored.

Mr. Ronan stated as he had not been allowed to reply to what Mr. Corish said, he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. Keegan then proposed:- "That the Government be requested to examine the question as to the salaries of the Gardai Siochana and the "cuts" which had been effected in them."

The Chairman seconded.

The amendment was then put with the following result:

For: Messrs. Keegan, Lawlor, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Sweetman and the Chairman. - 6.

Against: Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Day, Gibbon, Kelly, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Bryne and Quin. - 13.

Mr. Ronan did not vote.

Mr. Corish's motion was then put and passed.

Col. Quin said he dissented on the ground that the County Council were not concerned in the matter.

R. Connors TD