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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING, 12th SEPTEMBER, 1938

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th September 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman (presiding). Also Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs. Birthistle, Cullen, Ennis and O'Neill.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £1543. 12. 6d and for £31. 10. 0 (payment Enniscorthy Technical School) were examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 19th AUGUST 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th August, 1938.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7009. 0. 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following, showing the percentage of Rate collected to date, was submitted:-

1.	S. Gannon	8.0
2.	J. Deegan	6.5
3.	D. Kenny	6.5
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	6.3
5.	P. Doyle	5.8
6.	W. Cummins	5.7
7.	J. Quirke	5.5
8.	W. Doyle	4.8
9.	A. Dunne	4.8
10.	J. Cummins	4.2
11.	P. Nolan	3.9
12.	J. J. Sinnott	3.9
13.	J. Flood	3.6
14.	E. J. Murphy	3.5
15.	M. McCarthy	3.4
16.	J. Curtis	3.1
17.	P. Carty	2.3
18.	M. Kehoe	1.7 (ill).

Average 4.8.

The Secretary said that Rate Collectors had been directed by Rate Inspector to have all new arrears lodged by 31st August 1938, and were being notified that as well as collecting arrears they must lodge first moiety of current Rate during the first moiety period.

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ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 17th August 1938, Collector Maurice Kehoe (District No. 16) wrote that he would cease work for a fortnight as he was obliged to undergo an operation for hernia. He had handed his books to Collector J. Curtis (District No. 17) who was satisfied to take charge of the collection.

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

"That the necessary leave of absence (owing to illness) be granted Rate Collector Maurice Kehoe and that, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and of the Sureties of Messrs. Kehoe and Curtis, the latter be appointed substitute for Mr. Kehoe during his absence from duty."

RATES PAID TO AUCTIONEER: Letters under date 26th July, 27th July and 8th August, 1938, from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, as to payment of Rates by Michael Culleton, Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, and Agnes Murphy, Galbally, Crossabeg, were submitted. It appeared that the ratepayers in question employed Mr. Michael Kehoe, Auctioneer, Wexford, to set the grass of their holdings, and rent and rates were to be paid out of the first moiety of the letting money. The persons who had taken the lettings were afraid that as Mr. Kehoe had become bankrupt and had not accounted for the money he received for Rent and Rates, their stock might be seized.

The following is an extract from letter of Messrs. O'Connor & Co., under date 8th August 1938:-

"We are trying to come to some arrangement whereby the second moiety of the letting money would be paid pro rata to the County Council and the Land Commission. If we can come to terms then there will be no trouble in collecting

the second moiety from the persons who have taken the grass. If they cannot have the use of the lands it will be very difficult to come to an arrangement about the second moiety and then you will get nothing."

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

"That the matter of payment of Rates on the holdings of Michael Culleton, Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, and Agnes Murphy, Galbally, Crossabeg, be left in the hands of the Rate Collector concerned to act as instructed by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor."

GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND PAYMENT OF RATES: The following, under date 4th August 1938, was read from Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"A demand for Rates in respect of the year 1938/39 on my Commissioners' new houses was before their meeting held on the 2nd instant, and I am directed to inform your Council of their decision that no Rates be paid on these houses pending the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation on the appeal which has been made against these valuations."

The Secretary stated that he wrote the following letter to the Town Clerk, Gorey, under date 11th August, 1938:-

"Please refer me to the Statutory Authority under which your Commissioners claim to act in refusing to pay poor rates as assessed for 1938/39 until appeal against the Valuations has been decided."

Under date 13th August 1938, the County Solicitor, whose advice in the matter was sought, wrote that the County Council had no power to allow the Gorey Town Commissioners to withhold the payment of Poor Rates pending the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation on the values which have been placed on the houses in question.

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

"That Rate Collector Dunne be directed to furnish list of Gorey Town Commissioners' new houses which have been completed and that said list be compared with relevant Valuations.

That the County Secretary, after interview with County Solicitor, report to Finance Committee the exact position as to payment of Rates on these houses."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHEME: Under date 12th August, 1938, the Department of Education forwarded (Trg.2/48583) statement showing results of recent examination for Scholarships and which set out in order of merit on the basis of Sections 8 and 9 of approved Scheme

- (1) The candidates who had passed the examination.
- (2) Those who failed, and
- (3) Those who were absent.

Under date 18th August 1938 (011.2/48582) the Department of Education wrote that as regards Clause I, paragraph 2 of the 1938 Scheme, which reserved a scholarship for Boys and a Scholarship for Girls attending Schools at which the average attendance for the year previous to examination was less than 80, or in which the staff normally engaged during the year comprises not more than two teachers, a greater average attendance than 79 notwithstanding, Kieran C.

O'Regan of Duncannon N.S., average attendance 54 and Annie Kennedy of Chapel Convent N.S.(Kilmore), average attendance 57.6, were eligible for Scholarships on verification of the fact that their place of residence is two miles from an approved Secondary School.

The Secretary stated that K. O'Regan was 12 miles from a Secondary School and Annie Kennedy, about the same distance.

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

"That, in accordance with Results of Examination furnished by the Department of Education for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships and Bursaries, and of letter from this Department under date 18th August 1938 (O11.2/48582) the County Council be recommended to make the following awards:-

SCHOLARSHIPS: Boys:

- (1) Kieran C. O'Regan, Duncannon.
- (2) Laurence J. Doyle, Corlican, Killurin.
- (3) Patrick Sinnott, Drinagh, Wexford.

Girls:

- (1) Angela M. McCormack, Drimma, Rosslare Strand.
- (2) Margaret M. Doyle, Drimma, do.
- (3) Annie Kennedy, Kilmore Quay.

BURSARIES:

Michael McCarthy, 1 Upper King Street, Wexford.
Patrick J. McGarrigle, 19 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.
Felix J. Murphy, 12 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
James J. Breen, 25 North Main Street, Wexford.
James P. Hendrick, 7 Duffry Street, Enniscorthy, and
Patrick J. Brennan, 3 Pearse Street, Gorey.

It was decided that any student who avails of Scholarship in a day Secondary School is to be awarded a £30 Scholarship only.

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

"That, in view of satisfactory reports of Principals of Schools renewals of Scholarships be recommended to the following for school year 1938-39:-

<u>Name of Pupil</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year Awarded.</u>
1. O'Neill Mary A.	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	1935

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<u>Name of Pupil.</u>	<u>School.</u>	<u>Year Awarded.</u>
3. Carroll, Mary A.	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	1935.
4. Carty, Elizabeth	" " "	"
5. Jordan, Laurence	St. Peter's College, "	"
6. O'Leary, John K.	" " "	"
7. O'Brien, John A.	" " "	1936
8. Doyle, William F.	" " "	"
9. Devereux, Elizabeth	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	"
10. Foley, Annie	" " "	"
11. Lawless, Peter	C.B.S., Gorey.	"
12. O'Brien, Maire	Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan.	"
13. Ronan, Elizabeth	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	1937
14. O'Neill, John J.	St. Peter's College, "	"
15. Power, Mary Bridget	St. Louis Convent, Carrickmacross.	"
16. O'Regan, Patrick J.	C.B.S., Wexford.	"
17. Devereux, Mary Ellen	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	"
18. O'Donnell, Donal	Good Counsel College, New Ross.	"

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

"That, in view of the satisfactory reports of Principals of Schools we recommend the award of bursaries of £15 in each case for school year 1938-39 to the following students:-

<u>Name of Pupil.</u>	<u>School.</u>	<u>Year Awarded.</u>
1. Donovan, Margaret	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	1935
2. Breen, John	C.B.S., Gorey.	"
3. Carty, Edward	St. Cairan's College, Bray	"
4. Leeson, James A.	C.B.S., Wexford.	"
5. Treacy, Matthew	C.B.S., Enniscorthy.	"
6. McConville, Richard	" "	"
7. Jordan, Samuel	" "	1936
8. Cullen, Thomas P.	Blackrock College, Dublin.	"
9. Rutledge, Edward	St. Peter's College, Wexford.	"
10. Tracey, Maurice	C.B.S., Enniscorthy.	"
11. O'Hanlon, Michael A.	" "	"

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<u>Name of Pupil</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year Awarded</u>
12. O'Leary, Timothy J.	C.B.S., Wexford.	1936
13. Doran, Anna	Loreto Convent, Gorey.	1937
14. Lennon, Michael M.	St. Peter's College, Wexford.	"
15. McCrudden, Laurence	C.B.S., Wexford.	"
16. Ryan, William F.	" "	"
17. McDonald, Peter	" "	"
18. Donovan, Annie	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	"

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with Agricultural Scholarship of William G. Lambert, the following letter under date 17th August 1938, was read from his mother, Mrs. E. M. Lambert:-

"I am writing on behalf of Gerard, who is away from home at present. The delay was caused by waiting for the enclosed evidence of his practical work on the land, ordered by the Council. Professor Drew's letter has not yet come to hand as I understand this is a very busy period with him.

Acting on Professor Drew's advice, he worked on a local farm and under Mr. M.T. Connolly's supervision (see letter) for the first half of the session. He then attended the "Albert Model Farm" where he remained until June 20th.

Concentrating on the practical side, which is the most important, he had not sufficient time to work up the subjects of his 1st year, but intends doing them next session. He was most successful in his 2nd year's course and now has his practical done.

Will you kindly co-operate with me in putting this before the Finance Committee and ask that the Scholarship be continued.

It was no easy matter for me last year to pay all his expenses, as I myself had an operation in Dublin last January."

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Under date 16th August 1938, Mr. Richard Davis, Airdowns, Broadway, wrote that Mr. Lambert had been attending his farm and had helped with the production of beet, tobacco, and corn crops for the period 1937-38, and gave assistance to Mr. Connolly, Instructor in Agriculture, on the occasion of his visits in connection with experimental work.

Under date 11th August 1938, Mr. Connolly, Instructor, wrote that Mr. Lambert was present with him in the laying down of certain field experiments during the season 1937-38 and had afterwards displayed an interest in the progress of these experiments.

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

"That Professor Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University College, Dublin, be requested to inform the County Council if he would be prepared to recommend a continuance of University Scholarship to Mr. William G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway."

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The following was submitted as to indebtedness of Urban Councils on foot of County Council Demands:

Year ended 31st March 1938:

<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Demand	£3396.	4.	8d.	
	Paid	£974.	4.	4d.	
	Due	£2422.	0.	4d.	(71%).
<u>New Ross:</u>	Demand	£3418.	6.	6d.	All paid.
<u>Wexford:</u>	Demand	£6876.	9.	5d.	
	Paid	£4240.	0.	0d.	
	Due	£2636.	9.	5d.	(38%).

Year ended 31st March 1939. Amounts due to 30th June 1938:

<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Demand	£950.	14.	1d.
<u>New Ross:</u>	Demand	£910.	1.	3d.
<u>Wexford:</u>	Demand	£1946.	8.	3d.

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No payment had been made on foot of the foregoing amounts.

Mr. Corish said the Collector for Wexford Corporation was in hospital for several weeks suffering from double pneumonia, but had now recovered and would be effective immediately.

Mr. McCarthy said the Rate Collector of Enniscorthy Urban was under suspension and the Collection was held up pending the final decision of the Minister. He (Mr. McCarthy) believed as soon as the position was clarified, the Minister would consent to overdraft or loan which would admit of the Urban Council wiping out their indebtedness to the Council for last Year's demand.

The meeting noted the position.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ANDREW BROWNE, CLONAMONA, CRAANFORD: wrote under date 16th August 1938 that in his application for loan of £100 under above Acts he only gave 8/- weekly as his income. This, however, represented wages only, as last year he received in addition £25 for corn, £16. 10. 0 for a horse, £23 for cattle and £7 for potatoes, making a total of £71. 10. 0d.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree (subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) to advance loan of £100 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Andrew Browne, Clonamona, Craanford, Gorey."

NICHOLAS HAYES, NINEACRE, BROADWAY, wrote under date 10th August 1938 asking for a "supplement" to loan of £100. As all building materials had advanced in price he was not in a position to meet all the bills for the building, and if possible he asked the Council to grant him a little more.

It was stated that this house had been completed for

some time and that the applicant had received the amount of loan applied for.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hayes that the Finance Committee did not feel in a position to recommend the advance of a small supplemental loan which would entail cost of preparation of second mortgage, stamps, etc.

PREPARATION OF ROAD MATERIAL

The following, under date 13th August, 1938, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As directed, I have looked into the powers of the County Council to give Workers employed at stonebreaking by hand in the Council's Quarries a preference of 1/- per cubic yard as against the breaking of stones by machinery.

I have gone carefully through the various Local Government Acts, and cannot find any Section in those Acts, nor, in the different Orders made under them, directly bearing on the question.

When dealing with Contracts for Road Maintenance however, it is laid down in paragraph 18(4) of the Procedure of Councils Order of the 30th January 1899, that the Council may accept the lowest or any other Tender. However, as a matter of fact, I believe it has been the practice to accept the lowest Tender in all cases except under exceptional circumstances.

It has to be borne in mind however, that the County Council have only a certain sum of money allotted for each Section of Road, and if the cost of breaking the material by hand for the repairs of that Section is unduly increased over and above the cost at which such material could be prepared by Machinery there will naturally be less material available for the same money for the repairs, and consequently, the stretch of Road would rapidly deteriorate.

This being so, and having regard to the Provisions of Sec. 61(2) which enacts, "That where a proposal is made at a meeting of a Local Authority to do any Act in consequence of which an illegal payment is to be made out of the Funds of the Local Authority or a deficiency is likely to result to such Funds, it shall be the duty of the responsible Officer of the Local Authority to make objection to such payment and to state the grounds of such objection" I am of opinion, and in view of what I have stated above, it would not be legal for the Council to increase the amount which is at present paid to Quarry Workers breaking stones, over the amount which the same work would cost if the work was done by machinery, the present preference in favour of hand breaking being 2d to 3d per cubic yard, and the Secretary of the Council who is the responsible Officer should so inform the Council."

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

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"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and also the Office of Public Works and ascertain if, in the case of road repairs carried out under Employment Grants, Relief or other State Grants, the Council can have material prepared by hand, and if there be any provision or regulation governing wages to workers in this regard, or any comparison to be made between such wages and the amounts paid for preparing material by machine."

WAGES OF ENGINE ATTENDANTS

Mr. Liam Moran, Church Street, Enniscorthy, Secretary Enniscorthy Branch of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, wrote as follows under date 5th August 1938:-

"Owing to the high cost of living, the nature of the work done, the hours worked and the fact that these men are most times away from home, I would ask that all engine attendants wages be increased from 36/- to 50/- per week."

The County Surveyor said there were 15 or 16 men concerned. He would have no objection to these men securing an increase of wages but, in his opinion, they had as good, probably even a better time than men working in a quarry. He believed the application should be considered with a general revision of wages and which Mr. Colfer had given notice to raise at the meeting at which Road Works Scheme for next year would be considered.

Mr. Colfer said these men had to work longer hours than ordinary workers.

The County Surveyor said that the men had to "get up steam" in the mornings but they were "off work" in the middle of the day.

Mr. Corish said engine attendants worked from six o'clock in the morning until seven in the evening, but the real point of the application was that as they were so often away from home they had to keep two houses going.

The County Surveyor said that it would be advisable to adjourn the application until the question of a general increase in wages be dealt with.

The Chairman proposed that the application be adjourned until the meeting of the County Council to consider Road Works Scheme, at which Mr. Colfer was raising the question of an all-round increase in the wages of County Council road employees.

Mr. Murphy seconded.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following:-

"That the wages of Engine Attendants of Wexford County Council be increased (subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health) from 36/- to 40/- per week."

On a show of hands, two voted for this proposal and six for the Chairman's motion which was declared carried.

CARNE PIER IMPROVEMENT

The following under date 16th August 1938 (S.W.1/22/2) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of the 28th ultimo relative to the proposed improvement of Carne Pier, Co. Wexford, and to state that he has again considered this matter. I am to inform you that this Department is concerned primarily with the relief of unemployment and that it is our duty to select for each locality the most suitable employment scheme which is submitted. The amount of the grant from the Employment Schemes Vote for a particular scheme is governed by the proportionate number of recipients of unemployment assistance registered in the area at the time.

In the circumstances, I am to say that the Parliamentary Secretary is not prepared to recommend the grant of

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33¹/₃% of the cost of the proposal, estimated at £650, unless the work can be done in the winter months, when the Unemployment Assistance position in the area would justify the expenditure of moneys from the Employment Schemes Vote."

The Chairman said they could inform the Office of Public Works that as far as possible the County Council would carry out the work in the winter.

The County Surveyor said he was perfectly prepared to carry out the work in the winter, but it was probable it would be held up or damaged by storms. If it was washed away or injured he did not think the responsibility for its non-success should be placed on his shoulders.

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

"That, in regard to proposed improvements at Carne Pier the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council feel that as they are providing two-thirds of the money they should be guided by the advice of their County Surveyor as to the most suitable period of the year in which to carry out the work. That the County Surveyor point out to the Office of Public Works that as the Wexford coast at Carne is ravaged each winter by violent storms the work, if carried out in the Winter months might be destroyed in one night."

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS

Under date 16th August, 1938, (T.I.F./3128) letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade and Industries Branch, 51 Dawson Street, Dublin) that at the Machinery Yard of the County Council at Abbey Quay, Ennis-corthy, the following required to be affixed:-

Form F.I Abstract 1937 and Electricity Regulations
Form F.I.954.

Referred to County Surveyor.

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WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following under date 2nd August 1938 was read from
Mr. A. Delap (Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers,
16, Molesworth Street, Dublin):-

"In June we put before you a scheme for strengthening Wexford Bridge, by the addition of steel work that would cost about £6,000, this sum including £1,600 for sundry repairs.

It has been suggested that the method then proposed would cost more than the condition of the bridge would justify and that a cheaper method that would still carry the desired load for a limited time might be found.

I have been looking into this, and find that it would be possible to lighten the dead load on the bridge by removing the cast iron floor plates and the road material over them, and substituting a deck of scotch fir 4" thick on the roadway and 3" on the footpaths. This deck would permit the use of 5-ton loads on the bridge and would materially lighten the dead load it now carries.

It would still be necessary to make good any parts of the bridge that were seriously defective and this would apply particularly to the tie rods.

I have not been able so far to get a firm price for the scotch fir but expect it will be between 4/- and 5/- per cubic foot.

With 20% added for erection and fastening, the cost would be --

@ 4/- per c.f. ...	£3,600	} Average £4,050.
@ 5/- per c. f. ...	£4,500	

We anticipate that it may be necessary to renew 20% of the tie bars of the main beams -

This would cost £300.

The cost of removing the existing road surface, road material and C.I. plates may be ignored, as the road material may all be used on other road works and the C.I. plates disposed of at a profit.

The cost of the temporary restoration of the bridge on these lines may be estimated as follows:-

Timber work erected ...	£4,050
Sundry repairs ...	300
Total ...	£4,350

Say ... £4,500.

From this it appears that the cost of the timber deck will not be very much below the cost of the steel work as per my letter of 22nd June, but there are two points to be taken into consideration - one is, that the timber deck will be all of homegrown timber and no money will go out of the country; the other is, that instead of adding very seriously

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to the weight carried by the very doubtful timberwork below the deck level, the load on this part of the work will be very substantially lightened.

If you think this proposal is worth considering, I shall be very glad to go further into details on my return from leave in about three weeks' time."

The County Surveyor said that one objection to the first proposal to repair in steel was it would put 18 tons extra "dead load" on the bridge while the present proposal instead of putting on extra weight would lessen the weight. If they could be sure of what was under water, steel would make the best job. There were 360 piles in all in the structure. They knew that on the far side of the bridge there were seven or eight split piles and, of course, no guarantee could be given as to what might be discovered as regards the soundness of piles or what might happen when the repairs were being carried out.

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

"That the County Surveyor arrange an appointment with Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Road Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, for the purpose of considering the proposal set out in letter of Mr. A. Delap (Delap and Waller) under date 2nd August to the County Surveyor.

And that the County Surveyor report the result of his interview to the Finance Committee."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

Mr. Keegan said that Robert Valentine, who occupied the caretaker's premises in Gorey Courthouse, had on the application of his Solicitors, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, been given up to 31st July to vacate the premises. This promise had not been carried out: as a matter of fact, he (Mr. Keegan) had been informed at last meeting of the Council that Valentine had been granted an extension up to 1st September by the District Justice. The Council should

realise the position and that they were paying 7/6d to their permanent caretaker in lieu of these premises.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had had the electric light to the caretaker's premises cut off and the meeting approved.

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

"That the County Solicitor communicate with Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, and point out that it was on the strength of the statement in their letter of 10th June 1938 that Mr. Valentine would get possession of a house by the end of July the Council agreed to allow him to remain for the period to that date. The County Council now find that Mr. Valentine has been granted an extension of occupation to 1st September next. The Council are obliged to pay the present caretaker 7/6d per week owing to the fact that they have not been able to secure possession of the premises occupied by Robert Valentine."

CONTINGENCY FUND - COUNTY

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

"That £25 be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund for Section 4 (Bridge at Kiltennel) and £35 from same fund Section 15 (Damage at Donamore)."

STEAM ROLLING - BUNCLODY SQUARE

The following, under date 13th August 1938, was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody:-

"My Committee have directed me to inform the Council that Mr. Hall Dare has the necessary road metalling prepared and on the spot for the work of having the square tar-macadamed. They hope that while the present summer weather lasts

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material required for the carrying out of the work as they have already signified their readiness to do."

The County Surveyor said he would carry out the work as soon as possible.

ROAD BALLYCULLANE TO POULFUR

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

"That the County Surveyor make representations to the Irish Tourist Association with a view to securing a State Grant for repair of road from Ballycullane to Poulfur."

ROAD FROM WINDMILLS HILL, WEXFORD TO SPORTS GROUND

Mr. Corish said that the Urban Council had steam-rolled the section of this road within Wexford Borough Boundary and perhaps a bit extra and he considered, in view of the large amount of traffic carried by this road, particularly on days of Gaelic Games and other sports, the County Council might deal with the balance.

The County Surveyor said he had no money to meet Mr. Corish's request. All he could do for the present year was to fill the potholes.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT ST. LEONARD'S CROSS, BALLYCULLANE

Mr. Colfer urged that some easement should be carried out at this corner. He understood the County Surveyor to say he would be able to repair these corners by "draws" from Contingency Fund.

The County Surveyor said that where money could be saved on maintenance he would try and deal with corners, but this could not be a general rule. The amount in Contingency Funds was very small and he could not agree that it should be utilised for easement of corners. There were many corners equally as dangerous as that at St. Leonard's, and members should not forget that at last Roads Scheme meeting it was decided to cut out all money for corners.

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If members wanted corners eased it was necessary that the money for the work should be provided.

UNEMPLOYED EX-SERVICE MEN

"No order" was made on the following resolution received from Cork Corporation:-

"That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to consider the cases of all Ex-Service men presently unemployed, but in receipt of small pensions with a view to securing for them equal rights in the matter of employment on relief schemes with those in receipt of Unemployment Assistance."

REMAINS OF SIR ROGER CASEMENT

The following resolution (submitted from Kilkenny Corporation) was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we, the Members of the Kilkenny Corporation, request that the Public Bodies of Ireland will co-operate in endeavouring to bring every possible pressure to bear on the British Government to surrender the Remains of the late Sir Roger Casement, so that they may be re-interred in accordance with his dying wish, in Glasnevin Cemetery."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER

At the last meeting of the County Council Mr. Michael Redmond raised the question of compensation to Miss Murphy, Old Court, Adamstown, in respect of two animals which were grazing at Killurin and which it was reported, died as a result of Warble Fly dressing.

The meeting decided to ask the Department of Agriculture and local Veterinary Inspector of the Council for a statement of the result of their investigations in the case.

Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Local Veterinary Inspector, wrote as follows under date 18th August 1938:-

These two animals were found dead on May 12th 1938. I saw them on Saturday, May 14th 1938 following a report from "Garda", Killurin, on that day.

On P.M. found a considerable quantity of berries in oesophagus (swallow) and stomach. These on examination proved to be Ivy seeds and, in my opinion, were the cause of the animals' death."

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided that copy of communication from Mr. Staples be furnished Mr. Michael Redmond, County Councillor.

The Assistant Secretary applied for £20, the same remuneration as last year, for work in connection with Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, and the application was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th August 1938 be received and considered".

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: The Secretary reported that Mr. Kehoe had returned to duty.

GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND PAYMENT OF RATES: The Secretary stated that Collector Dunne had not yet furnished list of Gorey Town Commissioners' houses as requested by the Finance Committee. When this was received Finance Committee would resume consideration of the action of the Gorey Town Commissioners.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with Agricultural Scholarship held by W. G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, the Secretary reported that Professor Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, had not yet replied to the resolution of the Finance Committee asking if he would be prepared to recommend continuance of University Scholarship in this case.

In connection with the award of University Scholarships for 1938/39, the following report was read from Dr. Denis J. Coffey, President University College, Dublin:-

"A good competition of 28 candidates, of whom all but five had Honours Leaving Certificates. The average of the answering is good as 18 candidates received from 1100 marks upwards of whom the 13 highest would qualify as eligible Scholarship Candidates. Of the latter the first ten are from 1296 marks upwards. The highrst candidate is of exceptional quality receiving so high a total as 2227 marks. The first, second, third, and fourth, in order of merit are recommended for Scholarships as follows:-

	<u>Marks.</u>
1. Corish Patrick J., Ballycullane.	2227
2. Anglim James H., St. Anne's, Duncannon.	1526
3. Browne Thomas P., Rock's Lane, Wexford.	1466
4. Crean Una Maire, Riverchapel.	1421

and in the case of vacancies, the following in order of merit, viz.:-

5. Butler Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn	1399 $\frac{2}{3}$
6. O'Rourke Laurence, Newbawn.	1375 $\frac{2}{3}$
7. Kinsella James J., The Square, Bunclody.	1333
8. Roche Katherine, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown.	1307

The remaining candidates in order of merit are seen on table.

I congratulate the County Council on a good series of candidates."

The Secretary stated that the following complete results of the Examination under University Scholarship Scheme had been furnished to County Councilors:-

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

The following is result of examination for above Scheme as furnished by President, University College, Dublin.

(The names of the candidates appear in order of merit).

Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are recommended for Scholarships, subject to the provisions of the Scheme.

1. Corish, Patrick J., Ballycullane. (Science) (2227 Marks).
2. Anglim, James N., "St. Anne's", Duncannon, Co. Wexford.
(Agriculture). (1526).
3. Browne, Thomas P., Rock's Lane, Wexford. (Arts or Science).
(1466).
4. Creane, Una Maire, Riverchapel. (Arts). (1421).
5. Butler Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn. (Classical). (1399 $\frac{2}{3}$).
6. O'Rourke, Laurence, Newbawn. (Arts). (1375 $\frac{2}{3}$).
7. Kinsella, James J., The Square, Main Street, Bunclody.
(Arts). (1333).
8. Roche, Katherine, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown.
(Commerce). (1307).
9. O'Donohue, Thomas O., Johnstown, Clonegal, Ferns.
(Classical). (1304).
10. Brewer, W. J., Irishtown, New Ross. (Arts). (1296).
11. (O'Rourke, Catherine, Newbawn. (Arts). (1256).
(tie) (Ryan, Robert, Ardamine, Gorey. (Agriculture). (1256).
12. Duggan, Anne M., The Leap, Enniscorthy. (Commerce). (1226).
13. Kelly James J., Camblin, New Ross. (Agriculture). (1216).
14. Kelly Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.
(Engineering). (1215).
15. Murphy Stasia, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.
(Science). (1210).
16. Doyle, Bridget Teresa, Drimmagh, Rosslare.
(Science). (1200).
17. Redmond, Judith, 13 St. Michael's Place, Gorey.
(Arts). (1158).

18. O'Connor, Joan, Gally, Enniscorthy. (Science). (1113).
19. Mulligan, Mary T., Craan, Gorey. (Science). (1096).
20. Barry, Francis P., Hillview, Coolcots, Wexford.
(Agriculture). (1062 $\frac{2}{3}$).
21. Brennan, Richard, Camolin. (Commerce). (1022).
22. Sheil, Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.
(Engineering). (1004).
23. Finn, Joseph, 16 Main Street, Gorey.
(Engineering). (995).
24. Hall, Philip D., 10 Cornmarket, Wexford.
(Arts or Commerce). (914).
25. O'Keeffe, Alice M., Station House, Rosslare Strand.
(Arts). (886).
26. Teehan John A., 101 Irishtown, New Ross.
(Medicine). (803).
27. Byrne, William, The Hollow, Camblin, New Ross.
(Classical). (741 $\frac{1}{2}$).

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

6th September, 1938.

It was stated that candidate Mr. Patrick J. Corish, who had secured first place at the Examination intended to become a Secular Priest.

The Secretary stated that up to the present no intimation to this effect had been received. Since initiation of the Scheme Scholarships had not been awarded successful candidates who were studying for the priesthood. In the event of Mr. Corish not availing of Scholarship it would, in the ordinary course, be awarded to Thomas Butler, Glynn. It had been reported that the last-named intended to become an Augustinian Friar.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 9th September 1938 was read from Rev. T. B. Veale, O.S.A., Principal, Good Counsel College, New Ross:-

"As a result of my interview with Mr. Frizelle (Jun.) on Tuesday, 6th instant, I went to Dublin yesterday to interview our Father Provincial re the possibility of Thomas Butler, Blackhall, Glynn, accepting the University Scholarship. Here is the result of the interview briefly:

Butler on being told that he had a chance of securing the Scholarship, expressed the wish that he would like to avail of it. This means that he is not joining our Order now. He will attend his Lectures in the National University, Dublin, as an ordinary layman and when he gets his Degree he will be perfectly free to either join the Order or not, as he pleases. The Father Provincial thought it just that this option should be given to the student in question, as a percentage of students leave the Novitiate each year. The point to remember then, is that the Augustinian Order has absolutely no claim on Butler now: he attends the University as an ordinary layman. When he gets his B.A. degree, he will be gladly accepted as a candidate for our Order if he thinks he has a vocation: if

he decides otherwise, the Augustinian Order will certainly have no right to interfere with his freedom of choice.

In conclusion, I would like to assure you that I greatly appreciate the courtesy you have shown me in this matter."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That in accordance with report of President of University College, Dublin and results of examination as submitted by him, University Scholarship be awarded the following:-

1. Patrick J. Corish, Ballycullane.
2. James N. Anglim, St. Annes, Duncannon.
3. Thomas P. Browne, Rock's Lane, Wexford.
4. Una M. Crean, Riverchapel.

That, in the event of any candidate accepted for Scholarship not availing of same, vacancy be filled by the selection of next candidate in order of merit, and who complies with all the conditions of the Scheme.

That our Secretary be directed to communicate with the Vicar Capitular and ask him if it be a fact that Mr. Patrick J. Corish is about to pursue his ecclesiastical studies at Maynooth College. Should an affirmative reply be received, that vacant Scholarship be awarded to Thomas Butler, Blackhall, Glynn.

That congratulations be offered to the schools which presented for examination the winners of these Scholarships on the high standard of merit obtained."

PREPARATION OF ROAD MATERIAL: In connection with the recommendation of Finance Committee, the County Surveyor stated he had written to both Departments and had received an acknowledgment to his communication.

The Chairman pointed out that up to the present a preference of 2d or 3d per cubic yard was made in favour of hand broken material.

The County Surveyor in reply to Mr. Culleton, said that the cost of breaking road material by machine varied from 3/- to 3/3 and they allowed 3/6 for hand breaking. The average earnings of a man handbreaking was £1 per week for six weeks, a total of £6. While working at the machine for three weeks they got nearly as much. For four weeks they certainly would. It was questionable with the employment allowance if they were ~~not~~ better off by receiving a higher rate for a shorter time ~~than~~ a starvation wage for hand breaking material. The Council would realise that it was a point on which it was impossible to generalise.

Mr. Culleton held that the men who had a short period of employment suffered in not being able to earn wages for a longer period.

The County Surveyor said as against £1 for handbreaking the men would receive 12/- when they were out of work.

Mr. Culleton contended that the whole system would have to be changed as people would not agree to starve all the time. It was preferable to break material by hand for more or less continuous employment than to have employment for short terms on a higher wage and have men trying to live afterwards on 12/6d per week.

Mr. Doyle said that looking at the matter from the point of view of the ratepayers, when they employed workers on machines and then threw them out of employment, they were not done with the men. They had to provide Relief Schemes or Home Assistance to keep them going, and if, after taking this into account, they found it cost less to break

by hand, it would be better to maintain that system.

Col. Quin said it was the business of the County Council to get the work done in the cheapest manner, and it was admitted this was by machinery.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor stated that there was no general demand for hand breaking in the County.

Mr. Corish believed it was terribly dangerous doctrine to advocate hand breaking if wages were to be £1 per week.

The Chairman said the duty of the Council was to get work done as cheaply and as efficiently as possible. They could not deal with economic effects.

Mr. Doyle believed that efficiency, from the engineer's point of view, might really mean inefficiency when it came to deal with actual money for work and relief.

Mr. Colfer was of opinion that a general system of hand breaking could not be carried out. Anyone who know the quarries of the Council was aware that there were only five or six quarries in which hand breaking could be carried out. It would cost £500 or £600 to give a decent wage all round and that was not much out of the Council's expenditure.

After further discussion, the suggestion of Mr. Corish that the matter be adjourned for reply from the two Government Departments concerned was adopted.

WAGES ENGINE ATTENDANTS: Mr. Corish proposed the following:-

"That, as regards application for increased wages by Engine Attendants, we dissent from recommendation of Finance Committee and that the wages of these employees be increased from 36/- to 40/- per week."

Mr. Corish pointed out that these men were continuously away from home and, if married, had, as he mentioned

at the Finance Committee meeting, to keep two houses going.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

The County Surveyor said the men lived in County Council van, but they would have extra expense for food.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that by adopting the proposal of Mr. Corish they were taking a few men and leaving all the others out. That he did not consider reasonable.

On a show of hands 4 voted for the proposal of Mr. Corish and 10 against.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee in the matter was then adopted nem. con.

CARNE PIER IMPROVEMENTS: The County Surveyor said he would do the work in the winter if necessary, but he had pointed out to the Office of Works the damage that was done by storms previously and told them that he was not prepared to ~~take~~ the responsibility of carrying out the work unless he was relieved of the responsibility for damage done by storms.

Mr. Corish said that when the County Surveyor's protest appeared in the Minutes it would clear him.

Mr. Doyle - It would be no use attempting to repair it in the Winter. It would have to be done some other time.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided to take up the question of repairs ~~to~~ to the pier with the Minister for Fisheries, the Chairman remarking that it was with that Department the question was raised at first.

It was further decided that Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, be asked to take a special

interest in this matter and endeavour to make an arrangement by which the work can be carried out with the greatest possible chance of success and efficiency.

In connection with approach to Carne Pier, letter signed by 37 ratepayers, was received from the Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann stating that in connection with the completion of the road to Carne Pier, with particular reference to the approaches to the pier, the County road did not lead directly to the pier. The only means of access for vehicles was by a private roadway 400 yards in length through a field owned by Mr. William Joyce, Butlerstown, Broadway. This road is a right-of-way to two houses and the occupiers keep it in repair. It would be a great convenience to local residents if the right-of-way was replaced by a public road. A road giving direct access to the Pier could be used by fishermen and boat-owners, farmers drawing seaweed, etc. Also in view of growing popularity of Carne as a seaside resort the road would be a convenience to visitors. The cost of acquiring and re-surfacing the road by the Council would not be very costly and that the outlay would be justified by the great advantage to the district.

The County Surveyor said that the County road mentioned was provided for by a scheme already adopted to spend £4200, made of 50-50 by grant and loan, which would do the road from Ballyfane Cross to Mr. Joyce's gate. Regarding the right-of-way through Mr. Joyce's field, some time ago that matter was before the County Council and the then owner, Mr. John Joyce, wanted the right-of-way fenced if the Council took it over, or something like that, and the matter fell through. It was used by everyone going to Carne Pier and he understood that local people put some gravel from the shore on it from time to time. It was only a short length.

Mr. Murphy said he understood Mr. Joyce would be agreeable to the Council taking over the right-of-way.

In reply to Col. Quin the County Surveyor said that the cost of the converted right-of-way would be less than £10.

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

"That the County Surveyor interview Mr. Joyce, Butlerstown, Broadway, and ascertain if he be agreeable to allow the County Council to take over the right-of-way through his field at Carne for conversion to a public road and on what terms. And that the County Surveyor report result of his interview to the Finance Committee."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 30th August 1938 from Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer, pointing out that he had been making enquiries about the cost of timber for the decking of Wexford Bridge and found that by using larch $3\frac{1}{2}$ " thick for the roadway and 3" thick for the footpaths the load on the bridge could be still further lightened and the cost brought down to about £2580. Boat Builders and people who use larch stated that $3\frac{1}{2}$ " larch was stronger than 4 inch Scotch fir.

Using this the new figures would work out as follows:-

13,000 cubic ft. larch at 2/3d	£. 1463
Fastening	360
Renewal of tie bars (say)	500
Contingencies (say)	<u>250</u>
Total	£2579.

The County Surveyor said he had written to arrange an appointment with Mr. Courtney but the latter was on holidays As the Department of Local Government and Public Health was putting up 40% of the cost it would expedite the work of repair if the matter could be arranged between himself and the Department's Engineers.

Mr. Corish said it was very necessary that the repairs should be carried out before Winter sets in.

The Chairman said the matter would come up on report to Finance Committee. The latter would not cause any delay in dealing with it.

ROAD BALLYCULLANE TO POULFUR: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter received from the General Manager, Tourist Development Association, under date 8th September, 1938:-

"In reply to your letter of 7th instant with reference to the above, I wish to assure you that I shall take up with the Local Government Department the question of securing a State Grant. I assume that representations will also go direct from your Council."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT ST. LEONARDS: Mr. Colfer contended that the County Surveyor had at Road Works meeting in November last stated that payment of easement of corners on Main roads could be met out of the maintenance amount.

The County Surveyor said that only applied to cases in which a saving could be made in the maintenance figure.

Mr. Colfer said he raised the question because an accident between a motor car and cyclist was narrowly averted at St. Leonard's owing to the car travelling slowly but many cars passed there at 60 miles an hour.

The County Surveyor said he was doing four corners on that road at present. There were hundreds of corners to which the same thing applied as at St. Leonard's, but he could not do every corner at once with the money provided.

RESOLUTION UNEMPLOYED EX-SERVICEMEN: Mr. Corish said there was a good deal more in the resolution than appeared to present itself to the Finance Committee. Ex-Service men who had pensions never got their turn for work on

relief schemes because men drawing a high scale of unemployment pay got preference and the ex-service men who get 8s. a week pension and who would be otherwise entitled to 17s. 6d a week relief money would only get 9s. 6d relief and only get their turn for employment with the men drawing 9s. 6d relief. He proposed the adoption of the resolution.

Col. Quin seconded.

The Chairman said he discussed the matter with the Minister for Industry and Commerce and was told that if the resolution was put into operation it would raise the whole question of the means test for every section of relief recipients as well as pensioners. He thoroughly agreed with Mr. Corish that it was a great hardship and he agreed with the resolution.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 19th August 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 2nd SEPTEMBER 1938: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on 2nd September 1938.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5012. 19. 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to 2nd September 1938:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant.</u>
1. S. Gannon	11. 3
2. D. Kenny	11.3
3. J. Quirke	10.7
4. J. J. Sinnott	10.7
5. W. Cummins	9.0
6. J. Deegan	8.9
7. P. Doyle	8.6
8. J. Cummins	8.5
9. W. Doyle	8.3
10. P. Nolan	8.1
11. A. Dunne	7.4
12. J. J. O'Reilly	7.1
13. J. Flood	6.3
14. M. McCarthy	5.2
15. J. Curtis	5.1
16. E. J. Murphy	4.7
17. P. Carty	2.8
18. M. Kehoe (ill)	<u>2.4</u>
Average	7.8

RATE COLLECTORS AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE: The following under date 24th August 1938 (G.22352/38) as to the proposal of the Council to arrange for the County Solicitor to deal with the legal work of the Rate Collection, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant regarding payment of legal expenses incurred in connection with the collection of Rates, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state he is not prepared at present to relieve the collectors of the obligation to take effective steps whether by summary distress under their collecting warrant or otherwise, for the recovery of the Rates.

The question of new legislation to strengthen the Collector's powers is at present under consideration, and the Minister suggests that the Council should not press the matter until the proposals for legislation are published."

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR MAURICE KEHOE (DISTRICT NO. 16):

The following letter under date 31st August 1938 (G.23583/38-Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Article 104 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he sanctions the appointment of Collector Curtis as temporary deputy for Collector M. Kehoe. The position in the matter on the 30th proximo should be notified to this Department."

RETURNS OF OUTSTANDING RATES: It was decided that Returns of outstanding Rates with names etc. of ratepayers concerned be prepared half yearly giving the position as on 1st May and 1st November of each year.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTIONS TO LOANS: Under date 26th August 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.15681/2/38) approving of advances of £120 to Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminaun, Gorey, and £150 to James O'Brien,

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Ballyhit, Barntown, and under same date wrote (H.19516/38) approving of advances of £180 to Sean Butler, Ballinatray, Courtown Harbour and £100 to Mrs. Kate Granger, Raheen, Clonroche.

CASE OF JAMES DEMPSEY: The following under date 18th August 1938 was read from Mr. James Dempsey, Piercestown, Drinagh:-

"With reference to letter of 12th instant from Mr. Elgee stating that my application for loan under the above Act has been turned down, also suggesting that I should apply for labourer's cottage, I beg to say that as I have the house almost completed according to specification made out by Mr. R. Murphy, Appointed Officer, Enniscorthy, it would be almost impossible to alter same. I may add that this house has been built on my own land, of which I am the sole owner - five acres in all.

Therefore, I would feel very grateful if you could see your way to reconsider my application. I can assure you I will repay according to specified conditions."

Applicant had applied for loan of £175 which would be covered by an instalment of 4/4d per week.

Mr. Dempsey's communication was in reply to query of County Secretary asking him for a statement of income.

Miss O'Ryan said she had been informed this applicant had two cows, sold milk and fattened pigs.

After discussion, it was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan to recommend the County Council to advance £125 to Mr. James Dempsey, Piercestown, Wexford.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

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

"That in accordance with assessment of £157. 13. 10d as set out in schedule to letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (S.13204/1938) the County Council be recommended to pay same."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP OF MR. W. G. LAMBERT: Under date 31st August 1938 letter was read from Albert Agricultural College, Glasnevin, Dublin, that Professor Drew was expected back to duty immediately when he would deal with the letter from Wexford County Council as regards University Scholarship of Mr. W. G. Lambert.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as Patrick Sinnott, Drinagh, has decided to avail of his scholarship at Christian Brothers, Wexford, a non-residential institution, his Scholarship, in accordance with Scheme, be fixed at £30 per annum."

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Medical certificates were submitted from Dr. Thomas Pierse, M.D., Wexford, as to the illness, owing to migraine, of J. Mohony, Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, as from 22nd August 1938. It was expected he would be fit for duty by 5th September 1938.

GOREY COURTHOUSE - CARETAKER'S PREMISES

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

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and in reply write to say that I have today written to Messrs. Huggard,

Brennan & Godrey, Solicitors, Gorey, to know if Valentine has vacated the Caretaker's Premises at Gorey Courthouse, and impressing upon them the necessity of his so doing at once. When I hear further in the matter I will let you know."

Mr. Keegan pointed out that according to letter received from Messrs. Huggard and Brennan, the caretaker's premises were to have been vacated by Valentine by 31st July last and without any notice to the County Council a further extension up to 1st September 1938 had been granted. So long as the Council could not obtain possession of the premises they were at a loss of 7/6d per week, which was paid the present permanent caretaker in lieu of occupation of the caretaker's portion of the Gorey Courthouse.

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

"That the County Solicitor, (Mr. Elgee) be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain possession of the caretaker's premises at Gorey Courthouse from Robert Valentine."

WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of 10/- per week to Mr. J. O'Kennedy (County Surveyor's Office) for work in connection with writing up machinery records at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, for a further six months' period as from 10th October, 1938."

LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF MACHINERY

The following under date 30th August 1938 (S. Loch Garman) was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo in regard to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £3600 for the purchase of road machinery, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is noted from the loan form submitted in connection with this proposal that the Council propose to have the loan repaid over a period of 7 or 10 years. Having regard to the nature of the machinery to be purchased it is considered that the loan proposed to be raised might be repaid over a period of five years and the loan form already submitted is therefore returned herewith for amendment to the reply to query 6 thereon."

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

"That, in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 30th August, 1938 (S. Loch Garman) the County Council be recommended to agree to have the period of repayment for loan of £3600 for the purchase of Road Machinery, fixed at five years."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

The Secretary reported that for the week ended 27th August 1938, Thomas Prendergast, Inspector under Sheep Dipping Order, had reported that of 24 sheepowners who had served notice to dip their sheep 14 did not do so.

It was decided that Mr. Prendergast be directed to furnish fuller details in these 14 cases with a full explanation covering each case as to why dipping was not carried out. That, in the event of the County Secretary being of opinion Mr. Prendergast's explanation is not satisfactory this officer be suspended.

REMOVALS BEACH MATERIAL BALLYHEALY SOUTH AND RINGBAUN

The following under date 22nd August 1938 (M.S.5110) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 11th instant with enclosure on the subject of removals from the foreshore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to state that the Minister is advised that the line of high water of ordinary medium tides is approximately 15 yards seaward from the bank or frontage. In licences authorising the removal of beach material here it will therefore be stipulated that no removal is to take place within a distance of at least 15 yards from the bank or frontage."

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

"The Finance Committee of Wexford County Council are of opinion - from consultation with the local people - that the stipulation in letter from Department of Industry and Commerce - Transport & Marine Branch, under date 22nd August 1938 (M.S.5110) that no removal from beach at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun is to take place within a distance of at least 15 yards from the bank or frontage will not meet with the convenience of those concerned. They have already suggested that an Inspector from the Department should consult with the local people and unless this suggestion be adopted they feel it will not be possible to come to a satisfactory arrangement in the matter."

FITTING OUT BASIN AT KILMORE HARBOUR

The following, signed by 24 fishermen, users of Kilmore Quay harbour, was read and referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"We, the undersigned fishermen, request that while the various repairs are being made to the Kilmore Quay harbour, the condition of the fitting out basin will not be overlooked.

That something should be done is proved by the fact that our boats are not safe there during the winter months and that damage is constantly done to them.

When it is borne in mind that there is no other place to lay them up, it is obvious that the position is most serious to us.

We therefore request that the existing opening from this basin to the harbour be closed, and that an opening be made in the east wall of the basin; which alteration will stop any run getting in and damaging our boats."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification of application from Inspector of National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children under date 24th August as to committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Reck, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, aged 13, and who was residing with her grandparents - old age pensioners - who were not able to exercise proper guardianship over her, was referred to County Solicitor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd September, 1938, be received and considered."

GOREY COURTHOUSE - CARETAKER'S PREMISES: The following under date 5th September 1938 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I wrote to Mr. Valentine on receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, and now enclose copy of a letter written by him to Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, from which you will see, that he states the house he has been promised will be definitely vacant by the end of September, and he asks the Council to give him an extension of time up to that date, so I will be glad to have the Council's Instructions on the matter. In any event, I could not have the Decree for Possession executed much before then as I have to give the Relieving Officer one weeks Notice of my intention to proceed with the Execution."

The following is letter from Robert Valentine referred to in Mr. Elgee's communication:-

"I am now informed that the house which I am promised will be definitely vacated by the end of September.

I fully expected that I would have been able to secure the house sooner, but owing to the new house which is at present being built by the party whose house I am securing not being complete until practically the end of September I could not vacate.

Perhaps in the circumstances you would kindly let me know if it would be possible to secure an extension until this period required for which I shall feel grateful."

Mr. Keegan said that the District Justice gave a stay of execution on the decree for possession up to a certain

period to enable Valentine to procure a house. This was further extended to the 31st July last on application of Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Valentine, who stated that the latter would vacate the premises by that date. Now it appeared that Valentine had secured a further extension to 1st September and he wished to know how that came about?

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that as long as the Warrant for possession was not signed, the District Justice was entitled to give extensions for non-vacation of the premises to what he believed was a suitable date. As a matter of fact, the present ~~order~~ to extend the period to the 1st of September had been made in Mr. Elgee's absence, and without notice to him. The Warrant was now signed.

Mr. Keegan said he would like an explanation as to whether the District Justice could keep a tenant in occupation as long as he liked. Was it he or the County Council owned Gorey Courthouse?

Mr. Elgee said as the decree was now signed it could be executed.

The Chairman was of opinion that seeing the short interval which would elapse to the 30th September the extension of the period to that date might be agreed to provided it would be regarded as final.

This was proposed by Mr. M. Redmond, seconded by Col. Quin and adopted.

Chairman - I think the Council will agree that the further application for extension should not have been made without notice to our Solicitor.

KILMORE HARBOUR BASIN: The County Surveyor said it would not be possible to comply with the request to make some improvement at the fitting out basin at present as no funds for the purpose were available. A proposal could be brought forward in November.

Chairman - Do you think it necessary.

County Surveyor - It is very hard to say. In some ways I think it would be an advantage.

Chairman - We will have to defend it when it comes up.

It was agreed that the County Surveyor bring forward a proposal in November to cover the work, as there was no money for it at the moment.

Mr. Doyle said he supposed that if the County Surveyor brought forward a proposal it would not be possible to do anything this winter.

Mr. Corish - No; he won't get the money until March.

The County Surveyor said the real point about such matters was that if they were not provided for in one year's estimate they could not do them, and they would have to wait until the next year. They had no provision made for this particular work.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 2nd September, 1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

ANCIENT MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

"That the following report submitted by Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee in respect of their meeting held on 7th September 1938 be received and approved."

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ANCIENT MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1938

A meeting of Local Advisory Committee under Ancient Monuments Act 1930 was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th September, 1938.

Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., presided.

Also present:- Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Rev. J. Ranson, C.C., and Miss Browne.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

The meeting considered correspondence between County Council and Office of Public Works from which it appeared that on 20th June last recommendation of the Committee to the County Council to take over Ferrycarrig Castle and Mountgarrett Castle as Ancient Monuments had been approved and forwarded to the Office of Public Works with a request to the latter to advise the Council in the matter.

Under date 24th June, the Office of Public Works wrote they were glad to learn of the proposals regarding the maintenance of these two Castles and asked in what particular way the Committee required advice.

Under date 24th June letter was written by County Council to the Office of Public Works stating that the County Council were under the impression that before any of the £150 voted for maintenance of Ancient Monuments could be spent a declaration was required from some Government or other Authority that the Monuments proposed to be taken over by the County Council were of historic and national interest. This was really the point on which the Council required information.

No answer to this had been received.

It was decided that copies of this correspondence be forwarded to the T.D.'s for the County and that they be asked to interest themselves with the Office of Public Works in connection with the proposal of the County Council to take over Ferrycarrig Castle and Mountgarrett Castle as Ancient Monuments with a view to their maintenance and also any other monuments in the County which it is considered should be taken over by the Council.

That the Office of Public Works be requested to inform this Committee if, as a result of visit of Mr. Leask, Inspector of their Department, it is possible to obtain schedule setting out what monuments in the County should - in their opinion - be regarded as of historic or national interest and suitable for maintenance by the County Council.

COOLHULL CASTLE: Miss Browne submitted letter under date 23rd August, 1938, from Mr. W. A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge, stating that one side of the Castle at Coolhull, owned by his family, had gradually been undermined by the action of the weather with the result that this side was in grave danger of slipping out and falling. The Castle was, otherwise, in excellent condition, and the present danger could be prevented by filling in a foundation. He would be glad if something could be done in reference to the wall as, if unattended to there was a risk it might fall on stock and property. He understood that he could remove this in the circumstances. Personally, he would regret such a step and this was his reason for writing Miss Browne in the hope that something might be done by Ancient Monuments Committee or by the County Council. He would see that the work was carried out if

cement was furnished or if the cost of the cement was refunded to him.

Miss Browne said that Coolhull Castle was, in certain aspects, unique and was, in fact, of outstanding importance. She proposed that the County Surveyor be asked to inspect the Castle and give the Committee an estimate of the cost of the work as outlined in letter of Mr. Murphy.

It was also decided to communicate with the Office of Public Works and ask if Coolhull Castle can be scheduled as an Ancient or Historic Monument.

GRANGE CHURCHYARD: Thanks were offered to Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, for his personal exertions and supervision in having the old monuments, including the Whitty monument, and surroundings in Grange Churchyard - Kilmore Old Church - cleaned up. The work carried out by Father Murphy had effected a transformation at the place, which it was difficult to realise.

LOAN OF £2100 - ROSSLARE ROAD TO CARNE PIER

The following notice of motion, which had been circulated to County Councillors on 26th July 1938, stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice to move at the meeting of my County Council to be held on 12th September 1938, that the Wexford County Council raise by loan from their Treasurer, the sum of £2100, half cost of improvement of Road from Rosslare (at Concrete Road, Grange) to Carne Pier, the period of repayment to be either seven or ten years as agreed to by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Miss O'Ryan, previous to moving her motion, pointed out that if the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had cut down the period for repayment of machinery loan from 10 to 5 years it was unlikely he would consent to any longer period for road reconstruction.

Accordingly, she moved her motion in the following amended form:-

"That the Wexford County Council agree to raise by Loan from their Treasurer the sum of £2100 (Two Thousand One Hundred Pounds) half cost of improvement of road from Rosslare (at Concrete Road, Grange) to Carne Pier, the period of repayment to be five years."

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Col. Quin said this loan, taken in conjunction with all the other loans of County Council and County Board of Health, was regular squandermania and never seemed to stop. They should consider the financial position of the rate-payers.

The motion was adopted, Col. Quin being the only dissident.

AMALGAMATION OF NO. 11 RATE DISTRICT

The following, under date 20th August 1938 (G.13231/5 /38) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 11th instant and to state that he notes the decision of the Council regarding the amalgamation of Collection District No. 11 with Districts Nos. 8 and 10."

WATER SUPPLY - MENTAL HOSPITAL

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer, and passed:-

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement made between the Enniscorthy Urban Council and the Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance providing for supply of water to the Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, water to be paid for at the rate of 6d per 1000 gallons passing through the meter at the Mental Hospital."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Mr. Doyle asked what was the position with regard to repair of St. Helen's Harbour.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Allen and himself had brought the matter to a certain stage with the Departments and it was now being discussed between the Office of Public Works and the County Surveyor regarding the plans.

Mr. Doyle said that unless something was done within the next two months a great deal of damage might result.

Further consideration of the matter was adjourned.

MAIN ROAD - ENNISCORTHY BRIDGE TO DONOHUE'S CORNER

Mr. Keegan asked if anything further had been done in connection with preventing the nuisance to the residents and polishing of the road by carters spreading sand for the purpose of getting a "grip" for their horses.

The County Surveyor stated he tried an experiment with concrete blocks and hydrochloric acid. It was not satisfactory, and of course, in the circumstances, it was useless to try it on a road constructed in the same manner as the blocks on which the experiment had been made. He was now in communication with rock drilling manufacturers relative to provision of a special cutter for use with hammer drill. The Enniscorthy Urban Council were acting as contractors to the County Council in the matter and if they did not prevent damage the County Council would be obliged to take what legal steps were necessary to have the nuisance abated.

Mr. Keegan said that the people in the vicinity were suffering from the nuisance and neither the County Council nor the Urban Council were taking any steps to abate it, which was unfair.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that if the Urban Council had taken the maintenance of the road under contract from the County Council the latter could proceed against them, as they did against any other defaulting contractor, if they failed to carry out their contract by allowing a nuisance to be created.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Culleton, it was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for report to the Finance Committee, the Finance Committee to be empowered to take such legal action as the Solicitor of the Council considered necessary in the circumstances.

ROAD BREE- ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor referred to this road which he said was very little less in importance than a number of main roads. It was probably the worst road in the whole County. The Council would be obliged to have it reconstructed by loan in the same manner as the Rosslare - Carne Pier Road.

Mr. Doyle said the money should be borrowed for repayment over a reasonably long period.

The Secretary said it was doubtful if they would - in the future - be able to secure a longer period of repayment than five years for any repair of roads.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

ROADS TO DUNCORMACK RAILWAY STATION

The following under date 22nd August 1938, was read from Mr. Laurence M. Roche, Little Johnstown, Duncormack:-

"Would you please let me know when is the next meeting of Wexford County Council, and will they receive a deputation from the Farmers in this district with regard to roads leading to Duncormack Railway station as they are in a terrible state."

Mr. Colfer said Mr. Roche was unable to be present as he had been called away on important business.

The following report from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was submitted:-

"In reply to yours of the 24th ultimo re above I inspected the area on 25th, 26th August also on the 7th September.

In August a few of those roads were somewhat potholed and have since been attended to.

The standard of these County Roads in general is quite up to the usual and I do not agree they are in a terrible state as alleged by some of the residents."

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Mr. Birthistle said that the roads in Duncormack were not bad, considering they were third-class roads. He inspected them specially on receipt of the complaint, and used five loads of stones for repair of the potholes on the worst of these roads. Roads in other parts of his area ~~w~~ were much worse. A change he had made from sea gravel to broken stone might effect some improvement, but the roads were going to continue to be bad with the funds available.

Mr. Doyle - I think the engineering staff ought to initiate some mobile system in dealing with the roads. I think if the County Surveyor initiated a system of sending around, say, a four-ton truck with tar macadam, and if the engineer in charge found out where the worst pot holes were and repaired them, it would give more satisfaction than laying out the money in doing particular areas in a perfect way.

County Surveyor - The whole thing is a question of money, but we have 1,200 miles odd of those third-class roads, and the average price for them is £11 a mile. Some of those roads reach the equivalent of main roads, and, consequently, have to get a much higher proportion which means that other roads will not be getting more than £6, £7 or £8 a mile. Even in the past, before the war, they got more than that when prices were much lower. The whole thing is a question of money. If you can afford to put up that money it should be done. If it can't be done, the ratepayers will have to put up with the best we can do. I maintain that there is no money wasted.

Mr. Doyle said he maintained that the roads complained of were very, very bad. If something were done in regard to dealing with pot holes, they would give more general satisfaction, and the road would be less impassable.

The County Surveyor said that years ago he pointed out

to the Council that the amount of material they had for the roads was not sufficient and gradually, as motor traffic was increasing, the amount of summer repair dealing with pot holes was absorbing material. Even at that time, he pointed out that some of the roads had arrived at the stage at which there was not enough material to fill all the pot holes, and that was getting worse and worse. Motor traffic caused the pot holes, and they could not do more than fill them up. If they started filling up pot holes on a comparatively unimportant road, they would have the road worse, because they would have two pot holes instead of one. If they could not see their way to do more extensive tar work it was a mistake to put tar in them.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to send Mr. Roche copy of report of Mr. Birthistle.

WATER TABLE AT KILLINICK

Mr. Murphy referred to the request for an improvement of water table at Killinick adjoining the premises of Mr. Sinnott.

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

SEIZURE FOR POOR RATES AT SHANAHONA

The following was read from Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, relative to seizure of cattle, the property of a man named Whitty on a farm rated to J. Sullivan:-

"At a special meeting of the Glynn Parish Committee held in Glynn Hall on last Tuesday, 6th September 1938, Very Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., presiding, the following resolution was adopted:-

Whilst making no comment on the action of the County Council officials in the recent seizure of cattle which through no fault of the owner strayed and remained on a

derelict farm for one night only, beyond expressing our sympathy with the unfortunate parishioner who was compelled to buy back his cattle, we, on behalf of the parish consider the condition of this farm as a snare and a danger to the whole community and we call upon the Minister for Lands to come to some agreement with the tenant of the said farm and take over the land for division so that this snare and danger to the community may be removed as soon as possible. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Lands and to the Wexford County Council."

The following is copy of covering letter from Father Murphy under date 10th September 1938:-

"I wish to explain enclosed resolution. We have no fault to find with the officials of the County Council, but we would like to remove the snare and danger to the whole community by the existence in our midst of this derelict and unfenced farm. Anybody's cattle may by accident, be found there again. Sullivan, the late owner, tells me that he has thrown up the farm long ago, but I suspect that he is holding out for something for his goodwill and that this is the reason why the Land Commissioners have not taken the farm over. Perhaps the County Council may see their way to support the resolution calling on Minister for Lands to come to some agreement with Sullivan so that the farm may be divided and so the danger removed."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Corish, that resolution and letter of Father P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, should be referred to Finance Committee for report.

STRAY DOGS

Mr. Kelly asked if there was any County Council Order dealing with dogs straying at night. He had numerous cases of complaints about worrying of sheep.

The Secretary said there was a Control of Dogs Order under which dogs must be kept under control during the night. There had been some cases in Wexford Court against dog owners, and the matter must be fairly well known.

Mr. Ronan proposed that the Gardai be asked to prosecute in a few cases to make the Order known, also that copy of synopsis of the provisions of the Order be published in the local papers.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the resolution was adopted.

APPLICATION PETROL PUMP LICENCE

William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, applied for licence for hand-operated Petrol Pump at Main Street, Fethard. Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he did not think the pump would cause any obstruction as there was ample room on footpath and road.

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

"That application of William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, for licence for Petrol Pump to be erected at Main Street, Fethard-on-Sea, be agreed to, in view of report of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor; Petrol tank to be on premises of applicant."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

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

Laurence Doyle, Merchant, Ferns and

William J. Haughton, Merchant, Ferns."

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TREATMENT OF IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS

Communication was read from the Republican Prisoners' Defence Association dealing in detail with the treatment of Prisoners in Belfast Jail and with the drastic conditions under which the minority in the Six Counties were suffering.

Miss O'Ryan proposed its adoption and Mr. Ronan seconded.

Mr. Corish said that the communication disclosed a state of affairs that was really inhuman. The Sudetan Germans of whose sufferings so much was being made at the present were not as harshly treated as the Nationalists in the Six Counties. It was really disgraceful and a protest against it should be registered with the British Government. The people in the North were suffering because they were working for a United Ireland.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that in this part of the country toleration was shown to all sections. They expected the same in that part of the country which was held by a foreign Government.

The proposition was passed.

James Allen
10th Oct 38