

A Special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 16th June 1925.

Present - Mr E. P. Foley, (Chairman), presiding; also Messrs James Byrne, Michael Byrne, M. Cloney, C. Culliton, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, James Lawler, Philip Lennon, Joseph Trith, Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, P. O'Byrne, James Hall, M. M. O'Donoghue, Denis Karanagh, John Pender, James Shannon and Mr Hughes. (A letter was read from Mr J. Cummins apologising for his absence from meeting owing to illness.)

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Late Mrs Power, Milltown, Killane.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Shannon: - "That we offer to our popular colleague, Mr J. J. O'Byrne, our deepest sympathy in the loss sustained by him in the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs Power, Milltown, Killane. Mr O'Byrne whose services to this Council in dark and evil days, endeared him to each one of its members, and earned the respect and gratitude, not only of the Council but of the whole County, has the special and deepest sympathy of the Council in his bereavement, and this sympathy is all the more heartfelt when we remember that it is only a few months ago when the Council adopted a similar resolution in connection with the death of his brother, Rev. J. W. O'Byrne, the popular pastor of Kilmore." "That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr O'Byrne."

Proposed Holiday for County Council Elections.

Mr Shannon moved the following of which he had given previous notice: - "That all employees of County Council be granted a holiday on the 23rd June 1925, the date of County Council Elections."

Mr Doyle seconded.

Mr Shannon said he would like to add to the motion, "and

that the men be paid for the day"

The Secretary stated that the proposal to pay the men for a day on which they performed no work was illegal.

Mr Doyle said if this proviso was added to the original motion he would withdraw as seconder.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed as an Amendment:- "That the employees of the Council be granted a holiday on 23rd June 1925, on condition that they work a full day on each of the two next Saturdays and that they be paid for same."

Mr Pender desired to propose a direct negative to Mr Shannon's motion but the Chairman said he could vote against it.

Mr Shannon said he would, with the permission of the meeting, which was granted, move:- "That the County Council issue an Order making 23rd June 1925 a general holiday for their workers, the men to take the holiday at their own expense".

Mr James Byrne proposed and Mr Cloney seconded ~~that~~ the following:- "That no action be taken in the matter of arranging for a holiday for the workers of the Council on 23rd June 1925."

As an amendment to this, Mr Hall proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the following:-

"That the employees of the County Council be granted a half-holiday on 23rd June 1925 on the understanding that they will work a full day on Saturday 27th June 1925.

Mr Shannon and Mr Sean O'Byrne then withdrew their motions and a poll was taken on amendment of Mr Hall with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Shannon, Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Lennon, Hughes, Hayes, Doyle, Cloney, Sean O'Byrne, Frith, O'Donoghue, Lawlor, Hall and the Chairman - 14.

Against - Mr Pender - 1.

Did not vote:- Messrs M. Byrne, James Byrne and D. Kavanagh - 3.

Mr Corish was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being submitted as a substantive motion it was adopted nem. con.

Superannuation, Mr Jones Assistant Surveyor.

The following motion, of which more than a month's notice had been issued to Councillors, was moved by Mr Cloney:-

"That as the resignation of Mr W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, has been accepted by the Wexford County Council, I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following at the first available meeting of above Council:- "That Mr Jones be granted the maximum amount of superannuation which it is in the power of the Council to vote to him."

In moving this motion, Mr Cloney said he understood that the Council were empowered to grant Mr Jones the two-thirds of his salary of £200 per annum.

The Secretary stated that Mr Jones had 30 years service and was 72 years old.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That Mr William Hercules Jones, Assistant Surveyor, who has devoted his whole time to the service of the Wexford County Council and who was at the date of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of old age, be granted an annual allowance of £133-6-8, two-thirds of his salary of £200, said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health

Superannuation of Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector.
No 10 District.

Mr Sean O'Byrne moved the following motion, notice of which had been issued to members of the County Council on the 14th May 1925:-

"That the maximum amount of superannuation provided by the Local Government Act, 1919, viz., two-thirds of salary and emoluments be granted Mr John Sinnott Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District, on his retirement from office; said amount, as regards year 1924-25, to be calculated on the amount of warrant which would have been normally

assessed by the County Council if the latter had not taken advantage of the Relief on Agricultural Land Act."

The Secretary mentioned that as regards Mr Sinnott's poundage and emoluments, his poundage for 1924 was deficient by two-thirds the actual amount which in a normal year would be raised on Agricultural land in his district owing to the operation of the Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land Act and he received no fees for preparation of Voters' List in 1922. Taking the poundage etc. on a four years' average ended March 1924 Mr Sinnott had received £133-1-10.

He was 67 years old and had 21 years completed service. The twenty-one-sixtieths of the four years' average amounted to £46-11-8. and the two-thirds would be £88-14-7.

Operating on a three years' average, Mr Sinnott had received £125-6-1. The twenty-one sixtieths of this would be £43-17-1 and the two-thirds £83-10-9. Taking the three years' average and discarding the Relief on Agricultural Land Act, the twenty-one-sixtieths would be £52-0-6 and the two-thirds £99-2-0.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney :-

"That Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District, who has devoted his whole time to the service of the Wexford County Council and who was at the date of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of old age be granted an allowance of £80 per annum, said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the production of a warrant certificate, signed by our Secretary that Mr Sinnott has fulfilled the conditions of his warrant as Rate Collector."

Superannuation - Officers Abolished County Infirmary

The following notice which had been issued to County Councillors on 14th May 1925, was moved by the Chairman:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1925, superannuation be awarded the following officers of the abolished County Wexford Infirmary:-

Thomas Hayes (Porter)

Mrs Elizabeth Hayes (Female Searcher.)

Mary Hayes (Laundress)

Dr S. A. Furlong (Surgeon.)

amounts of Superannuation in each case to be such as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health shall state to be those to which said officers are entitled.

"That providing the said minister decides that Mr M. J. Kavanagh, late Registrar to the County Infirmary, was a 'whole time' officer, he be granted superannuation on the same terms and conditions as will apply to the above mentioned officers."

The Secretary mentioned that the following particulars in connection with service etc. of officers furnished by the late County Infirmary Committee had been verified from the Minute Books of the County Infirmary Committee.

Thomas Hayes, Porter, appointed on 10th December 1873, Salary £40 per annum with house, light, and fuel valued at £39 per annum: total £79 per annum.

Mrs Elizabeth Hayes, female searcher, appointed 10th December 1873, at a salary of £5 per annum.

Miss Mary Hayes, Laundress, appointed on 11th March 1907 at a salary of £42 per annum.

Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar, appointed on 13th September 1909 at a salary of £40 per annum.

Dr S. A. Furlong, Resident Surgeon, appointed on the 10th October 1910 at a salary of £120 per annum with house (Rates and Taxes clear) valued at £100 per annum.

The County Infirmary had also forwarded names of matron, three nursing sisters and a domestic servant, but as these were appointed subsequent to 1919, the question of pension or gratuity did not arise.

The Chairman moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted:-

"That Mr Thomas Hayes, porter of late County Wexford Infirmary, who devoted his whole time to the service of the County Wexford Infirmary Committee, and whose office has been abolished consequent on Union Amalgamation Scheme, be granted an allowance of £52-13-4 per annum subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted:- "That as Mrs Elizabeth Hayes, female searcher at the late County Wexford Infirmary, was in receipt of £5 per annum as salary, we cannot consider her a "whole time" officer, but refer the question of whether - owing to her office being abolished in consequence of Union Amalgamation Scheme - she is entitled to superannuation, to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Should the Minister decide in her favour, we agree to fix the amount of her superannuation at £3-6-8.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted:- "That Miss Mary Hayes, Laundress late County Wexford Infirmary who devoted her whole time to the service of the County Wexford Infirmary Committee and whose office has been abolished consequent on Union Amalgamation Scheme, be granted an annual allowance of £11 which represents sixteen-sixtieths of her salary; said allowance to be subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney and passed:- "That, as Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar to abolished County Wexford Infirmary, held the office of Clerk to Co. Wexford War Pensions Committee we cannot regard him as a "whole time" officer and in consequence decide that he is not entitled to superannuation on abolition of his office".

In connection with the case of Dr Furlong, Resident Surgeon, the question was raised that he was not a "whole time" officer.

Mr Elgee, solicitor, held this view to be erroneous.

Mr O'Donoghue proposed and Mr Lawlor seconded the following resolution:-

"We consider Dr Furlong, Resident Surgeon to abolished County Wexford Infirmary is not a "whole time" officer and is not therefore entitled to superannuation"

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution:- Messrs Bender, M. Byrne, Shannon, O'Donoghue, Lawlor Hall, Kavanagh, James Byrne, Lennon - 9.

Against - Messrs Corish, M. Doyle, Cloney, Sean O'Byrne and the Chairman⁵
Did not vote - Messrs Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Hayes, Hughes and Frith - 5.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

For the position of Assistant Surveyor, (vacant through the resignation of Mr Jones), the following applications were received:-

- Patrick O'Neill B.E. John Street Gorey
- Denis Joseph Heaney B.E. Knockroe, Thurles. Co. Tipperary
- Thomas J. O'Donovan A.R.C. Sec. I. Gibraltar Terrace Youghal.

An application was received on the morning of the meeting from Mr John J. Murphy 16 Northumberland Road, Dublin.

The Chairman mentioned that according to the conditions issued to candidates, it was necessary they should sit for Irish exam. The only candidate who had done so was Mr O'Neill and he had been awarded 88 per cent of maximum marks at the examination which had been set by the Irish Organiser of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

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

"That Mr Patrick O'Neill, B.E. John Street, Gorey, be appointed Assistant Surveyor for New Ross District, salary £170 per annum rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £200 with vouched travelling expenses according to the scale laid down by the Local Government Department. Appointment is to be determined at any time by two month's notice in writing at either side and is subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and is further conditional on the consent of the successful candidate to transfer to any district of the county as may be directed by the County Surveyor or the County Council. That Mr O'Neill take up duty when Mr Jones relinquishes his office on the approval of his superannuation allowance.

Mr O'Neill returned thanks for his election.

Appointment of Rate Collector for No 10 District.

The following applications were received for the position of Rate Collector for No 10 District:-

- Doyle Patrick, Bree, Enniscorthy
- Gannon Sean, Tara Hill, Gorey
- Hall Laurence, The Daphne, Enniscorthy
- Lyndon James J. Oulart.

McCarthy Patrick, Milehouse Enniscorthy.
 Nolan Patrick Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy.
 Roban Myles, The Shannon, Enniscorthy.
 Stafford Thomas (junr) Ballyjelland, Davidstown.
 Sinnott James do.
 Walsh Edward, Effernogue Ferns.

The Secretary stated that by direction of the County Council the Superior of Christian Brothers Wexford, had set papers for examination in Irish, Arithmetic and English. The examination had been held on 15th June, 1925, and the numbers allotted to each candidate had been supplied to the Examiner who was therefore unaware of their identity.

The following was the result of the exam. :-

Candidate	Irish 100	Arithmetic 100	English 100	Total 300.
1 Gannon	95	60	71	226
2 Hall.	74	73	77	224
3 Sinnott	51	72	54	177
4 Walsh	28	81	31	140
5 Lyndon	10	61	58	129
6 McCarthy	4	100	25	129
7 Nolan	24	57	28	109
8 Doyle	0	66	27	93
9 Roban.	5	51	12	68.

Stafford wrote that owing to an injury to his knee he was unable to attend the examination.

The Chairman pointed out that by a resolution on the Minutes of the Council candidates at examinations should receive one-third of maximum marks in each of the three subjects.

Several members pointed out that at the last examination for Rate Collector, the successful candidate received only 15 per cent at the Irish examination.

The point was also raised that Mr Gannon had been a member of the Gorey Rural District Council, but Mr Elgee, Solicitor, held that under section 70 of the Local Government Act 1925, he was not disqualified to be elected as Rate Collector.

The Chairman held that so long as the resolution to which he had referred was not rescinded he would consider himself bound by it.

After prolonged discussion on this point, the Chairman moved and Mr Cloney seconded the following resolution:-

"That only the names of the three candidates (Gannon, Hall, and Sinnott), who have obtained the standard of marks allotted to enable them to be considered as qualifying at examination for Rate Collector be considered by the meeting in connection with the appointment of Rate Collector for No 10 District."

As an amendment Mr Shannon proposed and Mr O'Donoghue seconded the following:-

"That all candidates for Rate Collectorship of No 10 District who have a knowledge of Irish be considered as eligible to compete for vacant Rate Collectorship."

The Chairman challenged the proposer of the amendment to define the meaning of the words therein "a knowledge of Irish", but after considerable discussion decided to put the amendment to the meeting.

The following is the result of the poll:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Pender, O'Donoghue, Lawlor, Shannon, Mr Byrne, Hughes and Lennon - 7.

Against:- Messrs Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Frith, Corish, Hayes, James Byrne, Cloney, Sean O'Byrne and the Chairman - 9.

Declined voting:- Messrs Hall, Doyle and Kavanagh - 3.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

He then put the resolution as to three candidates only being regarded as eligible and this was carried nem.con.

It was decided that the formality of proposing and seconding the candidates be dispensed with, and a "straight" vote on the three candidates was taken with the following result:-

For Gannon - Messrs Pender, Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Frith, Corish, Hayes, Sean O'Byrne and the Chairman - 9.

For Hall - Messrs Shannon, M. Byrne, Doyle, Kavanagh, J. Byrne, Cloney, Lawlor and Hall - 8.

For Sinnott - Mr O'Donoghue - 1.

Declined to vote - Mr Lennon - 1.

Sinnott then fell out and a poll was taken as between

- Gannon and Hall with the following result:-

For Gannon:- Messrs Pender, Culleton, P. O'Byrne, Frith, Corish, Hayes, Hughes, Sean O'Byrne, and the Chairman - 9.

For Hall:- Messrs Shannon, M. Byrne, O'Donoghue, Lawlor, Hall, Doyle, Kavanagh, James Byrne and Cloney - 9.

Mr Lennon declined to vote.

The Chairman gave his casting vote to Mr Gannon whom he declared elected.

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

"That Mr Sean Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey, be elected Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District (vacant thro' the resignation of Mr John Sinnott) for a probationary period of twelve months but with the assurance that if he discharges his duties to the satisfaction of the County Council and the Department of Local Government, it will be open to the Council to appoint him as a permanent Collector.

Remuneration 7d in the £ on amount of Rates collected and without fees for the preparation of Voters and Juries Lists and in respect of which the usual duties of Rate Collectors must be discharged.

This appointment is also subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the successful candidate entering into a personal bond with two solvent sureties in the sum of £200 to cover completion of warrant and the efficient discharge of his duties, and a further bond from a recognised guarantee society to cover fraud or embezzlement.

Mr Gannon returned thanks for his election.

Financial Position of the Council.

The financial position of the Council having been dealt with in full by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr S. O'Byrne.

"That we direct our Secretary to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval to a further overdraft of £24,000 to the end of September 1925.

Poor Law Commission

Under date 25th May 1925, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding queries to which they requested answers for the information of the Commission which had been established with the object of devising permanent legislation for the effective and economical relief of the sick and destitute poor including the insane poor and to inquire into the laws and administration relating thereto.

The Commission requested the Council to nominate representatives to give evidence before the Commission and the Council should be prepared to give all statistical information relating to relief of any classes from the rates.

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

"That Circular letter from the Department of Local Government, relative to information etc, regarding Poor Law Commission, be referred to the new Council."

Loan - Improvements County Hospital.

Under date 13th June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote stating that the Minister had sanctioned loan of £10,000 for County Hospital improvements repayment to be spread over a period of ten years at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks' Discount Rate (varying) with a minimum of 4% in lieu of the terms of sanction indicated in the letter of the 6th March last.

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

"That the sum of £1400 purchase price of Rosepark, Wexford, as a residence for the Surgeon, County Hospital and which is covered by the loan of £10,000 for County Hospital improvements be paid Mr George Daly, vendor. We would point out that the premises were handed over to the Council some time ago and that the Resident Surgeon is now in occupation on terms agreed upon between him and the Council."

Water Supply - Newtown (Ballygarrett.)

Sealed Order dated 18th May 1925 No 21012/1925 was read from the Department of Local Government, fixing the Killenogh and Wells Dispensary District as the area of charge on which all expenses incurred for the purpose of providing and maintaining a water supply at Newtown, Ballygarrett, shall be chargeable.

Wexford County Scheme.

Under date 25th May 1925, letter No P. 24240/25, Miscellaneous, was read from the Minister for Local Government, notifying the Council of his intention to amend and modify the Wexford County Scheme in the under-mentioned manner, such amendment and modification to come into operation from the day fixed for the first meeting of the County Council after the next Statutory election.

"Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 14 and also Part IV to be revoked, a new article 3 to be substituted as follows:-

"The provisions of sections 12 and 13 of the Local Government Act 1925 and of the second Schedule to the said Act, shall apply to the Wexford County Board of Health (hereinafter referred to as the Board of Health) as if the County were a county health district under the said Act, and the said Board were the Board of Health for such district, within the meaning of the said Act."

Article 13 of the scheme to be amended and modified by the insertion at the end of sub article (ii) of the words 'or in such other manner as may be prescribed' so as to bring the sub-article into conformity with section 14(2) of the Act and by the addition of a sub-article as follows:-

"(iii) The Board of Health shall be subject to such conditions ~~as~~ or restrictions in relation to expenditure as the County Council may impose with the consent of the Minister.

Agreed to.

Scholarship Schemes.

Secondary. - In connection with the proposal of the County Council to extend in suitable cases, by a year, Secondary Scholarships, awarded in 1922 and 1923, applications were received from Secondary Scholarship Holders of these two years:-

The circumstances of the candidates having been considered, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That fourth year Secondary Scholarships be granted to:- Lawrence Harte, John J. Kenny, J. G. Dillon, J. B. Lattissey, Edward Breen, John Stafford, Margaret Berney, Bridget Doyle, Bridget Furse, Stacia Dunne, Kathleen C. O'Keeffe, Bridget Berney and Mr. Frayne."

Under date 13th June 1925, a letter was read from the Department of Education (Ed. 177/7), stating that the Department had no objection to the proposed extension of Secondary Scholarships awarded in 1922 and 1923, provided the progress of the candidates is approved of in the usual way and that the Council has the necessary funds.

In connection with the award of Scholarships for the current year, a letter was read from the Department of Education under date 2nd June 1925 (L. 12840/15.) that as regards the question of admission of Thomas Culleton who was over age, the Department could not sanction an award to any candidate not complying with the terms of eligibility as laid down in the scheme which had been approved of by the Minister.

University.

Mr Corish raised a question as to the resolution of the Council declaring Mr Patrick J. White, Carcur House, Wexford, not eligible to compete for University Scholarships on the ground that his father was a member of the R. I. C. and had not retired previous to the year 1919. The decision of the Council was against the Constitution and therefore ultra vires.

After considerable discussion the following resolution

was moved by Mr Corish and seconded by Mr Shannon:-
 "That the new County Council be recommended to delete from the University Scholarship Scheme the clause debarring children of persons who were bearing arms in the service of the British Government unless they retired previous to 1919, as being ineligible to compete for ~~scholarships~~ scholarships."

As an amendment, Mr Cloney moved and Mr James Byrne seconded:-

"That no action be taken by this Council as regards University Scholarship Scheme."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Kavanagh, James Byrne, Lennon, Cloney, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue and the Chairman - 7.

Against:- Messrs Bender, Shannon, Culleton, M. Byrne Corish, Hayes, Doyle and Lawlor - 8.

Mr Hall did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

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

Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was considered in detail and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Rate Collectors be called upon to close their collections forthwith. That, as regards all amounts outstanding an examination be made of the claims made by the Collectors for refund of Irrecoverable Rates, and that a full statement be laid before the Department of Local Government in order that the collection be wound up without further delay."

"That the following Collectors be directed to furnish their list of Irrecoverable rates at once:-

P. J. Sinnott, C. Mc Carthy, M. M. Kelly, John Sinnott and P. J. Fitzpatrick.

Roads.

Grants. - Under date 12th June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (S/GA/131) that a payment of £552 would be made in connection with Trunk Road No 8 (Wexford Urban Council grant £2200). This was the final payment in connection with the grant in question.

Under date 27th May 1925 the Department of Local Government wrote (S/GA/109) that a payment of £240 would be made in connection with Trunk Road No 7.7 (New Ross Urban District Grant £1200). This was the final payment in connection with this particular grant.

County Surveyor's Travelling Expenses.

Under date 3rd June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RS/32) that the Minister had sanctioned payment to the County Surveyor of travelling expenses in connection with the recent road inspection at the rate of 6d per mile, amount to be vouched on the usual forms.

Engine men - Lodging money.

Under date 2nd June 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RM/32), stating that the Ministry had approved of the payment of 7/- per week made by the Council to certain men by way of lodging money during periods between August and December 1924.
New Road, Rosslare.

Under date 29th May 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RU/32), that a grant of £2000. had been earmarked to the Council towards the cost of making a new road through the Sloblands connecting Wexford and Rosslare. The general condition as to wages etc. governing the Trunk Road Grant notified last year would apply to this grant also.

Ordered that a copy of the letter of the Local Govt Department re new road at Rosslare be furnished to the County Surveyor.

In connection with obtaining permission from land owners, Mr Elgee submitted letter from Meldon & Co. Solicitors, 8 Merrion Square North Dublin, that the scheme had received the approval of the Meldon Estate

and the conditions mentioned in the letter of Mr Elgee were, as well, as Messrs Meldom could recollect, those that had been already agreed upon.

Charge Hands.

Under date 29th May 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RM/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the Wexford County Council making a payment of 2/- per week, extra to road men acting as sub-gangers in cases in which the County Surveyor finds it necessary to divide a gang and place a reliable man in charge of a portion of them.

New Telegraphic Line.

Under date 15th June 1925, the Engineer in Chief, Post Office, Dublin, applied for the consent of the Wexford County Council to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the Maurituistown and Grange Little road.

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

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to erection of overground telegraphic line along the Maurituistown and Grange Little Road (Wexford District) provided said line be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Motor Traffic.

Under date 28th May, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (L.R.V./220) calling the attention of the Council to Section 7(4) of the Roads Act 1920 and to Article II (3) of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1906.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney: That Circular letter from the Department of Local Government (L.R.V./220), 28th May 1925, be referred to the new Co. Council. That the attention of County Superintendent Civic Guards be called to the excessive speed at which motor cars are constantly driven, more particularly on highways leading to seaside resorts in the county.

Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor and His motor Car.

Under date 31st June, 1925, Mr Jones Assistant Surveyor, who has resigned, wrote that he was quite prepared to retain his Ford motor car subject to a valuation of competent persons, or as an alternative, he would pay £30 cash for it when his work ceased. This, he considered to be the full value of the car.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Syrne:-

"That, as we believe if County Council took over motor car from Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, they would be unable to obtain for it a higher figure than £30, we hereby agree, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government, to accept that amount from Mr Jones and to allow him to retain his car."

Quay at Duncannon.

An application under date 27th May, 1925 was received from Mr B. Downes, merchant, Duncannon, for the piece of waste ground lying south east of Cleff's public house in the street of Duncannon for the purpose of erecting a store for goods etc. carried in his boats from Waterford to the various merchants in the locality also farmers' goods, at whatever terms it is usual for the Council to make. Should he get permission he intended to erect a building every way in keeping with the better appearance of the village.

The Secretary stated that a copy of this application had been referred to the County Surveyor who reported that he did not think permission should be given as it would cause obstruction to the view from existing houses. There would however, be no objection to allowing Mr Downes to erect a small shed down near the inner harbour.

Under date 4th June 1925, Mr Downes wrote that he would be glad if the Council would agree to allow him the piece of ground at the head of the dock which the County Surveyor pointed out to the Harbour Master as suitable. This would not interfere with anything.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr B. Downes, Merchant, Duncannon, be granted permission to erect a small store at the grass plot near the inner dock Duncannon, provided that the specification for same and its erection meet with the approval of the County Surveyor; also that he enters into an agreement with the Council that the structure should be removed at any time on reasonable notice by the Council.

Assistant Surveyors - Increments of Salaries.

Under date 25th May 1925, Messrs J. Cullen and J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyors, applied for usual increments to their salaries. As they were now entering on their third year and had received no increase, they called attention to the matter.

The Secretary stated that no application for increments had been received from these officers. In reply to a query, he pointed out that increments were not automatically given; they were conditional on satisfactory service as reported by the County Surveyor.

The latter recommended the increments to be granted.

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

"That the appropriate increments in the salaries of Messrs J. Cullen and J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyors, viz: £5 per annum be granted in view of the satisfactory report of the County Surveyor."

Road 225 R. - The County Surveyor submitted letter from J. J. Whitty Fisherstown, Campile, complaining that there were dumps of manure on roads in his District which should be removed. Road 225 K at Dollar Point had been eaten away by the river and it was most dangerous. If anything happened, he would not be responsible as he had written previously about the matter. £23 or £24 would build up the dangerous portion and erect the necessary wire paling for protection.

Road 227 R. - The County Surveyor submitted letter from Martin O'Brien, Great Island, Campile, calling attention to trees growing across the road leading to his house, which caused great obstruction and prevented him bringing in hay. If the obstruction was not removed he would have to see further. It was decided that no action be taken.

Grange Quarry.

A letter signed by six labourers of the district was read complaining that farmers were employed getting materials from this quarry while labourers were idle. They did not want to cut the farmers out altogether, but they were willing that the farmers should do the haulage and leave the quarrying etc. to the labourers.

A report was submitted from a Committee of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council which had inspected this quarry, that they considered it advisable that the present arrangement of obtaining material should be continued for present year but recommended that the quarry be opened on site inspected, if present system was likely to prove unsatisfactory and that the use of this material be extended, no material to be drawn from outside for the roads in the locality.

The County Surveyor recommended that he should make arrangements for handbreaking in this Quarry in autumn.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the recommendation of the County Surveyor was agreed to.

Annagh Gap and Cummer Quarries.

A resolution was read from the Wicklow Gap Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union applying for employment for a number of idle men and protesting against the action of the Council in bringing men distances of three miles to work in Annagh Gap Quarry, while local men were unemployed for the past nine months; also against the use of a stonebreaker in Annagh Gap and Cummer quarries, half the material from which should be broken by hand so as to provide employment.

The County Surveyor submitted a report from Mr Treanor

Assistant Surveyor for the district, that he had spoken to the ganger about the matter. The ganger informed him that he had made inquiries from the men in the quarry (some of whom are on the Committee of the Branch) who stated they had no knowledge of such a resolution being passed at any of their meetings.

It was decided that no action be taken in view of the report from Mr Treanor.

Tubberfinnick Quarry.

A resolution was submitted from the Castlebridge Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, protesting against material for the Wexford-Enniscorthy road being obtained from quarries other than Tubberfinnick or Eden Vale in view of the unemployment and destitution in the district.

The County Surveyor stated that nothing could be done at the present time. The material at Kerlofue was the best that could be put into the road.

no action.

Curaduff Quarry.

A report was submitted from an Inspection Committee of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council recommending that material at present quarried in Curaduff Quarry be broken by hand and that the quarry be opened further down field.

On the motion of Mr Lawlor seconded by Mr Shannon, it was decided that a new face be obtained in Curaduff Quarry.

Kiltealy Quarry.

A report was submitted from an Inspection Committee of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council stating that they believed, from information received, that Kiltealy quarry was not opened in the proper place. They recommended that a thorough examination of the locality be made to ascertain if good material could be obtained by starting in another place.

The County Surveyor stated that after very close examination he could not find any proper quarry at the place.

This was borne out by Mr Lawlor.

It was decided that no action be taken.

Dunanore Quarry.

Under date 29th May 1925, Mrs Lett, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy wrote protesting against the blasting in Dunanore Quarry.

On May 27th, a large stone fell within ten yards of the house and was embedded in the lawn. She would insist on this practice being discontinued.

Under date 9th June 1925, Mr Cullen Assistant Surveyor wrote that since the previous complaint he had carried out hand blasts in this quarry on six occasions and had warning given at Mrs Lett's house each time and had taken every precaution against flying stones. It was necessary to have frequent hand blasts to clear out butts as work progressed.

Mr Barry explained that the blasts were always "masked" but there was no doubt a small stone did go into Mrs Lett's lawn.

It was decided that Mrs Lett be informed that the County Surveyor and his staff were taking all precautions to prevent accidents. The Council hoped Mr Barry would continue to do so.

Under date 9th June 1925, Mr J. Cullen reported that the owner of the land adjoining Dunanore Quarry had asked him to have paling erected on bounds between his land and the quarry. He was afraid his cattle would break through the existing fence and injure themselves in the quarry. Mr Cullen did not know whether the Council would be liable in the event of this happening and he wished to know if it was considered advisable to have the paling erected.

The County Surveyor stated he did not consider that a paling was necessary in this case. No action.

Arcandrisk Wharf.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr Elfee, Solicitor, that Capt Cookman had asked him to inform the County Council that he owned the wharf adjoining the railway bridge at Arcandrisk, and that, if the County Council wished to use same for the purpose of landing road material or for any other purpose

they should in the first instance obtain his permission.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor with instructions to obtain the necessary permission from Capt Cookman when it was necessary to use the wharf for the work of the County Council.

Blackwater River Bridge.

Under date 25th May 1925, Mr J. B. Dunbar Solicitor, wrote that Mr William Kerr, 17 Slaney Street Enniscorthy, had handed him the letter on behalf of the Council repudiating liability for the injuries which Mr Kerr had suffered by defect in this bridge. Unless an offer was made to Mr Kerr which he could accept he would take proceedings.

Mr Elgee considered the Council were not liable in this case.

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

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to defend any proceedings which may be taken by Mr Kerr in connection with his claim for compensation in connection with injuries which he stated he had sustained owing to the defective condition of Blackwater River Bridge."

Claim by Road Contractor.

Messrs Huffard & Brennan, Solicitors Wexford, wrote under date 25th May 1925, claiming £27-19-0 which they alleged to be due to Edward Mc Donald Kilbora Camolin, on foot of Road Contracts No 13 G and 14 G.

Referred to County Surveyor for detailed report to next County Council meeting.

Sparrowsland Bridge and Railway Siding.

Under date 15th June 1925, the County Surveyor reported that he had discussed these matters with the District Engineer of the Great Southern Railways on that day. He believed there would be no difficulty in obtaining the erection of the siding and the Railway Engineer would forward to his Board full particulars with an estimate

of cost. It was usual for persons obtaining a siding to pay the cost but this would be a matter for arrangement between the County Council and the Railway Board of Directors having in view the amount of traffic placed annually on the line by the County Council.

The Engineer informed the County Surveyor that as regards the overline bridge at Sparrowland, any person causing damage by excessive prohibitive traffic would be liable for any injury to the Bridge.

The usual procedure according to the statement of the Railway District Engineer was that where existing structures of this nature were insufficient to take modern traffic, the extra cost entailed was borne by the local authority - in this case, the County Council.

He (County Surveyor) recommended that as this bridge was one that must be put into a condition to take heavy traffic, application should be made to the Railway Company to reconstruct it, and the Council would then be furnished with an estimate of cost.

At the present time, heavy lorries, traction engines, etc passed over this Bridge and it will be necessary from time to time for the Council's machinery, rollers, traction engines, breakers, etc to cross the bridge.

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

"That the Great Southern Railways Company be asked to take in hands the reconstruction of Sparrowland Bridge in order to put it in a condition to bear modern traffic."

Regulating Traffic at Rosslare.

Under date 28th April 1925, a letter was read from Wexford R.D. Council relative to a request which was read from the Rosslare Tourist Development Association asking that in view of the probable congestion of traffic on the road leading from Rosslare Railway Station to the Strand, all vehicular traffic entering Rosslare should be diverted to the entrance via the Grange Road. It was stated that all that would be necessary was for the

Civic Guard to attend on Sundays and Holidays at the cross roads leading to the Station and to divert the traffic to the route suggested by the Tourist Association. The Wexford R. D. Council requested the County Council to ask the Civic Guard to have the suggestion agreed to.

The following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 14th May 1925 was submitted and adopted "That the consent of the Minister for Local Government be requested in order to allow of the diversion of traffic on Sundays and Holidays at Rosslare as suggested in letter from Wexford R. D. Council."

Garden at County Council.

Under date 11th May 1925, a letter was received from Patrick Furlong 3 Monck Street, Wexford offering to rent the garden adjoining the County Council Offices.

The matter was considered at meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee on 14th May 1925 when a recommendation was adopted referring the matter to the County Surveyor to make the best possible bargain with Mr Furlong in the matter.

The County Surveyor reported that he had made an agreement with Mr Furlong to take the garden at £3 per annum and an agreement in connection with the matter had been prepared by Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

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

"That P. Furlong 3 Monck Street Wexford be accepted as tenant of garden adjoining County Council premises at a rent of £3 per annum and on the terms and conditions of the agreement prepared by Mr Elgee Solicitor to the Council.

Gorey Roads.

Under date 30th May 1925, a letter was read from Mrs Cecilia George, Cahore Gorey asking that the roads in the district might be widened and improved. The road running along the Seaview and Kilmichael farms was so narrow that no farm cart or motor cart could pass.

No order.

Weighbridge at Ferns.

Under date 29th May 1925, a letter was read from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co. Solicitors Enniscorthy asking the Council to grant a lease of the plot at Ferns on which it was proposed to erect a weighbridge. The Representative Church Body in so far as they had any interest in the plot, were prepared to give permission for the erection of the weighbridge.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney the following resolution was adopted:—

"That Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co. be informed that the County Council consider they have no power to grant a lease of public property in roads. They would, however be prepared to enter into an agreement for the erection of Ferns Weighbridge, such agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council and to be at the expense of Messrs J. Bolger & Co. Ferns.

The River Sow.

Under date 8th June 1925, a letter was read from Mr A. A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, stating that at the last meeting of his Council, a complaint was made that the free flow of the river Sow was impeded by stones from Ballinkeele Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that before this complaint had been received, he had given instructions for the removal of the stuff which was causing the obstruction.

Dismissal of Workman.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Butthistle, Assistant Surveyor, that he had found it necessary to dispense with the services of Philip Walsh, one of the steamrolling gang at Kyle for losing time habitually although warned on several occasions.

Philip Walsh, the workman in question, James Barnes, foreman, and Mr Butthistle, Assistant Surveyor, having been heard by the Council, the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kavanagh

and adopted:-

"That the action of Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor in dismissing Philip Walsh from the employment of the Council be confirmed."

New Ross Bridge.

Under date 15th June 1925, the County Surveyor reported that on the 8th June 1925, a ship passing through New Ross Bridge had collided with the side and carried away a water pipe belonging to the Urban Council as well as causing some damage to the capping of the bridge itself.

Reports in the matter were also submitted from Mr Jones Assistant Surveyor and Messrs Lawler Brothers caretakers of the Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated he would inspect the damage on the 18th June and present a report to the next meeting of the Council.

Hedge Cutting.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 14th May 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor under date 11th May 1925 submitted reply to Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor in respect of the charges made against him by P. Murphy Ballyduff, Ballycarney, as to cutting of hedges. Mr Ennis denied all the charges made by Mr Murphy and said the letter was written with the sole purpose of injuring him."

"The Committee regarded Mr Ennis's explanation as satisfactory."

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Trinity Quarry

In connection with faulty depots at Trinity Quarry, Mr Borthistle, Assistant Surveyor reported under date 13th June 1925, that the two men, Wickham and Murphy, who owned the depots, had since been debarred from working. The services of the carter whom the men engaged to bring the material to the road would be dispensed with when he had finished carting the material to a short section of road, as he (Mr Borthistle) was satisfied he was an unsuitable man.

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

"That the report of Mr Borthistle be accepted as satisfactory.

Applications from Subsidiary Bodies for Funds.

Applications were received for payment of instalments on foot of their demands from New Ross and Gorey Rural District Councils and Mental Hospital Committee.

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

"That as large an instalment as possible of amounts due to subsidiary bodies be transferred to them as soon as the condition of the funds of the Council allow."

Application Christian Brothers New Ross for Workhouse Buildings.

Under date 9th June 1925, the Secretary County Board of Health forwarded application from the Christian Brothers, New Ross with copy of report of a Committee of the Board of Health requesting the use of the disused Fever Hospital at New Ross as a school during the time that the Brothers Schools in New Ross would be under repairs and extension. The County Board of Health considered the County Council were the body primarily concerned, but believed it would be well if they made a recommendation to the Council.

The Committee saw so many objections to acceding

to the wishes of the Brothers in granting the use of the disused Fever Hospital that they could not recommend the Council to agree to its use.

They were of opinion that the administration block would be suitable if it were available. In it are situated the office of Mr Rochford who is Clerk to three Rural District Councils. The Brothers required the use of the place by 1st September next, and the Committee did not know if the R. D. Council Offices would be available by that time. The two rooms beneath the offices were available and the Committee recommended that these should be given. In the main building there are two schools; the matron's room, the master's room and two store rooms which were also available and which the Committee recommend should be given. The objection which the Brothers have to the rooms in the main building is that they are too small for class rooms and they wished for rooms in the disused Fever Hospital or in the main offices.

Brother J. E. Curtin, New Ross came before the meeting and explained the necessity which existed for the application made by the Brothers.

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

"That the application of the Christian Brothers New Ross for permission to utilise portion of the old workhouse premises, New Ross, be agreed to and that the following portion of the premises be placed at their disposal: The two schools, the Board Room and the offices adjacent, That Mr Rochford be instructed to transfer his offices to the matron's or master's room in order to allow of the Brothers using these offices. That the Christian Brothers enter into a written agreement with the County Council, to be prepared by Mr Elgee solicitor, as to the occupation of these premises which they are to be allowed to occupy free of rent."

Rates on Office of District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 14th May, 1925 was submitted:-

"In connection with resolution adopted by the Finance and Roads Committee on 21st April 1925, asking Mrs Moore, landlord of above premises to state for what period the £1-14-10, claimed by her for rates, was due, a letter was submitted from Mrs Moore giving in detail the amounts which she had paid in rates, and explaining that the office of the District Court Clerk had been separately rated."

Under date 11th May 1925, Mr P. J. Shaw, Clerk to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, wrote that the District Court Clerk's office was first put on books for rating purposes in 1924, being rated for half rent at £13.

"It was decided that the claim of Mrs Moore for rates for 1924-25 amounting to £3-9-9 be paid. This covers first moiety mentioned in first letter of Mrs Moore and also second moiety for financial period."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 14th May 1925 was ~~submitted~~, confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney.

Claim of Ex-Officers.

The following extract from minutes of Finance and Roads Committee of 14th May 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 11th May 1925, Messrs Huffard & Brennan Solicitors, Wexford, made application for unpaid poundage which they claimed to be due to Messrs Patrick Rossiter, Gregory Rossiter and John A. Ryan, ex Rate Collectors.

The secretary mentioned that this matter had been considered by the Council which had adopted a resolution that, in their opinion, the full claims of these officers had been disposed of in the award set out under the War Period (Compensation) Act.

"It was decided that Messrs Huffard & Brennan be informed accordingly."

The Secretary stated that on 10th June 1925, he had received Civil Bill from Messrs Huffard & Brennan on behalf of Patrick Rossiter, ex Rate Collector for £55-11-11.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee in this matter be confirmed, and that Mr Elgee be instructed to enter defence to the proceedings instituted by Mr Patrick Rossiter.

Lectureship in Irish Music.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 14th May 1925 was submitted:-

"A resolution was received from the Co. Councils' General Council stating that it was desirable that the Lectureship in Irish Music in University College Dublin, now about to be discontinued through lack of funds, should be continued, and that for this purpose, the affiliated Councils be asked to contribute the necessary funds, about £130. per annum."

"It was recommended that the Council contribute a sum of £5 towards the maintenance of the Lectureship in Irish Music in University College, Dublin.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne; the recommendation of Finance and Roads Committee to be effective only in the event of sanction for payment of same being received from the Department of Local Government.

Claim of Mr J. J. Rochford.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 14th May 1925 was submitted:-

"Correspondence was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors asking the Council to agree to pension of £27-2-4 to Mr J. J. Rochford for loss of office as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, this amount being two-thirds of the average fees he received in the three years 1921 to 1923 inclusive."

' Under date 30th April 1925, the Minister for Local Government wrote (P. 18219/25 Wexford County), stating that in connection with this claim, he proposed to make a determination of the pension and was prepared to consider any representations the Council might wish to make in the matter.

' After discussion it was decided that the fixing of the amount in this case be left to the determination of the Minister for Local Government.'

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney.

Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 29th May 1925, Mr J. J. Bolger, Solicitor Enniscorthy, wrote on behalf of the County Wexford Sessional Bar Association in reference to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse and asking that a room in the building be reserved exclusively for the use of solicitors attending the Court.

Referred to the new Council.

Under date, 6th June 1925, Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son Solicitors, Wexford wrote on behalf of Mrs Mc Nally, Courtkeeper, Wexford Courthouse stating that there was no legal ground for withholding payment of items claimed by her as they were included in the terms of her appointment which had never been varied. The items had been paid heretofore without question.

The Chairman mentioned it would appear the Council were undoubtedly liable to pay Mrs Mc Nally according to the condition of her appointment.

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

" That the claim of Mrs Mc Nally for fuel, light, and contingent expenses be paid and that the new Council be requested to consider Mrs Mc Nally's appointment with a view to having her paid an inclusive salary.

Enniscorthy and Gorey Courthouses.

Mr Elgee reported that he had not yet received any communication from the Minister of Finance in the matter.

Nurse O'Brien.

Under date 2nd June 1925, a letter was read from Miss K. N. Price, Secretary Irish Nurses' Union asking the Council to grant Nurse O'Brien a pension of £6-5-0 per annum owing to loss of her employment caused by the closing of Gorey Workhouse. Nurse O'Brien was the only official in Wexford who had received no compensation whatever for loss of her position.

Under date 5th June 1925, a further letter was read from Miss K. N. Price, Secretary, Irish Nurses' Union stating that according to Section 2 of the Union Officers' (Ireland), Act 1885, the Council might grant superannuation to any person retiring or removed from office by reason of abolition to whom superannuation could have been awarded under the Union Officers' Superannuation (Ireland) Act, 1865. Under these special circumstances superannuation could be granted for less than ten years service. The Ministry referred to this Act in the case of Peter Byrne, late Assistance Officer, Wexford, who also did not hold office on the passing of the Local Government Act of 1919.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council are prepared to consider the claim of Nurse O'Brien provided an assurance can be given them that this claim will be sanctioned by the Dept of Local Government."

Midwives Act.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 14th May 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 22nd April 1925, the Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Union called attention to the fact that Miss Johanna Brown New Ross was persisting in practising as a midwife without the presence of a registered medical practitioner which was necessary

as she had failed to pass the Central Midwives' Board's examination.

A recommendation was adopted that Miss Browne be informed that if she attends midwifery cases in future without the presence of a medical doctor, she will be prosecuted and will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £10.

Under date 21st April 1925, the Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Union wrote reporting that the following "handy" women were practising as midwives in the County Wexford against the provisions of the Midwives' Act:-

Miss Kate Mahon Oulart, Gorey.

Mrs Kate Dempsey Ballyvaldon, Blackwater.

Mrs Sinnott Monageer.

She asked that those women should be warned that they are breaking the law.

It was decided that the Secretary inform Kate Mahon Kate Dempsey and Mrs Sinnott that unless they pass the Central Midwives' Board's examination they cannot practise as midwives, and if they persist in contravening the provisions of the Midwives' Act 1918 in this respect, they will render themselves liable to prosecution and fine not exceeding £10 on summary conviction.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney, the recommendations of the Finance and Roads Committee were confirmed.

Under date 4th June 1925, the Secretary Irish Nurses' Union wrote that Miss Walsh High Hill New Ross had advertised herself as a fully qualified and certified midwife and was infringing section 1 (1) of the Midwives' (Ireland) Act 1918 by so using the title of certified midwife as she had failed to pass the last examination held by the Central Midwives' Board. She also infringed section 1 (2) of the Act by practising as such without a doctor.

It was decided that the Secretary inform Miss E. Walsh High Hill New Ross that she cannot practise as certified midwife unless she passes the examination of the Central Midwives' Board and that she will render herself liable to prosecution and fine not exceeding £10 on summary conviction, if she persists in contravening the Act.

Lease County Wexford Infirmary

Letter was read from Dr Furlong, Co. Wexford Infirmary, asking the County Council to accept a rent of £80 per annum in lease which it was proposed he should take for 31 years. When he took over the place, he did not realise it was in such a poor state of repair and he had been obliged to spend a considerable sum upon it to have it fitted up properly as a private Hospital.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Karanagh:-

"That in consideration of Dr. S. A. Furlong entering into a lease with the County Council for the old County Infirmary premises and residence, the amount of rent to be paid be £85 per annum. Dr Furlong is to be responsible for all rates and taxes."

County Library Service.

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

"That the following be appointed as County Library Committee to carry on the work of the library until the new Committee has been appointed:- Messrs J. Linsley, D. Whelan, P. Hickey, R. Phillips, J. F. Heffernan, Rev R. Fitzhenry, Miss W. O'Ryan and Miss Terney."

Under date 29th May 1925, Col Mitchell, Secretary to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, wrote that the Wexford County ~~Board~~ Council having resolved to undertake the responsibility for the Wexford Rural Library Service, and to provide adequate maintenance from public funds, the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees had agreed to hand over the assets and to transfer the entire administration of the Library Service to the County Council as from April 1st 1925.

Analyst's Report.

Miss O'Ryan, County Analyst wrote giving particulars of analyses which she had carried out for quarter ended March 31st 1925. From this it appeared that 16 samples of Drugs, 50 Foods, 1 Buttermilk; 5 new milk and 1 Whiskey had been analysed for the quarter.

Poisons and Pharmacy Act Licences.

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

"That new Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted Mr John Doyle 12 and 13 Quay Street, New Ross and renewals to Laurence Harpur North Main Street Wexford, Henry Hill, Ballycanew and W. Thackaberry Bunclody.

Holidays.

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

"That the Secretary and the County Surveyor and their respective staffs be granted usual Summer Holidays which are to be taken as conditions of work in their respective departments allow."

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee Vacancies.

In connection with recommendation from No 4 Sub-Committee Old Age Pensions as to filling vacancies on the Sub-Committee, it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney, that the matter be referred to the new County Council.

Tourist Development Rate.

A resolution from Wexford R. D. Council, and letter from Mr James J. Kelly, Secretary County Wexford Branch Tourist Development Association asking the County Council to recommend the striking of a rate in connection with the development of tourist resorts in Ireland were referred to the new County Council.

Epizootic Abortion Order, 1925.

Under date 10th June 1925, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L1463/25) calling attention to the above Order and requesting the Council to take steps to have the terms of the Order advertised in the local papers circulating

within their district.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the terms of the Epizootic Abortion Order 1925, be advertised in the three local newspapers."

Approval of the Appointment of Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Under date, 4th June 1925, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L2154/25) approving of the appointment of Messrs James Murphy, Coolbawn Terns, Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, Morgan Flaherty Ballyellis, Carnew, Thomas Prenderfast Knockskemolin, Oulart, M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, and James Hayden Corlican, Killurin, as lay sheep dipping inspectors with remuneration at the rate of £1 per week, covering the expenses of locomotion and allowance for incidental expenses, viz, postage.

Local Election - Advance to Returning Officer.

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

"That an advance of £150 be made to Mr W. J. Frizelle, Returning Officer, to meet urgent payments in connection with the forthcoming local elections."

Road Inspection Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to allow the County Council to pay the members of Special Road Inspection Committee viz, Messrs E. P. Foley, James Hall, John Cummins, and Sean O'Byrne, the sum of 15/- per day to cover their out-of-pocket expenses during the eight days on which they were engaged on inspection work."

Vote of Thanks to Chairman

On the motion of Mr R. Corish, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, a vote of thanks was adopted to the Chairman on the termination of his office.
Mr M. Doyle supported the vote.

Thomas Barry