

A meeting of the Wexford County Council, and which was specially summoned to strike Rates for financial year ending 31st March, 1926, was held on the 25th May, 1925.

Present: - Mr G P Foley, (Chairman) presiding; also: - Messrs James Byrne, Michael Byrne, M Cloney, C. Culliton, J. Cummins, R. Corish, M Doyle, J Lawler, P Hayes, James Hall, W Kavanagh, Philip Lennon, Sean O'Byrne, John J. Byrne, Patrick O'Byrne, M M O'Donoghue, John Pender, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr Gejee Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Late Miss Frances Doyle

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Michael Byrne the following letter from Mr Michael Doyle, in reply to vote of condolence, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes: -

"I am indeed most grateful to the members of the County Council for their kind vote of sympathy in my late bereavement. I owe special thanks to the Chairman and Mr Corish J. D for their kind and sympathetic remarks.

Also let me thank yourself Messrs Barry & Gejee for such kind expressions on the occasion.

"I have indeed always felt proud to be

a member of our County Council for such a long period, and it certainly helps one in time of sadness to know he has the kind sympathy of his fellow workers. Again thanking each and all.

Striking of Rate for Year 1925-1926

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

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1925-1926 as agreed to at meeting of Wexford County Council on 24th April, 1925, as follows, and which makes provision for receipt of double ordinary Agricultural Grant:-

Rural District.	Lands	Other Hereditaments
Enniscorthy	4/8	9/8
Gorey	4/8	9/5
New Ross	4/3	9/5
Wexfords	4/4	9/6

"We allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books said Rates being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being as set out in the valuation lists furnished by the Valuation Department,

"That the allowance of said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books signed by the Presiding Chairman and two members present at this meeting be adopted, attested by the seal of the

Wexford County Council and countersigned by the Secretary.

"That the demands of the Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Ennisorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, ^{amounts} be duly signed and sealed, the demands from the said Urban Councils being:-

Ennisorthy £2274.. 0^s.. 4^d

New Ross £2243.. 4.. 9

Wexford £5340.. 5.. 9

Scholarships.

University.

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

"Applications for University Scholarships were received from the following:-

Kathleen M. M. Beakey, 4, Upper Main St, Arklow.

Aidan Simmons, 43 Irish St, Ennisorthy.

Patrick Joseph White, Carcur House, Wexford.

Donald McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clongal, Ferris.

Honoria Bolger, Victoria Place, New Ross.

A resolution was adopted agreeing that Mr. Simmons, Mr. McAuliffe, and Miss Bolger are eligible for scholarship.

In the case of Miss Beakey the Committee could not consider her eligible as neither her parents nor herself had resided in County Wexford for the five years immediately preceding 1st January, 1925; this being a condition of the scheme, and as regards

Patrick J. White they declared him ineligible as his father did not retire from the R. I. Co., previous to 1919".

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Doyle the minute of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Secondary.

"Mr Sean O. Byrne moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Council extend, in suitable cases by a year, Secondary Scholarships awarded in 1922 and 1923"

Mr James Byrne seconded.

On the motion of Mr James Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided that the notice of motion be discussed in Committee.

An extract was submitted from the Minutes of meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of the 14th May 1925 recommending the adoption of the motion.

After considerable discussion the resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr James Byrne seconded by Mr Sean O. Byrne:-

"That the extension of a year be granted in the case of Secondary Scholarship held by Margaret Cullen Ballytarsna, Ballycullane, (formerly of Bellefield Ganiscothy) and that the Finance and Roads Committee be empowered to consider the circumstances of other instances of third year's Scholarships with the view of providing for a fourth year to cover the Intermediate Programme".

Applications for Secondary Scholarships were received from the following:-

Eva Cullen, Ballytarsna, Ballycullane.
Thomas Culleton, Ringasken, Killinick.
Elizabeth Mary McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal Co. Wexford.
Patrick Murphy, Ballyfinnue, Killinick.
Mary Ellen Murphy, Ballyell, Lagoat.

Thomas Murphy, Ballingale, Loughmoe, 682
Catherine O'Brien, Ballysop, Campile.
Margaret May O'Hanlon, Mulgannon, Wroesford,
Patrick Joseph O'Reilly, Killeanne, Ganiceorty,

The Secretary mentioned that two candidates were over age, viz. Thomas Cullen & Mary Ellen Murphy.
Mr Hall proposed and Mr S. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Mr Cloney dissenting:-

"That as Thomas Cullen is only ^{seven days} outside the limit of age fixed by Secondary Scholarship Scheme we request the Department of Education to allow him to compete for Scholarship"

All the other candidates, with the exception of Mary Ellen Murphy (who was born on 19th Sept^r 1910), were, on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Hall, declared eligible to compete for Scholarships.

Proposed Retirement of County Surveyor,

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

"Under date 13th May, 1925, the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I shall be obliged if you shall please ask the Roads and Finance Committee to consider my retirement on pension. I am not definitely handing in my resignation as of course the amount of Superannuation to be granted would be the deciding factor. Sanction of the Minister of Local Government both to the retirement and pension will also be necessary.

"Under former Acts the age limit for voluntary retirement is 60 years and I have now reached this. The very great importance of road work nowadays and the varied and critical nature of the work is such that possibly a younger man may be better able to cope with it.

"I shall regret exceedingly severing my connection with the County Council and trust that, if we part, it will be with mutual good will."

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to grant Mr Barry, County Surveyor, consequent on his proposed retirement from office, the maximum amount of Superannuation (in the event of his retirement) to which he is entitled under the Local Government Act, 1919, viz, two-thirds of his salary as he has stated his intention of opting out of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925"

Mr Sean O'Byrne gave notice of his intention to move at meeting of County Council to be held on 16th June, 1925, the following motion:-

"That Mr Barry Co Surveyor, in the event of his proposal to retire being accepted by the Department of Local Government, be granted the maximum amount of Superannuation to which he would be entitled under the Local Government Act, 1919, viz, two-thirds of his salary"

Mr Cummins proposed and Mr J. J. O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the question of the proposed retirement of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be discussed in Committee."

Passed.

After considerable discussion Mr Cummins proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, dealing with the proposed retirement of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be confirmed."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Cummins, Hall, Lennon, P. O'Byrne, Hayes, J. J. O'Byrne, Sean O'Byrne & the Chairman - 8.

Against:- Messrs Lawlor, Karanagh, Pender, Shannon, Culliton, Corish, Doyle, Cloney, O'Donoghue James Byrne & Michael Byrne - 11.

The Chairman declared the motion lost and no further action was taken.

Retirement of Mr Jones Assistant Surveyor.

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

"Under date 2nd May, 1925, Mr W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, New Ross District, wrote offering his resignation in deference to the wishes of the Special Roads Committee and on condition that he would receive the full amount of Compensation to which he was entitled. He had 30 years service and his age was 42. He was willing to carry on his duties

until his successor had been appointed".

"Under date 8th May, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R 5/32) that the sanction of the Minister is not required to the resignation of Mr Jones

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

"That the resignation of Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, New Ross District, be accepted. That advertisement be issued immediately for his successor, salary £170 rising by annual increments of £5, to £200. Locomotion expenses to be according to scale allowed by the Department of Local Government. Knowledge of Irish to be tested at examination to be held the morning of the meeting of the County Council, viz, 16th June, 1925, Paper to be set by the Irish Organiser of Co. Wexford Co, Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction."

In connection with motor car supplied to Mr Jones the Secretary stated there was a sum of £60 "10" 4¹/₂ outstanding".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cummins.

"That in the event of Mr W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, deciding to retain Motor Car supplied to him by the Co Council the latter be recommended to dispose of same to Mr Jones price to be fixed by valuation".

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee accepting the resignation of Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, be accepted, and that notice of motion by Mr Coloney to grant Mr Jones the full amount of Superannuation to which he would be entitled under the local Government Act of 1919 be considered at the meeting of the County Council on 16th June, 1925,

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads

Committee as regards Mr Jones be not confirmed; Mr Jones to be held responsible for the amount due on Car. viz. £60 " 10 " 4^d.

Resignation of Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector for No 10 District.

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

"Under date 25th April, 1925, Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector for No 10 District, comprising the District Electoral Divisions of Bree, Ballyhogue, and the Leap, tendered his resignation, in calculating his superannuation he asked the Council to take into account the fact that he stood by the Council at a critical time in the affairs of the County, and to grant him the maximum amount possible."

"This letter was read at the meeting of the County Council on the 27th April, 1925, but as it was not received until the morning of the Council meeting the following resolution was adopted by the Council:-

"That the resignation of Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee with power to accept same if they consider this advisable; also to advertise for a collector for the divisions in No 10 Collection District; poundage to be at the rate of 4^d in the £ with the usual Registration Fees, no separate remuneration to be payable to the new collector in respect of preparation of Jurors' Lists as under the Juries Amendment Act, 1924 such fees are not payable in the case of any collector appointed after the 15th November, 1923, Mr Sinnott to continue in office until the new collector has been appointed."

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

"That the resignation of Mr John Sinnott, Rate Collector, for No 10 Collection District be accepted on behalf of the County Council and that

advertisement be issued for new Collector to be appointed on 16th June, 1925; on the terms 684 and conditions set out in the resolution of the Council, viz. poundage fees at the rate of 7^d in the £ with the usual Registration fees"

"That an examination of candidates in Irish, English and Arithmetic, be held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview Westford on 15th June, 1925; That the Superior Christian Brothers, Westfords, be asked to prepare the necessary examination papers"

"Mr Sean O Byrne seconded in notice of motion dealing with the proposed Superannuation of Mr Sinnott".

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cummins the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed

Superannuation of Dr Furlong.

Under date 9th May, 1925, letter No. P.21844/1925, Westfords County, the Minister for Local Government forwarded Order made by him consenting to a superannuation allowance of £133. 6^s. 8^d to Doctor A Furlong in consideration of his services as Medical Officer of the Enniscorthy Workhouse.

Blind Persons Act.

Under date 12th March 1925, letter No P.H. 10291/25 Miscellaneous, the Minister for Local Government wrote, asking for the views of the Council in reference to the provisions of Section 2 (1) of the Blind Persons Act 1920.

It was decided to refer the matter to the New-County Council.

On the motion of Mr Collector seconded by Mr Hayes the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to give his reasons why Pat^l Kelly Ballycogley, has been declared by him to be ineligible for a pension applicable to blind persons."

Roads & Public Works.

Purchase of Road Plant.

Under date 9th May, 1925, letter no SR/94 was read from the Minister for Local Government, stating that before any commitment was entered into for the purchase of Road Plant particulars of the Plant proposed to be purchased should be furnished to the Roads Department.

Referred to the County Surveyor for his information

Road Policy.

The following resolution was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That the Government be requested to devise and develop a settled and considered Road Policy, to meet the present problem of road repair and maintenance. It is recognised that a considerable portion of the money at present spent on roads is wasted. We find in this County that, a few weeks after repairs have been effected on main roads, they are again in a very unsatisfactory condition owing to heavy lorry traffic. We realise that in the interests of the general public it would be a retrograde step to interfere with these vehicles and recognise that Roads should be maintained to meet all possible traffic which is for the public welfare. As present methods are completely out-of-date we consider that the reconstruction of roads which are being used by lorry traffic should begin at once. To enable this to be carried out steps should be taken to provide a loan, say, of £3,000,000 of which the Government would provide £1,000,000 - further loans on the same basis to be provided as necessity arose. It is unjust and inequitable that local ratepayers should be (to such a large extent as at present) liable for the proper upkeep of highways which were never constructed to deal with existing conditions.

The motion was seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted.

Mr Cummins proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded,

the adoption of the resolution of the Finance and Roads Committee:-

As an amendment Mr James Byrne proposed and Mr. O. Donoghue seconded:-

"That the matter be referred to the New Council"

A poll was taken with the following result

For the Amendment:- Messrs Hall, Lennon, Lawlor, Karanagh, Cloney, O. Donoghue, and James Byrne - 4.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Luder, Shannon, John J. O'Byrne, and the Chairman - 6

The following declined to vote:-

Messrs P. O. Byrne, Borish, Culleton, & M Byrne.

The Chairman declared the amendment Carried and on being asked the substantive motion it was passed Wm-Con.

On the motion of Mr Borish seconded by Mr Culleton the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we call upon the Government to take over the reconstruction and upkeep of the trunk roads of the County, We are of opinion, owing to the very heavy lorry traffic it is beyond the financial ability of any Co Council to maintain these roads"

Application - Increase of Salaries - Assistant Surveyors.

This matter which was before several meetings of the Council was considered by the Finance and Roads Committee at their meeting on 14 May, 1925, when it was recommended that it should be referred to the New Council.

Under date 8th May, 1925, a letter was read from Messrs R. J. Ganio, J. Cullen, J. H. Birtistle and John Kehoe Assistant Surveyors submitting return of road mileage and number of Assistant Surveyors in other Counties; and asking the Council to give generous consideration to their application for increase of salary commensurate with that paid to Assistant Surveyors in other Counties.

On the motion of Mr Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney, the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was adopted.

Report Special Roads Committee.

The Chairman presented the following report:-

"Second Report Special Roads Committee
District of Deputy Birrhillle.

"On the 4th & 5th May, 1925, we inspected the District of Deputy Birrhillle travelling practically the entire roads under his charge, All the Members including the County Surveyor made the full itinerary.

Enniscoorthy road (Woolford to Whitefort Section)
A great effort has and is being made to deal with this road; two gangs of men with two engines are working on it. An immense quantity of rough and large material from Kerlogue Quarries has been rolled in with the object of laying a foundation before surface rolling.

On many parts the difficulties are enormous owing to the peculiar nature of the soil, composed as it is chiefly of marl when the surface cut up with heavy lorry traffic the bottom became waterbound; the stones when rolled in having no chance of consolidating as the heavy lorries are continually on the road and the material is displaced immediately it is rolled necessitating a fresh re-lay. This is the great trouble in trying to make a permanent bottoming on the road together with the adverse weather conditions and no means of diverting the traffic. Nevertheless the work is being carried on as well as circumstances permit and the present funds at your disposal should go a long way towards making a foundation for the waterbound tar Macadam scheme in contemplation by the Roads Department. The latter propose doing 16 miles of Trunk Road this year and in consultation with County Surveyor have selected the Woolford-Enniscoorthy road.

When rolling work has been carried out potholes appear (in many cases very quickly afterwards) we recommend that every effort should be made to have them filled at once and so prevent rapid deterioration. It is uneconomic to leave any important road in such a state. There is much to be said for the old proverb, "A stitch in time saves nine"

"We visited the road cut up by engine traffic

during winter and found it satisfactorily restored. We advised the County Surveyor 686 to take immediate steps to secure horses to cart what material he may require for Kyle Frank Section from Ballybreannan and also to do likewise from Kerlogue, so as to lessen the Engine haulage and render an important service by way of spreading employment amongst farmers and labourers.

"The small roads leading off the Ennisorthy road (in this area) are suffering badly as the result of heavy lorry traffic. Tho' they have been twice metalled the possibility of holding them against such traffic in the present weather is rather remote.

"The roads in the Castlebridge - Blackwater area we found in a satisfactory condition. All our recommendations having been attended to"

In South Woodford we visited Rosslare, Loggagh, Kilrone, Lady's Islands, Carne, Grange, Lenacre, Bridgetown, Durcanon line Laghmon via Arcandrick to Woodford and we were well pleased with the improved condition of all the roads linking up the districts mentioned. A great amount of work has been done since our previous inspection and the many matters we referred to have been satisfactorily attended to.

"There has been a great improvement in opening up Kerlogue Quarry since our last visit. There are 35 men employed and the output at present is from 80 to 100 cubic yards per day at Arcandrick. Arrangements are being made for tar spraying but the work could not be proceeded with owing to adverse weather conditions.

"The new footpaths we recommended and that you agreed to for Laghmon village have been completed and are a credit to all concerned. In connection with a suggested Quarry site outside Laghmon the prospect of securing material is so very doubtful we could not recommend its being opened.

"When in Rosslare we took particular notice of the road entering the Strand in connection with which there had been discussions at Woodford District Council with the object of widening and paving certain houses

situated thereon.

Before commencing on such a proposal we are of opinion that serious consideration should be given to an alternative route and suggest that it is quite possible to open a new roadway from a point at Woodford side of Railway Station entering Strand near Kelly's Hotel. It is important to observe that there would be no interference with Buildings and the advantages accruing to the Railway Company, would be such that they should contribute a substantial amount to the project, The land through which the proposed road would run is of inferior quality and its value would be so considerably increased for future building sites by having so important a road passing through that we think the owners ought to be willing to dispose of the portion required very reasonably.

"The present road could then be used with much advantage for pedestrian traffic to and from Station"
(Signed):- G. P. Foley, John Cummins, John O'Byrne, and James Hall "

Adopted on the motion of Mr Coloney seconded by Mr Kavanagh.

Payment to Machinery Overseer,

Mr Shannon moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the resolution of the Woodford County Council agreeing to pay £14. 10. 0^d to Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, in connection with his visits to Dublin to take over Machinery be rescinded and that the claim of Mr Murphy viz £22. 10. 0^d be paid in full.

Mr Pender seconded.

Under date 4th May 1925 Letter (No R/SGA/32 Plant) the Minister for Local Government wrote that he would raise no objection to a payment of £14. 10. 0 to Mr Wm Murphy, Machinery Overseer, by way of out-of-pocket expenses and subsistence allowance in connection with his visits to Dublin for the purpose of taking delivery of road machinery.

After considerable discussion Mr Treanor, Senior, Assistant Surveyor, who was called before the meeting relative to the claim, explained that Mr Murphy was quite satisfied to accept £14. 10. 0, already agreed to, in full settlement of his claim, and in view of this statement the notice of motion was withdrawn.

Carriglyrne Quarry.

Mr Shannon moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the decision of the County Council at meeting of 23rd March, 1925, to work Carriglyrne Quarry by piece work be rescinded."

Mr Hayes seconded.

In connection with this matter Mr Jas. Byrne proposed and Mr John J. O'Byrne seconded:-

"That James Murphy, late ganger in Carriglyrne Quarry be allowed to put his position before the meeting. Passed."

Murphy came before the meeting and offered various explanations as to why the quarry had not been worked as satisfactorily as the Special Roads Committee expected.

The Chairman mentioned that it was rather peculiar that Murphy had made none of these explanations to the Special Roads Committee when they inspected the quarry.

A poll was taken on the notice of motion by Mr Shannon with the following result:-

- For - Messrs P. O'Byrne, Shannon, Hayes, Cullenon and Sean D. Byrne - 5.
- Against - Messrs Cummins, Hall, Lennon, Lawlor, Kavanagh, Cloney, Doyle, O'Donoghue James Byrne, Michael Byrne, J. J. Byrne and the Chairman - 12.

The Chairman declared the notice of motion lost.

Road Grants.

Under date 13th May, 1925, letter No SGA/32 was read from the Department of Local Government notifying payment of £ 3,720 in respect of grant £ 30,800.

Under date 29th April, 1925, letter No SGB/202 was read from the Department of Local Government stating that a sum of £ 15,660 (out of Trunk Road Grant £ 450,000) had been provisionally allocated to Wexford County Council for the improvement of Trunk Roads.

Under date 13th May, 1925, the County Surveyor submitted report dealing with the work done the "A" and "B" road grants. The work under the "A" grant was completed, and that under the "B" grant

well advanced. The road between Woodford and Enniscoorthy cut up badly during the winter under heavy lorry traffic with the result that it was found necessary to spend the greater portion of the Grant in putting in heavy bottoming. The balance available would surface fully only a small length while the remainder under ordinary conditions would have to be completed with the aid of the present year's grant of £15,660.

However a national scheme of reconstruction and tar macadamming of leading Trunk Roads was in contemplation under which some 16 miles of the road from Woodford Arbon Bounds through Enniscoorthy was to be scheduled for this County. The greater part of the through route from Arklow Bounds to New Ross was in good condition and he did not recommend that any large portion of the new grants should be allocated to it, some gaps between completed sections in New Ross area should be done but the major portion of the Grant should be expended on the Woodford - New Ross road, subject of course to the Special Grant for tar Macadamming the Woodford Enniscoorthy road being obtained. He recommended that the bottoming of the latter roads be completed and that the surfacing, as far as funds allowed under existing grant, be carried forward with a lesser thickness having in view the future laying of a tar macadam carpet.

The Finance and Roads Committee meeting of the 14th May, 1925, recommended the following allocation of the grant of £15,660:-

Arklow - New Ross Road £1,500
Lorey - Camolin Road £1,000
Woodford - New Ross Road £13,160

this allocation to be subject to proposed grant from the Department for reconstruction of 16 miles of road from Woodford to Enniscoorthy.

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Coloney.

Closing Roads.

Under date 23rd May, 1925, 15/104 the Department

of Local Government (Roads) forwarded copy of regulations made by the Minister with regard to 688 the temporary closing of roads.

Road Plant Grant.

Under date 18th May 1925 letter No R/SAG/32, was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) stating that a payment of £198 in respect of Ministry of Transport Grant No. P. 48 was made to the Treasurer of the County Council on the 14th May.

Foot Paths Gorey Town.

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

"Under date 9th May 1925 a resolution was received from Gorey Rural District Council asking that certain footpaths in the town of Gorey should be attended to.

"It was decided that the Gorey Rural District Council be informed that the footpaths mentioned in their resolution would be attended to as quickly as possible so far as funds were available"

On the motion of Mr Kavanagh seconded by Mr Cloney, the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Tenders Accepted by R. D. Council.

The following resolution was submitted from Finance and Roads Committee of the 14th May, 1925:-

"That in connection with tenders provisionally accepted for Fourth Class Roads by the Rural Districts of the County we hereby, accept said tenders as appearing on forms 20, and decide to make no charge in the period of contract accepted in each case by the R. D. Council."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Hall.

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several payments to Road Contractors, as appearing on Form 22 from Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee and in regard to matters other than public works as approved by the Finance and Roads Committee be and are hereby approved subject to modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Wexford Bridge.

Under date 20th May 1925, the County Surveyor wrote recommending that immediate steps be taken

to restore Bascule of Wexford Bridge which was burnt in July 1922. The County Council had proceeded to bridge the gap temporarily but the work was held up by the Irregulars being subsequently completed by the Free State forces. As his original design had not been carried out, there was at present a sag in the roadway but he was satisfied there was no immediate danger if heavy loads could be prevented crossing. His estimate for the restoration of the bascule on his original lines was £2310, which had been approved by Mr Clements, Engineer, Board of Works. He (County Surveyor), believed that the Council were entitled to a refund of the full cost of restoration as well as the cost of the temporary repairs, amounting to £1,360; for refund of which he had already put in a claim, which had not been dealt with pending the complete repairs.

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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to the Department of Local Government copy of his letter in connection with proposed repair of Wexford Bridge; and that repairs be undertaken when promise of furnishing the necessary funds has been received from the Department"

Re-instatement "Struck Off" Money.

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

"A resolution was read from Gorey Rural District Council asking that James Doyle, Sara Hill, Contractor for 81 £ and John Connors, Sara Hill, Contractor for 83 £ be paid the full sums due in respect of their road contracts and that the sums in each case proposed to be struck off by the County Surveyor be re-instated"

"A letter was read from Mr Treanor Assist. Surveyor, stating that he recommended that sums of £4¹⁰ 0⁰⁰ and £3 respectively be struck off in these cases due to failure to carry out terms of contracts"

"A recommendation was adopted that in view of Mr Treanor's letter and statement of County Surveyor the Finance and Roads Committee do not see their way to recommend the resolution of the District Council to the favourable consideration of the County Council. In any event it was settled procedure that once money was struck off from a contractor it could not be re-instated"

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by the Chairman the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Aughnagroath Bridge.

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

"Under date 28th April, 1925, Mr. K. Kehoe, Clerk, Wexford Rural District Council, that at the last meeting of his Council, a proposal was passed to repair Aughnagroath Bridge at about of £140. As the repairs now required were necessary in consequence of malicious damage done to the structure, the District Council asked the County Council to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refund the cost of repairs, viz. £140."

"It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Department of Local Government in reference to this communication"

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cummins the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Wall and Road at Burrow Roadare,

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

"Under date 24th April 1925, a letter from Mr James Bent, ^{Burrow} Rosslose, asking that something should be done to prevent the houses along the Burrow from being flooded. About 100 yards of the road leading to the end of Hoplands Bank was completely broken up and no gravel had been put on it for some years."

"The County Surveyor explained that the making of a wall at this place would be very expensive, and it was agreed to inform Mr Bent that the Council had no money at present to undertake this work"

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

Time Keepers and Charge Hands.

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

Under date 13th May 1925 - the County Surveyor wrote

that arising out of the report of the Special Roads Committee Charge hands would be required for twelve Quarries and three for road work as per Schedule submitted"

"It was decided that the proposed appointment of fifteen Charge hands as submitted by the County Surveyor be agreed to the men to receive 2/- per week each in addition to their existing wages, while engaged in Capacity of Charge hand"

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Lennon the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed,

The following are the particulars of the Quarries and Sections requiring Time Keepers and Charge hands (12 for Quarries and 3 for Sections):-

Killabeg and Doran's Hill Quarries	1
Collogue Quarry	" " " " 1
Carriganacagh Quarry	" " " " 1
Larra Hill Quarry	" " " " 1
Clonhaston Quarry	" " " " 1
Brownwoods Quarry	" " " " 1
Kerlogue Quarry	" " " " 1
Ballyboggan, Carrigfoyle Ferrycrossig & Seaview	" " " " " " 1
Lomgarrow	" " " " " " 1
Ballinaboola	" " " " " " 1
Linne carrig	" " " " " " 1
St Helen's	" " " " " " 1

Section 25 and 26 E; 6 and 7 W; 16; 17; 18 K only if grant work be undertaken on this section this year.

Cutting of Hedges.

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

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

of infusing him"

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

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by the Chairman the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Requisition for Stores.

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

"The County Surveyor submitted list of store which he proposed purchasing during the coming quarter with approximate prices; The total amount was £822.14.6

"After a discussion a resolution was adopted agreeing that a sum of £500 should be provided for necessary stores and materials for the Co. Surveyor's Department for the coming quarter; the County Surveyor to be instructed to purchase locally so far as possible provided he does not exceed prices set out in the Trade Department's list"

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cummins the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Quarries in North Woodford.

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

"A report was submitted from Egan's Rath Rural District Council Sub-Committee relative to Curraduff, Grange, and Killealy Quarries".

"Referred to the County Council."

On the motion of the Chairman the matter was referred back to the Finance and Roads Committee as it was ascertained that report in question was only received on morning of last Finance and Roads Committee Meeting.

Funanore Quarry

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

"The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The owner of land adjoining this quarry has asked me to have paling erected on bounds between his land and quarry. He is afraid his cattle may break through existing fence and injure themselves in the quarry. I do not know whether the Council would be liable in the event of this happening and should be glad to know if you think it advisable to put up paling of which one hundred and twenty yards would be required.

"It was decided that the letter be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council for report as to their liability in the matter".

Mr Elgee stated his report in the matter was not yet ready.

Trinity Quarry.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"When measuring up the tack work at Trinity Quarry yesterday, Ganger M. Evoy reported that some of the depots paid for during the winter months had been built up with sods underneath them. I inspected the lot and found this to be true also that other depots were formed on large boulders where there was in other places level ground. The tack workers have been kept on by the County Council as an act of kindness and this is their return. Neither myself nor the Ganger can afford the time from our other duties to constantly watch these men

I have suspended all the men concerned namely:-

- James Parle, Kingsford, Borntown
 - John Dowds, Glenview, Borntown
 - Peter Davis, Kingsford, Borntown
 - Thomas Martin, Coolestown, Borntown
 - John Murphy, Borntown
 - Martin Wickham, Golefrone, Loughmon
- I have also suspended the loaders who hauled the Cluff:-
- James Murphy, Newboy, Loughmon
 - Doran, Seaview, Murrinstown

I propose keeping all hands out 'till I am informed as to the guilty ones.

I am keeping all this material out to itself on certain roads, and I propose that if these men are restarted at a future date, that then any shortage found be divided equally over them, and that they make same good free of charge."

In the course of discussion which ensued Mr Hayes stated that John Murphy and Martin Wickham were the two men really responsible and they promised to make up any deficit ascertained.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John D. Byrne it was decided that the Deputy Surveyor for the District be directed to submit a further report on the matter to the next meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee.

Respass on Meadow.

At meeting of County Council on the 27th April, Mr Michael Staffords, Bridgetown, Davidstown, complained that in the erection of a fence near his farm by County Council employees a number of stones had been thrown into his meadow which caused him considerable loss.

The matter had been referred to Special Roads Committee. The Chairman said the Committee found the stones were on the meadow but not very far in. They should not have been allowed there at all.

As regards dangerous corner at this place which Mr Cullen Assistant Surveyor had started to repair on permission from Michael Stafford, Manager for Miss Sinnott, owner of the land, and which permission the latter repudiated the Committee interviewed Miss Sinnott but she refused to have anything to say to them. She stated her solicitors, Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co would deal with the matter, no order.

Coastown Harbour Development Association

The following letter was read from Mr P. J. Creagh

Hon. Sec, Courtown Harbour Development Association
under date 22nd May:-

"At a meeting of the Courtown Harbour
Development Committee held on 20th instant
the following resolutions were adopted:-

I. "That we the Courtown Harbour Development
Committee apply to the County Council for permission
to collect on the bridges leading to Courtown Burrow
on August 15th & 16th, we are holding Sports Meetings
on those dates and the funds from same will be
devoted to the development of Courtown"

II. "That an application be made to the Co. Council
for the grounds on the South side of the Harbour
at Courtown, between the basin or South Pier
and the Harbour Master's House,

III. "That permission be granted to no other body
to collect on the bridges at Courtown unless the
Courtown Development Committee on the Co. Council
approve of the programme of events to be held on the burrow,

"We sincerely trust that the County Council
will give those resolutions due consideration
I am to add that a deputation consisting of
Mr Webb, Gorey, Mr McNeill and Mr Bolger Courtown
Harbour, will await on the Council so that
full particulars may be given."

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

"That requests contained in resolutions sub-
mitted from Courtown Harbour Development Associa-
tion be agreed to and that Harbour Master be directed
to give all possible help to the Association in their
endeavour to develop Courtown Harbour as a tourist
resort"

New Road Rosclare

Mr Conish mentioned that some time ago, the
Council had asked Mr Doyle and himself to interest
themselves in endeavouring to obtain a grant for the
construction of a new road to Rosclare. (More or less
for pedestrian traffic) which was estimated to cost
£2,040. They failed on the first occasion but through
the aid of a resolution dealing with unemployment

which has been caused in the Dunagh district by the closing of the cement works they again asked the Secretary to the Department of Local Government to put the matter up to the Minister for Finance with the result that a grant of £2,000 had been allocated, on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor take immediate steps to put in hand the construction of the new road to Rosslare"

Wages of Engine Attendants.

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

"Under date 4th May, 1925, the Minister for Local Government wrote (R/RM/32), that, in the circumstances stated in the County Surveyor's letter, objection would not be raised to the wages of £2 per week paid to Engine attendants to 23rd March, last, the date of the Department's letter notifying that the wages in these cases should not exceed 6/- per day"

"Under date 13th May, 1925, the County Surveyor submitted letter from George Hatchell, Lorry attendant, the Moyné, Ennis-coothy, complaining that he had to be at work from 6 am. to 6 pm, had no dinner hour, and had more work to perform than other engine oilers. Very often he was 15 miles from home at 6 pm. He contended his wages should be 5/- instead of 3/-"

"It was decided to inform Mr Hatchell that the wage of 3/- to engine attendants had been fixed by the Department for Local Government and that the County Council are not empowered to make any increase on that figure"

Under date 24th April, 1925, a letter was read from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, protesting against a document having been sent out to various engine oilers employed in the County, requesting the signature of each individual to an agreement for a 4/- reduction; as this proceeding was against the principle of collective bargaining which had become an established practice between organised bodies such as public councils and Trade Unions. They could not find any indication that the County Surveyor was acting on behalf of the County Council in this matter

The County Surveyor explained that as the Department

for Local Government would sanction 36/- per week only to these men he was obliged to communicate this figure to them without delay. If he had to deal with an Association, time would have been lost, and if he certified for the former wage in the meantime he would have been surcharged. It was necessary to take prompt action as he was obliged to give a fortnight's notice to men who could not see their way to accept this reduction.

"It was decided that the explanation of the County Surveyor be furnished to the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union and that he further inform them that there was no attempt to evade the principle of collective bargaining in any way in this matter."

Mr Cloney proposed and Mr Kavanagh seconded the confirmation of the Minute of the Finance and Roads Committee.

Mr Hayes proposed:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to reconsider their decision reducing the wages of Gafine oilers by 4/-"

Mr Shannon seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-
For the Amendment - Messrs Cummins, Lennon, Pender, P. O. Byrne, Hayes, Cullerton, Shannon, Corish and Sean O. Byrne - 9.

Against:- Messrs Hall, Kavanagh, Pawlor, Doyle, Cloney, O. Donoghue, James Byrne, M Byrne, and the Chairman - 9.

The Chairman refused to exercise his casting vote with the result that the matter dropped.

Application for Increase of Wages.

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

"Under date 24th April, 1925, letter was read from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union applying to have the rate of wages of road & quarry workers, drivers, oilers, Gangers &c, restored to those which were in operation previous to the last reduction viz, roadmen 38/- per week, and other grades correspondingly. The position of the workers had been

extremely arduous since they were reduced to a wage of 28/- per week and this had been but 693 slightly alleviated by the increase to 30/- which the Council recently granted.

Mr Sean O. Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following recommendation:-

"That the letter from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union applying for increase of wages to road and Quarry workers &c, be submitted to the new Council."

"Mr Hayes was in favour of asking the present Council to deal with the matter as the reduction had taken place during their term of office".

After some discussion the recommendation was agreed to. Mr Hayes dissenting.

Mr James Byrne proposed and Mr O. Donoghue seconded the Confirmation of the minute of the Finance and Roads Committee,

As an amendment Mr Hayes proposed and Mr Shannon seconded:-

"That the matter be considered by the present meeting of the Council".

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Pender, P. O. Byrne, Hayes, Cullerton, Shannon and Corish - 6.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Stoll, Lennon, Kavanagh, Lawlor, Doyle, Cloney, O. Donoghue, James Byrne, Sean O. Byrne and the Chairman - 11.

Mr M. Byrne the only other member present declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original resolution was then put & passed *nam bon*

Untendered Roads.

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

"The Secretary reported that at the recent Rural District Council meeting four roads had been untendered for in Gunicothy one in Gorey, three in New Ross, and three in Wexford and he asked for instructions as to whether these should be re-advertised".

In view of the fact that no Contractors had been forthcoming at former meetings of the County Council after the re-advertising of District Roads for tender

by the County Council, it was decided that the Council be recommended to place roads untendered for at Rural District Council meetings in charge of the County Surveyor."

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Hall the recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed.

Rate Collection.

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

"Under date 13th May, 1925, letter No G. 21918/1925 Wexford County was read from the Department of Local Government stating that although one month had elapsed since the end of the financial year a sum of £8239 was still outstanding; and none of the collectors had closed their warrants. The collectors should be called upon to lodge the full amount of their warrants without further delay.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted after which the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Rate Collectors be informed the Co. Council will expect their warrants will be closed without fail by the 31st May, 1925, which covers the extension granted by the Minister for Local Government."

"Under date 12th May, 1925, letter No G 21656/1925. Wexford County, the Minister for Local Government wrote, sanctioning payment of balance of poundage fees to all Rate Collectors on the amounts collected and lodged in respect of their warrants for the year 1923-24 and 45% of poundage fees on the amounts collected and lodged in respect of the 1924-25 rates."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cummins.

The state of the Rate Collection to date was submitted, from which it appeared that all the collectors had from 98 per cent to 89 per cent of their collection lodged, with the exception of James Murphy, Rate Collector for No 19 Collection District who had collected only 68 per cent.

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

"That Mr James Murphy, Rate Collector for No 19 District be informed that the Council are entirely dissatisfied with the manner in which he is carrying out his duties, and, unless he closes his warrant by the 31st instant they will have to consider whether his

books for next year should be handed over to him"

General Cattle Diseases Fund.

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Under date 15th May 1925 letter No 16471/25
Miscellaneous the Minister for Local Government wrote,
stating that the sum assessed upon the Wexford County
Council as their contribution to the General Cattle Diseases
Fund was £411. 2. 0^d

On the motion of Mr. M. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall,
the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the assessment of £411. 2. 0^d be paid"

'Foot & Mouth Diseases' Order.

'Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Emergency Restrictions)
Order of 1925 was submitted to the meeting.

Housing Act 1925.

Under date 4th May, 1925, letter No H 501/3231/1925
Miscellaneous), from the Minister for Local Government
forwarding copy of the Housing Act 1925 was read
for the meeting.

Referred to New Council.

Treatment of Surgical Cases of Tuberculosis.

Under date 13th May, 1925, the Minister for Local
Government (D.H. 19483/1925-Wexford County) wrote
approving of the County Hospital Wexford, in
pursuance of Section 16 (1) (a) of the National
Insurance Act, 1911, for the reception and treatment
of surgical cases of Tuberculosis other than that class
of case in children requiring prolonged open-
air treatment.

Transfer of Officers.

Under date 21st April, 1925, letter No 15477/25, was
read from the Department of Local Government
stating that a scheme, relative to the retention of the
services of officers of Rural District Councils who
were automatically transferred to the service of the
County Council under the provisions of Section
82 of the Local Government Act 1925, should be prepared
for the consideration of the County Authorities and
the Minister for Local Government.

The Secretary mentioned that he had asked
the Clerks of the Rural District Councils to furnish
particulars of their officers for the information
of the Council in view of their proposed transfer
to the County Council.

Campile Dispensary.

Under date 18th May 1925, letter No 8607 was read from the Commissioners of Public Works, asking the Council to reconsider their request to rent the dispensary building at Campile for the accommodation of the Civic Guard at that Centre.

Mr Cummins mentioned that the caretaker, who had a family, was living in the old hospital for 40 years, and the Committee which had inspected the premises, stated that, if the Board of Works were prepared to build a house for the caretaker or advance sufficient to cover the cost, which would be £400 or £500, they would recommend the Council to hand over the present hospital as a barracks for the Civic Guard but they could not see their way to evict anybody, more especially a man who had been such a long time in occupation of the premises.

It was decided that the Secretary furnish this information to the Board of Works.

Proposed Establishment of Credit Societies

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr M Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-
"That the proposal of the Minister of Agriculture to deal with the restocking of farms (owing to heavy losses which have been sustained through disease) by the establishment of Credit Societies is, in our opinion, impracticable, unworkable, and inadequate, and would not meet the present deplorable situation. To afford the relief which is necessary in this connection the Ministry of Agriculture should be empowered by the Government to make grants in cases in which losses have absolutely crippled farmers, and in other cases, to provide loans at a low rate of interest. As the County Council have first-hand knowledge of the position in Wexford County, they realise that it is only by measures, such as they now propose, that the present unfortunate of many of our farmers can be met."

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

"That in consequence of the large amount of Land Purchase annuities remaining unpaid, and which are now debited to the ratepayers, we call upon the Land Commission to institute proceedings in all cases of arrears. Failure to collect same has seriously hampered the finances of the County Council and we regard it as the business of the Land Commission to take immediate action in this matter; also to see that decrees for recovery of annuities are dealt with by the Under Sheriff without delay"

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

Loan £10,000 County Hospital Improvements,

The following extract from Minutes of Finance and Roads Committee meeting of the 14th May, 1925, was submitted.

"Under date 2nd May, 1925, letter was read from the National Bank, Ltd., agreeing to advance to the Council loan of £10,000 for County Hospital improvements, repayable in 10 years by equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest, rate of interest to be 1/2 per cent under Irish Banks' Rate varying with a minimum of 4 per cent. As these terms varied slightly from those mentioned in the sanction of the Department of Local Government (1945-4-1925) a new sanction should be obtained and forwarded to the Directors of the Bank"

A resolution was adopted recommending the Council to accept loan of £10,000 from National Bank Ltd., repayable in ten years by equal half yearly instalments of Principal & Interest, interest to be at the rate of 1/2 per cent under Irish Banks' Rate varying with a minimum of 4 per cent; also that out of above amount a sum of £1,400 be set aside for purchase of Rosepark as a residence for the Surgeon Co Hospital.

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

Purchase of Rosepark.

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

"Mr Egee, Solicitor, stated he had abstract of title submitted by Mr Daly's Solicitors in connection with proposed purchase of Rosepark and which he found to be in order"

"A resolution was adopted that Mr Egee be instructed to take over possession of the premises at Rosepark from Mr George Daly, vendor, and hand over same to Dr O'Brien, Surgeon, of the County Hospital, on the terms and conditions agreed to between Dr O'Brien and the County Council"

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

Preparation of Rate Books.

Under date 12th May, 1925, Letter No. G. 22415/1925, Wexfords, County, was read from the Minister of Local Government sanctioning expenditure, not exceeding £600, to cover the work of writing up Rate Books, and Rate Collectors' Receipt & Demand Notes. He trusted every effort would be made to have the work carried out as economically and as efficiently as possible.

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 16th May, 1925, Letter No. T. 1141/25 was read from the Department of Agriculture asking for the details of the Scheme of Sheep Dipping which the Council proposed this year.

Mr W. Malone, Veterinary Officer of the Department of Agriculture, addressed the meeting and impressed upon them the necessity of adopting a Scheme of compulsory dipping; this had been found so successful in other Counties which had been so pleased with it that they were extending their operations in future.

The Chairman pointed out that they had asked the Veterinary Surgeons to supply a list of private baths which they considered could be used in connection with the Scheme.

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John D. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

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"That the Council inform the Department of Agriculture that they are not in a position to adopt the Scheme as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, for this dipping period principally through lack of information as to what private baths could be utilised under it. That an advertisement be issued asking owners of private baths to communicate with the County Council as to whether they would be willing to allow these baths to be used under a compulsory dipping scheme and on what conditions as to hire &c. That the Sheep Dipping Programme which obtained last year be adopted for the present dipping periods and that the new Council be recommended to consider the question of establishing a well-devised Scheme of Sheep dipping through private and public baths in respect of next dipping periods"

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

"That we call the attention of the Garda Síochána to the necessity of enforcing the regulations that sheep owners who present their animals at fairs and markets should be in possession of the necessary form of declaration that dipping had been carried out."

On the motion of Mr O'Donoghue seconded by Mr Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors at a salary of £1 per week for both dipping periods, to cover locomotion expenses, amount spent for incidental expenses, viz, postage, to be allowed by the Council:-

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Herus, for the Electoral Districts of Ballyearney, Ballymore, Borelaby, Eastledockrill, Herus, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kellanne, Killooghria, Kilrush, Marshallstown, Moyacomb, Newtownborry, Roscare, St Mary's The Harrow, Tinacross, and Lombrock.

Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhofue, Ballyhughards, Ballynaldon, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Kilmallock, Kildaly and The Leap.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oueast,
for the districts of Ballybeg, Ballyellis,
Ballyoughter, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Rosminogue,
Ardomine, Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Cahore,
Fords, Killenagh, Killeenooly Monamolin
and Wells.

J. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure for
New Ross Rural District.

James Hayden, Coolican, Killwin for
Woodford Rural District.

Courthouses.

The following extract from Minutes of
Meeting of Finance and Road Committee was
submitted:-

Enniscoorthy & Gorey.

"Under date 8th May, 1925, Mr Elgee, Solicitor,
submitted letter from the Minister of Justice
(H297/25) - 7th May, relative to above Courthouses.

The communication pointed out that the provision
of accommodation for Court purposes was a
liability on the local Authority and the Minister
could not hold out hope that such liability
would be made a charge on the Public Funds.
He regretted he could not assist the Co. Council
on the lines suggested in Mr Elgee's letter.

"Mr Elgee mentioned that he had a communication
from the Minister for Finance in connection
with a similar letter forwarded by him to that
Department, stating that the matter was receiving
attention."

"It was decided to adjourn consideration
of the question of providing Courthouses at Gorey
and Enniscoorthy pending reply from the Minister of Finance."

New Ross.

Under date 16th April, 1925, the Minister for
Local Government wrote (G15092/1925 Woodford County)
that the proposed Section in the Local Government
Bill for the re-acquisition of certain Courthouses,
where agreements had been allowed to lapse, was
rejected by the Dail, and in the circumstances, the
only method by which such Courthouses could
now be acquired would be by arrangement with

the present owners. Further representations had been made to the Minister that the accommodation 697 at New Ross was most unsatisfactory, and in consequence, he requested the Council to provide suitable premises without delay.

It was decided that Messrs J. J. O'Byrne and J. Cummins interview Mr Hamilton, Agent for the landlords of New Ross, Courthouse with a view to arriving at terms upon which the Courthouse could be obtained.

Wexford.

Under date 6th May, 1925, (St 204/25) the Ministry of Justice wrote that particulars as to ^{the} accommodation requirements of the Circuit & District Courts at Wexford would be furnished by the Justice of the District Court and Clerk of the Peace of the County.

"The Secretary stated that, in connection with the rebuilding of Wexford Courthouse, a Committee of the Council had been appointed, to confer with the officers of the Courts, on the 14th May, and their report would be presented to Meeting of the County Council on the 25th May"

"Mrs M. Nally, Court Keeper, Wexford, wrote that in connection with the £9 contingent expensed claimed by her, this had been allowed in a lump sum since her appointment and she never had been asked to furnish vouchers. She set out in her letter list of articles which she had to procure. As regards disallowance by the Co. Council of her claim for £4. 16. 0 for coal and £5. 9. 8 for gas, it was in the conditions of her appointment as Court Keeper that she should have free light and fuel, and as her appointment remained in force she could not see her way to accept the decision of the Council. She asked that the matter be reconsidered, as failing to receive what she was entitled to legally, she would communicate with the Ministry of Justice."

"It was decided that Mrs M. Nally be informed that she could put her claim before the Ministry of Justice as suggested in her letter"

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Sean P. Byrne the minute of the Finance and Roads Committee, relative to the claim of Mrs McWally was confirmed.

In connection with Wexford Courthouse, the Chairman stated that Mr Sean D Byrne and himself, members of a sub-committee, had, with the Co. Surveyor, Mr Scallon, Clerk of the Peace and Mr Connor, Under Sheriff, inspected the old buildings but they were not yet in a position to submit report as they were desirous of communicating with Architects in order to obtain advice as to how best to lay out the premises in order to provide for proper offices &c.

In connection with Gorey and Enniscoorthy Courthouses Mr Edge mentioned that he had not, up to the present, received any communication from the Minister for Finance, relative to the application which he had made to him.

The remaining items on the agenda paper were adjourned in consequence of the lateness of the hour.

(Signed) Samon O'Keefe
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 15th day of June 1925.