

A. Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford on 10th August, 1925.

Present, Mr J. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also present: - Col. C. M. Gibbon, Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin, Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, J. F. D'Arcy, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte. Mr Hall-wired that he was unavoidably absent from the meeting.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Death of Mr Nicholas Corish.

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

"That we offer our colleague, Mr R. Corish, our sincere condolence in the death of his uncle, Mr Nicholas Corish, Wexford. We deeply regret that the occasion should arise when this County Council has to extend its sympathy to Mr R. Corish who has been for several years such an active and progressive County Councillor. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr Corish."

Appointment of Committees - Local Government Act, 1925.

Circular letter, No G.35156-1925, Miscellaneous, under date 23rd July, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government. The circular pointed out that as regards appointment of Committees, the parent body should formulate regulations for the quorum, procedure and place of meeting of any Committee appointed and that such regulations required the approval of the Minister for Local Government. The Minister considered full financial control should be retained by the parent body, which should,

moreover, aim at avoiding unprofitable expenditure of time by either themselves or any Committees on minor matters of administration. Committees should be appointed for definite purposes, suited to the practical requirements of the County. Perpetuation through numerous local Committees of the old system of Rural administration, should be avoided. Local Committees should be purely advisory.

County Authorities should for the present adopt their own lines of procedure, so that as the result of practical experience, the most suitable uniform method of administration would emerge.

With reference to Rural District Council matters, the business necessary between now and the appointed day could be carried out by requiring local officials to attend at the office of the Board of Health with their books. It might be preferred to appoint local committees during the transition period, and the Minister would not object to this course provided the Boards of Health retained full financial control.

Between now and the 1st of October, County Councils in co-operation with Boards of Health would secure sufficient experience to decide what officers would be retained.

In connection with the payment of travelling expenses of members of the parent body and authorized Committees, as a general rule, the Minister did not propose to authorize payments to local Committees, but only to general Committees established for purposes which were clearly necessary for the effective discharge of administration, for example, the Finance Committee would be so regarded.

In the new Public Bodies Order, forms would be provided for record of attendances of members etc. In the case of dual attendances for Committees or parent body on the same day only one contribution would be reckoned towards the quota of attendances necessary under Section 63(2).

It appeared clear that the services of a solicitor for each old Rural District Council would no longer be required and it was suggested they should now be formally notified that their services would terminate on 30th September next.

The Secretary mentioned that the Secretary of the Board of Health had informed the solicitors to the

four Rural District Councils of the County that their services would not be required after 30th September.

In connection with the appointment of Committees, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Cline:-

"That we request the minister for Local Government to recognise as "authorised" Committees for this County, the following:- Finance Committee, Roads Committee, County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Tuberculosis Committee.

That the quorum of these Committees be as follows:- Finance Committee, 3; Roads Committee, 5; County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, 5; Tuberculosis Committee, 3.

That the procedure of these Committees be conducted in the same manner as obtains at County Council meetings, and that they meet at such times as may be arranged in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

That we request the minister to sanction these proposals.

That the suggestions of the Department set out in their letter, no G.35156/1925, Miscellaneous, under date 23rd July 1925, as to transaction of Rural District Council business between now and the appointed day - 1st October - be approved, viz:- that any local official whose attendance is necessary, present his books at the headquarters of the County Board of Health at such times as may be arranged by the secretary of that body.

That as we understand the secretary to the County Board of Health requires clerical assistance at present, we request this Board to inform the County Council of the nature and extent of this assistance so that the Council can consider what officials might be transferred immediately with a view to dealing with the extra work imposed on the staff of the County Board of Health.

"That as this Council finds it will be necessary to have several meetings of Drainage Committee in consequence of the number of Drainage Schemes in the county, we ask the minister for Local Government to accept Drainage Committee as an "authorised" Committee under Local Government Act 1925.

Disqualifications for Non-Attendance.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded:-
 "That a member of a County Council Committee, who is absent, without reasonable excuse, for three months consecutively, from meetings of said Committee be deemed to be disqualified."

As an amendment, Mr Shannon proposed and Mr P. Byrne seconded:- "That members of Committees who are absent for six months from meetings be disqualified."

On a show of hands, the amendment was lost by 19 to 5 and the proposal to have a disqualification bar for three months' absence was put and declared carried.

Auditor's Reports.

Under date 24th July, 1925, letter no 33809-25, the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding the following copy of reports of their Auditor, Mr Sean Healy:-
 "I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half-year ended 31st March 1924 and 30th September 1924. Certified copies of the abstracts are forwarded herewith."

The accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner."

Reports of Mr Healy, Auditor, on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Board of Health for the half-year ended 30th September 1923 and 31st March 1924, and of the Enniscorthy Union for the periods from 30th September 1920 to the abolition of the Guardians were also submitted to the meeting.

Audit Fee.

Under date, 25th July 1925, letter no 33809/25 Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government asking for payment of £85 audit fee, in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1924.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-
 "That the audit fee fixed by the Department of Local Government, viz: £85 for year ended March 31st 1924 be paid."

Superannuation of Mr John Sinnott,
Ex - Rate Collector.

Under date 15th July 1925, letter no G.33331/1925 Wexford County, the minister for Local Government wrote that, apart from the reduced poundage earned in the year 1924/25 due to the relief of rates on agricultural land that year, he saw no reason why more than the rate of pension assessable as the result of 21 years completed service should be allowed to Mr J. Sinnott, Poor Rate Collector. To compensate for reduced poundage, the minister would be prepared to assent to the addition of such period to Mr Sinnott's completed service as would admit of a pension of £52, on receipt of a formal resolution awarding that sum together with a certificate that Mr Sinnott had duly accounted for all warrants entrusted to him.

The secretary mentioned that the principal amount outstanding in rate in Mr Sinnott's district was caused by non-payment in one case in which the buildings had been destroyed during the recent troubles; the other items were for very small sums. He would endeavour to clear the matter up with Mr Sinnott immediately.

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

"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 £52 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 certificate signed by our secretary that Mr Sinnott has fulfilled the conditions of his warrant as Rate Collector."

Superannuation - Mrs E. Hayes - Female Searcher
County Infirmary.

Under date 27th July 1925, letter (no P. 33339/1925 (Wexford County B.H.), the minister for Local Government wrote that he had had before him replies to queries regarding superannuation

of Mrs Elizabeth Hayes, as Female Searcher in the County Infirmary. His functions under Section 55 of the Act of 1925 were confined to giving or withholding his consent to the grant of a superannuation allowance thereunder, and as the County Council had decided that Mrs Hayes did not devote her whole time to the services of the County Infirmary Committee, the Council's refusal to grant her a superannuation allowance could not be questioned.

Superannuation of Mr W. H. Jones - Assistant Surveyor.

Under date, 25th July 1925, letter No R./R.S./32, the Minister for Local Government wrote regarding the superannuation of Mr W. H. Jones, Assistant Co. Surveyor and inquiring why the County Council proposed to add 10 years to the actual number served by Mr Jones.

Mr Cloney mentioned that the reason why the old Council had agreed to allow Mr Jones two-thirds of his salary as superannuation was because he was an old and faithful servant of the Council; that his salary of £200 per annum was extremely small, and that owing to the introduction of the Direct Labour Scheme he had been obliged to resign his appointment as Engineer to the new Ross Rural District Council.

After considerable discussion, Colonel Gibbon moved and Mr Shannon seconded:-

"That the Secretary be instructed to furnish the Department of Local Government with the information required in their letter No R./R.S./32 under date 25th July 1925, as regards proposed superannuation to Mr Jones.
Passed.

Salary of Miss E. O'Connor,
Chief Tuberculosis Nurse.

Under date 3rd July 1925, letter No P. H. 30533/1925 Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government inquiring if the proposal of the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee to increase the salary of Miss O'Connor, Chief

Tuberculosis nurse had been ratified by the County Council.

The Secretary stated that Miss O'Connor set out in her application that she had nine years' service, had a salary of £100 per annum and that her work had considerably increased. She also pointed out that she had no travelling allowance. The County Tuberculosis Committee, at their meeting on 20th June 1925, had adopted a resolution that, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the salary of Miss O'Connor be increased as from that date from £100 to £125 per annum.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed the confirmation of the resolution of the Tuberculosis Committee of 20th June 1925, fixing the salary of Miss E. O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Nurse, at £125 per annum.

Mr Culleton seconded. Passed.

Christian Brothers and Temporary School at New Ross Workhouse.

With reference to the resolution of the Council on 16th June last agreeing to allow the Christian Brothers, New Ross, to occupy portion of the premises at New Ross Workhouse as a temporary school during the rebuilding of their existing schools, the Minister for Local Government wrote under date 31st July 1925 (No A 32884/1925 Wexford County Board of Health), that neither the Fever Hospital nor the Boardroom nor the office of the Clerk of the District Council should be let to the Christian Brothers.

Under date 6th August, 1925, Mr J. J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Rural District Council wrote that if his work was interfered with, as carried out in the Boardroom, it would be impossible for him to have all books, documents, etc. ready to hand over on the appointed day. Neither the matron's nor the master's rooms to which he was asked to transfer his office would be large enough for the purpose, and as they were situated in the passage between the two schools, no office work could be done until after school hours. In order to allow the Brothers to utilize the Boardroom, a considerable amount would have to be expended in the removal of furniture, safes, etc. He asked the Council to reconsider

the matter so as to postpone putting the order into effect until after the appointed day.

On the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Walsh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the letter from the Minister for Local Government and the circumstances stated in the letter from Mr Rochford, Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, we consider it would be impossible to allow the Christian Brothers to have the use of the Boardroom at New Ross Workhouse as a school until after the appointed day but as already agreed to by the County Council, there is no objection to the use of the existing Workhouse schools.

Sanction to Appointment of Mr Sean Gannon as Poor Rate Collector.

Under date 6th July 1925, letter no G.31304/1925 Wexford County Council, the Minister for Local Government wrote sanctioning the appointment of Mr Sean Gannon as in a temporary capacity as Poor Rate Collector for No 10 Collection District.

New Ross Urban - Allocation of Trunk Road Grant.

Under date 5th August 1925, (letter no S.G.32), the Minister for Local Government wrote approving of the proposal of the Commissioner of New Ross Urban District Council to expend the sum of £100 of Trunk Road Grant of £1400 for the purpose of purchasing Spramex etc. for application to the section of Trunk Road 7.7 already improved under the £1,000,000 Grant.

Lecturership in Irish Music.

Under date 11th July 1925, (letter no G.32426/1925 Wexford County Council), the Minister for Local Government wrote that the County Council must act on their own responsibility in the matter of contributing towards the continuance of the Lecturership in Irish Music in University College Dublin. His functions under Section 10(2) of the Irish Universities Act,

1909 related only to any rate to be levied in excess of one penny in the Pound.

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

"That we confirm the proposal of our predecessors in office to allocate a sum of £5 per annum in aid of the Lecturership in Irish Music at University College, Dublin".

Representatives on Deputations from County Council.

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

"That in the event of any member of the Council appointed on any deputation from this Council finding himself unable to act on same, he be empowered to nominate a substitute to be selected from the members of the Council."

Food and Drugs Acts.

Under date 14th July 1925, letter no L 2702/25, the Department of Agriculture wrote that one of their officers obtained on 13th June 1925 at Inch, Co. Wexford, a sample of butter which on analysis proved to be genuine.

Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924.

Under date 31st July 1925, (letter no 14328/25), Communication was read from the Commissioners of Public Works relative to the Drainage improvement works in the Low District, Co. Wexford. This district was in a neglected state and the Commissioners proposed to carry out a general restoration scheme at an estimated cost of £3200 of which the Minister for Finance would make a free grant of 25 per cent (£800) independent of any contribution which the County Council would make. Apart from such contribution, repayment of the cost of the works less the Government grant would in 15 years involve an annual charge of 2/5 per acre on the Drainage District. The Commissioners asked if the Council would make any contribution in addition

to the free grant sanctioned by the Minister of Finance. Labourers employed on the works would be paid wages slightly higher than those paid to agricultural labourers in the district.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Doyle, it was decided that the communication from the Commissioners of Public Works relative to proposed restoration scheme in the Low Drainage District be referred to the Drainage Committee.

On the motion of Mr Culleton seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the names of Messrs D. Kavanagh and Aidan Mernagh, County Councillors were added to the Drainage Committee.

~~On the~~ Mr Murphy stated that as regards the proposed restoration works in Kilmannock Drainage District, a meeting of farmers had sent an application to the Commissioners of Public Works for particulars of the proposed scheme but no information had been given them. An engineer had been sent down by the Commissioners to carry out improvements at an estimated cost of £1100 but the people of the district had no idea whatever as to what was to be done. Yet the work had been begun. He also found that a labourer had left his employment with a farmer to work on the Drainage Scheme. He (Mr Murphy) had protested against this to Mr Creighton, foreman to the Board of Works, but without effect.

Several labour members stated they had always condemned the action of labourers who left agricultural work for employment on the roads, and they protested against men leaving farmers to work on drainage schemes.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin the following resolution was adopted:—

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Commissioners of Public Works and ask for a loan of the reports of their engineers on the different drainage schemes in the county. Unless these documents are placed at the disposal of the Drainage Committee the latter would be very much handicapped and we consider it most unbusinesslike to ask the County Council to contribute to schemes of drainage improvement in respect of which they have no definite information".

On the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That our Secretary be requested to obtain from the Commissioners of Public Works a supply of their explanatory memo as regards the working of the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924 for distribution to members of the County Council who are not members of the Drainage Committee as the explanatory memo has been supplied to members of this Committee."

Under date 27th July 1925, the Commissioners of Public Works wrote to Mr R. Corish, M.C.C. (letter no 12728/25) as to Cahore Drainage District. Mr Campbell of the Office of Public Works had put down the improved annual value of the lands if the drainage districts were restored at 3/6 per acre. Mr Olley of the Office of Public Works estimated the cost of restoration at from £4000 to £5000 with £5000 or £6000 more to effect a substantial improvement in the outfall. Taking the lower figure, the total cost would be £9000 and assuming that the Minister for Finance sanctioned the maximum free grant (£4500.), repayment of the balance in 15 years would mean an annuity of nearly 10 per cent. or £450. 617 acres would be benefited so that the annual charge per acre would be nearly 15/- for an improvement of perhaps something like 3/6 per acre.

Assuming restoration without improvement of outfall at an expenditure of £4000 with a free grant of £2000, repayment of the balance of £2000 in 15 years would require an annual charge of 6/6 per acre; the estimated benefit being not more than 3/6d. In face of these figures, the district was not one which the Board of Works would be justified in recommending for improvement or even for restoration.

Mr O'Donoghue challenged the figures in the estimate from the Board of Works and said that the benefit would be almost £3 per acre. The estimate of the cost was excessive. The landlords had been paid a rent of 36/- to 38/- per acre for this very land.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Drainage Committee on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Corish it was decided that the first meeting of the Drainage Committee be held on Tuesday 18th of August at 10-30 am in the County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford and that this Committee be requested to arrange for the attendance of a Board of Works Inspector for a future meeting.

Appointment of members - Old Age Pension
Sub-Committees.

Lists of attendances of members of eight Old Age Pension Sub-Committees were submitted to the meeting.

The following appointments of members of Old Age Pension Sub-Committees were agreed to:-

No 1 Sub-Committee (Bannow, Rosslare and Bridgetown County Districts). Proposed by Mr Culleton and seconded by Mr Gaul:-

Rev P. Doyle P.P. Ratharfan, Bridgetown.

Rev H.L. Scott, The Rectory, Bridgetown.

Rev M. Hickey P.P. Clonfeen.

Rev J. J. Murphy C.C. Ballymitty.

Rev J. M. Fry, The Rectory, Bannow.

Colonel C. M. Gibbon M.C.C. Sledagh, Wexford.

C. Culleton M.C.C. Ringaheen, Ballycofley.

P. Hayes M.C.C. Kilmannon, Cleatistown.

M. Hassett, Bridgetown.

Joseph Duffan, Bridgetown.

Mrs Hancock, Laurel Grove, Ballymitty

Mrs McCutcheon, Wellingtonbridge.

No 2 Sub-Committee. (Lintern and Fethard County Districts)
Proposed by Mr Cloney and seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

Rev W. Harpur P.P. Ramsfrange.

Rev J. Cloney P.P. Templetown.

Rev J. Redmond P.P. Horeswood.

Rev E. Doyle C.C. Gusserrane.

Rev Brother Theodore, The Monastery, Ramsfrange.

Rev J. C. Ludgate, The Rectory, Duncannon.

M. Cloney M.C.C. Dunluph Castle, Duncannon.

N. Howlett, Ramsfrange.

Frank Doyle, Boderan.

No 3 Sub-Committee. (Laghmon and Killurin County Districts)
Proposed by Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne:-

Rev Canon Fortune P.P. Laghmon.

Rev J. Gaul C.C. Barntown

Rev P. Browne C.C. Laghmon.

Rev J. Talbot Laghmon.

J. White M.C.C. Masboley, Ballymitty.

James Cullen Laghmon

Edward Brennan Lashmon.

Miss Stasia Kearns, Lashmon.

Frank Fitzgerald Lashmon.

No 4 Sub-Committee. (Coolgreany and Gorey County Districts),

Proposed by Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr P. Byrne :-

Very Rev Canon Rossiter P.P. Gorey.

Rev O. Kehol C.C. Monaseed.

Rev J. R. Willis, Gorey -

James E. Cooke, Medical Hall, Gorey.

John O'Byrne M.C.C. The Avenue, Gorey.

Thomas Williams Main Street Gorey.

H. P. Wall, Charlotte Row, Gorey

Thomas J. Doyle Main Street Gorey.

James Connors William Street Gorey.

No 5 Sub-Committee. (Enniscorthy and Kiltalee County Districts.)

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney :-

Rev P. Cummins Adm. Enniscorthy.

Rev A. Mc Cormack C.C. Kiltalee.

Rev Canon Lyster B.D. Enniscorthy

Rev R. K. Lyle M.A. Enniscorthy.

Rev W. F. Benson M. A. Templeshambo.

Robert Rackard Killane, Enniscorthy.

James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaffin.

Thomas Doyle Lower Church Street Enniscorthy.

Aidan Stafford Clonjordan, Marshalstown.

No 6 Sub-Committee. (Ferns and Newtownbarry County Districts.)

Proposed by Mr John O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince.

Rev J. Butler P.P. Bunclody.

Rev C. French C.C. Ferns.

Rev Dean Gibson Ferns.

Rev Canon Fry, Bunclody.

John Pender, Ferns.

M. Hughes Church Street Bunclody.

John Nolan Bunclody

James Hall M.C.C. Tobergal, Boolavogue.

John Connors M.C.C. Kiltomas, Ferns.

No 7 Sub-Committee. (New Ross and Old Ross County Districts.)

Proposed by Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Shannon.

Rev Canon Rossiter P.P. New Ross.

Rev Canon Gibson, The Rectory, Rosbercon.

William Thorpe M.C.C. Knockroe, New Ross.
 Thomas Cooney M.C.C. 5 Robert Street, New Ross.
 Samuel Hill South Street New Ross.
 James Walsh Ballygalbert Ballywilliam.
 P. N. O'Gorman, Rosbercon, New Ross.
 Hamilton Lyons, St Catherine's, South Street New Ross.
 John Murphy, South Street, New Ross.
No 8 Sub-Committee (Monamolin and Ballyhustard County Districts.)
 Proposed by Mr Cline seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.
 Rev J. Quigley P.P. Blackwater.
 M. M. O'Donoghue M.C.C. Raheenlusk Kilmuckridge.
 Aidan Mernagh M.C.C. Ballinaslaney Oylefate.
 D. Kavanagh M.C.C. Ballylucas, Screen.
 Moses Brien Killeigh, Blackwater.
 Owen Lacey, Killila, Blackwater.
 John Murphy, Castlebridge.
 Nicholas Whitty, Killahard, Blackwater.
 John O'Brien, Killeigh Blackwater.

Coastguard Station, Bannow.

Under date 7th August 1925 (letter no 13856/25) the Commissioners of Public Works wrote offering to lease to the County Council, for the purpose of housing the working classes, premises lately used as a Coastguard Station at Bannow at a rent of £22-10-0 per annum, the premises to be put into repair by the County Council and so maintained by them and kept insured in the sum of £1000. The lease would contain a covenant that, in the event of the premises being required at any future date for State purposes the Commissioners would be entitled to determine the lease by three months notice.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs White and Hayes be requested to deal with the letter from the Commissioners of Public Works, (no 13856/25, under date 7th August 1925) as to Bannow Coastguard Station and report to next meeting."

County Wexford Insurance Society

The following were appointed to the Committee of Management of the above Society:-

Messrs John O'Byrne, Thorpe, P. Byrne, Jordan, Boffan, J. Mc Carthy (Chairman of the Council), and Colonel Gibbon, (Vice-Chairman).

Messrs John O'Byrne, P. Byrne and Jordan were appointed members to deal with forms of application for funds.

Minutes of Roads Committee.

Heavy Lorry Traffic.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July, 1925 was submitted:-

"Letter under date 27th July 1925, was read from Ticonail County Council calling attention to the report of their County Surveyor (Mr Steadman) dealing with heavy lorry traffic. This should be diverted to the railways as it was inequitable that ratepayers should be obliged to maintain highways for this class of vehicle which they were never constructed to carry."

"The County Surveyor expressed his agreement with the report of Mr Steadman. Unless heavy lorries were restricted to five or six tons laden and to a speed of about ten miles per hour, road maintenance would involve quite a prohibitive cost. The present cost of trunk roads was about £100 per statute mile; second class roads, £70; third class £40 and fourth class roads £10 to £15. To reconstruct roads which had a sound bottoming would cost £2000 to £3000 per mile while a road, on which the bottom had been seriously damaged would take from £5000 to £6000 per mile. To surface and waterproof a road with bitumen and which was steamrolled within recent years would cost from £250 to £500 per mile. By restricting heavy lorry traffic to a 5 ton vehicle "all in" and limiting the speed to 10 miles per hour, the cost of maintenance of leading roads would be reduced by 50 or 60 per cent."

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

"That we approve of the recommendation of the Lisconail County Council that steps should be taken to divert heavy lorry traffic to railways and thus relieve the general ratepayers of burden for which they obtain no recompense."

Colonel Duin proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following:-

"We are of opinion that heavy lorry traffic should be restricted to vehicles weighing six tons "all in"; this restriction not to apply to traction engines, hauling threshing sets and road machinery; trailers to be limited to ten tons "all in" with tyres of inch per ton of weight carried."

As an amendment Mr Boffan proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following:-

"That heavy lorry traffic be restricted to vehicles 4 tons "all in"; this restriction not to apply to traction engines, hauling threshing sets and road machinery; trailers to be limited to ten tons "all in" with tyres of inch per ton of weight carried."

"On a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 7 to 2."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Corish:- "That motor lorry traffic on roads be restricted to a speed of 10 miles per hour."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That in the event of the diversion of heavy lorry traffic to railways and the restriction of weight of motor lorries on roads to four tons, with a speed restriction of 10 miles per hour, we consider there should be no curtailment in the amount of Government Grants as it will require considerably more than present Government subsidies to bring the roads to a condition suitable for modern traffic."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee as to diversion of heavy lorry traffic was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

A long discussion took place as to weight of lorry regarding which there should be restriction of traffic.

Mr Thorpe pointed out that in England a nine ton waffon was obliged to have a nine-inch tyre, while in Ireland they found waffons of seven or eight tons with five-inch tyres. This was one of the reasons why the roads were being cut up to such an alarming extent.

A show of hands was taken on the recommendation of the Committee when it was found that 12 were in favour of the restriction to four tons and 11 in favour of six tons.

The recommendation of the Roads Committee as to restriction of speed of heavy lorries to ten miles per hour was agreed to on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

The recommendation as to the non-curtailement of Government Grants in view of any diversion of traffic to railways was confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon.

Roads Inspection Committee.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee, of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The following were appointed Special Roads Inspection Committee: Messrs Hall (Enniscorthy); John O'Byrne (Gorey); M Cloney (New Ross); R. Corish (Wexford). It was arranged that this Committee would inspect the Trunk Roads of the county as soon as possible and present a report to next meeting of Roads Committee."

"Mr Cloney mentioned the necessity which existed to prevent roads, especially on hilly ground, from being torn up by floods."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr John O'Byrne.

Meetings of Council and Committees.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The Chairman said he intended to move at next meeting of the County Council a resolution fixing the days of meetings of County Council and Committees as follows:-

County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction
First Monday of each month at 12 noon.

County Council - Second Monday of each month at
10-30 am.

County Board of Health - Third Monday of each month.

Roads Committee - Fourth Monday of each month at
10-30 am.

Finance Committee - Every alternate Thursday at
10-30 am.

"The meeting approved of the suggestions of the Chairman.
The Chairman proposed that the meetings of the County Council and Committees be held in accordance with the suggestions made by him at the meeting of the Roads Committee on 31st July, 1925.
Mr John O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

Petrol Pumps

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Board of 31st July, 1925, was submitted:-

"Circular Letter 6th July in connection with Petrol pumps (fees) Regulations 1925 was read for the meeting."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col. Quin:- "That a rule should be formulated and strictly enforced providing that tanks in connection with petrol pumps should be on the premises of applicants and not under public thoroughfares."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That we approve of fees and regulations prescribed by the Minister for Local Government in respect of petrol pumps."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr D'Arcy.

Grants from Department of Local Government.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee of 31st July, 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 9th July, 1925, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that a payment of £1360 for temporary repairs of Wexford Bridge had been made by them."

Grants were also reported as having been received from the Department of Local Government for the following:-
£557 made up of £335 for J.7. £48 for J.16 and £174 for J.8; also £500 on foot of special grant of £2000 for Rosclare-Wexford new Road (works No. K. 883; Road 234).

Wexford - Rosslare Road.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"In connection with the above, the following was read from Mr E. White, Solicitor Great Southern Railways under date 22nd July 1925:- "I am instructed by the Board of this Company to communicate with you in reference to a new road, which it has been represented is either being or about to be made by your Council from Rosslare to Wexford across the South Slob, and which apparently is intended to cross the railway line at Drinagh Accomodation crossing. If, as is understood, it is your intention that the road should cross the line on the level at this point, my instructions are to give the earliest intimation that no consent of this Company has been given to have a public road crossing at this place, and I am to add that it appears unlikely that such a consent will be given. In view of the representations which have been made to the Company that work on the road has been, or is about to be commenced, it is, I think, desirable that I should immediately send you this communication on the subject."

"The County Surveyor stated that when he was furnished with a copy of this letter by the Secretary he wrote the following, under date 24th July to Mr White:-

"The Secretary of the County Council has handed me copy of your letter of the 22nd inst, and has asked me to reply to you. I find that Mr Ellee, County Council Solicitor wrote to the Railway Company as far back as 9th June last and this was acknowledged, but no further reply was made by the Railway Company, with the result that we took it that there would be no difficulty in having this road carried through. I would like to point out that this work is carried out under a special grant for the relief of unemployment, and it is intended to provide free access to the market in Wexford for the local people in Rosslare, and also to provide a convenient roadway for visitors from Wexford to Rosslare. The road will be of great utility, and I am sure your Company will be glad to facilitate the work. I had a

conversation with your District Engineer, Mr Patterson, on the 17th inst in regard to this matter, but of course we made no definite arrangements about it. I shall be glad to know what your Company suggest in connection with the matter. An over Bridge would appear to be almost impossible owing to the present rise to the rail level and the difficulty of running out approaches. An under Bridge would be equally impossible as the roadway would be below sea level. Accordingly, we are left only the level crossing to cross the permanent way. The local people in Rosslare have been using the level crossing for many years and what we suggest now would certainly increase the traffic, but would otherwise not materially affect the Railway Company."

"To this letter, he had received the following reply from the secretary to the Great Southern Railways:-

"Our solicitor has handed me your letter of the 24th inst, regarding the construction of a roadway from Wexford to Rosslare. Having regard to the additional danger and expense involved in a public road level crossing on which the traffic is considerable, the usual protection must be provided and there is no probability that the Directors will consent to the proposal."

"Mr Elgee, solicitor said that in his opinion, it was not possible to proceed with the work without the consent of the Railway Company."

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

"That the correspondence with the Railway Company in connection with Rosslare Road be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Department of Industry and Commerce for their advice.

The County Surveyor asked if he were to proceed with the work.

"Mr Cloney - What is the use of making a road to which you cannot establish your right?"

After discussion, it was decided that work be proceeded with pending instructions from Government Departments.

The recommendation of the Roads Committee that all correspondence in this matter be submitted to the Department of Local Government and the Department of Industry and Commerce for their advice was approved on the motion

of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Corish.

It was also decided, on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Cline that the work be proceeded with pending receipt of advice from the Government Departments concerned.

The County Surveyor submitted letter received from Mr Meldon, Owner of the South Slob, under date 9th August 1925, stating that when he visited the South Slob on 8th August, he was surprised to find men working on the new road. He wished to know if any written guarantee had been given to build a wall to protect farmyard and to make up all fences along the road to the satisfaction of Mr Joyce, manager of the Slob. Until this was done, Mr Meldon did not think the County Surveyor should proceed with the work. He did not want to stand in the way of the construction of the new road but he was bound to look after his own interests and not have a Commons made of the lands.

Under date 8th August 1925, Mr C. Joyce, Manager for Mr Meldon wrote that the latter required the Council to fence 6 acres, 0 roods, 2 perches, statute.

It was decided to refer this correspondence to next meeting of Roads Committee.

Regulation of Traffic at Rosslare.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 23rd July 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/R.V/32) that with reference to the minute of County Council meeting of 16th June 1925, asking for sanction to the diversion of traffic on Sundays and holidays at Rosslare, the Minister was not aware of any legal authority which would empower him to accede to the wishes of the Council in the matter."

"Ordered - That our Secretary endeavour to arrange with the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana for regulation of traffic at Rosslare on Sundays and holidays"

Confirmed on the motion of Col Gibbon, seconded by Mr O'Byrne. The Secretary pointed out that he had arranged with the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana as requested by Roads Committee.

Trunk Road Grant.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date 24th July 1925, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/SGB/32) approving of the scheme for the improvement of certain trunk roads in Wexford County proposed to be carried out by Wexford County Council under the terms of the Minister's letter (SGB.202/29th April 1925). The roads in question are; - 7 £2400; 8 £1395, and 12 £10465. Total £14260.

"A statement was required giving the total number of men employed under the scheme, distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army. The maximum wages which can be paid to labourers on work under the Grant was 28/- per week, and the approval now given to the scheme was conditional on the acceptance of this rate of wages and on preference being given to demobilised men of the National Army suitable and willing to undertake road work."

"The County Surveyor read letter which he had forwarded the Department of Local Government pointing out that under a similar grant the Minister had agreed to a weekly rate of wages of 30/- and that as this was the rate paid by the Council for ordinary road work, it would be very difficult to have two sets of men working side by side at different rates."

Mr Cloney proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-

"That the men employed on Grant work as set out in letter from Department of Local Government (R/SGB/32) under date 24th July 1925, be paid a wage of 28/- per week."

Mr Culleton proposed and Mr Hayes seconded:-

"That the men employed on Grant work be paid the ordinary rate of wages paid by the County Council to their road workers, viz:- 30/- per week."

After some discussion, Mr Corish proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision fixing rate of wages for men on Grant work at 28/- per week, and allow them to be paid at the same rate as other

road workers, viz: 30/- per week; in the meantime work to be carried out at 28/- per week."

Mr Cloney withdrew his resolution and Mr Culleton his amendment to same in favour of the proposal of Mr Corish which then passed, nem con.

County Surveyor's Report.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"Some time ago, I reported to the County Council that I was not satisfied with the condition of the temporary structure replacing the bascule on Wexford Bridge and I asked for instructions regarding rebuilding. I was directed to communicate with the Local Government Department in regard to the provision of funds for this work as it came under the damaged bridge heading. On the 12th June last, I received a reply to my letter and I sent copy to the Secretary County Council. I put up the claim for the temporary expenditure to date and this now has been paid and the Local Government Department's letter implied that when we have the permanent work done, that we can get refund. Recently I again inspected the bridge and I consider that the reconstruction work should be put in hands at once and I ask for your directions."

In connection with the new Road across Slob to Rosslare, the Secretary has a letter from the Railway Company's solicitor in reference to level crossing. I have thought it advisable to notify the men that the work may be closed down, and I have provided for the work ceasing on the 1st prox., if necessary. I wrote to the Railway Company's solicitor asking what the Company requires to be done and have an acknowledgment of this and that the matter will be placed before the Directors. I have made inquiries locally and find that undoubtedly there is an existing right of way at the level crossing. Moreover the Railway Company built a house for the Gatekeeper and some years ago, the gates were kept closed across the railway leaving the roadway open.

I understand that it was by an arrangement with the Slob Company and for the convenience of the latter that the gates were closed across the roadway instead of the railway. At present the gate house is occupied by a railway milesman and his wife attends to the gates when necessary. I have had the gates opened for my motor when going down to inspect and lay out the new road."

"I have copy of letter sent to the Secretary approving of the Scheme for the Road Grants this year. There is a total of £15,660 allowed to the county, and the former Council approximately laid out this as, £1000 to Gorey-Camolin road, £1500 to the Enniscorthy-New Ross road and the balance to the Wexford-New Ross road. Of the £1500 to the Enniscorthy-New Ross road, I am allowing £100 for completion of the work through New Ross Urban and of the balance amounting to £13,765, I propose allowing £1300 to New Ross Urban.

In connection with this last portion, in the Urban, I find that the Urban Council usually obtains material from the Arklow Rock quarries in the County Wicklow and as we have a large stock at Ballybrennan, I have provisionally arranged with the Urban Council to supply the material in the present job. This surplus at Ballybrennan was originally intended for the Kyle Road and if I did not dispose of it to the Urban Council it would mean the curtailment of labours in Ballybrennan during the coming months. I ask therefore your sanction to this arrangement."

"I have to report that the machinery overseer, Mr Wm Murphy was injured during blasting operations in the Tomfarrow Quarry on the 21st inst. The Insurance Company have been notified and pending Mr Murphy's return to work I have arranged for any pressing job to get a mechanic from Mr Davis in Enniscorthy."

"I submit a return of the Direct Labour expenditure for the year 1924-25 and shall have copies made and circulated to the members of the Council"

In March last, a proposal was passed for work in connection with the County Offices building and amongst other items to be done was the painting of the outside woodwork. I have had to certify expenditure not then

contemplated, first, furniture required by the Secretary for the rate clerks in the old jail building, and second for the repair of chimney and other work in connection with the premises rented to outsiders which latter is our liability. I have invited tenders for the painting and the work is now in hands at a sum of £12-10-0 but the balance does not quite reach this and I ask for a supplementary proposal of £20 or a Damage Order.

As directed by the County Council, I advertised in the Dublin papers for an Architect in connection with the re-building of the Wexford Courthouse and I shall submit all offers from professional men.

In June last, I reported that part of the iron ornamental work on New Ross Bridge was damaged by a vessel passing through the open span. I have since then been endeavouring to get a satisfactory tender for the replacement of the ironwork and have not yet succeeded in doing so. I consider that a claim should be made against the owner of the vessel."

Some time ago, I reported to the County Council that the railings at Duncannon and Slade Harbour were in a very defective condition and recently they have much deteriorated. At present they are not really safe. I consider that a new and better type of railing should be erected at both of these places. I estimate the work at Duncannon at £35 and at Slade at £25.

I have prepared a specification for the repair of the pile at Edermine Bridge and have sent copies of same, also asking for offers to a number of contractors, but up to the present I have not received any tenders.

Mr Corish proposed, Mr Hall seconded, and it was passed:—"That work at Wexford Bridge bascule be proceeded with as soon as Government Grant for the purpose is available."

"The proposed allocation of Trunk Road Grant, viz:—£1500 Enniscorthy-New Ross road; £1000 Gorey-Camolin road, and £13765 New Ross-Wexford road, total £16265 was approved.

"It was decided that Dr Hearn Solicitor, New Ross, who was using New Ross-Wexford road six days per week, be allowed to come before next meeting of Roads Committee with a view

to placing before the members his views as to the proper maintenance of this road."

"In connection with illness of machinery overseer, the County Surveyor stated he would be probably ten days absent from duty."

"It was decided that the return of expenditure under Direct Labour proposals be circulated to members of the Council."

"A resolution was adopted placing a sum of £20 in the hands of the County Surveyor for the painting, etc of County Council offices."

"The question of recovering cost of damage done to New Ross Bridge was referred to Mr Elfee, solicitor to the Council."

"Mr Cloney proposed, Mr O'Syne seconded and it was passed; - "That the railings at Duncannon and Slade Piers be replaced at a cost of £35 and £25 respectively."

The foregoing recommendations were confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr John O'Syne.

Application - New Ross Urban Council Road Grant.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted; -

"The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council; - "That the County Council be requested to sanction the recommendation of the County Surveyor that the sum of £100 be allocated out of the current year's Road Grant towards the repair of that portion of the direct road from Enniscorthy to Waterford situate within the Urban District boundary of New Ross."

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

"That we approve of the allocation of portion of the Frank Road Grant to New Ross Urban District Council as recommended by the County Surveyor in his report to this meeting."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Colonel Quin.

Road Machinery.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor in reply to queries from members gave a list of existing road machinery. He said he would like to have a couple of additional steamrollers, as if the material could be rolled in, it would mean a saving of 30 per cent. An extra rock drill would be useful."

"It was decided that the County Surveyor submit at next meeting of the Roads Committee a detailed list of the road machinery at present in use and particulars of his requirements as regards machinery for the coming three years." Approved.

Tara Hill Quarry.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

~~"The County Surveyor presented reports from Mr Eunis~~

"Under date 9th July 1925, John Walsh on behalf of himself and other men employed at Tara Hill Quarry wrote that the men would work the quarry by piece work at 3/- per ton."

"Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor said that as there had been sufficient material obtained for the year in this quarry, work would be shut down in another week and it would not be advisable to change the present system for this period.

The proposal of the men would mean an increase of 6d per ton over the present system.

"It was decided that no action be taken on letter of Mr Walsh as regards establishing piece work at Tara Hill Quarry." Approved.

Charge Against James Doyle - Foreman - Rolling 6 E.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor presented report from Mr Eunis, Assistant Surveyor, stating that on the 21st July he found.

James Doyle, Munfin, Foreman over rolling work on road 6E, under the influence of drink. He was not exactly drunk but Mr Ennis formed the opinion that he was not in a fit state to be left on the road and therefore sent him home. Mr Ennis did not think that Doyle should be taken back as foreman."

"It was decided, on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr O'Byrne that Doyle, who was in attendance should be allowed to come before the meeting."

"Doyle admitted that when he was passing the public-house on his way back to work from dinner hour he had three drinks. He had been in the employment of the Council for 11 years and no fault had been found with him. He denied he was under the influence of drink.

"Mr Ennis said he had to caution Doyle a couple of years ago on an occasion when he had a great deal of drink taken. He was a very good workman himself but Mr Ennis did not consider he was a satisfactory foreman.

"The Chairman mentioned that he had passed over this road on two days during which Doyle was suspended, and he found the men working in a half-hearted manner."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:-

"That we confirm the suspension of James Doyle, foreman over Rolling work on Road 6E. but that he be reinstated in his position as from 3rd August 1925, provided he produces a pledge certificate to Mr Ennis. That he be warned if any further complaint be sustained against him he will be immediately dismissed."

"On a show of hands, five were found in favour of the resolution and two against."

"The resolution was declared carried.

"Doyle then came before the meeting and the terms of the resolution were explained to him by the Chairman.

"He promised to produce a pledge certificate and to allow no room for complaint against him in future."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

Complaint re Peter Power - attendant no 3 Engine.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor presented a report from Mr Birtistle, Assistant Surveyor, as to absence from work of above man. Since report was presented, Power had definitely left the service of the Council."

"no order in consequence."

Road Section "L" Enniscorthy.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"In connection with query raised by Mr Hall, County Councillor, with reference to the fact that steam-rolling gang and men in Quarry at Brownswood had not been visited by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor or Mr J. J. O'Gorman, Overseer on Monday morning 4th May, Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor wrote that on the morning in question he had to make arrangements for Road work on Section K. He did not consider it necessary to visit Section L on that morning as he was on it the previous Saturday evening up to "knocking off" time. His district was fairly large and he had to divide his time and attention over all sections in the most suitable way. On every second Monday he attended at the Machinery Yard Enniscorthy to receive Pay and Report Sheets and examine these with each Overseer. This took up considerable time."

Mr J. J. O'Gorman, ganger, wrote that he had to start filling his time sheets at 7 am on Monday 4th May and finished same at 11-30 a.m. On his way in with them he visited men working on roads 233 E.; 228 E.; and 230 E. After leaving machinery yard he visited Brownswood Quarry and was there at 2 pm. From there he went to rolling work on 26 E.; left there at 4-30 pm and went to men working on 221 E. Went to Ballinkeele Bridge job at about 5-30 pm. or 6 o'clock.

The Chairman pointed out that the system of having foremen going to machinery yard on Mondays was responsible for not having any supervision on that day.

Messrs Kehoe and Jones stated that they examined time sheets, etc. on the Saturday afternoon.

The Chairman said they now informed the County Surveyor that they disapproved of the present plan of taking gangers from their work on Monday and expected the County Surveyor to present a more suitable procedure, for dealing with time sheets to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

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

"We are of opinion that where such a large body of men was concerned as in this particular case, they should have been visited earlier in the day by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, or the Ganger of the section, and this Committee consider steps should be taken at once to prevent a recurrence of such a state of affairs."

The recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

Carrifeen Quarry.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"Mr Hall complained that work was not available for local men at Carrifeen Quarry while men were brought a distance of five or six miles to work there."

"Mr Ennis said that he was endeavouring to have continuous employment for workers - employing them in the quarries in the summer and on the roads in the winter. Under this system it was necessary to bring men certain distances. It was better that they should travel these distances in question in the summer rather than the winter."

"Michael Ryan and Mark Kearns, Carrifeen came before the meeting and stated that they considered it unfair they were not able to secure work at the Quarry within a couple of hundred yards of which they resided. They were married and had families. Yet their application for work had been refused."

"No order, as the meeting considered it would not be advisable to interfere with the discretion of Mr Ennis in the matter.

"Under date 29th July 1925, Mr Ennis wrote explaining that as there was no quarry in the whole of Section H. Gorey, it was impossible

to avoid bringing men a certain distance to quarries if he were to have a satisfactory staff on the roads in winter."

Mr Connors asked that an unemployed man who lived adjacent to Carrigeen Quarry should be heard relative to the complaint of the men living near Carrigeen that they could not obtain employment whereas men actually working in the quarry came from a distance of five or six miles.

No order, as it was considered that the matter had been gone into fully at the meeting of the Roads Committee.

Annagh Gap Quarry.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July, 1925 was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor presented report from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, as to the action of Mr Murphy, Secretary to the Local Branch of Transport Union and ten others in endeavouring to stop the work of stone breaker at above quarry. Mr Treanor pointed out that he informed the men if the breaker was not allowed to work he would suspend all operations at the Quarry. The men remained at their work and Mr Murphy who felt his line of action had not their sympathy left with those who accompanied him."

"In connection with this matter, the County Surveyor read letter from head office of Irish Transport and General Workers Union, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, urging that the application of the local secretary for the employment of his members should be given serious consideration by the County Surveyor."

"It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor." Approved.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"Under date, 22nd July, 1925, letter was read from Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, asking for loan to purchase a motor car in connection with his duties as Assistant Surveyor."

"Adjourned for further information."
Approved.

Housing Act. 1925.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925. was submitted; -

"Circular letter #. 501/13231/1925 miscellaneous, under date 7th May 1925 (referred by old Council to new Council) was read."

"No order, as the Roads Committee consider the condition of the finances do not allow of any grants from County Council funds and the National Bank, Treasurer of the Council, refuses to advance any loan under this Act."

Approved.

Proposed new Road, Dundrum - Linnacree.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted; -

"A largely signed memorial in favour of construction of new road from Dundrum to Linnacree Quarry in Gorey district was read."

"Report was read from the County Surveyor who did not recommend the proposal. He said it would take £2000 to make the road."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr Cloney: - "That no action be taken by this Committee relative to the application for construction of new road from Dundrum to Linnacree Quarry."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

Bunclody Courthouse.

The following extract from minutes of Roads Committee meeting of 31st July, 1925 was submitted; -

"In connection with application from Mr Fahy, District Justice to have some alterations carried out in the bench portion of Bunclody Courthouse and provision of press, table and forms or chairs, it was decided that Mr Ennis Assistant Surveyor present a report to next meeting of Roads Committee."

Approved.

Telegraphic Line Carrig-on-Bannow.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 24th July 1925, the Postal Authorities asked for the consent of the County Council to the erection of an over-land telegraphic line between the Post Office and Civic Guard Barracks at Carrig-on-Bannow."

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne that the necessary permission be granted."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

Erection of House Adjoining Public Road.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925, was submitted:-

"Under date 1st July 1925, Mr J. Kehoe, Kiltomas Ferns wrote that Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, informed him that he could not proceed with the work of erecting a dwelling house as it was too close to the public road. He asked permission to carry on the work as the house would not be the cause of any obstruction and was not on a corner of the road. He was given the plot free by Mr Sinnott."

"Mr Treanor said the house was being erected adjoining an unimportant road and if permission was granted no obstruction would be caused."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Coffey:- "That permission be granted Mr J. Kehoe, Kiltomas, Ferns to proceed with the erection of house adjoining public road as it is understood that the dwelling will not cause any obstruction to traffic."

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Col Quin.

Wexford Courthouse.

The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July, 1925. was submitted:-

"The following Committee was appointed to deal with appointment of Architect for Wexford Courthouse, plans

specifications, etc., for reconstructed building: Col Gibbon, Messrs John O'Byrne, R. Corish and W. Boffan, County Surveyor to arrange for meetings of Committee."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

Motor Car Acts.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st July 1925 was submitted:-

"Mr Richards, Local Taxation Officer, reported that in connection with arrears of taxation duty on vehicles which were found to be of higher weight than appeared in declarations of owners, payments had been made by all owners except the following:- James J. Shortall, 38 South Street, New Ross, (cycle) 10/- due; George W. Hayes, Lomnabasset, Enniscorthy; £1-10-0. Southern Wholesale Druggs Company, Wexford, (Dr S. V. O'Connor, Wexford, Director), £13-16-0. motor lorry."

"In connection with the last mentioned case, the weight found on Wexford Harbour Commissioners weighing machine on 11th May 1925, was 16 cwt 2 qrs and on 30th July 1925, 14 cwt 2 qrs."

"Dr O'Connor wrote that he had purchased the van in 1923 and was then told the weight was half a ton. She was too light for the work and the van was reconstructed which made it much heavier. This alteration was carried out in December 1924 and he was agreeable to pay extra tax from that date."

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That owners of motor vehicles who make false declarations be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law."

"Mr Boffan proposed, Mr Corish seconded and it was adopted:- "That in all cases of false declarations by owners of motor vehicles the full penalty should be enforced."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Boffan seconded the following resolution:- "That in view of reconstruction of parcel van of Southern Wholesale Drugg Co. we agree to accept £6 from Dr O'Connor, Director of the Company, as a mitigated penalty to cover arrears of tax due."

"In view of possibility of surcharge, the resolution was withdrawn and order made for prosecution."

"Proposed by Colonel Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted:- "That prosecutions be entered against James J. Shortall 38 South Street, New Ross and George M. Hayes, Lomnabasset Enniscorthy for arrears of motor tax if payment of same be not made within ten days from date of this meeting."

"Under date 2nd June 1925, Mrs A. E. Lett, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy, wrote asking for remission of £5 mitigated penalty imposed by Finance and Roads Committee of County Council in connection with use of Ford van licensed for Agricultural purposes and used by her as a private car."

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

"That we refuse application of Mrs Lett, Ballinadara, Enniscorthy for remission of £5 mitigated penalty imposed under Motor Car Acts."

"A report was received from Civic Guard that Thomas Boffan, Main Street Wexford was found driving a motor car on the 8th July at Rosslare without having the necessary road disc displayed. Boffan stated he had applied for licence but had not obtained it. As a matter of fact he did not apply for licence until July 9th.

It was decided that prosecution be instituted against Mr Boffan.

The recommendations of Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbons seconded by Col Quin.

Breaking material by Hand.

Mr Shannon moved:- "That a general order be issued to the County Surveyor with reference to breaking road material by hand in quarries in which it is feasible and in respect of which no extra cost would be involved as compared with breaking them by machinery."

Mr Clince seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Murphy proposed and Col Quin seconded:- "That Mr Shannon's resolution be referred to Roads Committee. On a show of hands, the resolution of Mr Shannon, was carried by 12 to 9.

Broken Bridge at Broadford.

Mr Connors complained that a house in the neighbourhood of this bridge was flooded for the last three winters and he considered that it was time that the structure should be permanently repaired.

It was decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Complaints by Councillors.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned with reference to recent action for libel by an official in respect of a complaint made to the County Council that he considered if a complaint was made to a Councillor, which the latter had reason to believe was genuine, it should not be necessary to give the name of the person making the complaint but that the Councillor concerned could give the name in confidence to the Chairman.

No order.

Minutes of Finance Committee.

Day of Meeting.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16th July 1925, was submitted:-

"Colonel Gibbon wrote:- 'I hope that the Finance Committee will consider the possibility of holding regular meetings on Mondays and of making arrangements to have the pay sheets signed on Thursday apart from the meeting called to do general business. The pay sheets so signed on Thursday could be brought under review at the following meeting of the Finance Committee.'

"The Committee unanimously decided not to make any alteration in the day fixed for meeting viz., Thursday"

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clince.

Complaint - Supervision Direct Labour
Building Moortown Cottage.

"The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of the 16th July, 1925, was submitted:-

"Colonel C. M. Gibbon, wrote:- "I enclose copy of a complaint which I have received for investigation.:-

13th July, 1925.

Colonel Gibbon C. M. G.

Sleedagh, Wexford.

"Sir,

Owing to the lack of supervision over the Direct Labour System re building of Moortown Cottage, I beg to request you to bring the following complaints before the Chairman and members of the County Council. First, John Colfer, carpenter, who being appointed time-keeper did, during the month of June work five days with a local farmer, two of those days being the 25th and 26th June. The other three dates I am not sure of, only that he was employed putting down a parlour floor just previous to the 13th June; this date he spent in Wexford and I will go so far as to say he endorsed this day on his time sheets for payment. Whatever about the rest of the dates, I may say they certainly require looking up, as six days during one month is too much for a man to be absent, considering he is paid 5/- weekly as time-keeper.

Second complaint,- According to the Direct Labour rules, this man is bound to be on the job every morning ten minutes before starting time. This rule is in no way carried out. I may say he is never seen there, only once every fortnight - on a Monday forenoon taking down the men's names, chancing their honesty as to what time they may tell him.

Third complaint,- The same man, John Colfer made a door for Mr Hassett Bridgetown in the workshop of the Council at Little Graigue, sent the same by a cart employed by the Council the same date, thus leaving the mason without window frames, although rather than be idle, the mason secured his own jennet and cart and proceeded a distance of three miles for the frames, although

Fourth complaint is, the concrete posts which is according to specification bound to have steel bars in the centre, is substituted with barbed wire without any crushed granite or Copestone or oil (simply nothing only gravel) cement and barbed wire."

I now conclude hoping your Council will go fully into this matter and try to prevent the dreadful and uncalled for wastage of public money."

It was pointed out that the duties of the R. D. Councils under cottage schemes had been transferred to the County Board of Health.

It was decided that Colonel Gibbon be requested to give the name of the person making the complaint and to submit name with complaint to the County Health Board.

Confirmed on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Clince

Courthouse Accomodation.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16th July, 1925 was submitted:-

"The Chairman stated Mr Fahy D. J. had interviewed him regarding Courthouse accomodation in New Ross. The premises in which the Court was held at present were unsuitable, and as the former Courthouse was still intact, he thought perhaps an arrangement might be come to with Mr Hamilton, agent, regarding the re-acquiring of the premises by the Council for the holding of the District Courts.

"Mr Elfee mentioned that Mr Hamilton required £50 per annum from the Council for the premises which belonged to the Council previous to their surrender in 1920, and in respect of which the Council formerly paid £10 per annum ground rent."

"On the motion of Mr Hayes, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that a Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Mr Walsh and Mr Elfee Solicitor, interview Mr Hamilton, Agent regarding the re-acquiring of New Ross Courthouse and that they report to next meeting of the County Council."

"The question of paying an inclusive salary to Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford for salary, contingent expenses, coal, gas, etc. was considered. It was pointed out the amounts paid

her last year under these heads amounted to £32-5-8 and in addition she was paid £26 rent of alternative premises."

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that no change in the existing arrangements be made pending the re-building of Wexford Courthouse."

"Mr Mc Donogh, Town Clerk Gorey applied for payment of rent due for Town Hall for holding of District Court."

"It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hayes, that the amount be paid and that Mr Elgee prepare agreement with Gorey Town Commissioners for the future letting of the premises at £8 per annum, three months' notice on either side to terminate agreement."

"Mr Elgee stated he had been in communication with Mr Brennan regarding claim for malicious injury to the old Courthouse at Gorey"

"It was decided to authorize Mr Elgee to make whatever arrangements he considered most suitable regarding the claim."

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Cline, the foregoing recommendations of the Finance Committee were confirmed.

Architect County Courthouse.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16th July 1925, was submitted:—

"Mr John O'Byrne asked what steps were being taken regarding the rebuilding of Wexford Courthouse."

"The County Surveyor stated he had received offers of architects but the Committee appointed by the old Council in connection with the matter did not come together. He had written to a number of firms for quotations."

"It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman that the County Surveyor advertise for architects in the Dublin papers and that applications be submitted to next meeting of the County Council."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Colonel Quin.

Application for Leave.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16th July 1925 was submitted:-

"The following letter from Mr J. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office was read:-

"Having obtained a Scholarship at the recent Feis Carman held in Wexford, I beg to make application for a month's leave from duty so that I can attend the course at King College during the month of August."

"The County Surveyor stated, in reply to the Chairman, that he would not require any temporary clerical assistance during Mr Moore's absence."

"On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that the necessary leave be granted, it being understood that one fortnight be regarded as special leave and one fortnight as annual holidays."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clinck.

Revision of Valuation.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 16th July 1925 was submitted:-

"Lists of tenements requiring revision of valuation were submitted."

"It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that Valuation Lists be signed on behalf and submitted to the Commissioner of Valuation."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clinck.

Finances County Board of Health.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 30th July 1925 was submitted:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Jordan:-

"The Finance Committee observe that the estimate of County Board of Health as submitted to County Council has been exceeded by £3300 for the past three months. They view with

grave concern the statement in regard to the finances of County Board of Health as published in local papers in report of last meeting of said Board and trust that the facts therein are not correctly stated. This Committee can hold out no hope that any money in excess of the Demand agreed to by the County Council will be available."

In connection with foregoing resolution, a letter under date 5th August 1925 was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health giving the approximate receipts and expenditure to 31st March next. From this it appeared that the deficit on the reduced estimate for the financial year would be £3242.

The resolution of the Finance Committee was approved on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clince.

Collection of Rates.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 30th July 1925 was submitted:-

"It was decided that, at next meeting of the Finance Committee, special attention would be paid to the Rate Collection in view of the present financial stringency of the County Council."

Confirmed on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Clince.

Financial Position of the Council.

Under date, 17th July 1925, letter no 8, the minister for Local Government wrote that in view of the delay occasioned in making arrangements for the amount of the current year's rate through the intervention of the measure providing for the double Agricultural Grant, the Treasury, before refusing the accommodation sought by the Council might reasonably have given greater consideration to the application in view of the ample security which the Council were in a position to offer, and to the fact that the Council had for many years past kept their account in the National Bank and had not at any time failed to meet their due obligations.

Under date 25th July 1925, a letter was read from the Manager of the National Bank, Wexford, that as the overdraft

of £40,000 was only sanctioned by his Directors to the 30th of June he had no authority whatever from his Directors to permit the Council to have any overdraft.

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

"That we desire to point out to the Treasurer of the County Council that it is the earnest wish of the Council to reduce their indebtedness to the Bank at the earliest opportunity. It can be seen from the letter of the Department of Local Government under date 17th July 1925, nos. that owing to legislation in connection with the allowance of double Agricultural Grant to County Councils this year, there was a delay in preparing the necessary Receipt and Demand notes for Rate Collectors. The collection has now been in force over a month, and directions have been given to the Finance Committee to interview each individual Collector on the 13th inst with a view to expediting the collection. We request the Directors of the National Bank to continue sanction for the overdraft of £40,000 for the coming three months. In the meantime, as the rates come in, every effort will be made to reduce same as the Council has struck sufficient Rates to pay all their liabilities for the year, and as the account was in credit for a quarter of a century, we consider that there should be no objection on the part of the Directors to comply with the wishes of the Council in this matter."

Sheep Dipping Order - Public Dipping Stations.

A scheme for the dipping of sheep at public baths was submitted from the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

It was decided that, as a large number of applications offering to lease existing baths to the Council had been received and had been referred to the Veterinary Surgeons for their reports, consideration of the scheme be postponed until these reports were to hand.

Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was laid before the meeting and referred to the Finance Committee meeting on the 13th inst.

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

"That poundage fees be paid to all Collectors who have lodged the full amount of their warrants."

Application for Increase of Salary.

Under date 8th August 1925, Mr R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector, wrote applying for an increase in his salary of £70 per annum. Contrasted with the salary paid to other employees in a similar capacity, the members of the Council would agree that he was entitled to a substantial increase. His area was by far the largest in the County and if an outbreak of any acute disease occurred, his present salary would not cover his travelling expenses.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed and Mr Gaul seconded:-

"That the salary of Mr R. Malone Veterinary Inspector, be increased from £70 to £90 per annum."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion - Messrs Boffan, P. Byrne, Cline, Cloney, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Doyle, Gaul, Hayes, Kavanagh, Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Shannon, Walsh, White and the Chairman - 19.

Against - Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs D'Arcy, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue and Thorpe - 7.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Report as to progress of University Scholarship students was laid before the meeting.

It was decided that the question of continuing Scholarships be considered at next meeting of the Council.

In connection with the application of Mr Patrick J. White, Carcar House, Wexford for University Scholarship, the Secretary mentioned that his application had not

been considered owing to the clause in the University Scholarship Scheme which debarred applications from persons whose fathers were members of the British Army or R.I.C. and who had not retired previous to 1919. This clause was deleted at the last meeting by resolution of the Council and the question of the eligibility of Mr White now arose on Section 10 of the University Act which provided that Scholarships were only tenable by persons whose parents or guardians were in need of assistance in order to afford them University education.

Mr Corish proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-
 "That in view of the fact that only three applicants have been deemed to be eligible for competition for the four University Scholarships, the application of Mr White be accepted without prejudice. That the Finance Committee be requested to fix a valuation or devise some other means by which the County Council would be able to arrive at some decision as to whether the financial position of parents or guardians would not allow them to provide University education."

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Culleton seconded:-
 "That the Secretary request ex-Head Constable White to furnish the Council with a statement as to his means."

Mr Cloney proposed and Mr John O'Byrne seconded:-
 "That the application be refused."

After some discussion, Messrs Corish and Cloney withdrew their motions in favour of the resolution of Mr Doyle which passed nem. con.

Application from Teachers for Representation on Educational Committees.

Under date 4th August 1925, Mr R. F. Phillips, Hon. Secretary County Wexford Committee, Irish National Teachers' Organisation wrote asking the County Council to appoint members of the Organisation on Committees of the County Council dealing with education or educational administration.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr Phillips be informed that each of the County Council Committees have been allocated their full number of members and the Council regrets it is not possible to comply with his request."

County Hall.

The question of disposing of the County Hall was on the Agenda paper by directions from last meeting.

After some discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee with a view to the appointment of a special Committee to deal with the matter.

Slaney Navigation.

The Secretary mentioned that the County Council, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, Wexford Corporation and Enniscorthy Urban Council had now appointed their representatives on the Slaney Navigation Committee. The fishermen of the river Slaney asked that they should be represented on it.

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

"That Messrs Owen McCoy, Dylegate, Nicholas Connolly Killurin and James Stafford Ferrycarrig be appointed as representatives of the Slaney fishermen on the Slaney Navigation Committee. That this Committee meet in a fortnight's time."

Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor and Motor Car.

Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor wrote applying for loan for purchase of two-seater Morris-Cowley motor car, cost £224.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government under date 8th August 1925 (R.S./32) stating that the practice of County Councils granting loans to members of the survey staff for the purchase of motor vehicles had been discontinued as from January 1924.

It was decided that a copy of the letter from the Department of Local Government should be furnished to Mr O'Neill for his information.

Mental Hospital Contract Bond.

The following resolution was received from the Mental Hospital Committee:-

"That the County Council be requested to allow the Committee of management to adopt the revised form of Contract Bond, submitted by the Ministry of Local Government, and that copies of the revised and present Forms of Bonds be sent to the County Council along with this resolution."

Correspondence was read from Mr Elgee (who had examined Bonds in question) stating that he considered the revised form of bond should be used by the Mental Hospital Committee in future.

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

"That this County Council agrees to the Mental Hospital Committee using in the future for the purposes of their contracts the revised form of Bond submitted by the Department of Local Government."

County Hospital Reconstruction.

The Secretary of the County Board of Health wrote under date 29th July, 1925, that Counsel had advised Mr Dunbar, Solicitor, that it was necessary for the County Council to pass a resolution authorising the Board of Health to incur expenditure involved in the reconstruction of the County Hospital, Wexford and also to accept contract.

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

"That this County Council agrees to the County Board of Health carrying out repairs and improvements to the County Hospital at Wexford for a sum of £8156-6-0 as already agreed to by the County Council on plans and specifications submitted to them and approved of by the Department of Local Government and that the Board of Health be empowered to affix their seal to the contract for said works on behalf of the Wexford County Council."

Courtown Lifeboat House

Letter from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution under date 23rd June 1925, which was referred from last meeting was read. This letter pointed out that as the Lifeboat Station was closed, they were prepared to surrender the lease of the lifeboat house which would expire in 1940 for a consideration which would go as a donation to the funds of the Institution.

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

"That the Royal National Lifeboat Institution be requested to reinstate the lifeboat at Courtown Station as it has been found from experience that the present arrangements are not adequate to deal with shipwrecks in the district."

Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Hayes, new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr Frank Murphy Kibrane and renewals of licence were granted to Messrs W. H. MacGuire, Commercial Quay Wexford, Edward Brennan, Tashmon, and Edward Brennan, Tashmon and Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

Analyst's Report.

Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst for the quarter ended 30th June last was submitted to the meeting. The total number of analyses carried out during the quarter was 122.

County Wexford Library Service.

Under date 29th July 1925, Mr M. J. Finnan, Clerk, New Ross Urban Council, wrote forwarding resolution from his Council agreeing to contribute an amount equivalent to one halfpenny in the £ to the County Council in aid of the County Library Scheme.

Disinterment and Reburial of Body

Under date 22nd July, 1925, Mr Nicholas Browne, Home Assistance Officer, Enniscorthy wrote that he could not accept the £2, agreed to by the Council in connection with the disinterment and re-burial of a body at Castle Ellis.

This amount would not cover his out-of-pocket expenses as he had to provide whiskey for the men engaged in opening the grave. He had to leave Enniscorthy at 6-30 am and had to keep a man and car in Castle Ellis till evening.

The Council declined to alter their decision of last meeting agreeing to allow £2.

J. O'Meara