

No. 240,491/1913. General Post Office, Dublin, 21st August, 1914—Relative to a claim for 10s. a week made by the Richmond Asylum Authorities to the Postal Authorities for maintenance of a Post Office Pensioner in that Institution, whose pension is £19 15s. 5d., and whose mother and sisters are partially dependent upon him.

21st September, 1914. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum—Stating that his Committee, under the circumstances disclosed, have decided to waive all claim to the pension of the Post Office Pensioner, referred to in the letter from the Secretary to the General Post Office, in favour of his family.

Order—Read and approved.
9th November, 1914. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Stating that his Council approve of Collector McGrath's list of irrecoverable rates, with the exception of one item of 7s. (No. 744), which amount should, in the opinion of the District Council, be disallowed, and collected from the occupier, who is stated to be a stone mason, earning good wages through the district.

Card from the Family of the late Mr. E. P. O'Kelly, M.P., St. Kevin's, Baltinglass—Returning thanks for the Council's resolution of sympathy in their bereavement.

12th November, 1914. From Councillor Frank S. Dobbs, The Barracks, Cahir—Conveying his regret at not being able to attend any of the meetings of the Council at present, owing to his having accepted an appointment in the "War-time" Re-mount Depot for the South of Ireland.

17th August, 1914. From J. P. Tierney, Managing Director, Dublin and Blessington Tramway Co., 15 College Green, Dublin—Stating, in reply to the Council's letter on the subject, that the work of re-sleeping the line is proceeding as quickly as possible.

From Londonderry County Council—Poster showing the Regulations adopted by that Council under Article 1 of the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1914 (No. 2).

31st August, 1914. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Reporting that the Justices at Blessington Petty Sessions fined Laurence Cummins 2s. and 3s. 6d. costs, for breach of Clause 3, Sub-Section 1, of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order, 1905.

17th October, 1914. From Hon. Secretary, Railway Clerks' Association (Irish Council), Wynne's Hotel, Dublin—Pointing out that "five years' residence" clause in the Council's University Scholarship Scheme practically debar the children of Stationmasters and Clerks located at the railway stations in the county, and asking to have the time limit provision withdrawn.

Order—Referred to Scholarship Committee.

20th October, 1914. From Kenny's Advertising Agency, 65 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin—Expressing the hope that the Council may place the official organ of the Volunteers, "The National Volunteer," on their list for advertisements.

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Wicklow County Council

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11-30 am. on Monday, the 22nd February, 1915.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor - Daniel Condren - Chairman.
Councillors - Edward Byrne, P. J. Carey, D. J. Cogan, Joseph McCarroll, Tobias Kinsella, Thomas Burke, John V. Gahan, William Byrne (Coolbeg), Martin Langton, James Byrne, and E. C. Walsh.

A letter was submitted from Councillor F. S. Dobbs, regretting his inability to be present at the Meeting.

Business.

- 1—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the Proposals Committee, and the five Rural Districts.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John V. Gahan: "The Rural District Council of Shillelagh having, by resolution, requested the County Council to put in force the Provisions of the Act, I hereby give notice of motion that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, in pursuance of Section 15 (2) of the Irish Education Act of 1892, and Section 74 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, that the Provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, shall be put in force in Shillelagh Rural District, as from the 1st April, 1915, and that said Rural District be declared to be the area of charge for all expenses that may be incurred in connection with this matter."
- 10—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1916.
- 11—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor John J. Reilly: "I hereby give notice of motion that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move, at the next meeting of this Council, that the vacancy in the vice-chairmanship of this Council be filled at that meeting."
- 13—To fill the vacancies on the following committees caused by the death of the late chairman, E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., M.P.:
 - (1) Co. Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.
 - (2) Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum.
 - (3) Irish County Councils' General Council.

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- 14—To receive and consider resignation submitted by Collector P. J. Carey, junr., No. 16 Collecting District, and to take such steps as may be considered necessary to have the collection completed in that collecting district.
- 15—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor James Byrne :
" I hereby give notice of motion that, at the next meeting of the Council, I, or some Councillor for me, shall move that the resolution passed on the 8th June, 1914, under the Sheep Scab Order, 1914 (No. 2), directing the attendance of the Council's Veterinary Inspectors at the various fairs within their districts, be rescinded."
- 16—To appoint two persons to serve on the Council of Agriculture for a term of three years, commencing 1st April, 1915.
- 17—To take steps to fill the vacancy on the Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture caused by the resignation of Mr. Michael Fleming, Ballynulta, Shillelagh.
- 18—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 19—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 20—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 21—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. I.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1914, when the following members were present:—Councillor Daniel Condren, in the chair; Councillors John Murphy, Joseph McCarroll, and William Byrne.

The Committee had before them a Bill of Costs from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, amounting to £23 17s. 4d., for professional services rendered in connection with the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

The Committee recommend the Council to requisition the Taxation of same.

DANIEL CONDREN.

9th February, 1915.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. II.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 8th February, 1915, when the following members were present:—

Councillor John Murphy, in the chair; Councillors John J. Reilly and William Byrne.

The Secretary read a letter from the Road Board, dated 29th January, 1915, in which that Authority agreed to advance a sum of £200, by way of Imprest, to the Resident Engineer in charge of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, for the purpose of paying wages to the workmen employed thereunder.

Order—Considered satisfactory. The Committee recommend that the Resident Engineer, Mr. R. W. Butler, be asked to provide a Fidelity Bond for £250, as is usual in cases of the kind, and that the Council give the formal Agreement asked for in the Road Board's letter.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

County at Large	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1—				5,930	11	0
District proposals	732	15	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	15	4	790	11	2
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	245	0	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	736	3	0	981	3	10
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	276	6	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	83	12	6	359	19	5
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1503	7	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	315	3	10	1818	11	6
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	511	19	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	64	8	0	576	11	9
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				30	15	0
Bray Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				5	0	11
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				16	17	6
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total).				1087	8	11

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	908	0	0
Naas	244	10	0
Rathdown	1233	10	0
Rathdrum	2402	0	0
Shillelagh	900	0	0
Total	5,688	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	446	15	0
Naas No. 2	157	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	1176	10	0
Rathdrum	930	0	0
Shillelagh	696	5	0
Total	3,407	0	0

We recommend the payment of the following Rates, claimed as Irrecoverable, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

Half-year ended 31st March, 1915.

No. 7—Charles S. Sutton	£62	4	0
No. 9—Joseph Keane	10	17	4

The Secretary submitted the Annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate during the next ensuing Financial Year, 1915-1916, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for sums to be supplied to other public bodies. Further, he submitted the Estimate of Rates required to be raised during the same period for Separate Charges throughout the County.

In his Report on the Rate Estimate (copy of which is attached) the Secretary explained in detail the different items, and the deviations in the rates required in the ensuing year from those assessed for the current Financial Year.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt the Estimates as submitted.

The Committee proceeded to consider the Scale of Fees to be paid to Veterinary Inspectors under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Orders of 1913 and 1914. They recommend the Council to adopt the following Scale:—

	£	s.	d.
1. For clinical examination of the first animal, a fee of	0	5	0
Each additional animal on the same premises	0	1	0
2. For applying the Tuberculin Test, up to four animals	1	1	0
Each animal over four	0	2	6
3. Post-mortem Examination	1	1	0
4. Microscopic Examination	0	5	0

5. Mileage at the rate of One Shilling (1s.) per mile, or Railway Fare, within the County
No further charges to be made for Reports or Valuations.

Accounts, amounting to £19 15s. 6d., were forwarded from Mr. Aiden F. Walshe, V.S., for services rendered in connection with the foregoing Orders.

The Committee, having gone through the various items, reduced the total to £11 19s. 0d., which sum they recommend the Council to pay to Mr. Walshe, this figure having been arrived at on the basis of the Scale recommended in the preceding paragraph.

An account, amounting to £60 2s. 6d., was submitted from Mr. George Newsom, V.S., being his claim for professional fees and travelling expenses for attendance at various Fairs in his district, in compliance with the resolution of the Council passed on the 8th June, 1914, under the Sheep Scab Order.

An account, amounting to £12 12s. 0d., for similar services in his District, was submitted from Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S.

The Committee cannot at present see their way to recommend payment of these Accounts, as the Council, when directing the attendance of the Inspectors at Fairs, believed that such attendance was part of the duties of these Officers.

Mr. E. R. Nichols, V.S., Dunlavin, forwarded an account for £4 4s. 0d., for attendance on two occasions at Blessington Petty Sessions, to give evidence in prosecutions ordered by the Council to be taken against owners of sheep for alleged breaches of the Diseases of Animals Acts, and Orders thereunder.

As Mr. Nichols attended at the request of the Council's Solicitor to give evidence in these cases, the Account was referred to the Solicitor for payment, the same to be dealt with in the Solicitor's Bill of Costs.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Collector P. J. Carey, Junior, in which he tendered his resignation as Collector for No. 16 Collecting District. He also submitted a letter from the Local Government Board, in which that Body stated that Collector Carey's Sureties "should not be released from their obligation under their Bond until the full amount of the Warrant for the Current Year has been lodged to the credit of the Council."

The Committee recommend the Council to accept the resignation, and, further, they recommend the Council to appoint one of the adjoining Collectors to close the Collection for the Current Year in No. 16 Collecting District, on the condition that Collector Carey's Sureties enter into a Bond jointly with such Collector as the Council may appoint for the due collection of the outstanding rates.

The Secretary submitted an application, transmitted from the County Insurance Committee, received by that Body from Mr. Thomas Williams, Court-keeper, Wicklow, for payment of a sum of £5, for attendance on the Committee since the establishment of that Body; and also applying for a fixed annual allowance for attendance upon that Committee in future.

The Committee directed that the application be referred back to the County Insurance Committee, as they consider it the proper Body to deal with same.

The following Report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Accounts, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1914, was submitted to the Committee:—

Court-House, Wicklow,
16th January, 1915.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that I attended at Terenure, and inspected the Audited Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1914.

The Receipts of every nature from the undertaking during the Half-year amounted to £4,201 1s. 5d., and the Expenses to £4,767 12s. 2d., leaving a deficit on the working expenses amounting to £566 10s. 9d. This sum, when added to the interest on the Guaranteed Capital, brings the total liability of the guaranteeing areas to £1,566 10s. 9d. for the Half-year, one moiety of which, £783 5s. 4d., is owing by your Council. This is £405 2s. 2d. in excess of the amount paid by County Wicklow for the previous corresponding Half-year.

The gross receipts for the Half-year were greater by £228 15s. 9d. than those for the December period of last year, but, on the same comparison, the expenditure increased by £1,039 0s. 1d. The most notable increases in expenditure appear under the following heads:— Maintenance of Way, etc.: Wages, £42 3s. 7d.; materials, £307 1s. 9d. Locomotive Power (running expenses): Wages, £106 18s. 2d.; fuel, £232 6s. 9d.; oil, £62 19s. 7d. Locomotive Power (repairs): Materials, £130 12s. 7d.; repairs and renewals of carriages, £195 2s. 9d. I desire to draw special attention to the increased cost of fuel and oil, which is very remarkable, especially having regard to the circumstance that the tram mileage showed a decrease of 2,403 miles.

As the result of inquiries instituted, I was pleased to learn that steps are being taken to remedy the rather deplorable condition which the foregoing figures indicate, and that the Company have arranged for the Hire Purchase of two Self-propelled Electric Cars, which it is hoped to have running by 1st May next. Mr. J. P. Tierney, the present Managing Director, has designed these cars so that they can run from Nelson's Pillar to Terenure, taking their current from the trolley wire like the ordinary city electric cars, and will continue their journey from Terenure to Poulaphuca, taking their current from a Petrol-driven Dynamo mounted on the car.

I have reason to know that he has given this question very careful consideration, and that he has studied the results of similar cars abroad, and that from this study of the running costs of other Companies, he is convinced that by means of these two cars the Dublin and Blessington Company will be able to effect an immediate saving of about £500 a year over and above the cost of the hiring. This enterprise will give the Company the advantage of a clean, punctual service, and the new cars will, it is confidently anticipated, be the means of considerably increasing the passenger traffic. This, I believe, may be regarded as the first step towards resurrecting the property. If the results be as satisfactory as there is strong reason to believe they will be, it may be hoped, in the near future, to see the last of the present uneconomical Steam Plant, which, owing to its great age, has become, as I am informed and believe, hopeless to maintain in any state of efficiency.

The figures of the undertaking since 1887 show generally that the Company's plant has been starved. One figure is sufficient to illustrate this. It appears that the Lucan Company spent two and a-half times the amount of money the Blessington Company did on the maintenance of their track during the same period, although the length of the Lucan Track is only half that of the Dublin and Blessington.

The Company endeavoured to meet the requests of your Council on the following matters, by providing these Electric Cars, and by instituting the Through Goods Service. The returns for the year 1914 show that 13,648 tons were carried through over the lines of the Dublin Company. They have also improved the permanent way during the past year by the installation of creosoted sleepers. 1,000 creosoted sleepers, I understand, were put into the line during 1914, of which more than half went into the section in County Wicklow, and that the wish of your Engineer was carried out by the adoption of sole-plates on the existing sleepers when repairs were being carried out. This course is calculated to add to the life of these sleepers, because in the past no sole-plates were used, and the rails cut into the sleepers.

The existing management is confidently of the opinion that if the present system of traction can be altered, the present burthen on the Counties should be considerably lightened, and in the course of time almost removed.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

The Secretary intimated that he had received an application for compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to property on behalf of Major Mervyn A. Tynte, Tynte Park, Dunlavin. The amount of compensation claimed is £1,255. The documents in the case, he stated, had been handed to the Council's Solicitor.

JOHN MURPHY.

11th February, 1915.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. III.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 22nd February, 1915, when the following members were present:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, in the chair; Councillors D. Condren, James Byrne, William Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee had before them the following additional Proposals, and recommend the same to the County Council for payment:—

County-at-Large:
Proposals Committee's Proposals £642 15 1

The Secretary having received a letter from the Local Government Board, dated 19th February, 1915 (No. 8561/1915), since the last meeting of the Committee, with reference to the claims of Messrs. George Newsom and W. J. Richardson, for fees and expenses attending at Fairs under the Sheep Seab Orders, we now recommend the Council to pay the amount of these claims (which are included in the above total), subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

The Committee had before them a Bill of Miscellaneous Costs from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, amounting to £59 10s. 10d., for services rendered to the County Council. The Committee recommend the Council to requisition the Taxation of same.

(Signed), D. J. COGAN.

22nd February, 1915.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan
Seconded by - " Wm Byrne (Coolbeg)
Resolved - That the Finance Committee's Reports be, and they are hereby, adopted.
Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll
Seconded by - " Edward Byrne
Resolved - That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed.
Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan
Seconded by - " P. J. Carey
Resolved - That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee, the two Requisitions to have Mr. J. H. McCarroll's two Bills of Costs taxed be now signed by the Chairman, and sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan,
Seconded by - " J. McCarroll
Resolved - That the Road Board having, by their letter of the 29th January, 1915, consented

to advance to Mr. R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer for carrying out the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200), by way of Imprest to enable him to make payments, as the necessity arises, the Finance Committee of this Council is hereby directed, once a month, to pay into the Account the sum drawn upon it during the month, in order to bring it up to the sum of £200; and, further, this Council hereby undertakes full responsibility for repayment of this advance to the Road Board on the completion of the work.

Passed.

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils, were passed as follows:—

County at Large:—

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll
Seconded by " James Byrne

Resolved— That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County at Large, amounting to £6,573-6-1 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke
Seconded by " Edward Byrne

Resolved— That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £790-11-2 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Naas No. 2:—

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan
Seconded by " J. Kinsella

Resolved— That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £981-3-10 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—

Proposed by Councillor W^m. Byrne (Coolbeg)
Seconded by " James Byrne

Resolved— That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £359-19-5 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Rathdrum:—

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey
Seconded by " W^m. Byrne (Coolbeg)

Resolved— That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,818-11-6 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Shillelagh:—

Proposed by Councillor John V. Gahan
Seconded by " Tobias Kinsella

Resolved— That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Shillelagh

Rural District, amounting to £576-7-9 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed ✓

Arklow Urban:-

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll,
Seconded by - " Thomas Burke,

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £30-15-0 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed ✓

Bray Urban:-

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan,
Seconded by - " James Byrne,

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Bray Urban District, amounting to £5-0-11 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed ✓

Wicklow Urban:-

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll,
Seconded by - " Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16-17-6 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan
Seconded by - " J. Burke

Resolved - That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed.

Passed ✓

Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils, were submitted:-

Proposals Committee:-

That whereas a proposal was formulated by the Proposals Committee on the 1st May, 1912, and confirmed by the County Council on 20th May, 1912, to raise a loan for the purpose of erecting buildings for technical instruction purposes in Arklow and in Baltinglass, in the County of Wicklow, and whereas the said loan was to be raised upon the security of the rate levied for technical instruction purposes over the whole of the County of Wicklow, excluding Bray Urban District, Wicklow District, and Arklow Urban District, and the interest on and repayment of the loan to be made from the funds allocated to technical instruction, and whereas the amount to be expended on the buildings in the town of Arklow was fixed at £2,500, and the amount to be expended on the buildings in Baltinglass was fixed at £500, and whereas the cost of said loan to the ratepayers was limited to £125 per annum; and whereas the Local Government Board, by their letter dated 9th April, 1913 (No. 14,934, 1913, Wicklow County), sanctioned the said loan, and whereas, owing to the great advance in the cost of building material, it has not been found possible to get a contractor to erect the proposed building in Baltinglass according to the original plans for the sum estimated at the time of application for the loan; be it now resolved that a further loan of £200 be applied for to enable the erection of this building to be proceeded with, the additional annual liability of the County Council, over and above the £125 already mentioned, to be limited to the interest on and the repayment of the proposed additional loan of £200, extending the repayment of same over a period of 50 years, the cost to be levied over the entire of the rural portion of the County Wicklow, and that the Local Government Board be asked to sanction the increased loan.

PARTICULARS AS TO BORROWING:-Additional Loan of £200 to supplement a Loan of £3,000 already sanctioned for the erection of Technical Schools at Arklow and Baltinglass.

Order - Postponed.

Baltinglass No. 1:-

Owing to attention having been drawn by the Clerk of the Union Mr. J. R. Dagg; the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mr. W. J. Moore; and the Contractor, to a mistake of Ten Pounds in the Tender, Contract No. 168 in the District Register, 1113 perches, was referred back to the Rural District Council, and the road placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £10-8-6.

Road No. 182 in the District Register, 706 perches,

was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £22-1-3.

Road No. 208 in the District Register, 424 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £2-13-0.

Road No. 201 in the District Register, 650 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £5-8-3.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

The following Resolution was submitted from Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council:—

"Resolved— That the County Surveyor be
"authorised to expend the sum of £350 on
"roads between Dunlavin and Glen of Imaal
"leading to Camp."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan

Seconded by " J. Burke

Resolved— That the Secretary be directed to write to the two County Members to wait upon the War Office to try and induce that Authority to contribute towards repair of the roads leading to Imaal Camp.

Passed.

Naas No. 2:

Road No. 21 in the District Register, 1112 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £8-2-2.

The Contract entered into by the District Council for Road No. 30 in the District Register, 496 perches, was rejected, owing to the tender being informal, and the road was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £24-16-0.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were

approved and confirmed.

In connection with the Proposal to fill a pool under Burgage Bridge, in order to protect the foundations of piers, cost of same not to exceed £500, the following Resolution was submitted by Naas No. 2 Rural District Council:—

" That having regard to the improbability
" of obtaining a Loan from the Public Funds
" for Work No. 34— Burgage Bridge— we the
" Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, request the
" Wicklow County Council to apply to the Local
" Government Board for their sanction to the
" borrowing of the required amount from the
" County Treasurer, or other private sources, for
" the longest period for which Loans are usually
" granted for works of this description, and we
" approve of the Provisional Proposal on this
" condition, as we feel that we would not be
" justified in doing so otherwise, owing to the
" already high rate of taxation in the District,
" the present gloomy outlook for the ratepayers,
" and the fact that the legal limit for road
" expenditure in the District— viz:— £1426-5-0,
" precludes the Council from doing the work
" without a Loan."

Proposed by Councillor J. Burke

Seconded by " M. Langton

Resolved— In accordance with an application received from the Rural District Council of Naas No. 2, we the County Council for the County of Wicklow, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils' Order, 1899, have duly been complied with in connection with the same, hereby approve of the Proposal to borrow a sum of Five Hundred

Pounds (£500), from the Commissioners of Public Works, the County Council's Treasurer, or any other source, said sum to be repaid in Twenty Years by equal half-yearly instalments of principal, with interest on the amount outstanding from time to time, and to be employed in filling the pool under 'Burgage Bridge' in order to protect the foundations of piers, and we direct that all expenses connected with raising this loan be charged over the entire Rural District of Naas No. 2, and we hereby apply to the Local Government Board for Ireland to give its consent to the said loan.

Passed ✓

Rathdown No. 2:-

Road No. 470 in the District Register, 339 perches was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £19-1-4.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by - Councillor E. C. Walsh

Seconded by - " M. Langton

Resolved - The Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 having requested the County Council to obtain an extension, for the coming Financial Year, of the limit of road expenditure on road repairs in that Rural District, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, approve of said extension and we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to grant that the limit of expenditure on roads in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District be accordingly extended for the coming Financial Year from the sum of £2,200 to the sum of £2,800.

Passed ✓

Rathdrum:-

Road No. 458 in the District Register, 1140 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £7-2-6.

Road No. 461 in the District Register, 1098 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £22-17-6.

Road No. 462 in the District Register, 524 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £5-9-2.

Road No. 464 in the District Register, 985 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £10-5-3.

The Contract entered into by the District Council for Road No. 465 in the District Register, 470 perches, was rejected owing to the tender being informal and the road was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £2-18-9.

Road No. 466 in the District Register, 669 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £4-3-8.

Road No. 468 in the District Register, 668 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £16-14-0.

Road No. 469 in the District Register, 624 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £15-12-0.

Work No. 473 in the District Register - making a paved channel - was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, at £6-10-0.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh:-

Road No. 237 in the District Register, 839 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £6-19-10.

Road No. 241 in the District Register, 1381 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £10-1-5.

Road No. 242 in the District Register, 1538 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £28-16-9.

Road No. 243 in the District Register, 757 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £3-3-1.

Road No. 244 in the District Register, 955 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £5-19-5.

Road No. 247 in the District Register, 413 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £2-11-8.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by - Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by - " P. J. Carey.

Resolved - That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor J. Kinsella
Seconded by - " D. J. Coogan

Resolved - That we now sign and Seal the three Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,

There are a few points in connection with the Proposals to come before you to which I desire to draw your special attention.

1. The Proposals Committee have sent forward a Proposal, asking the Council to apply for an additional Loan of £200 to enable the erection of the proposed Technical Schools at Baltinglass.

2. A resolution has been received from Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, in which the County Surveyor is authorised to spend £350 on roads under contract leading from Dunlavin to Imaal Camp. The Council, before acting on the resolution, ought to satisfy themselves that the damage about to be remedied comes within the definition of a "Sudden Damage," and that it "happened so recently as not to admit of the ordinary procedure relating to the repair of public works being followed." A ratepayer, M. A. Tynte, Tynte Park, has written about these roads, and suggests that the County Council might apply to the War Office for a grant for the repair of them. He adds that it is in a very bad way owing to motor lorries plying to the camp, and that the additional expense of repairing the unusual damage will fall upon the ratepayers unless the War Office is willing to pay the cost.

3. Road in Baltinglass R.D., District Reg. No. 168; No. of

perches, 1,113. The person declared contractor for this road writes to say that owing to a clerical mistake he inserted £23 12s. 0d. in his tender instead of £33 12s. The only way I can suggest out of the difficulty is that the work be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

4. Naas No. 2 R.D., Dist. Reg. 50; number of perches 496. In this case the Proposal was formulated for a three months' contract, while the tender reads as £14 15s. per annum. This is an evident mistake which cannot now be remedied. I would suggest that this work, too, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

5. Rathdrum R.D., Dist. Reg. 465; number of perches 470. In this case the person tendering inserted the total cost for five years instead of the amount per annum. I don't see how the Council can now amend the tender.

6. Shillelagh R.D., Dist. Reg. 250; number of perches 519. It is here proposed to expend £25 on a road under contract to make good the damage resulting from the contractor's neglect. I know of no precedent for such a proposal, and I don't think the expenditure would be legal.

SIMON J. DOYLE, Secretary.

22nd February, 1915.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was
Proposed by - Councillor John V. Gahan,
Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - The Rural District Council of Shillelagh having, by resolution, requested the County Council to put in force the Provisions of the Act, in pursuance of Section 15(2) of the Irish Education Act of 1892, and Section 74(1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, this Council hereby directs that the Provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, shall be put in force in Shillelagh Rural District, as from the 1st April, 1915, and that the said Rural District be declared to be the area of charge for all expenses that may be incurred in connection with this matter.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor J. V. Gahan,
Seconded by - " J. Kinsella

Resolved - That the following persons are hereby appointed to represent the Council on the Shillelagh School Attendance Committee - viz: -
Councillors John V. Gahan, Tobias Kinsella, Edward Byrne, E. J. Byrne, and Mr. R. W. Coates.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor W. M. Byrne (Coolbeg)
Seconded by - " P. J. Carey

Resolved - That we hereby confirm and adopt

the Estimates (Forms 45 and 46) now submitted to us, - and determine the Rates in the £1 to be levied in each Rural District in the County, by means of the Poor Rate: -

General Charges.

	Rates on Land.	Rates on Other Hereditaments.
	s. d.	s. d.
Baltinglass No. 1-	2-3	3-10 ³ / ₄
Naas No. 2-	2-4 ³ / ₄	3-11 ¹ / ₂
Rathdown No. 2-	3-6	4-7 ¹ / ₂
Rathdrum-	2-7 ¹ / ₂	4-0
Shillelagh	3-2 ¹ / ₂	4-8 ¹ / ₄

Separate Charges.

Baltinglass Public Health Charge-	d
Baltinglass Sewers-	1
Sewerage - Dunlavin Dispensary District-	0 ¹ / ₂
Sewerage - Kiltegan do. do.-	0 ¹ / ₄
Naas No 2 Public Health Charge-	0 ¹ / ₄
Rathdown No. 2 do. do-	1 ³ / ₄
Greystones Water Supply and Delgany Sewerage-	4
Greystones Sewerage -	14
Emiskerry Sewerage -	3 ¹ / ₄
Greystones Lighting -	2 ³ / ₄
Sewerage etc. Newcastle Dispensary District-	4
Ballinalea Water Supply -	1 ¹ / ₂
Kilbride Water Supply -	0 ¹ / ₄
Shillelagh Public Health Charge	0 ³ / ₄
Arklow Harbour -	2
Wicklow Harbour -	4
Blessington Tramway Guarantee	12
Compulsory Education - Dunlavin & Hollywood County Divisions-	0 ¹ / ₂
Same - Newcastle Dispensary District-	0 ¹ / ₄
Same - Annamoe Dispensary District-	0 ³ / ₄
Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Criminal Injury -	0 ³ / ₄

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W^m Byrne (Coolbeg)
Seconded by " J. Burke
Resolved - That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 45 and 46 and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office) - do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council, as follows: -

Name of Urban District	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total
Arklow	£ 687-9-0	£ 171-0-0	£ 858-9-0
Bray	3,379-11-9	—	3,379-11-9
Wicklow-	701-11-7	147-10-0	849-1-7

Passed.

NOTICE.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT,
1908.

I AM directed by the County Council to give Notice that all Licences issued under the above Act expire on the 31st December next following the date of issue, and that the Council will be prepared to consider, at their Quarterly Meeting to be held in February next, Applications for grant of new Licences to sell Poisonous Substances, under the provisions of the above-named Act, and for the renewal of Licences already issued. And, further, that no application for such Licence or Renewal will be entertained or considered which has not been lodged with the undersigned, in the Secretary's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, along with the Fee of Five Shillings, for a new Licence, or One and Sixpence for a renewal of a Licence previously granted.

Printed forms of application for a new Licence, and notice to be served on the police, may be obtained at said Office.

THOMAS LANGTON,
Registrar to the County Council.
Wicklow, 15th January, 1915.

Proposed by Councillor W^m Byrne (Coolbeg)
Seconded by " Thomas Burke
Resolved - That the Applications from the following to have their Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, renewed, be granted: -

Thomas Miller, Blessington.
 James J. Dowling, do.
 Mrs Charlotte E. Cole Kilboy, Wicklow
 Patrick O'Neill, Rathdangan,
 Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh
 Samuel Alcorn, Abbey Street, Wicklow
 Laurence Murphy - Roundwood.
 S. V. Delahunt - Abbey Hill, Wicklow
 John P. Hopkins - Main Street, do.
 John E. Griffin - 23 Main Street, Bray
 Patrick McCarthy - Arghrum
 James Bradshaw, Kiltegan
 Mrs Mary Toomey - Hollywood.
 James Craul - Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride
 John Molloy - Rathdangan.
 Edward J. O'Kelly - Baltinglass
 Thomas Williams - Ballinalea - Ashford.
 Denis J. Cogan - Laragh - Rathdrum.
 Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor W. Byrme (Coolbeg).
 Seconded by - " Thomas Burke
 Resolved - That the Council grant a
 Licence to James Nealy, of Rathdangan, under
 the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, subject to
 the Report from the Police Authorities as to the
 suitability of his premises being satisfactory.
 Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY
 COUNCIL
 Winter Quarterly Meeting, 22nd February, 1915.
 Gentlemen,
 During the past quarter the contractors have not paid much
 attention to their roads. The most serious defect has been the dis-
 regard to the early spreading of metal; also the work done on drainage
 has been very small.
 The following roads have been badly neglected, and authority
 should be given to me to serve Ten-days' Notices on the contractors and
 take proceedings on the bonds:—Rathdown No. 2 R. D.—Road Index
 29, Reg. 374, 796 perches; Road Index 30, Reg. 375, 600 perches.
 Naas No. 2—Road Index 9, Reg. 80, 656 perches; work—To build
 walls at Ballyfolan. Rathdrum—Road Index 129, Reg. 279, 420
 perches; Road Index 135, Reg. 284, 743 perches; Road Index 2,
 Reg. 173, 1,152 perches; Road Index 8, Reg. 179, 2,011 perches;
 Road Index 33, Reg. 260, 843 perches; Road Index 174, Reg. 289,
 700 perches; Road Index, 99, Reg. 365, 919 perches; Road Index, —,
 Reg. 439, 432 perches; Road Index —, Reg. 409, 258 perches. Shil-
 lelagh—Road Index 27, Reg. 84, 613 perches; Road Index 32, Reg.

89, 630 perches; Road Index 42, Reg. 98, 1,538 perches; Road Index
 62, Reg. 150, 519 perches. Baltinglass No. 1—Road Index 126, Reg.
 269, 1,017 perches; Road Index 61, Reg. 15, 532 perches; Road
 Index 80, Reg. 61, 460 perches.
 In the cases of roads, Rathdrum—Index 174, Reg. 289, 700 per.;
 Index 99, Reg. 365, 919 perches; and Baltinglass—Index 126, Reg.
 269, 1,017 perches; and in all the Shillelagh roads referred to, I have
 already served 10-Days' Notices, and request you to confirm my action.
 In the case of Index 62, Reg. 150, 919 perches, in Shillelagh, the
 road is absolutely dangerous to traffic, and, as the amount of money
 available would not suffice, I made an application to the R. D. Council
 for authority to expend a sufficient sum. The Council passed the
 amount asked, but I consider you should obtain a legal opinion as to
 the legality of the expenditure.
 The roads in Baltinglass No. 1 used by the Military traffic to
 Glen Inaal have been much cut up and damaged. I have received
 authority from the Baltinglass R. D. Council to expend £350 by way
 of sudden damage on these roads, but would request your direct
 authority to expend this money. The traffic on these roads is now
 great and is likely to increase.
 The Road Improvement Scheme on roads from Bray to Wicklow
 is still proceeding slowly, owing to the difficulty of procuring plant.
 I consider that the contracts yet existing on the roads involved in this
 Scheme should be cancelled by agreement with the contractors, and
 request permission to arrange matters so that on the 30th June next
 these roads can be placed in charge of the Resident Engineer, so that
 the cost of maintenance, etc., can be charged to the Improvement
 Scheme.
 Your obedient servant
 S. G. Gallagher.

For Resolution
 authorising - see
 Jolis 577

22.2.15
 Orders:—
 Paragraph II.—Notices to be served.
 Paragraph III.—Approved.
 Paragraph IV.—Referred to Solicitor for Counsel's Opinion, if
 necessary.
 Paragraph V.—County Surveyor to expend £350, and Secretary
 to ask County Members to obtain half from
 War Office.
 Paragraph VI.—Authority given to arrange for cancelling con-
 tracts.

For Resolution on this
 see Jolis 577

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
 Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll
 Seconded by - " P. J. Carey
 Resolved - That Councillor William Byrme,
 Coolbeg, be, and is hereby, elected Vice-Chairman
 of the County Council for the unexpired portion
 of the current year, and until his successor shall
 have been appointed.
 Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor J. Burke
 Seconded by - " M. Langton
 Resolved - That Councillor James Byrme be
 appointed to fill the vacancy on the County
 Joint Technical Instruction Committee caused by
 the death of the late E. P. O'Kelly, Esq. M.P.
 Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll
 Seconded by - " E. C. Walsh.
 Resolved - That Councillor Daniel Condren,
 (Chairman) be appointed to fill the vacancy on

the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum, caused by the death of E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., M.P.
Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan,
Seconded by - " J. M. Carroll
Resolved - That Councillor E. C. Walsh be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Irish County Councils' General Council caused by the death of E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., M.P.
Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor E. C. Walsh
Seconded by - " J. Kinsella
Resolved - That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we hereby accept the resignation of Collector P. J. Carey, Junior, subject to the said Collector and his Sureties being still bound to the terms of their obligation under the Bond in which they are jointly bound.
Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor Edward Byrne,
Seconded by - " P. J. Carey
Resolved - That Mr. Peter J. Brennan, Finna Linn, Avoca, be and is hereby appointed to collect the outstanding rates for the current half year of the present financial year in Collecting District No. 16, and that the said Mr. Peter J. Brennan is hereby required to enter into a Bond jointly with Robert Merrigan, Moreshill, and Andrew Hannigan, Ballycooque, for the due collection and lodgment of the said outstanding rates; and that Mr. Brennan's Warrants be now signed and sealed; and that the Local Government Board be asked to extend the time for

closing the Collection to the 31st May, 1915.
Passed ✓

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by - Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by - " P. J. Carey
Resolved - That the resolution passed on the 8th June, 1914, under the Sheep Scab Order, 1914 (No. 2) directing the attendance of the Council's Veterinary Inspectors at the various Fairs within their Districts, be rescinded.
Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor D. Condren,
Seconded by - " James Byrne,
Resolved - That the following two gentlemen be and they are hereby appointed to serve on the Council of Agriculture for a term of three years, commencing 1st April, 1915; - D. J. Cogan, Esq., Laragh, Glendalough, and 115 Thomas Street, Dublin; P. J. Carey, Esq., J.P., Fomanierin, Aughrim.
Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor J. Kinsella
Seconded by - " Edward Byrne
Resolved - That Mr. Richard Dowse, of Unrugar, Carnes, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture, caused by the resignation of Mr. Michael Fleming, of Ballymultagh, Shillelagh.
Passed ✓

ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, Chatham Row, Dublin, 9th February, 1915.
Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st December, 1914. 85 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—Butter, 33; milk, 22; whiskey, 21; cheese, 4; margarine, 3; port wine, 1; buttermilk, 1—total, 85. One certificate was sent to Sergeant Slator, Bray, for specimen of buttermilk, which was adulterated with at least 55 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes. Two specimens of water analysed for the Arklow Urban

Council had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	77.0000	45.000
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.008	0.009
Saline ammonia	0.002	0.002
Nitric acid	7.250	4.000
Chlorine	16.380	7.690
Colour	light yellow	yellow

Both good waters.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed, and were correct. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union six drugs were analysed, and were correct. For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, two fertilizers were analysed. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-four drugs were analysed. One was incorrect. In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given. Total analyses, 134.

CHARLES. A. CAMERON.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions, on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the State of the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

Official Correspondence

No. 63584/1914; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd November, 1914.—Deferring consideration of the payment of Poundage Fees to Collector P. J. Carey, Junior, for the half-year ended 30th September, 1914, to the close of the current financial year.

No. 184 M/1914; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th November, 1914.—Enclosing copy of the "River Navigation Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1914," and drawing attention to the powers conferred on a County Council under same.

No. 66104/1914; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd December, 1914.—Pointing out that by postponing the adoption of a County Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis, the Council are depriving ratepayers of financial relief which would otherwise be available for them, and, in addition, are withholding from the community the advantages which arrangements for the detection, prevention, and expert treatment of Tuberculosis would confer.

No. 64125/1914. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th December, 1914.—Sealed Order fixing Baltinglass No. 1 Dispensary District as the area of charge for the Sewers at Baltinglass.

No. 68302/1914; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th December, 1914.—Enclosing, for the Council's information, copy of the "Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1914," passed in connection with the present War.

No. 70206/1914. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th January, 1915.—Sealed Order fixing Avoca Dispensary District as the area of charge for the Well and Pump at Kilmacoo Upper.

No. 70205/1914. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th January, 1915.—Sealed Order fixing Annacoe Dispensary District as the area of charge for the Supply of Water at Togher (Roundwood).

No. 66020/1914; Dublin County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th January, 1915.—Stating that the Board have taken legal advice on the question of insurance by the Wicklow County Council against accidents to third parties by reason of accidents to or caused by the trains of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and that the Board concur with the opinion of the Solicitor to the Dublin County Council to the effect that the Council could not legally pay premiums on such insurance.

No. 560/1915. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th January, 1915.—Stating that, under "The Local Authorities (Disqualification Relief) Act, 1914," a Member of any County or Borough, or District Council, or Board of Guardians, shall not be disqualified or vacate his office, whilst an Officer or Soldier of the Auxiliary Forces or of the Reserve Forces on active service, or on service beyond the seas.

12th January, 1915. From the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.—Pointing out the necessity of making application to the Local Government Board to increase the limit of Road Expenditure in his Rural District, from £2,200 to £2,800, for the coming financial year.

Order—Complied with. (See resolution) *John 579.*

No. 2260/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th January, 1915.—Enclosing copy of a letter which the Board received from the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, relative to an application for an extension of the limit of Road Expenditure in that Rural District, and also copy of the Board's reply thereto, stating that such an application from the County Council will be favourably entertained.

No. 6483/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd February, 1915.—Drawing attention to the large amounts of Rates outstanding in the case of all the Collectors, with the exception of Collectors Sutton and Keane, who have already closed, and stating that the Council would do well to urge the remaining Collectors to expedite the collection.

Order—Collectors to be notified.

No. 6481/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th February, 1915.—Stating that the Board have recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue a sum of £750, further instalment of the Loan of £3,000 sanctioned for the purpose of erecting Technical Schools at Arklow and Baltinglass.

No. A. 25596/1914. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 9th December, 1914.—Giving the procedure which County Councils should adopt in the event of consenting to grant compensation for gooseberry bushes destroyed in compliance with Notices served under the American Gooseberry Mildew and Black Currant Mite (Ireland) Order, 1912.

No. 20538. Dublin Castle, 3rd December, 1914.—Transmitting copy of the "Dublin Gazette" of the 1st inst., containing an Order made by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, in accordance with the Council's application.

A. 2891. The Road Board, Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W., 29th January, 1915.—Stating that the Board will advance a sum of £200 to Mr. R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, by way of imprest, to enable him to pay wages for the intervening period between each meeting of the Finance Committee, and asking for an Undertaking from the Council to repay this advance to the Road Board on the completion of the work.

No. 872; Wicklow. General Valuation Office, 6 Ely Place, Dublin, 20th November, 1914.—Enclosing copy of provisional valuation of Wicklow Court-House, County Council Offices, and yard, and the original assessable site value of the land, under the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, W.C., 28th November, 1914. From the Secretary, Board of Inland Revenue—Enclosing, for the Council's information, a copy of a Memorandum as to Deduction of Income Tax for the year 1914-15 from payments made after the 5th December, 1914.

27/Gen. No. 2503 (A. G. 1). War Office, London, S.W., 12th November, 1914.—Circular letter pointing out the urgent necessity for the Council to encourage every ex-Warrant or ex-Non-Commissioned Officer in their employment to re-enlist in the present emergency, and to make it easy for him to do so.

No. 44021 (C.E.) Headquarters, Irish Command, Park Gate, Dublin, 2nd December, 1914.—Enclosing copy of Order authorising the use of land in the Parish of Dunlavin for the training of Troops.

Vice-Regal Lodge, Dublin, 7th December, 1914. From Lady Aberdeen—Expressing the hope that the Council will recommend to the kind attention of the subscribing public the scheme whereby the State Apartments at Dublin Castle are to be converted into a Red Cross Hospital, for the accommodation of wounded soldiers returning from the War.

21st December, 1914. From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, Cavendish House, Rutland Square, E., Dublin—Enquiring whether the Council would be willing to co-operate with the Irish County Councils' General Council in the formation of a Central Bureau of Inquiry into all matters relating to County Council Administration in Ireland.

Order—Scheme approved by this Council.

21st December, 1914. From Same—Enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the General Council, urging every County Council to put into force, with a view to completely stamping out Sheep Scab, the regulations and Recommendations of the Department of Agriculture in the most efficient manner possible.

Order—That the Dipping Orders be carried out strictly in this county.

21st December, 1914. From Same—Enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the General Council, calling attention to the Scheme of the Department of Agriculture for weekly classes in Irish for National Teachers.

31st December, 1914. From Chief Clerk, Metropolitan Police Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin—Giving notice that application will be made on the 7th January, 1915, in his court for the committal of Michael, Hugh, and Gerald Hayden, 46 Middle Abbey Street (late of The Kish, Arklow), to a certified Industrial School, under the Provisions of the Children Act, 1908.

15th January, 1915. From Same—Similar notice with regard to Josephine Hayden, 111 Lower Gardiner Street (late of The Kish, Arklow). Application to be heard on 22nd January, 1915.

14th January, 1915. From Major M. A. Tynne, Tynne Park, Dunlavin—Suggesting that the County Council should apply to the War Office for a grant for upkeep of roads from Dunlavin to the Military Camps.

See Resolution, and County Surveyor's Report.

Copy of an Order made by the Limerick County Council, under the "Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1914" (No. 2).

Copy of a Notice issued by the West Sussex County Council, revoking the Regulations made by them on the 8th May, 1914, under the Foot and Mouth Disease Order of 1895.

10th February, 1915. From Hon. Secretaries, South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association, 32 King Street, Cork—Enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Committee of that Body, as follows:—Resolved—"That we respectfully request the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, to revoke the regulation at present in force, imposing two hours' compulsory detention on cattle in the inspection yard at the port of embarkation. This detention hampers the trade to an enormous extent. We are of opinion that there is no justification whatever for this two hours' detention at present, seeing that the country is now certified to be free from disease for the past seven months. We, of course, have no objection to a reasonable inspection before shipment, but the present system entails great hardships and suffering to the animals, besides severe pecuniary losses entailed on the owners."

Order—Adopted.

19th February, 1915. From the Municipal Council of Drogheda—Enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that Body, as follows:—
Resolved—“That, owing to the enormous prices of cereals throughout the world, prices not even reached during the American Civil War, and to the probable shortage of foodstuffs in the near future, we deem it our duty to call upon the Farmers of Louth, Meath, the adjoining counties, and the country generally, to imitate the tillage campaign inaugurated throughout the United States of America, throughout the self-governed Dominion of Canada, and other countries, to put more ground under cultivation; and that we believe that if the extensive cattle ranches of Meath and Westmeath, and other grazing counties, were broken up, tilled and cultivated, that Ireland, instead of having to obtain her food supplies from abroad, would have a large surplus for exportation.”

Adopted.

Dunleaven
17/5/15

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11-30 am on Monday, the 17th May, 1915.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor—Daniel Condren—Chairman.

Councillors—John Murphy, Martin Langton, John V. Gahan, F. J. Dobbs, E. J. O'Kelly, William Byrne (Kilmurray), James Byrne, Michael Kelly, Tobias Kinsella, Joseph McCarroll, Edward Byrne, P. J. Carey, John J. Reilly, William Byrne (Coolbeg), Morgan Travers, William Osborne, E. C. Walsh, Thomas Burke, James Galvin, E. J. Byrne, and William Costello.

Business

- 1—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To make the Rates for the financial year, ending 31st March, 1916, and sign and seal the Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 9—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 10—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.
- 11—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 12—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913-1914.
- 13—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to represent the County Council for the current year.
- 14—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No 16 Collecting District.
- 15—To sign and seal the Warrants for the new Poor Rate Collector for No 16 Collecting District.
- 16—To fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee, caused by the death of Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, M.P.
- 17—To consider an application from the Manager, Lipton Ltd., to have the premises, No. 6 Quinsboro' Road, Bray, registered for wholesale dealing in Margarine.
- 18—To consider a letter from Messrs H. and W. Stanley, Solicitors for Colonel Proby, re alleged proposal to enclose a public well for the purposes of the Technical School at Arklow.
- 19—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Rural District Councils, and the Proposals Committee in the coming year.
- 20—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 21—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 22—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 23—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. I.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 27th April, 1915, when the following members were present:—

Councillor D. Condren, in the chair; Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg), and Joseph McCarroll.

A letter was submitted from the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor D. J. Cogan, regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at Large				3,913	1	4
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	885	10	1			
Proposals Committee's proposals	36	12	4	922	2	5
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	284	3	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	22	12	9	306	15	9
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	446	13	4			
Proposals Committee's proposals	119	10	3	566	3	7
Rathdrum—						
District proposals						
Proposals Committee's proposals	992	13	11			
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	511	8	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	299	1	3	810	9	3
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				54	17	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				57	2	8
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total).				495	4	8

Included in the payments recommended on the County-at-Large are certain items amounting to £13 16s. 0d., being Fees claimed by Mr. George Newsom, V.S., for services rendered under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Orders, 1913-1914.

As the services in respect of which this claim was made were rendered previous to the 1st November last, the Committee have recommended the Account for payment, subject to the Local Government Board extending the time within which payment may be made, in accordance with the powers conferred upon them by Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	865	0	0
Naas	227	10	0
Rathdown	1,139	10	0
Rathdrum	2,221	0	0
Shillelagh	885	0	0
Total	5,338	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	75	5	0
Naas No. 2	1	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	231	10	0
Rathdrum	507	0	0
Shillelagh	3	15	0
Total	818	10	0

The Committee recommended the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several Rate Collectors, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

	£	s.	d.
1. Joseph Doyle	9	7	5
2. Richard Geoghegan	1	1	6
3. Richard Lynch	7	12	8
4. William Burke	2	6	9
5. Michael Kelly	0	19	0
6. Michael McGrath	9	14	3
8. Patrick Mulligan	4	9	8
10. John Murphy	6	13	5
11. John Kelly	3	2	6
12. Wm. J. Cardiff	3	1	11
13. Wm. J. Quinn	1	11	10
14. James Byrne	1	2	4
15. John Brennan	13	8	6
17. Charles Byrne	10	6	4
18. Thomas Fleming	1	8	3
19. Terence Byrne	0	15	8

The Committee proceeded to consider and formulate a Scheme covering the County University Scholarships for the year 1915-'16, and approved of the same, as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1915.

THE Wicklow County Council offers for competition at the Special Examination to be conducted by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, on 6th July, 1915, and following days—

3 Scholarships of £50 per annum each, for three years, and

1 Bursary of £25 per annum, for three years, tenable at the National University College, Dublin, only, and subject to the following conditions:—

1. Candidates who shall not be more than twenty-one years of age on the first day of the Special Examination, must be the children of parents—

(a) Who have resided in the County of Wicklow for five years previous to the date of the Examination.

(b) Whose average yearly income the County Scholarship Committee is satisfied does not exceed £300.

2. The Students gaining the highest number of marks in the Examination shall be granted the Scholarships.

3. The Student coming next in order of merit at the Examination shall obtain the Bursary.

4. The Students must reside in a Collegiate Hostel, when possible; or other place of residence, approved by the Deans of Residence, and by the Committee.

5. The cost of the maintenance of each student is estimated at £31 per Session of 31 weeks, and the Fees for the University Course of each student will amount, approximately, to £10. The balance of each Scholarship, £3 or £9, shall be available for travelling or other expenses, £5 of which will be advanced, through the Bursar, at the beginning of each Session, to the Student.

6. The County Council will pay over 50 per cent. of the Scholarships in August of each year to the Bursar of the University, and the remaining 50 per cent. in the following February to be disbursed by him as provided in the foregoing paragraph.

7. The cost of the University Special Examination will be paid independently by the County Council direct to the University Authorities, on receipt of the Account for same.

The Examination Papers will be of Honours Standard. Candidates will be required to answer on five subjects as at Matriculation, and as a minimum qualification for award of a Scholarship a Candidate must obtain Honours in two subjects.

Candidates to whom Scholarships have been awarded as the result of the Special Scholarship Examination must, in addition, comply with the University Regulations by passing the usual Matriculation Examination, failing which the grant of Scholarship will lapse, and will be awarded to the candidate next in order of merit at the Special Examination, and who Matriculates.

Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second and Third Year shall be made by each scholar, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second Year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce a Certificate that he has passed the First University Examination, and also a Certificate from the College, or the duly authorised Officer thereof, of satisfactory conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year, and no payments will be made in respect of the Third Year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce such a Certificate of satisfactory conduct and progress in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.

Any Scholarship in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, of which notice will be sent to each scholar, or in respect of which the Certificate or Certificates, hereinbefore set out, shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

Applications from intending Candidates will be received by the Secretary of the County Council, at his Office, Court-house, Wicklow, up to the 1st June in each year, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained, which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Magistrate. These documents, when properly completed, will be submitted to the County Scholarship Committee, and if the application is approved by them, the Secretary will give a card entitling each approved candidate to sit for the Special Examination.

27th April, 1915.

D. CONDREN, Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Local Government Board, expressing their sanction to a Loan of £500 for securing the foundations of Burgage Bridge, but stating they were not prepared to recommend this Loan to be granted from public funds. Furthermore, they state that before this money can be borrowed from any other source it will be necessary to first obtain the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

A letter was also read from the Treasury Committee on Fresh Issues of Capital, in which that body state that, before recommending the approval of the proposed Loan, it will be necessary for the County Council to show that expenditure proposed is urgently required in the National interest in connection with War requirements.

Order—Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Correspondence was submitted relative to a claim for £2 6s. 1d., made by the Dublin Brick Company, Ltd., of 44 Fleet Street, Dublin, stated to be due under the terms of an Agreement entered into between the Council and the Company.

The final consideration of the matter was postponed, pending the receipt of a report from the County Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted two claims that had been forwarded through the Resident Engineer in charge of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, for compensation for alleged damage to property caused by blasting operations in connection with the works in progress on the above road. One of these was from James Thomas, who claimed £1 compensation for the loss of a lamb, stated to be killed in the neighbourhood of Rocky Valley Quarry; and the other was from William Byrne, Ballylusk, claiming 12s. compensation for alleged damage to slates on the roof of his house, stated to be caused by blasting operations in the adjoining Quarry.

It was ordered that the Secretary communicate with the Insurance Brokers, and ascertain definitely from them whether the Insurance Policies in force in connection with the works under the above Scheme cover Third Party risks against possible damage to life or property that might be caused by blasting operations, and if the Brokers are of opinion that such risks are not covered, he was directed to immediately take steps to obtain a Policy protecting the Council against liability of this nature.

A letter was submitted from Sergeant Thomas Roberts, R.I.C., Rathdrum, in which he notified that he had communicated to the Department of Agriculture that John Woodburne, of Garrymore, Rathdrum, had reported to him that James Yorke, of Carriglineen, removed, on the 29th March, 1915, seventeen sheep off a farm at Garrymore, in contravention of Restrictions that had been previously placed on the farm owing to the existence of Sheep Scab there.

The letter was referred to the Department of Agriculture for any observation or direction that they might consider advisable.

The Report of the Local Government Board Auditor on the result of his audit of the County Council's Accounts for the half-year ending 30th September, 1914, was submitted as follows:—"No. 13507/1915; Wicklow County. 6th March, 1915. Gentlemen—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wicklow for the half-year ended September last, and I forward, herewith, a certified abstract thereof, in pursuance of your Order. The

Accounts were prepared and submitted for Audit in a most satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. D. Barry, Auditor. To the Local Government Board, Dublin."

The following letter was read:—"Wicklow, 27th April, 1915. To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Finance Committee. It will be in your recollection that over a year ago, when the re-arrangement on the resignation of the late Secretary was under consideration, I was promoted to the position of Assistant Accountant, at my old salary of £120 per annum, and, in addition, the performance of certain other duties were assigned to me. These included the necessary work under the Motor Car Acts; the Poisons and Pharmacy Act; the Explosive Acts; and also the issuing of Valuation Certificates. The Fees derived from these sources were, at the time, erroneously estimated by the late Secretary to amount to £40 per annum, while in reality I have only received from them £31 3s. 6d. for the Financial Year ended, which is about the average for some years past. It was the expressed intention of the Council, as set out in the Finance Committee's recommendation to them, and which they unanimously adopted, to fix my Salary and Emoluments at £160, but, owing to the above-mentioned error in the figures supplied to them, the average annual fees, from the duties which I was called upon to perform, were over-estimated by between £9 and £10. Accordingly, I would respectfully ask your Committee to adjust the matter in such a way as to give effect to your original recommendation, which formed the basis of the re-arrangement of the Office Staff, adopted by the Council. Thanking you in anticipation. I remain, yours faithfully, Thomas Langton."

The Committee recommended the Council to deal favourably with Mr. Langton's application, and to adjust his salary to the amount intended to be given him when the salaries were fixed by the Council at their Quarterly Meeting in February, 1914.

An application was submitted from the Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture, asking to have some repairs carried out in the basement room of the Court-house, where the equipment connected with the various Agricultural Schemes is stored.

The Committee referred the letter to the County Surveyor.

(Signed), DANIEL CONDREN, in the chair.

4th May, 1915.

Proposed by—Councillor D. Condren,
Seconded by— " W^m Byrne (Coolbeg)
Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report
No. 1 be and it is hereby adopted.
Passed

Proposed by—Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by— " P. J. Carey,
Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note
for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the
several Unions and Rural District Councils be
now signed.
Passed

Proposed by—Councillor D. Condren,
Seconded by— " W^m Byrne (Coolbeg)
Resolved—That in compliance with the
recommendation of the Finance Committee, and
in order to give effect to the Resolution of the
Council of the 23rd February, 1914, it is hereby
resolved that Mr. Langton's Salary be fixed at
£130 a year, as from the 1st April, 1914, so
that this Salary, together with the Fees assigned
to special duties may bring him approximately
a remuneration of £160 per annum, which
was the original intention of the Council.
Passed

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. II.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 17th May, 1915, when the following members were present—Councillor D. Condren, in the chair; Councillors John Murphy, James Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll. The Committee had before them the following additional Proposals, and recommend the same to the County Council for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
COUNTY-AT-LARGE—			
Committee's Proposals	...	76	9 0
RATHDOWN No. 2.—			
Committee's Proposals	...		
RATHDRUM—			
District Proposals	...	1,713	9 0

A supplemental claim for refund of irrecoverable rates was submitted from Collector C. S. Sutton.

The Committee refused to recommend this payment, and directed that this collector should institute prosecutions in all these cases.

The Committee requested the Secretary to enter into further communication with the War Office concerning the proposed loan of £500 for the repair of Burgage bridge, and to submit to that Department the terms of the report now received from the County Surveyor.

The Committee directed the County Surveyor to have the proposed improvement in the stores under the Courthouse dealt with, the cost of same not to exceed £25.

The County Surveyor reported that the claim for £2 6s 1d received from the Dublin Brick Company, Ltd., is being adjusted amicably between the road contractors concerned and the company.

Proposed by - Councillor James Byrne,
 Seconded by - " John Murphy,
 Resolved - That the Finance Committee's
 Report No. II. be, and it is hereby, adopted.
 Passed.

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals
 Committee, and from the Five Rural District
 Councils, were passed as follows:—

County-at-Large:—

Proposed by - Councillor W^m Osborne,
 Seconded by - " James Byrne,
 Resolved - That we hereby approve of
 the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-
at-Large, amounting to £3989-10-4 (any modifi-
 cation made therein having been first initialled
 by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
 Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—

Proposed by - Councillor Tobias Kinsella
 Seconded by - " James Byrne
 Resolved - That we hereby approve of
 the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass
No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £922-2-5
 (any modification made therein having being
 first initialled by the Chairman) and order
 the same to be paid.
 Passed.

Naas No. 2:—

Proposed by - Councillor W^m Osborne,
 Seconded by - " Edward Byrne
 Resolved - That we hereby approve of the
 foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2. Rural
District, amounting to £306-15-9 (any modification

made therein having been first initialled by the
 Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
 Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—

Proposed by - Councillor James Byrne,
 Seconded by - " W^m Osborne,
 Resolved - That we hereby approve of the
 foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2
Rural District, amounting to £566-3-7 (any
 modification made therein having been first
 initialled by the Chairman) and order the same
 to be paid.
 Passed.

Rathdrum:—

Proposed by - Councillor D. Condren,
 Seconded by - " P. J. Carey,
 Resolved - That we hereby approve of the
 foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum
Rural District, amounting to £2706-2-11
 (any modification made therein having been first
 initialled by the Chairman) and order the same
 to be paid.
 Passed.

Shillelagh:—

Proposed by - Councillor John V. Gahan,
 Seconded by - " Tobias Kinsella,
 Resolved - That we hereby approve of
 the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh
Rural District, amounting to £810-9-3 (any
 modification made therein having been first
 initialled by the Chairman) and order the
 same to be paid.
 Passed.

Arklow Urban:-

Proposed by - Councillor Edward Byrne,

Seconded by - " M. Langton

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £54-17-0 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) - and order the same to be paid.

Passed. ✓

Wicklow Urban:-

Proposed by - Councillor Joseph McCarroll,

Seconded by - " J. V. Gahan.

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £57-2-8 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) - and order the same to be paid.

Passed. ✓

Proposed by - Councillor W^m Osborne,

Seconded by - " Michael Kelly

Resolved - That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed.

Passed. ✓

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural District Councils were submitted as follows:-

Baltinglass No. 1:-

Work No. 223 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £3-0-0

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:-

Work No. 38 in the District Register - Buryage Bridge - was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £500, subject to the Loan being obtained.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Rathdown No. 2:-

Road No. 489 in the District Register, 339 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £76-5-6

Work No. 490 in the District Register - was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £10-0-0

Rathdrum

Road No. 474 in the District Register, 1140 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £28-10-0.

Road No. 475 in the District Register, 668 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £83-10-0.

Road No. 476 in the District Register, 624 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for at £78-0-0.

Road No. 477 in the District Register, 1098 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £91-10-0.

Road No. 478 in the District Register, 524 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £21-16-8.

Road No. 479 in the District Register, 985 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £44-0-10

Road No. 480 in the District Register, 470 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £11-15-0.

Road No. 483 in the District Register, 938 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £31-5-4.

Road No. 485 in the District Register 1081 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £108-2-0.

Work No. 489 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £12-0-0.

Work No. 490 in the District Register, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £10-10-0.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Form 21, containing a Provisional Proposal to expend a sum of £120 on building a Metal Bridge across the Avonbeg River was submitted.

A letter was submitted, - dated 26th April, 1915, addressed to the Rathdrum Rural District Council by Road Contractor James Merrigan, of Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, and forwarded by that Body to the County Council, in which the Contractor asked for special consideration owing to the extra labour and material he found it necessary to place on the road from Greenane to Drumgoff by reason of the heavy burdens of timber hauled over the road almost daily by an engine and heavy waggons.

Proposed by - Councillor James Byrne
Seconded by - " Michael Kelly

Resolved - That, on the application of the County Surveyor, and under the circumstances set forth in the Road Contractor's letters, we hereby cancel, as from the 30th June, 1915, the road contract held by James Merrigan (D.R. 351, 1151 perches)

and also the Road Contract held by Patrick Byrne, from Clash to the Meetings (D.R. 279, 420 perches) subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Passed unanimously.

Shillelagh :-

Road No. 252 in the District Register, 1381 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £46-0-8.

Road No. 253 in the District Register, 1538 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £115-7-0.

Road No. 254 in the District Register, 757 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £25-4-8.

Contracts, as submitted were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by - Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)
Seconded by - " J. McCarroll.

Resolved - That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor E. J. Byrne,
Seconded by - " Tobias Kinsella.

Resolved - That we now Make the Rates, and sign and seal the Rate Books for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1916.

Passed

Proposed by - Councillor Morgan Travers,
Seconded by - " Wm. Byrne (Kilmurray)

Resolved - That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1916, be signed and

sealed, the Warrants not to issue until the several Collectors' Bonds are duly lodged with the Secretary.

Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor Thomas Burke,
Seconded by - " J. J. Reilly

Resolved - That we hereby authorise the Secretary to the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books, etc. of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.

Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor J. S. Dobbs,
Seconded by - " M. Langton

Resolved - That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £858-9-0, determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1916.

Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor John Murphy,
Seconded by - " James Byrne

Resolved - That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray, for the amount of £3,379-11-9, determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1916.

Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor E. J. O'Kelly,
Seconded by - " J. S. Dobbs,

Resolved - That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £849-1-7, determined to be demanded for the Financial

Year ending 31st March, 1916.
Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor James Galvin,
Seconded by - " John Murphy

Resolved - That we now sign and seal the two Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed ✓

Proposed by - Councillor Michael Kelly,
Seconded by - " James Byrne,

Resolved - That we now sign and seal the Application for Refund of Expenses under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913-1914.

Passed ✓

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
17th day of May, 1915.

GENTLEMEN—

The work on the Bray-Wicklow road is being steadily pushed on as far as drainage and the getting of materials, though the actual rolling has been delayed through the difficulty in obtaining the requisite plant.

It is proposed to make the new rolled road to an uniform width of 22ft. 6ins., this will entail widening on most of the worst parts and a reduction on a few places where the road is of excessive and useless width at present.

There is very heavy timber traffic on road No. 129, D. Reg. No. 279 (Wr. 1913), and on Road No. 76, D. Reg. No. 351 (Wr. 1914), both in Rathdrum R. D. As this traffic is likely to continue for some time it would be well to arrange for new contracts on these roads and to take such proceedings as may be necessary to recoup the additional costs.

Road No. 62 Reg. No. 150 (Wr. 1913) Shillelagh, has been let by contract, a decree having been obtained against the Contractor who took the Road in Wr. 1913. It will be necessary to formally cancel the 1913 contract.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Read.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
17th day of May, 1915.

GENTLEMEN—

I should be glad if you would permit me to take my vacation as follows, viz: 10 days' leave at the end of this month and the balance as convenient before and after the August Quarterly Meeting, say from the 1st to 10th August and from the 20th to 31st August.

It will be necessary (should you grant me the leave) to authorise the Assistants to attend to any urgent matters during my absence.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

To the Wicklow County Council.
Order—Granted.

Proposed by - Councillor John Murphy.

Seconded by - " P. J. Carey

Resolved - That Mr. Simon J. Doyle, of The

Dues, Wicklow, be re-appointed Auditor of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company to Audit their Accounts on behalf of the Wicklow County Council, for the year ending 31st March, 1916.

Passed.

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow People", "Wicklow News-Letter", and "Wicklow Press," for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District, and five applications received from:-

1. Richard Lynch - Ballymannus - Aughrim
2. John Storey - Moneystown - Roundwood.
3. Eugene Keenan - Avoca.
4. Peter P. Doyle - Tomanierin - Aughrim.
5. James Clarke, Ballyknockan - Rathdrum.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
POOR RATE COLLECTOR
WANTED.

THE above-named Council will, at its Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on MONDAY, the 17th MAY, 1915, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Aughrim, Ballinacash, Ballinacor, Ballinderry, Knockrath, Rathdrum, and Troop-erstown, at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £1,500, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £750. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12, noon, on 17th May, 1915.

By order,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to the County Council.
Court-house, Wicklow,
30th April, 1915.

On a Poll being taken the Council voted as follows:-
For Clarke—Councillors Wm. Costelloe, Thomas Burke, and Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)—3.
For Doyle—Councillors James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, Wm. Osborne, T. Kinsella, J. J. Reilly, E. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, and Morgan Travers—9.
For Storey—Councillors M. Langton, James Galvin, J. McCarroll, John Murphy and P. J. Carey—5.
For Lynch—Councillors E. J. O'Kelly, F. S. Dobbs, Michael Kelly, J. V. Gahan and Wm. Byrne (Kilmurray)—5.

The candidates Clarke and Keenan having dropped out, the Council voted as follows in the second round:-
For Doyle—Councillors James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, Wm. Osborne, T. Kinsella, Thomas Burke, J. J. Reilly, E. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, and Morgan Travers—10.
For Storey—Councillors M. Langton, F. S. Dobbs, Wm. Costello, James Galvin, J. McCarroll, John Murphy, P. J. Carey and Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)—8.
For Lynch—Councillors E. J. O'Kelly, Michael Kelly, J. V. Gahan and William Byrne (Kilmurray)—4.
The candidate Lynch having dropped out, the following was the voting in the final round:-
For Doyle—Councillors James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, E. J. O'Kelly, Wm. Osborne, T. Kinsella, Thos. Burke, J. J. Reilly, Michael Kelly, J. V. Gahan, E. J. Byrne: Wm. Byrne (Kilmurray), Edward Byrne, and Morgan Travers—14.
For Storey—Councillors M. Langton, F. S. Dobbs, Wm. Costello, James Galvin, J. McCarroll, John Murphy, P. J. Carey and Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)—8.
The Chairman then declared Peter P. Doyle elected by fourteen votes to eight.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne.
Seconded by " Tobias Kinsella
Resolved— That Mr. Peter P. Doyle, of Tomanierin, Aughrim, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District, on the terms of the advertisement, in room of Collector P. J. Carey, junior, resigned, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a Poundage Fee of Six-pence (6.) in the £1, and we approve of Mr. John Byrne, of Moneyland, Arklow, and Mr. George Graham, of Coolbawn, Aughrim, as his Sureties in a sum of £1,500.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll.
Seconded by " E. C. Walsh.
Resolved— That we now sign and seal the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District, the same not to be issued until his appointment has been approved of by the Local Government Board, and his Bond completed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly
Seconded by " James Byrne,
Resolved— That Councillor P. J. Carey be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee caused by the death of Councillor

E. P. O'Kelly, M.P.
Passed

Proposed by - Councillor P. J. Carey.

Seconded by - " J. Kinsella.

Resolved - That the application from the Manager of Lipton's Ltd., to have the premises No. 6 Quinsboro' Road, Bray, registered for wholesale dealing in Margarine, be hereby granted.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor Thomas Burke,
Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - That we hereby renew for the current year the Licence granted to W. J. P. Deegan, Ashford Hotel, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration a letter from Messrs. H. & W. Stanley, 59 Dawson Street, Dublin - Solicitors for Colonel Douglas J. Proby - re alleged proposal to enclose a Public Well for the purposes of the Arklow Technical School, and also a letter from Mr. Richard Wake, Secretary to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, dealing with the subject.

Order - Referred to Arklow Urban District Council.

Proposed by - Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by - " P. J. Carey.

Resolved - That the following dates be fixed for the Meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals and Finance Committee, and of the County Council, for the Year 1915-1916: -

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1915.	Autumn Quarter 1915.	Winter Quarter 1916.	Spring Quarter 1916.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Ennis-kerry.	11-30	Mon. July 5	Mon. Oct. 11	Mon. Jan. 10	Mon. Apl. 3
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rath-drum.	12-15	Mon. ,, 19	Mon. ,, 25	Mon. ,, 24	Mon. ,, 17
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Bal-tinglass.	12-30	Mon. ,, 12	Mon. ,, 18	Mon. ,, 17	Mon. ,, 10
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Bles-sington	1-45	Tues. ,, 13	Tues. ,, 12	Tues. ,, 18	Tues. ,, 11
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shil-lelagh	1	Fri. ,, 16	Fri. ,, 22	Fri. ,, 21	Fri. ,, 14
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Courthouse, Wicklow	2	Tues. ,, 27	Tues. ,, 26	Tues. ,, 25	Tues. ,, 25
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Courthouse, Wicklow	12.30	Mon. Aug 16	Mon. Nov 15	Mon. Feb. 14	Mon. May 15
Annual Meeting ...	1				Thurs, June 8

Passed.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, Chatham Row, Dublin, 14th May, 1915.
Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March, 1915. 45 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—Butter, 21; whiskey, 12; milk, 9; cheese, 3—total, 45. They were all pure.
For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.
For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union seven drugs were analysed and were correct.
For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eighteen drugs and one specimen of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matter, 3,500, including: Albuminoid ammonia, 0.0055; saline ammonia, 0.0015; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.890; colour, light yellow. A good water.
For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, eight fertilizers were analysed. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-one drugs were analysed. One was incorrect. In the original report on the water above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given. Total analyses, 106.
CHARLES A. CAMERON.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions, on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

A letter, dated 14th May, 1915, was submitted from Messrs. Hamilton & Craig, 30 South Frederick Street, Dublin - asking to be informed if the County Council propose to acquire a Quarry on portion of the lands of Kiltimon, lately in the occupation of a tenant named Willoughby, and more recently in the occupation of a tenant named Short, as they are Solicitors for the Landlord.

Order - Referred to County Surveyor and Resident Engineer.

Proposed by - Councillor M. Langton
 Seconded by - " John Murphy
 Resolved - That the best thanks of the
 County Council are due, and are hereby tendered,
 to the Irish Leader and Irish Party for their action
 in connection with the Liquor Taxes, which
 threatened Irish interests and Irish Industries
 with destruction.

Passed unanimously.

Official Correspondence.

No. 5,903/1915; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd March, 1915.—Stating that the amount which will be deducted from the Estate or Death Duty Grant, payable in the course of the month, is £105 9s. 9d., which represents the actual arrears in Annuities, etc., under the Irish Land Acts.

No. 12,161/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th March, 1915.—Approving of the appointment of Mr. Peter J. Brennan as Temporary Poor Rate Collector, to close the collection of the Poor Rate, in lieu of Mr. P. J. Carey, Junior, for the half-year ended 31st March, 1915.

No. 12,496/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th March, 1915.—Assenting to an extension to the 31st May, 1915, of the time for closing the collection of the current moiety in the district of ex-Collector P. J. Carey, Junior.

No. 13,946/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th March, 1915.—Stating the Board have given instructions for the preparation of an Order authorising an extension of the limit of expenditure on roads in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, to £2,800, for the Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1916.

No. 46M/1915. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th March, 1915.—Further circular letter regarding the arrangements which might be adopted by Local Authorities in case of any of their employees who joined His Majesty's Forces.

No. 55M/1915. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th April, 1915.—Circular letter dealing with the necessity of securing the best organization of the labour force of the country, owing to the existing circumstances, consequent upon the war.

No. 1,091/1915. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 25th March, 1915.—Approving of the following Scale of Fees to Veterinary Inspectors, as submitted by the County Council, in respect of Duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order:—

Scale of Fees.

	£	s.	d.
1. For clinical examination of the first animal, a fee of	0	5	0
Each additional animal on the same premises, up to twenty	0	1	0
2. For applying the Tuberculin Test, up to four animals	1	1	0
Each animal over four	0	2	6
3. Post-mortem examination	1	1	0
4. Microscopic examination	0	5	0
5. Mileage at the rate of One Shilling (1s.) per mile, of Railway Fare, within the county.			

No further charges to be made for Reports or Valuations.

C.O. 761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 28th April, 1915.—Giving the full list of the Members of the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Shillelagh, for the period of three years, from 1st May, 1915, as approved by the Commissioners of National Education.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 10th May, 1915.—Notifying particulars of a Loan of £3,016 0s. 0d. to the Shillelagh Rural District Council, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 10th May, 1915.—Notifying particulars of a Loan of £150 0s. 0d. to the Guardians of Shillelagh Union under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, 1833 to 1900.

11th May, 1915. From the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—Intimating that the new School Attendance Committee for his Rural District, at its initial meeting on the 10th inst., appointed Mr. James McCreagh, Master of the Workhouse, Shillelagh, as Secretary to the Committee, at a salary of £5 per annum; and Mr. Philip Reilly, Boley, Shillelagh, as School Attendance Officer, at a salary of £30 a year.

Order—Appointments and Salaries approved.

15th April, 1915. From the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council—Applying, by direction of his Council, for the use of Mr. Wake's Office in the Court-house as a Town Surveyor's Office, as soon as the room becomes vacated.

Order—Granted.

19th March, 1915. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Reporting that (1) a Decree for £10 10s. 0d. had been obtained by the Council in their action against Road Contractors Patrick Ryan and his Sureties; (2) a Decree for £12 15s. 4d. had been obtained by the Council in their action against Road Contractor Patrick Ryan and his Sureties in respect of his second road contract; and (3) a Decree for £19 19s. 0d. had been obtained by the Council in their action against the Sureties of Contractor Joseph Hannan.

5th March, 1915. From Captain A. J. C. Donelan, M.P., Ballynona, Midleton—Relative to asking the War Office to make a grant towards the cost of repairing the road leading from Dunlavin Railway Station to Glen Imaal Military Camp.

14th March, 1915. From J. T. Donovan, M.P., 6 Gardiner's Row, Dublin—Relative to same.

22nd March, 1915. From Same—Enclosing a letter from the War Office, stating the question of the repair of the road from Dunlavin Railway Station to Glen Imaal Camp has been referred to the Irish Command Authorities for the necessary action.

28th February, 1915. From R. M. Dowse, Umrigar, Carnew—Conveying his appreciation and thanks to the Council for appointing him a Member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

26th April, 1915. From Sister M. S. Dunne, Convent of St. John of God, Wexford—Enclosing Prospectus of their Residential School of Domestic Science; also copy of the Inspector's Report on the School last year, and asking, if Scholarships are granted, to have some of them tenable at that school.

19th April, 1915. From the Secretary, County Councils' Association, Caxton House, Tothill Street, Westminster, London, S.W.—Suggesting the appointment by the Council of Delegates to attend a National Road Conference and Exhibition to be held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London, from June 25th to July 1st next.

26th April, 1915. From the Secretary, Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, 92 Victoria Street, Westminster, London—Inviting the Council to appoint Delegates to attend their Road Conference to be held by the Institution on 24th to 26th June, in conjunction with the Road Conference and Exhibition above referred to.

8th April, 1915. From the Chairman of the Executive Committee organised in support of Homes for Belgian Soldiers, Offices, 56 Victoria Street, London, S.W.—Asking the Council to initiate a movement to secure financial assistance for these Homes.

3rd May, 1915. From The Advertisement Manager, the "General Advertiser," Ltd., Fleet Street, Dublin—Asking to be favoured with a share of the Council's advertising.

26th February, 1915. From F. B. O'Keeffe, 10 D'Olier Street, Dublin—Asking the Council to place their advertisements through his Advertisement and Press Cutting Agency.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

6th March, 1915. From the County Council of Waterford. Resolved—"That Parliament be called upon to repeal the Law as regards the imposition of charges for malicious injury, on the grounds that it works unjustly on the ratepayers made liable."

Order—Adopted.

15th March, 1915. From Limerick County Council. Resolved—"That we, the Roads Authority, of the Limerick County Council, heartily approve of the proposal made by Mr. John Maher-Loughnan, B.L., Killarney, in a recent issue of the "Freeman's Journal" suggesting that the Lord Mayor of Dublin should be asked to convene an All-Ireland Meeting in the Mansion House at an early date, with the object of inaugurating a movement in support of the claims and the advantages of Ireland as a health and tourist resort.

"The unrivalled natural advantages with which nature has so richly endowed our country, as well for the health-seeker as for the tourist, are at the present time comparatively unknown, but we believe that this movement if successfully organised, would be the means of enlightening the travelling public and would be productive of material benefit to all parts of Ireland, as we are convinced that it only requires the agencies of advertisement, such as are adopted in England, Scotland and Wales, to make the health and tourist resorts of Ireland known and appreciated throughout the universe."

Order—Adopted.

16th March, 1915. From Limerick County Council—Resolution protesting in the strongest manner against deductions being made in respect of Land Purchase liability from the grants payable to County Councils, without any statement being furnished as to how the amount in question is arrived at.

27th March, 1915. From J. E. Lynch, Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray, Hon. Secretary to the Dublin and South Eastern District Council of the National Union of Railwaymen. Resolved—"That this meeting of the Dublin and South Eastern District Council wish to draw the attention of the Government, the Members of the Labour and Irish Parliamentary Parties, and the President of the Board of Trade, to the following facts: (a) That the Directors of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company, in a circular issued to the staff, state, that owing to reduced income and increased expenditure consequent on the war, and to the fact that they, in common with other Irish Railway Companies, have no guarantee from the Government to make good any loss sustained during the present crisis, they are unable to make a more generous allowance to their employees than 1s. per week to men with, including Sunday pay, less than 20s. per week, and (b) That the wages of the employees of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company are from 10 to 15 per cent. lower than are paid by any other Irish Railway Company. And having regard to the above facts, we hereby call upon the Labour Party and the Irish Parliamentary Party to impress upon the Government the advisability of guaranteeing to the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company a proportion (similar to that guaranteed to the English, Scotch, and Welsh Railway Companies) of any allowance they might make, that will enable them to do justice to the requirements of the men, and to alleviate, in some degree, the hardships inflicted upon Irish railwaymen, as upon all the other railway men in the United Kingdom, by the enormous increase in the cost of living. And further, that we ask the President of the Board of Trade to meet a Deputation of the Dublin and South Eastern Railwaymen, in order that they may fully discuss the matter."

Adopted.

29th March, 1915. From The Irish Cattle Traders' and Stock Owners' Association. Resolved—"That a permanent Depot fully equipped for the reception of Military and Government Stores and supplies be established in Dublin, as Ireland is entitled to the same facilities for tenders and customers of Irish products and manufacturers as those afforded in Great Britain."
Order—Adopted.

22nd April, 1915. From Ballymena Board of Guardians and Rural District Council—Resolution earnestly praying the Government to carry through a measure for the complete suppression of the drink traffic during the war, and until such time afterwards as the country is restored to its normal condition.

Daniel Condren
8th June 1915

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow at 1 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 8th June, 1915.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor - D. Condren - Chairman.
Councillors - John J. Reilly, P. J. Carey, John Murphy, William Byrne (Coolbeg), Joseph McCarroll, Patrick Donoghue, D. J. Cogan, and John Storey.

Councillors P. Donoghue, John Murphy, and P. J. Carey, signed the Statutory Declaration before the Secretary, accepting the Office of County Councillor.

Business

- 1.—The chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2.—To elect a Chairman.
- 3.—To elect a Vice-Chairman.
- 4.—To recommend revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 5.—To consider further correspondence relating to the proposal to borrow £500 for the purpose of securing the foundations of Burgage Bridge.
- 6.—To fill a vacancy on Annamoe School Attendance Committee.
- 7.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 8.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 9.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 10.—To consider General Correspondence.

The Chair having been taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Daniel Condren, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

Proposed by - Councillor P. J. Carey.

Seconded by - " John J. Reilly

Resolved - That Councillor Daniel Condren, J.P. be, and he is hereby, elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and

until his successor shall have been appointed.
Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " J. McCarroll

Resolved - That Councillor William Byrne, J.P. of Coolbeg, be, and he is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " Wm Byrne (Coolbeg)

Resolved - That this Council wishes to place on record its satisfaction at the manner in which the Secretary and Staff have discharged their duties during the past year.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll.

Seconded by - " John J. Reilly

Resolved - That we solemnly protest against the dismissal of the Irish Lord Chancellor to make room for Mr. Campbell, who so notoriously outraged the national feeling of Ireland, and we characterize such an attempt as a blow against the best interests of this Country, and the Empire, and as calculated to lessen the enthusiasm of the people of Ireland in the successful conduct of the War; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Irish Leader, the Irish Chief Secretary, and the Prime Minister.

Passed unanimously, copy of the resolution to be telegraphed to John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P., and to the Prime Minister.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 8th June, 1915, when the following members were present:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, in the chair; Councillors J. J. Reilly, P. J. Carey, William Byrne, Coolbeg; John Murphy, D. Condren, and Joseph McCarroll.

A letter was submitted from Mr. Samuel Eastwood, Solicitor, 7 Blessington Street, Dublin, giving notice that James Flanagan, a workman employed under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, claims compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for the loss of the little finger on his right hand through an accident.

In connection with this subject a letter from the Insurance Brokers, Messrs. Coyle and Co. (Brokers), Ltd., was also submitted.
Order—Noted.

Mrs. Julia Cullen, of Rathmore, Ashford, wrote claiming £40 compensation for loss stated to have been sustained by reason of the alleged effect caused to her poultry by vibrations from the blasting operations in Ballyhenry Quarry, adjacent to her husband's farmyard, and also complaining that stones from this Quarry were frequently thrown by the violence of the explosions to the vicinity of her dwelling to the danger of the occupants. The Committee referred Mrs. Cullen's letter to the County Surveyor and Mr. Butler for report.

Applications for County University Scholarships for the year 1915-16 were received from the following five candidates:—1, Wm. James Mallen, Grange Con; 2, William Edward Fogarty, Rathdrum; 3, John Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow; 4, Denis Patrick Mallen, Grange Con; 5, Annie Theresa Balfe, Carnew.

After considering the several Certificates and Declarations submitted to them, the Committee approved of the five Applications, and recommend the Council to approve of their admission to the Special Examination for County Scholarships to be held on 6th July, 1915, and following days, in University College, Dublin.

The Local Government Board, having assented to payment of Poundage Fees to Collector P. J. Carey, junior, in respect of the half year ended 30th September, 1914, the Committee directed that the Paying Order be issued to Mr. Carey, junior, in due course.

The Committee referred Mr. Nichol's further account for £4 4s. to Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Mr. McCarroll to be requested to pay Mr. Nichol's the amount of same, and to collect the costs that were given against defendants in these cases.

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

8th June, 1915.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan

Seconded by - " P. J. Carey

Resolved - That the Report of the Finance Committee be, and it is hereby, adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor P. J. Carey

Seconded by - " Wm Byrne (Coolbeg)

Resolved - That we have considered the changes and alterations necessary in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the Lists revised accordingly.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a circular letter he had received from the Local Government Board, dated 4th May, 1915, No. 57 M/1915, from which it appeared that the sanction already accorded by that Board to the proposed Loan of £500

for the repairs of Burgage Bridge in Gaas No. 2 Rural District, would suffice without any further sanction from the Treasury, or other Authority, and a further letter from the Local Government Board, dated 28th May, 1915, No. 2564/1915, to the same effect. He mentioned that he had communicated with the Managers of all the Banking Companies doing business in the County, asking them to kindly quote the terms upon which they would be prepared to advance this loan. Only two of the Companies had tendered. The Manager of the Hibernian Bank, Wicklow, on behalf of his Directors, offered to issue the loan at Four Per Cent interest, while the Council's own Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd, Wicklow, offered to advance the money at Three Per Cent.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.
Seconded by - " P. Donoghue.

Resolved - That we, the County Council of Wicklow, having regularly and formally adopted a Proposal involving the borrowing of (£500) Five Hundred Pounds for securing the foundations of Burgage Bridge, in Gaas No. 2 Rural District, and the Local Government Board for Ireland having by their letter of the 28th May, 1915, No. 2564/1915, authorised the borrowing of the money on the grounds therein stated, it is hereby agreed that the said loan be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Wicklow, on the terms mentioned in the letter of Mr. H. R. Bradshaw, the Local Manager, dated 3rd June, 1915, namely, at the rate of Three Per Cent (3%) interest on the capital outstanding from time to time, repayment of the advance to be made in forty equal Half-Yearly instalments; and it is further agreed that a Deed

of Mortgage, securing the loan, be prepared by the Bank's Solicitor, Mr. W. St. Dunne, 7 Suffolk Street, Dublin, and executed at a subsequent Meeting of this Council.
Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor John Storey.
Seconded by - " D. J. Cogan

Resolved - That we hereby re-elect Mr. Nicholas Malloy on the Annamoe School Attendance Committee to fill the vacancy caused by his disqualification, owing to illness.
Passed.

REPORT FROM MOTOR LICENCE DUTIES COMMITTEE.

The above Committee met on Tuesday, the 8th June, 1915, when the following members were present:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, in the chair; Councillors J. J. Reilly, P. J. Carey, William Byrne, Coolbeg; John Murphy, D. Condren, and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee request the County Council to confirm their action in empowering and authorising Mr. P. T. Healy, at his discretion, to take legal proceedings against all owners of motor cars and motor bicycles in this county, at present in arrears with the payment of their Motor Licence Duty.

(Signed),
8th June, 1915.

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan,
Seconded by - " John Murphy.

Resolved - That the Report submitted by the Motor Car Licence Duties Committee be adopted, and this Council hereby approves and confirms that Committee's action in authorising and directing our Officer, Mr. P. T. Healy, at his discretion, to take legal proceedings against the owners of all Motor Cars and Motor Bicycles in this County at present in arrear with the payment of their Motor Licence Duty.
Passed.

Official Correspondence.

No. 28,367/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th May, 1915.—Approving of the appointment of Mr. Peter P. Doyle as Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District.

Order—Change approved of, subject to Report from County Surveyor.

2nd June, 1915. From Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. William Byrne, of Kilmurray, Baltinglass, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st June, 1915. From Clerk Naas No. 2 Rural District—Telegram and letter, notifying the re-election of Mr. Patrick Donohoe, of Monanaspick, Brittas, Co. Dublin, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

2nd June, 1915. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. John Murphy, J.P., of Vive-Vale, Delgany, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st June, 1915. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. P. J. Carey, J.P., of Tomanierin, Aughrim, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

2nd June, 1915. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—Stating that Mr. Edward Byrne, J.P., of Muskeagh, Tinahely, has been again nominated on the County Council to take the place of his Chairman, Mr. E. J. Byrne, J.P., who is already a County Councillor.

25th May, 1915. From John Kinch, 34 Tinahask, Arklow—Enclosing Postal Orders, value £3, being one instalment of £30 compensation which he was directed to pay to the County Council by the County Court Judge, in connection with the malicious injury application made by Laurence McDonagh, Proby's Row, Arklow.

2nd June, 1915. From Thomas H. Leeson, Newcastle—Asking for the Council's permission to be allowed to extend out to the extent of two feet six inches his shop windows in Newcastle Village.

Order—Referred to County Surveyor.

Daniel Condren
16th August 1915

Wicklow County Council

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11-30 am. on Monday, the 16th August, 1915.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor - Daniel Condren - Chairman
Councillors - James Galvin, P. J. Carey, E. C. Walsh, J. Kinsella, Joseph Dunne, William Costello, J. V. Gahan, John Storey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), James Byrne, Morgan Travers, John J. Keilly, F. S. Dobbs, John Murphy, E. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, J. W. Reigh, and Joseph McCarroll.

Business

- 1—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals from the Proposals Committee in connection with the County Printing and Advertising for the ensuing three years.
- 7—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 8—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 9—To sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To execute and seal Mortgage in favour of the National Bank, Ltd., in connection with the proposed Loan of £500 for the purpose of repairing Burgage Bridge, in Naas No. 2 Rural District.
- 11—To effect an insurance on the new Technical School in Arklow.
- 12—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, consisting of the Electoral Divisions of Ballyarthur, Cronebane, and Avoca.
- 13—To sign and seal the Warrants for the new Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District.
- 14—To appoint the Council's moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.
- 15—To fill the two vacancies existing on the Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital.
- 16—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 17—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 18—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 19—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 20—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 27th July, 1915, when the following members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, chairman; Councillors D. Condren, P. J. Carey, and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County-at-Large				6,353	8	0
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	719	10	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	74	9	11	794	0	5
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	272	3	8			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	985	8	0	1,257	11	8

Rathdown No. 2—			
District Proposals	291	9	1
Proposals Committee's proposals	42	9	4
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	1,719	6	0
Proposals Committee's proposals	306	5	4
Shillelagh—			
District Proposals	469	1	6
Proposals Committee's proposals	63	1	7
Arklow Urban—			
Proposals Committee's proposals	64 8 3		
Wicklow Urban—			
Proposals Committee's proposals	16 15 6		
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account No. 1 (Included in County-at-Large total).	744 16 0		
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account No. 2 (Included in County-at-Large total).	750 0 0		

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass	908	0	0
Naas	244	10	0
Rathdown	1233	10	0
Rathdrum	2402	0	0
Shillelagh	900	0	0
Total	£5,688	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	446	15	0
Naas No. 2	157	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	1176	10	0
Rathdrum	930	0	0
Shillelagh	696	5	0
Total	£3,407	0	0

The Committee recommend the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

No. 16—Temporary Collector P. J. Brennan—Half-year ended 30th September, 1914	£4 12 2
No. 16—Temporary Collector P. J. Brennan—Half-year ended 31st March, 1915	£9 8 3
No. 7—Collector C. S. Sutton—Same period	£20 15 4

It was mentioned by some Members of the Committee that the absence of proper maintenance of the surface of the road leading from Bray to Wicklow for a long time past was unjust to Motorists who pay their Licence Duty in this County, and also to the residents of the districts through which it passes, and who contribute rates for the upkeep of the roads in the County.

It was ordered that the attention of Mr. Butler, the Resident Engineer, be drawn to the extremely bad condition of this road, and that he be requested to take immediate steps to have it repaired.

Applications were submitted from Lillian M. Fogarty, Bridget Bracken, Margaret M. Henry, and Michael J. Byrne, for renewal for the ensuing year of their respective Scholarships.

Satisfactory reports having been submitted from the University Authorities on behalf of these Students, the Committee recommend the Council to renew their Scholarships for the coming year.

The Secretary of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee wrote with reference to the required Insurance on the new Technical School at Arklow.

The Committee recommend the County Council to insure the Building in the same Office that the other County Buildings are insured in, and further recommend that the amount of the premium shall be deducted from the contribution set apart by the Council for Technical Instruction purposes.

(Signed), D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

5th August, 1915.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor John J. Reilly. Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 16th August, 1915, when the following members were present:—Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the chair); Councillors J. W. Reigh, D. Condren, Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee had the following additional Proposals submitted to them, and recommended the same to the County Council for payment:—

County-at-Large Committee's Proposals	£187 10 0
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COUNTY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

A letter was submitted from A. W. Conway, Registrar of University College, Dublin, enclosing the result of the Special Examination for County Scholarships, showing that the five candidates presenting themselves from this county passed the Examination in the following order:—

1. John Duffy.
2. William J. Mallen.
3. William E. Fogarty.
4. Annie T. Balfe.
5. Denis P. Mallen.

As the County Council annually awards only three Scholarships, and one Bursary, the Committee recommend John Duffy, William J. Mallen, and William E. Fogarty, for Scholarships, and Annie T. Balfe is recommended for a Bursary, in accordance with the terms of the Council's Scholarship Scheme.

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

A letter, dated 4th August, 1915, was read from R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer, with reference to the condition of the Bray-Wicklow road, of which complaint was made at the previous meeting of the Committee. In this letter the Resident Engineer pointed out that the section of the road from Milton road to the north end of the Glen of the Downs is not in his charge, and this section is, in his opinion, the worst part of the road. He added that he was attending to the portions of the road in his charge.

Order—While the Committee accept the explanation of the County Surveyor which he now gives as to the repairs being done to the road, they are not at all satisfied as to why it should have been allowed to get into such a neglected state.

A letter was submitted from Frank Sutton, Glen View Hotel, Delgany, dated 8th August, 1915, complaining of the condition of the roads and footpaths around the district.

Order—Noted.

Letters dated 22nd July, and 4th August, 1915, were submitted from R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer, with reference to a claim received from Mrs. Mary Byrne, Ballylusk, Ashford, for £4 compensation for damage alleged to have been caused to her house by reason of the blasting operations in the adjoining quarry.

Order—Insurance Committee to be communicated with.

(Signed), D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

16th August, 1915.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed." Passed.

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils, were passed, as follows:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £6,353 8s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £187 10s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor F. S. Dobbs. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £794 0s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

NAAS NO. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £1,257 11s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDOWN NO. 2:

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor F. S. Dobbs. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £333 18s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,025 11s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £532 3s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £64 8s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

WICKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor F. S. Dobbs. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 15s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed." Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils, were submitted, as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Contracts for 3 years, commencing 1st October, 1915, and expiring 30th September, 1918.

COUNTY ADVERTISING.

To Richard Fitzsimons, for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Walsh "People" Printing Works, Wexford, for executing the whole of the Advertising in the "Wicklow People" required by the County Council and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, at 2d. per line.

Guarantors: William Clarke, Church Street, Wicklow; Laurence Byrne, Wicklow Hotel, Wicklow.

To Thomas Doyle, Manager, "Wicklow Press," 59 South Main Street, Wexford, for executing the whole of the Advertising, in the "Wicklow Press," required by the County Council and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, at 2d. per line.

Guarantors: The Gresham Fire and Accident Insurance Society, Ltd., 39 Dame Street, Dublin.

To Frank McPhail, Main Street, Wicklow, for executing the whole of the Advertising in the "Wicklow News-Letter," required by the County Council and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, at 2d. per line.

Guarantors: James G. McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow; Laurence Byrne, Wicklow Hotel, Wicklow.

COUNTY PRINTING.

To Thomas Doyle, Manager, "Wicklow Press," 59 South Main Street, Wexford, for printing and supplying the requisite books, stationery, forms, notices, circulars, etc., required for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, and their several offices, as ordered, exclusive of the Registration Lists, £151 18s. 7d.

Guarantors: The Gresham Fire and Accident Insurance Society, Ltd., 39 Dame Street, Dublin.

In connection with the Contract for the County Printing, the Secretary submitted a special minute (Form 23), as prescribed in pursuance of Section 18 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902; also a letter from George W. Tully, Boyle, in which he contended that his tender was cheaper than that accepted by the Proposals Committee.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1:

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

NAAS NO. 2:

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN NO. 2:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:

Road No. 494 in the District Register, 524 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £26 4s. 0d.

Road No. 499 in the District Register, 420 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £52 10s. 0d.

Work No. 502 in the District Register, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £35 0s. 0d.

Work No. 503 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £6 0s. 0d.

Work No. 505 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at One Shilling.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by - Councillor W. Byrne (Coolbeg)
Seconded by - " Edward Byrne

Resolved - That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll,
Seconded by - " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved - That we now sign and seal the two Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor Tobias Kinsella,
Seconded by - " John Storey.

Resolved - That we now sign and seal the Application for Refund of Expenses under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913-1914.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by - " Morgan Travers.

Resolved - That we hereby approve of the Deed of Mortgage submitted on behalf of the National Bank, securing them the repayment of a Loan of Five Hundred Pounds (£500) - and we direct that the Common Seal of the Council be now affixed to the said Document.

Passed.

The Deed of Mortgage was then Sealed with the Seal of the Council, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by - Councillor E. C. Walsh,
Seconded by - " D. Condren.

Resolved - That the Technical School at Arklow be insured by this Council with the Nibernian Insurance Company, in the sum of £2,500, and that the amount of the annual Premium shall be deducted from the Contribution set apart by this Council for Technical Instruction purposes.

Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow,

14th August, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I regret to have to report the death, since the last meeting of the Council, of Mr. John Brennan, Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District.

His collecting books have been returned to me, and on checking through them I find that from the date of his last lodgment until the date of his death he had collected £27 18s. 4d. I have requested the representative of the late collector to lodge this sum, and he has informed me that the matter is having his attention.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

The Secretary read the Advertisement published in the "Wicklow People," "Wicklow News-Letter," and "Wicklow Press," for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, and four applications received from:—

1. Edward T. Kelly, Knockenree, Avoca.
2. Myles J. Doyle, Ballinacor, Kilbride, Wicklow.
3. Patrick Short, Resident Engineer's Office, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
4. Eugene Keenan, Avoca.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

POOR RATE COLLECTOR
WANTED.

THE above-named Council will, at its Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on MONDAY, the 16th AUGUST, 1915, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballyarthur, Cronebane, and Avoca, at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £700, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £350. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12, noon, on 16th August, 1915.

By order,

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary to the County Council.

Court-house, Wicklow,
5th August, 1915.

On a Poll being taken, the Council voted as follows:—

For Short—Councillors James Byrne, J. W. Reigh, D. J. Cogan, J. J. Reilly, James Galvin, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, John Murphy, and Morgan Travers—9.

For Doyle—Councillors E. C. Walsh, Tobias Kinsella, William Costello, John Storey, John V. Gahan, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), and P. J. Carey—7.

For Kelly—Councillors D. Condren, F. S. Dobbs, and Joseph Dunne—3.

For Keenan—Councillor Edward Byrne—1.

The candidates Kelly and Keenan having dropped out, the Council voted as follows in the second round:—

For Short—Councillors James Byrne, J. W. Reigh, F. S. Dobbs, Joseph Dunne, D. J. Cogan, J. J. Reilly, John Storey, James Galvin, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, John Murphy, Edward Byrne, and Morgan Travers—13.

For Doyle—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, Tobias Kinsella, Wm. Costello, John V. Gahan, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), and P. J. Carey—7.

The Chairman then declared Mr. Patrick Short elected by thirteen votes to seven.

Proposed by—Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by— " J. W. Reigh

Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Short, of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, on the terms of the advertisement, in room of collector John Brennan, deceased, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a Poundage Fee of Six Pence in the £1, and we approve of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company as his Surety in a sum of £350. Further, we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to extend the time within which the First Moiety of the Collection may be lodged, to the 30th October, 1915.

Passed.

Proposed by—Councillor James Galvin
Seconded by— " Edward Byrne

Resolved—That we now sign and seal the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, the same not to be issued until his appointment has been approved of by the Local Government Board, and his Bond Completed.

Passed.

Proposed by—Councillor J. Murphy.
Seconded by— " J. J. Reilly

Resolved—That the following five gentlemen be appointed as this Council's Moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, for the three years commencing 1st October, 1915:—

1. Patrick McGuirk, Tonygarrow-Enniskerry.
2. John Maguire—Delgany.
3. John Murphy, J.P., Dine Vale—Delgany.
4. Rev. Michael Flood, P.P., Greystones.
5. John J. Nealy, Ashley, Greystones.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor E. C. Walsh,
Seconded by - " P. J. Carey.

Resolved - That the following two gentlemen be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital, caused by the death of Mr. C. Murray, and the disqualification of Mr. M. Waldron:-

Very Rev. James Flavin, P.P., Arklow
Charles T. Evans - Ferrybank, Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor J. V. Gahan,
Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne

Resolved - That Mrs. Mary Anne Geraty, of Carnew, be hereby granted a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office, Court-house, Wicklow,
16th day of August, 1915.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

Two of the proposed new contracts—viz., Rathdrum, D. Reg. 495, 200 perches, Killickbawn to Barry's Bridge, and D. Reg. 497, 106 perches, Barry's Bridge to Glen of Downs, require particular note. These new contracts formed a part of roads No. 200, 998 perches, and 201, 642 perches, which are included in the Wicklow-Bray Improvement, and refer to the portions which are not to be improved under that scheme.

As a new proposal was formulated on Roads No. 201, 642 perches, No. 200, 998 perches, and No. 196, 945 perches, to enable the Improvement Scheme to be carried out, it will be necessary to cancel these contracts.

Steps should be taken to recover the cost of extra repairs on the roads, Rathdrum, D. Reg. 351, winter, 1914, and D. Reg. 279, winter, 1913, which have been damaged by timber and engine traffic.

The contractors on roads, Rathdown No. 2, No. 6, 1,085 perches, and No. 25, 469 perches; Rathdrum, No. 6, 1,570 and 31, 443 perches, have not paid sufficient attention to their contracts, and authority should be given to take steps to enforce the contracts. Similar authority might be given in the case of Road No. 45, 925 perches, Shillelagh, as I understand the contractor is engaged on work elsewhere, and has apparently made no provision for supplying the metal for next season's repairs.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Orders:—

Paragraph 1—Contracts approved.

Paragraph 2—To be cancelled.

Paragraph 3—Notices to be served on parties concerned.

Paragraph 4—Authority given to serve Ten-days' Notices.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That the Contracts No. 196, 945 perches (Patrick Cullen); No. 200, 998 perches (James Duffy); and No. 201, 642 perches (Edward Connolly), in Rathdrum R. D., which were taken Winter, 1912, be cancelled as from the 30th September, 1915, provided that the contractors signify their consent in writing, otherwise that Clause 3 of the Road Specification be enforced, and the contracts be cancelled on the expiration of the ninety days' notice." Passed.

County Surveyor's Office, Court-house, Wicklow,
16th day of August, 1915.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

Your Secretary submitted to me the proposed new form of tender and bond. I beg to report that, as far as I can see, the provision regarding the cancelling of a contract on account of the neglect of a

contractor is already provided for in the Road Contract Specifications, and the new form only amplifies your power on this point.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAM.

County Surveyor's Office, Court-house, Wicklow,
16th day of August, 1915.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

On July 13th I inspected the permanent way of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway. On the whole, there is some little improvement in the state of the line, but some portions are still in a poor condition, especially from the County Bounds to the Lamb, at near Tinode, and at about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of the slate quarry road. On these parts the greater number of the sleepers are very old, and the holding-down bolts tend to loosen, with the result that the gauge tends to spread, and the jolting of the line causes undue wear and tear on the rolling stock.

Where recent re-sleeping has been done the line is much cleaner, and on the worst parts some drainage has been done. The rail connections have been better attended to, and no loose bolts were detected.

On the 13th inst. I inspected the depot and works at Templeogue. Here everything appeared to be in fair order. One coach, No. 13, was in the shed—ready for the road after a complete repair—and one of the new motor trams was practically complete; this new coach, etc., should lead to a considerable reduction in the running costs, as it is estimated that the expense of running this under full load should be less by 50 per cent. than that of a similar steam-drawn coach.

The engines and electric motors of the second of these coaches were in the depot, and it is expected that delivery will be completed within a week or two.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, Chatham Row, Dublin, 9th August, 1915.
Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th June, 1915. 89 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Articles—Butter, 36; milk, 28; whiskey, 12; margarine, 4; sugar, 2; buttermilk, 2; rum, 1; tea, 1; pepper, 1; cheese, 1; brandy, 1; buttermilk, 2.—Total, 89. One certificate was sent to Sergeant O'Hara, Blessington, for specimen of whiskey which was 29 degrees under proof, and was, therefore, adulterated with 5.33 per cent. of water. One certificate was sent to Sergeant O'Regan, Ashford, for specimen of butter which was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter. One certificate was sent to Sergeant Davey, Arklow, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 26 per cent. of its fats. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-eight drugs were analysed, and were correct. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union eleven drugs were analysed, and were correct. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union three drugs were analysed, and were correct. One specimen of water, analysed for the Baltinglass Rural District Council, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matter, 22,400, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.015; saline ammonia, 0.0005; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.280; colour, very light yellow. A good water. Two specimens of milk, analysed for Mrs. Ryall, Bray, were of good quality. For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, one fertilizer was analysed. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-two drugs were analysed. One was incorrect. In the original report on the water above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given. Total analyses, 157.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions, on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 33458/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd June, 1915.—Stating the Board will raise no objection, in the circumstances, to the Council cancelling the road contracts held by James Merrigan (D.R. 351, taken Winter, 1914), and Patrick Byrne (D.R. 279, taken Winter, 1913), in Rathdrum Rural District.
Order—Read.

No. 34132/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th June, 1915.—Enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. J. P. Tyndall, Solicitor, relative to the delay in paying Thomas W. Evans' malicious injury decree; together with a copy of the Board's reply thereto.

No. 65 M/1915; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th July, 1915.—Circular letter pointing out the necessity for Food and Drugs Inspectors taking a greater number of samples of milk for analyses, under the Food and Drugs Acts, and stating that Inspectors should also be instructed to take up samples of drugs for analyses also.

Order—Noted.

No. 44302/1915; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th August, 1915.—Asking whether the Council are satisfied that the fact of Collector Michael McGrath not being resident in his Collecting District will not interfere with the efficient discharge of his duties as a collector.

Order—No complaints. Discharging his duties satisfactorily.

No. G. 3279/1915. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 27th July, 1915.—Letter and telegram requesting the Local Authority to institute proceedings against Maria Curran, 34 Main Street, Arklow, for alleged offences against Section 6 of the Margarine Act, 1887, as modified by Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1889.

No. G. 3303/1915. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 31st

July, 1915.—Stating that four samples of butter taken up at Wicklow Butter Market, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were found, on analysis, to be pure.

No. G. 3347/1915. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 4th August, 1915.—Stating that three samples of butter taken up at Arklow, and five samples of butter taken up at Bray, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were found, on analysis, to be pure.

Leaflets dealing with Agricultural Apprenticeships, Forestry Instruction, etc., under the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 7th July, 1915. From the Accountant—Enclosing a Draft for £250, being the third instalment of the loan for Arklow Technical School.

No. 10818. Dublin Castle, 16th July, 1915. From the Under Secretary—Enclosing a Paying Order for £272 1s. 7d., being Treasury proportion of Tramway Rate over and above Sixpence in the £1 raised during the year ended 31st March, 1915.

Order—Read. Parliamentary War Savings Committee, Treasury, 12 Downing Street, London, 6th July, 1915.—Correspondence urging National economy, in order to maintain our National resources.

Order—Read. Board of Trade, Labour Exchanges and Unemployment Insurance Department, Westminster, London, S.W., 14th July, 1915—Enclosing Form of Return to be completed in connection with the present conditions of employment in the county.

Order—Read. 11th June, 1915. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Stating that he had now paid the account of £4 4s. 0d. submitted by Mr. E. Nichols, V.S., for attendance at Petty Sessions at Blessington.

11th June, 1915. From Same—Reporting on the County Court Judge's decision at the hearing of the Malicious Injury Application of Laurence McDonagh, Arklow.

9th June, 1915. From John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, London—Acknowledging the resolution passed by the Council at their Annual Meeting protesting against the promotion of Mr. J. H. Campbell to the Lord Chancellorship of Ireland.

3rd July, 1915. From Richard Wake, Secretary to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee—Enclosing copy of a letter addressed by him to the Arklow Urban Council, relative to the sewerage of Marlboro' Terrace, Arklow, and the Arklow Technical School.

30th July, 1915. From Road Contractor Richard Candy, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno—Stating that it cost him £2 to obtain an order to enter a quarry to get suitable stones for his road, and asking the Council to recoup him this amount.

Order—Read. 11th July, 1915. From Lieut.-Colonel W. H. O. Kemmis, Ballynacor, Rathdrum—Drawing attention to an exceedingly dangerous and nasty hole in the road near Ballinacore Schoolhouse.

Order—Remedied by direction of County Surveyor. Annual Report of the Wicklow County Infirmary for the year ended 5th January, 1915.

18th June, 1915. From the Hon. Secretaries, Women's National Health Association, 7 Ely Place, Dublin—Drawing attention to the urgent need for active steps for the preservation of child life.

From J. P. Bolger, D.C., The Lawn, Ballyellen, Goresbridge, County Carlow—Inviting the Council to nominate five farmer delegates to the All-Ireland Farmers' Convention, to be held on Tuesday, the 31st August, 1915, at 12, noon, in the Mansion House, Dublin.

Order—Following Councillors nominated to attend:—John Murphy, J.P.; D. J. Cogan, Morgan Travers, James Byrne, J.P.; D. Condren, J.P.

23rd July, 1915.—From T. Kelly, Committee Rooms, 41 York Street, Dublin—Enclosing, for adoption by the Council, resolutions passed at a Conference held in the Municipal Council Chamber, Dublin, on Tuesday, the 20th July, 1915, against Conscription, and asking the Council to appoint one member on a National Committee to be formed to carry the resolutions into effect.

Order—Read.

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Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock. p.m. on Thursday, the 7th October, 1915.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor - Daniel Condren - Chairman.
Councillors - John Murphy, J. J. Reilly, Morgan Travers, James Byrne, John Storey, Patrick Donoghue, D. J. Cogan, E. C. Walsh, Edward Byrne, James Galvin, William Costello, William Byrne (Coolbeg), - and Joseph McCarroll.

Business.

1. To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, in accordance with the terms of the Council's advertisement.
2. To sign and seal the Warrants for the new Poor Rate Collector.
3. To consider a Report from the County Surveyor regarding the condition of certain roads.
4. To consider Report from the County Secretary (if any).

The Local Government Board having withheld their sanction to the appointment of Mr. Patrick Short as a Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, on the ground that he already held an appointment under the Council, the Secretary read the following Advertisement, published in the "Wicklow News-Letter," "Wicklow People," and "Wicklow Press," for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Collector John Brennan, and three

- applications received from:—
1. Edward Kelly, Knockree, Avoca
 2. Myles T. Doyle, Ballinacor, Kilbude
 3. Patrick O'Neill, Ardinary, Thoulagee, Wicklow

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
POOR RATE COLLECTOR
WANTED.

THE above-named Council will, at a Special Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on THURSDAY, 7th OCTOBER, 1915, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballyarthur, Cronebane, and Avoca, at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The following are some of the provisions set out in the Local Government Board's Orders:—“No person shall be qualified for this appointment who is, or has been within the previous six months, a member of Wicklow County Council, or is, or has been, during the same period, the partner in business of such a person; or who himself, or whose wife, or any child with whom he resides, is engaged in any Retail Trade; or who holds any other paid office or place of profit under or in the gift of the County Council or of any Committee appointed wholly or partly by the Council, not being that of Collector of Rates other than the Poor Rate; or who is a woman; or who is less than twenty-one years of age on the date of the appointment.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £750, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £400. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at One o'clock on 7th October, 1915.

By order,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to the County Council.
Court-house, Wicklow,
28th September, 1915.

The Council, before proceeding to consider the applications, had before them a letter from Mr. Patrick Short, Clerk in the Resident Engineer's Office, Newtown-Mount Kennedy, in which he mentioned that he had an interview with an official of the Local Government Board, from which he concluded that if the Road Board wrote to

the Local Government Board agreeing to Mr. Short undertaking the Collection of the Rates in addition to his duties in the Resident Engineer's Office, the Local Government Board would sanction his appointment as Poor Rate Collector.

Other correspondence bearing on this point, including a letter stated to have been written by Mr. R. W. Butler, the Resident Engineer in Charge of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, to the Local Government Board, was submitted.

Ultimately the following Resolution was adopted:—

Proposed by—Councillor John Murphy,
Seconded by—“Morgan Travers

Resolved—That this Council adjourns the question of filling the vacancy of Rate Collector in No. 15 Collecting District until the 15th of November, 1915, so that the Local Government Board may have the time necessary to consider and answer the correspondence submitted to that Board by Mr. R. W. Butler and the Road Board in connection with Mr. Short; and that the Chairman, Councillor D. J. Cogan, and Councillor John Murphy be hereby appointed to wait on the Local Government Board in connection with the Election.

Passed.

REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 7th OCTOBER, 1915.

Gentlemen—
I regret to report that on the following roads the Contractors have neglected their contracts by failing to produce metal for repairs:—
Road No. 31—426 perches, Rathdown No. 2—Old Dargle Road.
Road No. 23—570 perches, Rathdown No. 2—Kilmalin Hill.
Road No. 56—784 perches, Baltinglass No. 1—Dunlavin-Tober Road.

I request that authority be given to me to take the steps necessary to enforce the contract and take legal proceedings if required.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Order.—Surveyor to serve Ten Days' Notices in each case.

Done by
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The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 pm o'clock on Tuesday, the 30th November, 1915.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor—Daniel Condren—Chairman
Councillors—E. C. Walsh, J. Murphy, John J. Reilly, James Byrne, P. J. Carey, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), William Costello, William Osborne, and D. J. Cogan.
A telegram was received by the Chairman from Councillor F. S. Dobbs, regretting his inability to attend.

Business

- 1—To consider Report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural District Councils.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural District Councils.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10—To sign and seal the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District.
- 11—To consider an application from Mr. James Healy, of Rathdangan, Baltinglass, to have his premises registered for the re-making of Butter under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1907.
- 12—To pass a Resolution authorising the County Surveyor to serve Ten-day Notices, under Section 54 of the Grand Jury, Act, 1836, in all cases where he considers Road Contractors have been in default under their Contracts; and further authorising him to enter upon all such roads without waiting for any further authority from the County Council.
- 13—To consider a Resolution from Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, calling upon the Guaranteeing Councils to take action with a view to the management and working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, having regard to what they consider to be the unsatisfactory financial condition of the concern.
- 14—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 15—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 16—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 17—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That this Council desires to place on record the loss it has sustained by the death of our esteemed colleague, Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum, and to convey our most sincere sympathy with his brother, Mr. John Galvin, of Roscommon." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—"That this Council desires to express their sincere sympathy with Councillor J. W. Reigh and the members of his family in their recent bereavement." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 26th October, 1915, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors John J. Reilly, Daniel Condren and John Murphy.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County at Large	4541	6	1
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	782	12	6
Proposals Committee's Proposals	43	17	0
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	200	9	10
Proposals Committee's Proposals	18	14	11

Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	325	18	8
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	182	2	1
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	977	3	4
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	468	16	5
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	305	18	8
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County at Large total)	...	...	...	430	14	0
Payment out of Loan Account	...	...	...	125	0	0

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass	...	...	...
Naas	...	...	...
Rathdown	...	...	...
Rathdrum	...	...	...
Shillelagh	...	...	...
Total	5,338	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	...	...	...
Naas No. 2	...	...	...
Rathdown No. 2	...	...	...
Rathdrum	...	...	...
Shillelagh	...	...	...
Total	818	10	0

We recommend the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several Rate Collectors, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

	£	s	d
1.—Joseph Doyle
2.—Richard Geoghegan
3.—Richard Lynch
4.—William Burke
5.—Michael Kelly
6.—Michael McGrath
7.—Charles S. Sutton
8.—Patrick Mulligan
9.—Joseph Keane
10.—John Murphy
11.—John Kelly
12.—William J. Cardiff
13.—William J. Quinn
14.—James Byrne
15.—Peter P. Doyle
16.—Charles Byrne
17.—Thomas Fleming
18.—Terence Byrne

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 19th October, 1915, from the Registrar of University College, Dublin, reporting that Mr. Michael J. Byrne, a Scholarship Holder, did not complete his Second Medical Examination, having retired during the Examination. Also a letter from the Registrar of the University, dated 6th July, 1915, recommending the renewal of the Scholarship to Mr. Byrne.

The Secretary was directed to write to the University Authorities for further information on this matter, and to report the result to the Committee.

Letters were submitted, dated 2nd September and 3rd October, 1915, from the Manager of the Meath Protestant Industrial School for Boys, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, relative to the maintenance of George Fitzell, a boy at present in that Institution. Also containing an application for an increase in the Council's maintenance allowance of Two Shillings per head per week, owing to the increased cost of all necessities of life.

The Committee recommend the Council to pay for the maintenance of this boy from the 1st April, 1915. With reference to the application for increased maintenance allowance, the Committee regret that they are unable to recommend an increase therein.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 4th October, 1915, from Francis Kennedy, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, reporting that the Bill of Costs from Mr. J. H. McCarroll sent to him by the Council on the 19th November, 1914, and the two other Bills of Costs from Mr. J. H. McCarroll sent him by the Council on the 26th February, 1915, had not yet been entered for Taxation, nor had Mr. Kennedy yet received from Mr. J. H. McCarroll the necessary summonses to Tax, though repeated applications had been made for them.

In this connection the Secretary also read the following extract from the Report of the Local Government Board Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of Rathdrum Rural District Council for the half-year ended 31st March, 1915:—

"The Council's Solicitor has been paid the large sum of £1,400 on account of Law Costs without a Bill of Costs having been submitted. This is a highly objectionable practice and must cease. Otherwise the Council will run the risk of surcharge for making payments unsupported by sufficient evidence."

The Secretary mentioned that the County Council had already advanced Mr. J. H. McCarroll £150 in respect of one of the Bills of Costs referred to which had not yet been taxed.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to direct that these Bills of Costs be Taxed at once.

The Committee had before them letters, dated 16th and 19th October, 1915, from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, submitting a Bill of Miscellaneous Costs, amounting to £74 17s. 6d., and covering the period from 25th February, 1915, to the 23rd September, 1915, together with the Requisition for the Taxation of same.

The Committee recommend the Council to sign and seal the Requisition to Tax this Bill of Costs. Further, the Committee directed the Secretary to cause the Taxing Master's attention to be drawn to items 80 to 83, inclusive.

The Committee also had before them correspondence from Mr. J. M. McDonnell, Solicitor and Parliamentary Agent, of Caxton House, Westminster, London, relative to his account with Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, in connection with the opposition of the County Council to the Alliance and Dublin Gas Consumers' Bill of 1909. Also a letter from Mr. J. H. McCarroll re same, and enclosing copy of a letter addressed by him to Mr. J. M. McDonnell, Order.—Noted.

An application, dated 26th October, 1915, was received from Mr. Thomas Williams, Court-keeper, Wicklow, for an increase of salary. He stated that it was about twelve years since the Council granted him a small increase, and since then the work had been almost doubled in consequence of the additional number of Offices, Meetings, etc., which entailed extra expense in the employment of charwomen, lighting fires, and more frequent attendance.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to increase Mr Williams' salary by Five Pounds (£5) a year.

The Secretary submitted a Report from C. D. Barry, Esq., B.L., the Local Government Board Auditor, on the result of his Audit of the County Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1915, wherein he suggested a more detailed form of Wages Pay Sheet in connection with the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, and he concluded by stating—

"The Ledger and other Books of Account, which gave exceptional thought and trouble owing to the exceptional nature of the Receipts and Expenditure, and necessitating a departure from recognised form, were submitted for Audit in a most satisfactory manner."

The Secretary mentioned that the improved Form of Wages Pay Sheet had already been provided, as suggested by the Auditor.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

1st November, 1915.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby adopted." Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor James Byrne, Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—"That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Requisition to tax Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Bill of Costs covering the period commencing 25th February, 1915, and expiring 29th September, 1915, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Council hereby approves of an increase of Five Pounds (£5) per year in the salary of Mr. Thomas Williams, Caretaker of the Council's Offices." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. II.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 15th November, 1915, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, in the chair; Councillors D. Condren, J. J. Reilly and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee had before them the following additional proposals, and recommend the same to the County Council for payment:—

	£	s	d
County at Large—			
Committee's Proposals	10	5	4
Naas No. 2—			
Committee's Proposals	2	15	1
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	1510	17	11

A letter, dated 4th November, 1915, was submitted from the Registrar of University College, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin—stating that the recommendation for the renewal of the Scholarship of Mr. Michael J. Byrne is confirmed.

Correspondence was submitted touching a complaint by Sir William F. Barrett that the ceiling of his dwelling-house at Carrigoona had been damaged by the blasting operations at the Rock-Valley Quarry.

The Committee directed the Secretary to send copy of the correspondence to the Insurance Brokers.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

15th November, 1915.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. II. be, and it is hereby adopted." Passed.

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils, were passed, as follows:—

COUNTY AT LARGE: Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £4,541 6s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE: Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £10 5s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1: Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £326 9s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

NAAS No. 2: Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £219 4s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

NAAS No. 2: Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional Proposal for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £2 15s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2: Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £508 0s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM: Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,508 1s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH: Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £774 15s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN: Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £55 17s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

WICKLOW URBAN: Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 19s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

REPAYMENT OUT OF LOAN ACCOUNT: Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal out of the Loan Account, amounting to £125 0s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed." Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Five Rural District Councils:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE: Sundry works in the County Court Houses were placed in charge of the County Surveyor—expenditure not to exceed £100.

The work to renew the boiler, fire-box, and tubes of the heating apparatus of Balinglass Court House was placed in charge of the County Surveyor—expenditure not to exceed £20.

BALTINGLASS No. 1: No Proposals.

NAAS No. 2: Two Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2: No Proposals.

RATHDRUM: Work No. 508 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor—expenditure not to exceed £15 0s. 0d.

Work No. 509 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor—expenditure not to exceed £14 10s. 0d.

Work No. 510 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor—expenditure not to exceed £26 0s. 0d.

Work No. 511 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor—expenditure not to exceed £50 0s. 0d.

Work No. 513 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor—expenditure not to exceed One Shilling.

Form 21—Provisional Proposal to build a Metal Car Bridge across Avonbeg River, at a cost not to exceed £120—was submitted.

SHILLELAGH: Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Murphy. Resolved—"That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we now sign and seal the two Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That we now sign and seal the application for Refund of Expenses under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913-14." Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen— I regret to have to report the death of Councillor James Galvin, J.P., Mount Avon, Rathdrum, which occurred since your last Meeting.

I have to ask that you will formally declare the vacancy that has, as a consequence, taken place on the Council, and direct that it be filled at the next Meeting of your Body.

Yours faithfully,

25th November, 1915. S. J. DOYLE.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN THE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the Members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by the late

James Galvin, Esq., J.P.

Mount Avon,

Rathdrum,

to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and we direct that this vacancy shall be duly notified by a Circular issued to each Member of this Council, and to the Clerk of each Rural District Council, and that the said vacancy be filled by co-optation at the next Special or Quarterly Meeting of the Council, after due notice on the summons to each Member thereof.

A copy of said Circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Court House, Wicklow. Dated this 30th day of November, 1915.

(Signed), DANIEL CONDREN, JOHN MURPHY, JOHN J. REILLY,

Three Members of Wicklow County Council.

(Signed), S. J. DOYLE, Secretary to said Council.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

AUTUMN, 1915.

Gentlemen— 1.—At the recent road inspection it was noted that although, on a large number of roads, some attempt had been made to fulfil the contracts, yet insufficient work was done on the cleaning and drainage, and that the metal supply was very deficient. The shortage in the metal supply is a serious matter, because by the time the deficiency could possibly be made good the season for repairing the roads will be too far advanced.

2.—The following road contracts, etc., have either been neglected or have had no metal put out for repairs:—Rathdown No. 2—No. 29, 796p.; No. 35, 466p.; No. 37, 510p.; No. 8, 502p.; No. 15, 407p.; No. 17, 738p.; No. 21, 633p.; No. 31, 426p.; No. 40, 320p. Naas No. 2—No. 31, 967p.; No. 37, 1,312p.; No. 11, 252p. Rathdrum—No. 37, 358p.; No. 29, 460p.; No. 51, 1,090p.; No. 53, 955p.; No. 128, 910p.; No. 135, 743p.; No. 2, 1,154p.; No. 18, 1,097p.; No. 31, 443p.; No. 124, 326p.; No. 133, 510p.; No. 83, 903p.; No.

82, 1,142p.; No. 140, 977p.; No. 150, 139p.; No. 100, 743p. Baltinglass No. 1—No. 132, 608p.; No. 12, 1,113p.; and Work, "footpath at Hollywood"; also, work—Baltinglass No. 1—Summer, 1915—to open sewer, etc., at "The Sallies," Rathangan, Shillelagh—No. 76, 164p.; No. 55, 1,412p.; No. 57, 596p.; No. 77, 850p.

3.—The work on the Bray-Wicklow road has been proceeded with from Bray to Kilmacanogue and from Wicklow to near Rathnew; on these portions the foundations have been rolled in. Parts of two roads—Rathdrum, No. 41, 1,240p., and No. 39, 1,024p.—have been damaged by the stone traffic, for this work, from Ballyusk; the damages are being repaired by the Resident Engineer, but I consider that as the present contractors have not the means for dealing properly with this class of work, the best course would be to cancel the contracts and permit the Resident Engineer to take charge of those portions which are subject to this stone traffic.

4.—An application from Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd. was made, asking permission to cross roads near their works with overhead electric cables. In view of the urgent and exceptional circumstances, I gave a provisional permit subject to your approval.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor,

November 15th, 1915.

To Each County Councillor, Wicklow County Council.

Orders:—Paragraph 2—Serve Ten-day Notices. Paragraph 3—Cancelled from 31st December, 1915, and given in charge to County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That the Council hereby cancels, on the Report of the County Surveyor, the following two roads as from 31st December, 1915, and places both roads in charge of the County Surveyor for six months from that date:—District Register No. 414, taken Spring, 1914, 1,024 perches; Contractor, George Byrne. District Register No. 264, taken Winter, 1913, 1,240 perches; Contractor, John Byrne." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—"That Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., be informed that this Council approve of the temporary permission given by the County Surveyor to the Firm to carry an Electric Cable over the road at Webb's Farm, Arklow, but the County Council consider that the Firm should take immediate steps to have the cable carried underneath the road, and we hereby give permission for opening the road for the purpose of carrying out said work." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—"That the Licences granted under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1903, to Mr. Thomas M. Barker, of Coolboy House, Tinahely, and to Mr. J. J. Dowling, of Blessington, be hereby renewed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—"That this Council hereby approves of the Fidelity Bond with the London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Association, Ltd., submitted by Collector Patrick Short, and directs that the same be sealed with the Seal of the Council and signed by the Presiding Chairman." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John I. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That we now sign and seal the Warrants for Mr. Patrick Short, the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—"That the Council hereby grants the application of Mr. James Healy, of Rathangan, Baltinglass, to have his premises registered for the re-making of Butter, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1907." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That the County Council hereby authorises the County Surveyor, on their behalf, to put in force the provisions of Section 54 of the Grand Jury Act of 1836, in all cases in which it appears to him necessary and expedient to do so, without delaying to formally report to the Council each specific case of neglect on the part of a Contractor." Passed.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 26th November, 1915, from Mr. Thomas F. O'Reilly, Secretary to the County Insurance Committee, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy—stating that a deputation from his Committee would wait upon the Council for the purpose of asking the Council to make a contribution from the rates towards the working of the Committee, and enclosing a Subcommittee's Report on the working of their scheme for Domiciliary Treatment

As no deputation appeared before the Council, no action was taken.

The Secretary submitted copy of a Resolution from Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, calling upon the County Council to take action, in conjunction with the Dublin County Council, with a view to the management and working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, so as to secure an efficient and at the same time an economical service.

He also read a letter from Colonel W. H. Daniel, of Glen Heste, Manor Kilbride, suggesting that the time had arrived when some inquiry should be made into the management of this Company.

A Deputation attended from Blessington in support of the resolution, and a pretty long discussion ensued.

The Council, however, made no Order on the subject.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
11th November, 1915.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30th September, 1915.

71 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—Butter, 22; Milk, 17; Whiskey, 11; Sugar, 5; Tea, 4; Bread, 2; Port Wine, 1; Pepper, 1; Cocoa, 1; Lard, 1; Cheese, 1; Oatmeal, 1; Flaked Rice, 1; Jelly, 1; Seidlitz Powder, 1; Epsom Salts, 1; total, 71. One certificate was sent to Sergeant Moynihan, Kiltegan, for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely, 17.2 per cent. One certificate was sent to Sergeant O'Regan, Ashford, for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely, 19.2 per cent. There were nineteen specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow. One contained an excess of water, namely, 16.7 per cent. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union nineteen drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. One drug was incorrect. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matter, 9.100, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.030; saline ammonia, 0.001; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.580; colour, very light yellow; a polluted water. One specimen of water analysed for the Rathdrum District Council had the following composition:—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matter, 25.900, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.014; saline ammonia, 0.008; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 2.390; colour, yellow; a rather inferior water. Three specimens of water analysed for the Wicklow Urban District Council had the following compositions:—No. 1—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matter, 9.100, including albuminoid ammonia 0.009; saline ammonia 0.002; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.093; colour, light yellow. No. 2—Total solid matter, 18.200; including albuminoid ammonia, 0.010; saline ammonia, 0.007; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 2.057; colour, light yellow. No. 3—Total solid matter, 13.650, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.000; saline ammonia, 0.0018; nitric acid, none; chlorine, 2.485; colour, light yellow; all

good waters. Two specimens of water analysed for the Bray Urban District Council were free from lead. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nineteen drugs were analysed and were correct. One specimen of water analysed for Mrs. Kerr, Whaley Abbey, Rathdrum, had the following composition:—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matter, 6.300, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.013; saline ammonia, 0.007; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.094; colour, almost colourless; a fairly good water. For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, one fertilizer was analysed. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, thirty-one drugs were analysed. One was incorrect. In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given. Total analyses, 168; adulterated and defective articles, 5.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the County Council hereby appoints Sergeant M. P. Rigney, R.I.C., Roundwood, as an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts for the County of Wicklow." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the County Council hereby appoints the following Sergeants of the Royal Irish Constabulary as Inspectors under the Weights and Measures Acts for the County of Wicklow:—Sergeant Thomas Slator, Dunlavin; Sergeant Patrick Wall, Bray." Passed.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

No. 42453/1915. Circular, Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th August, 1915. Circular letter calling attention to certain provisions of the Elections and Registration Act, 1915, which affects the duties of the officers concerned with the preparation of the Parliamentary and Local Government Register of Electors in the present year.

No. 155M/1915. Miscellaneous, Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th October, 1915. Circular letter with reference to the procedure which may most conveniently be adopted in regard to the different classes of payments to be made under Section 3 of the Elections and Registration Act, 1915.

No. 56282/1915. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd October, 1915. Approving of the appointment of Mr. Patrick Short as Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District for the present Financial Year. At the end of the year his permanent appointment will be considered by the Board, when a Report from Road Board Engineer will be required.

No. 58354/1915. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd November, 1915.—Stating that as the Second Moiety of the Poor Rate is payable on the 1st October, the Rate Collectors generally should be urged to expedite the Collection, and further stating that it is obligatory on all Collectors to attend at the appointed time and place for the checking of their Accounts, even if they state that they have no rates collected.

No. 162M/1915. Miscellaneous, Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th November, 1915.—Further Circular letter regarding the application of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland Act, 1898) to payments which may be made out of the Poor Rate.

No. 2685/15. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 24th August, 1915.—Enclosing copies of an Order the Department have issued suspending, as from the 1st of September, 1915, the operations of all the Provisions (save Article 12 (1)) of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914.

No. G. 2376/15. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th September, 1915.—Stating that a sample of butter purchased from Mrs. Anne O'Leary, of The Square, Rathdrum, by the Department Inspector, proved, on analysis, to contain 0.7 per cent. of water in excess of the 15 per cent. specified in the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902, and suggesting that the Council might consider it sufficient to draw the vendor's special attention to the Regulations.

No. 22365/1915. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, London, S.W., 23th September, 1915.—Circular from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the question of the necessity of economising in the use of gold coin, with a view to strengthening the gold reserves of the country.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, W.C., 23rd September, 1915.—From the Board of Inland Revenue, enclosing a copy of a Memorandum as to Deduction of Income Tax for the year 1915-16 from payments made after the 5th October, 1915.

C.O. 761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 15th October, 1915.—Enclosing the names and addresses of the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 for the three years commencing 12th October, 1915, as approved by the commissioners of National Education.

5th November, 1915. From the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council.—Enclosing a Petition received by his Council from a number of the Contractors for Road Maintenance in that Rural District, together with a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council in relation thereto. Order.—Referred to Finance Committee.

No. 62447/1915. (Co. Wicklow Insurance Committee.) National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, 27th November, 1915.—Asking the Council to appoint a person to fill the vacancy on the County Insurance Committee caused by the death of Councillor James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum.

23th October, 1915. From Sergeant J. Moynihan, R.I.C., Kiltegan.—Intimating that John Kilmartin, Rathangan, was fined at Hacketstown 1s. and Analyst's Fee of 10s. 6d., together with 3s. 6d. costs, for breach of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in selling butter containing an excess of water.

1st September, 1915, from S. G. Gallagher, County Surveyor.—Enclosing copy of his reply to an application made by Kynoch-Arklow, Limited, for permission to bring overhead electric wires over the road at Webb's Farm, Arklow, for the purpose of installing electric light in their stables.

23rd September, 1915. From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, Cavendish House, Rutland Square, East, Dublin.—Enclosing Copy of a letter received from the Secretary, Irish Land Commission, on the subject of the withholding from County Councils the identity of defaulters under the Land Purchase Acts, in respect of the arrears of whose annuities deductions are made from the Grants in Aid of Local Taxation.

25th September, 1915. From Same.—Notifying that the Annual Meeting of his Council will be held on Friday 10th December, and asking to be notified of any questions that the Council may desire to have discussed at that meeting.

7th October, 1915. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow.—Reporting that the County Court Judge refused Lord Powerscourt's application for £900 Compensation for alleged malicious injury. Further reporting that a Decree was granted for £5 13s. 0d., together with costs and expenses, to William King for criminal injury to his property.

19th October, 1915. From Alfred G. West, Esq., High Sheriff, Annacreevy, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.—Intimating that he had appointed Michael Doyle, Junior, as Court-keeper at Bray, to replace his father, deceased.

6th November, 1915. From H. J. Condron, Secretary to the Dublin Branch of the United Kingdom Society of Coachmakers, 47 Raymond Street, South Circular Road, Dublin.—Protesting against the purchase by the Council of a Watering Cart from the Eagle Engineering Company, Warwick, when it could have been made just as well in Dublin. Also stating that this matter will be brought before the Dublin Trades Council. Order.—Read—Secretary to reply.

27th November, 1915. From R. F. Wilson, Secretary, Dublin Industrial Development Association, 9 Dawson Street, Dublin, re same. Order.—Read.
Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of Wicklow Fever Hospital for the Year ending 31st March, 1915.

22nd November, 1915. From Loftus Studdert, Glenwood, Six-Mile-Bridge, Co. Clare.—Offering, by direction of the Representatives of the late Miss Charlotte La Touche, to the Council the ownership and control of the Horse-Drinking Fountain erected by her at Kilmurray, Glen of the Downs.—Order.—Read.

25th November, 1915. From Andrew Byrne, 6 Dargan Street, Bray—Asking to be relieved of his road contract at Milltown Lane, on the grounds that he is unable to procure sufficient labour, or the required amount of metal.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

30th July, 1915. From Limerick County Borough Council.—Resolution protesting against the action of the Government in ordering the banishment of Irishmen from their native country for no reason assigned.

20th August, 1915. From the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin.—Resolution emphatically protesting against the unjust treatment of our fellow-countrymen (Members of the Irish Volunteers) who have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment without satisfactory reasons being given.

3rd September, 1915. From Cork County Council.—Resolution calling for the reinstatement of Mr. Mansfield and his wife to Cullen Boys' National School.

3rd November, 1915. From Cavan Urban District Council.—Resolution pointing out the necessity of having the Agricultural Workers of Ireland starved and exempt from having to enlist, under the system which has been adopted in England. Order.—Approved.

*Daniel Condren
14/2/16*

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m. o'clock on Monday, the 14th February, 1916.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor—Daniel Condren—Chairman
Councillors—John Murphy, Martin Langton, P. J. Carey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, John Storey, Thomas Burke, and John J. Reilly.

Business

- 1—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural District Councils.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the Proposals Committee and the five Rural Districts.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1917.
- 10—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 11—To co-opt a person to fill the vacancy on the County Council caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum.
- 12—To elect a Councillor to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum.
- 13—To receive and consider resignation submitted by Collector Patrick Short, No. 15 Collecting District, and to take such steps as may be considered necessary to have the Collection completed in that Collecting District.
- 14—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 15—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 16—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 17—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 25th January, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors D. Condren, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), and John J. Reilly.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County at Large				7921	14	9
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	963	4	9			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	12	9	5	975	14	2
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	376	3	7			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	16	9	2	392	12	9
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	434	3	11			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	197	6	6	631	10	5
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	299	9	11			
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	508	15	10			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	66	6	1	575	1	11
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				31	6	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				16	15	6
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)				2409	7	4

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass	1017	0	0
Naas	296	10	0
Rathdown	1145	0	0
Rathdrum	3004	0	0
Shillelagh	1015	0	0
Total	£6477	10	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	521	0	0
Naas No. 2	120	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	1061	10	0
Rathdrum	1278	0	0
Shillelagh	693	15	0
Total	£3674	15	0

We recommend the payment of the following Rates, claimed as irrecoverable, Paying Order in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

Half-year ending 31st March, 1916.

No. 7. Collector Charles S. Sutton ... £73 1 9

The Secretary submitted the annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate during the next ensuing Financial Year, 1916-1917, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for sums to be supplied to other public bodies. Further, he submitted the Estimate of Rates required to be raised during the same period for Separate Charges throughout the County.

In his Report on the Rate Estimate (copy of which is attached) the Secretary explained in detail the different items, and the deviations in the rates required in the ensuing year from those assessed for the current Financial Year.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt the Estimates as submitted.

Secretary's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
24th January, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—Collector Patrick Short not having complied with the terms of his appointment and the requirements of the Public Bodies Order, 1904 (as amended), so far as it affects the duties of Poor Rate Collectors, the Local Government Board wired to me on the 11th January, inst., directing that his collecting books should be immediately taken up and carefully checked. Accompanied by Mr. Langton, I immediately proceeded to recover the books, and succeeded in obtaining possession of them later that evening. Investigation into the condition of the collection has since been in progress but is not yet completed.

I am submitting, herewith, the entire correspondence connected with this subject, and from it you will observe that up to the present I have ascertained that Mr. Short has collected—over and above any monies lodged by him—a sum of £98 11s. 1d. Without prejudice to any further claim that may arise, as the investigation proceeds, I have called upon the sureties to lodge this sum forthwith to the credit of the County Council.

As directed by the Local Government Board, I sent a circular, in the prescribed form, to every ratepayer in the collecting district (who appears from the collecting books not to have paid all his rates) asking if he had, in fact, paid, and, if so, to inform me of the date upon which he paid. The replies are still coming in, but in most cases they are worthless, as they do not afford the information sought in my queries.

Some persons, who had not paid their rates, on receipt of the circular, sent them to me. This places me in an awkward position, as I have no authority to receive money or to issue official receipts for poor rates. I still retain the collecting books, and contemplate doing so until I receive a direction from the Council or from the Local Government Board. However, I should be obliged if the Finance Committee would give me some immediate direction as to the several other matters in this connection which I am now submitting.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to County-Council.

Order.—Noted.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY COMPANY.

Court House, Wicklow,
22nd January, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—Having been duly appointed by you for the purpose, I attended at the Office of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Terenure, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., and inspected the Accounts of the Company for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1915.

These Accounts had been previously certified by Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Co., and, as prepared and certified, would indicate that after charging all expenditure to Revenue, "which is properly chargeable thereout, there remains to the credit of the same" a sum of £187 19s. 8d.

The amount charged for "maintenance of way, works, etc.," was only £375 4s. 0d., as against £767 6s. 1d. in the corresponding half-year of 1914, or a decrease of £392 2s. 1d. This would indicate, having regard to the average expenditure under this heading, that the upkeep of the line did not receive the usual attention, with, presumably, attendant deterioration.

The amount charged for National Insurance appears in the Accounts at £16 13s. 9d., as against £27 0s. 4d. in the corresponding previous half-year. On asking for an explanation, I ascertained that the £27 0s. 4d. represented a year's expenditure, and that, owing to a change in the mode of dealing with this item in the Books, only portion of the charge for the past year was brought into the Accounts. I think the full amount of the year's expenditure under this heading should have been charged, say, £27 0s. 4d., as was done in the previous corresponding half-year. On the other side of the Revenue Account £203, being the proceeds of sale of an old engine, is credited. If this be a regular way of dealing with a receipt of this nature, the Company could, under similar circumstances, always show a surplus in receipts over expenditure. I am inclined to think that this sum should have been applied to the renewal of rolling stock, or placed in a Suspense Account to be subsequently applied to such purpose.

Apart from the decrease in expenditure on the maintenance of way, etc., and the consequent effect upon the line, which is an engineering question, I believe that an additional sum of £10 15s. 7d. should have been charged for Insurance, and that the £203 received for the old engine should not appear to credit in the Revenue Account.

If the Revenue Account be amended accordingly, as I believe it should, the Expenditure of the half-year under review would exceed the Receipts by a sum of £25 16s. 11d.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Order.—Noted.

The Secretary read letters, dated 4th and 12th January, 1916, from William Geoghegan, Solicitor, 19 Kildare Street, Dublin, and a letter dated 6th January, 1916, from Messrs Coyle and Co. (Brokers), Ltd., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin—relative to a claim made on behalf of Sir William F. Barrett in connection with damages alleged to have been caused to his house at Carrigoona by blasting operations in the Quarry at Rocky Valley.

Order.—Noted.

22nd January, 1916. From Collector Charles Sutton, The Bridge, Kilternan, Co. Dublin—enclosing a letter received by him from Mrs. Deverell, of Ellesmere Greystones, inquiring if the County Council would remit the rates on a house in Greystones if the house was used solely as a War Hospital Supply Depot.

Order.—Recommended, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

The Committee had before them a Petition from certain Road Contractors in which they asked for a re-consideration of the terms of their Road Contracts—which Petition was referred at the November Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Order.—Consideration adjourned to the Quarterly Meeting of the Committee to be held in April, the County Surveyor to submit a Report on the situation meantime.

The County Surveyor submitted a Report on the negotiations that had taken place between himself and the Resident Engineer on the one part, and Mr. Thomas, Rocky Valley, on the other, with reference to alleged damage caused to the house and fields of the latter by blasting operations at the adjoining Quarry.

Order.—Copy of County Surveyor's Report to be sent to Messrs. Coyle and Company, Insurance Brokers.

The Report also dealt with additional traffic on the roads leading from Whiterock, via Tinahely, to Arklow, and in this latter connection the County Surveyor suggested that the War Department, which, he understood, was responsible for this extra traffic, should be approached with a view to obtaining assistance towards the upkeep of these roads.

Order.—Recommendations adopted.

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

27th January, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and is hereby, adopted." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Note for Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. II.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 14th February, 1916, when the following Members attended:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the chair); Councillors Daniel Condren, P. J. Carey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), John J. Reilly and John Murphy.

The Committee had before them the following additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

	£	s	d
To Bray Urban District Council—amount of Account for Electric Lighting	1	1	0
To Collector Joseph Keane—refund of Poundage	0	6	0
To Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company—being amount of Guaranteed Dividend	282	10	2
District Proposals—Forms 22—Rathdrum R.D.	1648	9	6

The Committee recommend the Council to suspend Mr. Patrick Short, Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, and to appoint Mr. William J. Quinn, the Collector for the adjoining District, to complete the Collection in Mr. Short's District, a Policy for £300 to be taken out with the London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Corporation in Mr. Quinn's name, the Premium on same to be paid by the County Council.

Having considered the Secretary's Report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, the Committee recommend that a case be prepared and submitted to the Solicitor-General, Mr. James O'Connor, K.C., by the County Surveyor, our Secretary, and our Solicitor, on both questions raised in the Secretary's Report, at as early a date as possible. When Counsel's opinion is received, a Report to be prepared and submitted to a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, to be summoned to consider it, and that this Committee, in the meantime, recommend a payment of £282 10s. 2d., this sum representing the proceeds of a One Shilling Rate, plus the estimated receipts by way of Government Grant.

Having had before them an application to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee from the Contractors for the building of Arklow Technical School, Messrs. T. and I. O'Toole, together with a resolution passed by that Committee on the subject, this Committee, having regard to their general knowledge, are of opinion that the contractors are entitled to some consideration, but, in order that the Committee may be able to arrive at an equitable amount, the contractors must attend at the Council's Offices and submit satisfactory and tangible evidence of their loss to our Secretary. The Architect also is to report on the matter.

The Committee recommend that the Council shall formally authorise the Committee to arrange this matter for them, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board.

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

14th February, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and is hereby, adopted." Passed.

The Secretary's Report, referred to in the foregoing, was as follows:—

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.
SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
6th February, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—In my report to the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, on the result of my inspection of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December last, I pointed out that, in my opinion, the Revenue Account, as prepared, did not fairly represent the position. Having so reported, and having furnished copies of my report to the Arbitrators, my duty was performed. I then held that the proper principles of Accountancy applicable to guarantees under the Tramways Acts were not followed in the preparation of the Accounts under review. The Arbitrators, who alone possessed the statutory rights to do so, amended the Accounts along the general lines indicated in my report, thus emphatically endorsing the view I presented. The Arbitrators are—Sir John G. Barton, Commissioner of Valuation; Messrs. J. H. Ryan, M.I.C.E.; W. Collen, M.I.C.E., County Surveyor for the County of Dublin; and S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor for the County of Wicklow; all of whom signed the certificate. According to their certificate, an excess of receipts over expenditure, as shown in the accounts as originally prepared, of £187 19s. 8d. has been converted into a deficit of £215 0s. 4d. I believe they were perfectly justified in so amending the accounts, as "nett receipts" are defined as what remains "after deducting from the gross receipts the expenses of the management and the working and proper maintenance of the Tramway." Further, "expenses," according to the text books, include liabilities incurred, but not yet discharged, etc.

That ending the 31st December last is the fourth consecutive half-year, according to the Arbitrators' certificate, in respect of which the guaranteeing areas have been called upon to pay money for "maintaining or working the undertaking," in addition to the guaranteed dividend. Under the Order in Council, authorising the construction of the Tramway, it is provided that when such a condition should arise, "the undertaking and all the property of the Company connected with it shall become the property of the Grand Jury of the County, etc., etc., and further that "the Lord Lieutenant may thereupon order that such Grand Jury, or in the case of Dublin, the Finance Committee of such Grand Jury, shall appoint a Committee of Management for the purposes of the undertaking, with such powers and duties as he may direct." On this aspect of the undertaking and its present position, I have nothing further to add.

You are faced, however, with another perplexing problem which is the immediate cause of this report. The Presentment of this Wicklow Grand Jury at Summer Assizes, 1884, authorising the guarantee, contains the following paragraph (numbered 10):—"That this guarantee is on the understanding that the promoting company give security by bond or otherwise, as may be required by the Solicitor of the Grand Jury as advised by Counsel, to the Secretary to the Grand Jury, that, under no circumstances, shall the total liability of the guaranteeing area, viz., the parishes of Blessington, Boystown, Burgage, or Kilbride, in the barony of Lower Talbotstown, in the County of Wicklow, exceed one shilling in the pound in any one year, exclusive of the contribution of Government." The entire presentment, including of course this paragraph, is set out in the 1st Schedule to the Order in Council. Paragraph 8 of the said Order is in the following terms, viz.: "The presentments and resolutions set out in the 1st Schedule to this Order are hereby confirmed so far as they relate to the charge to be defrayed by the baronies and places in their respective Presentments and resolutions specified for the payment of dividends at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum upon the paid-up capital of the undertaking, AS LIMITED BY THIS ORDER, and so far as it relates to the liability of the same baronies and places respectively to provide for the completing, working, and maintaining of the undertaking." A bond, in accordance with the terms of the tenth paragraph of the Presentment, was executed by the Company, and is at present in my custody. From the foregoing it would, at first sight, appear that the County Council, occupying as it does the position of the Grand Jury, would not be liable in any year to contribute to the undertaking for any purpose a sum exceeding that produced by a rate of one shilling in the pound, "exclusive of the contribution of Government."

But on looking up the provisions of the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act of 1883, I find that section seven would appear to make it mandatory on the Council to present the sum mentioned in the Arbitrators' certificate, and that if they fail to present the sum so certified, or any part thereof, the "treasurer" (which I interpret as meaning the Secretary, since the passing of the Local Government Act of 1898) "shall insert such sum or such omitted part thereof," etc., etc., "in his warrant for raising the monies presented," etc. It has been laid down by the Courts in this connection that "the duty of the treasurer is purely ministerial, and if a certificate, good on its face, has been laid before the County Council, and they have failed to pass a resolution for the amount mentioned in it, it is his duty to include the sum in his warrant, and he has no jurisdiction to enter into any inquiry as to extraneous matters." I fail to see how this doctrine can be reconciled with the conditions of the presentment and of the bond, to which I have alluded. A complex question of law would appear to be involved, viz., whether the conditions of the presentment were at any time valid, or if, having been incorporated in the order of Council, they over-ride or modify the provisions of the Act of 1883. If the Council, having given credit for Government contributions, pay over to the Tramway Company an amount in excess of the produce of a shilling rating, where is the money to come from? If, on the other hand, they only pay over an amount equal to the produce of a shilling rate, plus the maximum grants from Government, can the Company, notwithstanding the conditions of the Presentment and of the Bond, proceed against the Council under the Act, for recovery of the full amount certified by the Arbitrators? These are the questions which remain to be answered, and as they involve important legal principles, I respectfully suggest that they should be submitted to Senior Counsel for his opinion.

A Shilling rate was assessed on the guaranteeing area in the current rate to meet the guarantee.

The rate will produce	£	s	d
Under the Tramways Act of 1883 the Government's maximum contribution would amount to	745	0	0
Under Section 58 of the Local Government Act of 1898 the Local Taxation Account (if in funds) might contribute half the excess rate above 6d. in the pound	186	0	0
Total	1331	0	0
But the Council have already contributed to the Company for the half-year ended 30th June, 1915, a sum of	1048	10	1
The Arbitrators have now lodged a certificate for the half-year ended 31st December, 1915, certifying for payment of	607	10	2
Total payment for year	1656	1	1

From this it is clear that if the Council pay the full amount of the certificate now submitted they will be paying away a sum of (approximately) £325 in excess of the produce of a shilling rate "exclusive of the contribution of Government."

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £7,921 14s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:
Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £975 14s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

NAAS No. 2:
Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £392 12s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:
Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £631 10s. 5d. (any modification made therein having first been initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,947 19s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:
Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £575 1s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:
Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £31 6s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

WICKLOW URBAN:
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 15s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, being additional proposals, amounting to £283 17s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed." Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural District Councils were submitted as follows:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1:
Road No. 230 in the District Register, 556 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £48 13s. 0d.

Road No. 236 in the District Register, 754 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £94 5s. 0d.

Road No. 244 in the District Register, 603 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £105 10s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:
Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:
Road No. 499 in the District Register, 985 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £155 19s. 2d.

Road No. 501 in the District Register, 570 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £114 0s. 0d.

Road No. 503 in the District Register, 469 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £117 5s. 0d.

Form 21, containing a Provisional Proposal to expend a sum of £267 on the construction of 267 perches of road, was submitted.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:
Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:
Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—"That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed." Passed.

The Secretary's Report on the Estimates for the service of the year 1916-1917, as submitted to the Finance Committee, and appearing on the Minutes of their proceedings, and circulated with their Report to the Members of the Council, was taken as read.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we hereby confirm, adopt, and seal the Estimates (Forms 45 and 46), now submitted to us, and determine the Rates in the £1 to be levied in each Rural District in the County, by means of the Poor Rate:—

GENERAL CHARGES.

	Rates on Land.		Rates on other Hereditaments.
	s.	d.	
Baltinglass No. 1	2	4 1/2	4 0 1/2
Naas No. 2	2	8 1/2	4 3 1/2
Rathdown No. 2	3	3 1/2	4 4 1/2
Rathdrum	3	3 1/2	4 8 1/2
Shillelagh	3	5	4 11

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Batlinglass No. 1 Public Health Charge	...	...	d.
Criminal Injury—Batlinglass No. 1 Rural District	...	...	2
Rathdown No. 2 Public Health Charge	...	...	0 1
Greystones Water and Delgany Sewerage	...	...	1
Greystones Sewerage	...	...	3 1
Enniskerry Sewerage	...	...	12 1
Greystones Lighting	...	...	3
Sewerage, etc.—Newcastle Dispensary District	...	...	2 1
Shillelagh Public Health Charge	...	...	4
Criminal Injury—Shillelagh Rural District	...	...	0 1
Arklow Harbour	...	...	1 1
Wicklow Harbour	...	...	2 1
Blessington Tramway Guarantee	...	...	3 1
Compulsory Education—Hollywood and Dunlavin County Divisions	...	...	12
Compulsory Education—Newcastle Dispensary District	...	...	0 1
Compulsory Education—Annacoe Dispensary District	...	...	0 1
Criminal Injury—Arklow Urban District	...	...	0 1
			£13 5 0

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 45 and 46, and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office), do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council as follows:—

Name of Urban District.	General Charges.			Separate Charges.			Total.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Arklow	209	16	0	1177	1	6
Bray	3301	15	9	3301	15	9
Wicklow	867	2	7	146	5	0
							1013	7	7

Passed.

THE DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON ELECTRIC CARS.

Gentlemen—When reporting on the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1914, I mentioned that steps were then being taken for the hire-purchase of two self-propelled electric cars. At the time it was confidently expected that these cars would be running by the 1st May, 1915. Having regard to the discussion that took place on the subject of these cars at the County Council here in November, I made enquiries about them when in Terenure some time ago, and again on Friday last, when I was favoured with a trip on one of them.

Briefly the history of these cars, so far as I learned it, is as follows:—Delivery was promised for the month of April. The engines were finished at that time, but the Government commandeered them and took them to Woolwich Dockyard. This action was repeated in the case of six successive engines which were made for the two cars. Ultimately a deputation, consisting of Members of Parliament for the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, accompanied by Mr. J. P. Tierney, Consulting Engineer for the Company, waited on the responsible Minister, and it was only then delivery was obtained of the seventh and eighth engine. The first completed car, owing to this circumstance, was not delivered to the Tramway Company until August. When the cars were tested under actual working conditions trouble was experienced with the radiators, and after a six weeks' trial they had to be withdrawn from the service. Steps were at once taken to have improved radiators installed, but, owing to the war, it took over three months to procure the necessary tubes for the purpose. This withdrawal got the cars a bad name with the public, who were not aware of the facts. No. 1 Car, fitted with improved radiators, has now been in service for ten days, during which, I am informed, it is giving satisfaction and has run about one thousand miles. The cost of fuel works out at 3½d. per mile, as against 6d. for the steam running. My own impression of the cars is that they are a vast improvement on the old steam-propelled vehicles, clean, comfortable, and modern in design. During my trip the car ran smoothly and satisfactorily in every respect.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary.

12th February, 1916.

Order.—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That we hereby authorise the renewal of the Licences issued to the following persons under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908:—

Thomas Miller, Blessington.
Mrs. Charlotte E. Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow.
Patrick O'Neill, Rathdangan.
Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh.
Samuel Alcorn, Wicklow.
Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood.
S. V. Delahun, Wicklow.
J. P. Hopkins and Sons, Wicklow.
John E. Griffin, Bray.
Patrick McCarthy, Aughrim.
James Bradshaw, Kiltegan.
Mrs. Mary Toomey, Hollywood.
James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride.
Edward J. O'Kelly, Baltinglass.
Denis J. Cogan, Laragh.
Joseph P. Deegan, Ashford.
Mrs. Mary Johnson, Kilmagig, Avoca.
Michael Tutty, Hollywood.
James Healy, Rathdangan.
Mrs. M. A. Geraty, Carnew.
Thomas Williams, Ballinlea, Ashford.

Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That the Council grant a Licence to James Lawler, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, subject to the Report from the Police Authorities—as to the suitability of his premises—being satisfactory.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL,

Quarterly Meeting, 14th February, 1916.

Gentlemen—During the past quarter some of the Contractors were fairly diligent, but in very many cases the work was backward—due, to a great extent, to the difficulty in procuring labour.

On the line of road extending from Whiterock, via Tinahely, Kilpipe, Aughrim and Woodenbridge, to Arklow, there is now exceptional and heavy traffic, with the result that the roads have been greatly damaged. In fact, the road from Aughrim to near Woodenbridge has been completely destroyed, and is unsafe for vehicular traffic, and, owing to the extent and nature of the injuries on this section, repairs of the usual nature are altogether useless. On the 9th inst. I felt it was only proper to warn the public of the condition of this road, and had notices posted at both ends of the road.

The condition of affairs on these roads was reported to the Roads Committee on 26th January, and the Committee directed your Secretary to communicate with the War Department, as this traffic is due to causes in which that Department is concerned.

On 27th January I decided that it would be well (with a view to expedite matters) to communicate with the Road Board, and despatched a telegram indicating the condition of the roads. The Road Board thereupon directed their Engineer to inspect the roads, and on 8th inst. this inspection was carried out.

Most of the Contractors for the roads affected are working, except on the section from Aughrim to near Coat's Bridge, on which, as the Contractor failed to work, I have men and horses engaged in making some repairs.

The cost of making good these damages will be ultimately defrayed by the parties directly responsible for the traffic.

On the 3rd inst. the War Department (per the Road Board) had an inspection made on the roads leading to Glen Imaal, damaged in January, 1915.

Estimates and claims have been prepared for the reinstatement of these roads, and also for repayment of the money expended in making the roads passable during the period of the traffic.

In May last a road contract was entered into to repair the road Birchwood to Annamoe, but almost immediately after the contractor started work, heavy timber traffic commenced on this road, rendering any repairs futile.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

11th February, 1916.

Order.—Approved.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Quarterly Meeting, 14th February, 1916.

Gentlemen—I beg further to report that the damages caused on the roads referred to in the first paragraph of my Report are of such a nature that the repairs necessary (and which, by reason of the traffic can only be of a temporary nature) cannot, without prejudice to the public, be delayed until the ordinary procedure relating to the repairs of public works can be followed.

I submit a letter from the Local Government Board in reply to an enquiry from me to them relative to this matter.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

14th February, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—Having considered the Report of the County Surveyor that he considers temporary repairs of the damages caused to the roads from Whiterock, via Tinahely, Kilpipe, Aughrim and Woodenbridge, to Arklow, by the exceptional and heavy traffic, are of such a nature that they cannot, without prejudice to the public, be delayed until the ordinary procedure relating to the repairs of public works can be followed.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1899, this Council hereby authorises the County Surveyor to expend (subject to the provisions of the General Order of the Local Government Board, dated 15th May, 1899), a sum not exceeding, in the first instance, £500 on the temporary repairs of that portion of the road within the Rathdrum Rural District, viz.:—the road from the Rural District Bounds on Kilpipe, via Aughrim, Coats' Bridge, and Woodenbridge, to Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—Having considered the Report of the County Surveyor that he considers temporary repairs of the damages caused to the roads from Whiterock, via Tinahely, Kilpipe, Aughrim and Woodenbridge, to Arklow, by the exceptional and heavy traffic, are of such a nature that they cannot, without prejudice to the public, be delayed until the ordinary procedure relating to the repairs of public works can be followed.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1899, this Council hereby authorises the County Surveyor to expend (subject to the provisions of the General Order of the Local Government Board, dated 15th May, 1899), a sum not exceeding, in the first instance, £500 on the temporary repairs of that portion of the road within the Shillelagh Rural District, viz.:—the road from Whiterock, via Tinahely, Killaveney Bridge, and Ballinglen, to the Rural District Bounds near Kilpipe.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the War Department and Road Board be requested to take immediate steps to assist the County Council to have repaired the damages done by the excessive traffic over the road from Whiterock to Arklow, via Tinahely and Aughrim.

As this traffic was unexpected, the County Council have been unable to provide any money to meet the charges for these repairs, which are most urgently required, and it is imperative that the Road Board should furnish funds to enable the work to be immediately taken in hands.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Notice of a Vacancy in the Wicklow County Council, which had been published in the manner directed, and also copy of a Resolution passed by the Rathdrum United Irish League suggesting that Mr. James Byrne, R.D.C., of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, was a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That Mr. James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That Councillor James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That Councillor James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That Councillor James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Thomas Burke. Resolved—"That we adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee,

and that we hereby suspend Mr. Patrick Short from his position as Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, by virtue of the powers conferred upon us by Articles 88 and 89 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, and we direct that this suspension be notified to the Local Government Board and to the Insurance Association who executed his Fidelity Bond."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and we hereby appoint Mr. William J. Quinn, of Sporting Lodge, Avoca, the existing Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 District, to close the Collection for the current Financial Year in No. 15 Collecting District: that we approve of the London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Association, Ltd., as his sureties in a Bond of £300: that we now sign and seal the necessary warrants; and, further, that the Local Government Board be requested to extend the time for closing this Collection to the 30th April, 1916."

Passed.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions, on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors and the state of the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor T. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That we hereby appoint the following five gentlemen to represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the County Divisions of Dunlavin and Hollywood, for the three years commencing 1st May, 1916, and ending the 30th April, 1919, these names having been submitted by the Secretary of the Committee:—

- 1.—Rev. Richard Flanagan, C.C., Donard.
- 2.—John Rochfort, Dunlavin.
- 3.—Christopher Lawler, Dunlavin.
- 4.—Thomas Burke, Hollywood.
- 5.—John Kelly, Kinsellastown, Dunlavin.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That the Council extends sincere sympathy to Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly) on the occasion of the death of his sister-in-law."

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Thomas Burke:—

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or someone for me, will move at the next May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council a Resolution adopting Bye-Laws for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and County Dublin."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 64886/1915. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th December, 1915.—Returning the Bond submitted by Collector Patrick Short, and stating that it is in satisfactory form.

No. 4302 and 4303/1915. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 1st December, 1915.—Transmitting, for the Council's information, copies of Order No. 441, entitled "The Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915," dated 24th September, 1915, and Order No. 442, entitled "The Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915," dated 24th November, 1915.

No. 261/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 25th January, 1916.—Circular letter relative to the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915.

8th February, 1916. Letter from F. N. Studdert, Secretary to the Clare County Council, Secretary's Office, Court House, Ennis.—Protesting, by direction of his Council, in the strongest manner against the enforcement by the Department of Agriculture of the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That this Council agrees with the Clare County Council that the time is inopportune to entail any further burdens upon the ratepayers, and we strongly urge the Department to postpone the operation of this Order until after the War, and we adopt all the recommendations contained in the letter from the County Clare."

Passed.

10th January, 1916. From The Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin.—Enclosing copy of a Resolution asking the County Council to approach the Local Government Board with a view to having the limit of road expenditure in that District increased to £3,100 for one year.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"The Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 having requested the County Council to obtain an extension for the coming Financial Year of the limit of Road Expenditure on road repairs in that Rural District, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, approve of said extension, and we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to grant that the limit of expenditure on roads in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District be accordingly extended for the coming Financial Year from the sum of £2,200 to the sum of £3,100."

Passed.

23rd December, 1915. From John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P. Aughavanagh, Aughrim.—Complaining of the sharp white flint stones being placed on the road round his locality as being ruinous to tyres, and asking to have the Rathdrum whinstone substituted.

Order.—Referred to County Surveyor.

21st December, 1915. From The O'Mahony, D.L., Grange Con.—Similar letter of complaint in connection with the same roads.

Order.—Referred to County Surveyor.

October, 1915. From Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reigh and family, Glencoe, Bray.—Acknowledging the Council's resolution of sympathy.

6th December, 1915. From R. W. Butler, A.M.I.C.E., Resident Engineer on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.—Letter in which is raised the point as to who is the absolute owner of the Plant purchased for carrying out the above scheme of road improvement.

4th January, 1916. From Robert MacIlwaine, Secretary to the County Down County Council, Court House, Downpatrick.—Requesting the Council to co-operate with his Council in an attempt to have the law governing malicious injury claims in Ireland amended and brought into line with the practice prevailing in Great Britain where the property claimed for was duly insured against fire.

Order.—Adopted, with a request to our Representative to take action.

7th December, 1915. From J. T. Roche, Secretary to the Westmeath County Council, Mullingar.—Suggesting, on behalf of his Council, that the County Councils who have taken beds at Peamount, or who send patients there, should take over Peamount altogether, as it was considered that they could run it on more economical and advantageous lines.

Order.—Referred to County Insurance Committee.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

30th November, 1915. Resolution from Roscommon County Council.—Protesting against the working of the National Health Insurance Act, and requesting Parliament to repeal the Act so far as it relates to the Rural Districts of Ireland.

20th December, 1915. Resolution from Dublin County Council.—Suggesting that an All-Ireland Red Cross Sale should be held in every County in Ireland on March 2nd.

4th January, 1916. Resolution from Kerry County Council.—Protesting in the most emphatic manner against any attempt to impose Conscription in Ireland in any shape or form.

12th January, 1916. Resolution from Tipperary (S.R.) County Council.—Protesting against the action of West Sussex County Council in prohibiting the movement into that county of animals landed from Ireland since 23rd November, 1915.

27th January, 1916. Resolution from Newtownards Rural District Council.—Drawing attention to the great injustice to the Ratepayers by the damage to roads by traction engine and motor waggon traffic, the owners of which contribute little to the rates.

Order.—Read and approved.

Dunleodan
15 May 1916

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A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 p.m. o'clock on Wednesday, the 8th March, 1916.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D. Condren - Chairman.

Councillors - M. Langton, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), Wm. Costello, Patrick Donoghue, Thomas Burke, Tobias Kinsella, John Murphy, and D. J. Cogan.

Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry) was also present and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, before the Secretary.

A letter was read from Councillor J. S. Dobbs expressing regret at his inability to be present at the Meetings of the Council owing to his being engaged at Munitions work.

A telegram was received by the Chairman from Councillor J. V. Gahan, stating that a train disappointment prevented his being present at the Meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS)
ORDER, 1898.

Secretary's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
1st March, 1916.

(Urgent.)

Dear Sir—You are hereby required, by direction of Daniel Condren, Esq., J.P., Chairman, to attend a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m. o'clock, on Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1916, to consider the Opinion of the Solicitor-General on the present position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and to authorise such proceedings (if any) as may be considered advisable to safeguard the interests of the Council.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON J. DOYLE,
Secretary to the County Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, Wicklow,
3rd March, 1916.

Dear Sir—I am asked by the Chairman to send a copy of the following letter to each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Dear Sir—You are aware that at the last Meeting of the County Council they decided to obtain the Opinion of the Solicitor-General as to their liabilities in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, as a sum over and above the Guaranteed amount of One Shilling in the Pound was demanded for this half-year. The Opinion received was considered so serious by the Members of the Finance Committee, who attended on Tuesday, that they directed the Secretary to ask me to convene a Special Meeting of the County Council for Wednesday next, the 8th inst. I would, therefore, feel obliged if you would attend said Meeting, so that any action taken can be shown to represent the views of the Council as a body, and not a minority of the Council.

I am, dear sir,
Yours faithfully,
DANIEL CONDREN.

The Secretary read the following telegram, dated the 1st March, 1916, received from the Chairman:—

“County Secretary, Wicklow.
“Meeting, Wednesday, eighth, re Tramway and Finance also
“CONDREN.”

Also the following letter confirming the above telegram:

81 Lower Main Street, Arklow,
1/3/16.

Dear Mr. Doyle—I wired you this day, as requested, relative to Meeting on the 8th inst., re Blessington Tram Co., and think you should make the Notice to the Members as clear as possible to show them the necessity of having a full Meeting, as the business is so very important. I think about one o'clock a suitable hour for Meeting.

Yours truly,

DANIEL CONDREN.

Mr. S. J. Doyle, Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Further, the Secretary read the following copy of the Notice prescribed by Article 36 (10) (V.) of the application of Enactments Order of the 22nd December, 1898, which was posted up outside the Council Chamber, and published in the three local papers.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Signed,

DANIEL CONDREN,
Chairman of said Council.

Arklow,
1st day of March, 1916.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 8th March, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the chair), Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg), Daniel Condren and John Murphy.

A File of Correspondence and Counsel's Opinion, dealing with the present condition of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, were submitted, and referred by the Committee to the Council for consideration.

The County Surveyor verbally outlined the procedure which he proposed to adopt in connection with the repairs to be carried out on the roads in the vicinity of Whiterock and Tinahely, which have been damaged by extraordinary traffic, which is stated to be carried on by the Ministry of Munitions. Briefly what he stated is that he will deal with the work as a sudden damage; that he will enter into a contract with Mr. R. W. Butler, the Road Board's Engineering Inspector, for the nominal sum of One Shilling, and that the Road Board shall, with the sanction of the Ministry of Munitions, pay direct to Mr. Butler whatever sum they decide to grant for the repairs on these roads.

A letter bearing on the same subject was submitted from Mr. Butler.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the County Surveyor to have the repairs made on the basis of his report.

The County Surveyor submitted an application that he received from Mr. William Staunton, Dargle Road, Bray, asking for permission to make an opening in the newly-formed road near Bray.

Order.—Permission to be granted on a sum of £2 being lodged with the Secretary to cover the cost—if a surplus remains it is to be refunded.

The Committee recommend the Council to accede to an application made by the Secretary for authority to purchase a copy of Vanston's new edition of his book on the Local Government (Ireland) Acts.

Signed,

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

8th March, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Report of the Finance Committee be, and is hereby, adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That the Council hereby forms itself into Committee for the consideration of the correspondence affecting the present condition of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and that at the termination of the Committee's deliberations the Meeting of the Council be resumed.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a File of Documents containing the following:—

(1) Letter from the Secretary of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, dated 21st January, 1916—acknowledging the receipt of Paying Order for £282 10s. 2d.

(2) Letter from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, dated 22nd February, 1916, re case submitted to Solicitor-General.

(3) Letter from D. J. Purcell, Esq., Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, dated 23rd February, 1916—enclosing copy of Minutes of Proceedings at a Conference held at Tallaght on the 22nd February, 1916.

(4) The Resolutions referred to in the aforesaid letter from Mr. Purcell.

(5) Letter from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, dated 23rd February, 1916; copy of a letter, dated 25th February, 1916, from the Secretary to the Tramway Company; copy of a letter, dated 25th February, 1916, from W. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor to the Dublin County Council, enclosing the valuation of the guaranteeing area in the County of Dublin, from which it appeared that the said valuation amounts to £53,769; letter dated 29th February, 1916, from the Secretary to the Tramway Co. returning Paying Order for £282 10s. 2d. forwarded to him; letter from D. J. Purcell, Esq., Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, dated 6th March, 1916; letter from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, dated 8th March, 1916, enclosing copy of an Agreement made between the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company and the Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway Company, dated 24th June, 1897.

(6) The Secretary read in detail the Case which had been submitted to the Solicitor-General for his Opinion, and also the Solicitor-General's Opinion thereon, from which it appeared that the Case was one of very great difficulty, and in Counsel's opinion one upon which the County Council of Wicklow must get a decision of the Court. He considered that the proper method of testing the question was by an action in Chancery Division, making Defendants of the Company, and of the Dublin County Council, and praying for a Declaration (1) that the total liability of the Wicklow County Council is limited to the sum of One Shilling in the Pound; (2) that the declaration in the Arbitrator's Certificate, dated the 18th day of January, 1916, so far as it purports to award any liability on the County Council of Wicklow, is in excess of jurisdiction and void; (4) for an injunction to retain the defendants, and

each of them, from enforcing the said award in excess of the said sum of One Shilling in the £1.

Having carefully considered all the documents bearing on the situation, the Committee recommended the Council to institute proceedings in the manner suggested by the Solicitor-General.

This terminated the business of the Committee, and the Public Meeting of the Council was resumed.

On the resumption of the regular meeting of the Council the Secretary submitted the recommendation that had been sent forward from the Committee Meeting of the Council, whereupon the following Resolution was adopted:—

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor P. Donoghue. Resolved—That having read Senior Counsel's opinion, we direct that proceedings be instituted in accordance therewith against the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company and the County Council of the County of Dublin, and that the Seal of the Council be hereby affixed to this Resolution. Passed unanimously.

The Seal of the County Council was accordingly then affixed to the Resolution in the presence of the Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Finance Committee, with the addition of Councillors Wm. Osborne, Thomas Burke, and Patrick Donoghue, is hereby authorised to control the law proceedings now ordered to be taken re the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company, and to arrange for an interview with Representatives of the Dublin County Council and the Tramway Company with a view to seeing if any reasonable working agreement can be come to before any Order in Council is obtained, as to the future working of the Tramway, so as to secure that the conditions of Clause 10 of the Order in Council and the Deed of Agreement between the Company and the County Wicklow Grand Jury shall be observed in the future, by which the total liability of the Guaranteeing Baronies in the County Wicklow shall not exceed a sum equal to a Rate of One Shilling in the £1 on these areas.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Fidelity Bond on behalf of William J. Quinn, temporary collector for No. 15 District, is hereby approved, and we direct that the Seal of the County Council be now attached to same.

The Seal of the Council was thereupon attached to the Bond in the presence of the Chairman.

A Resolution of Sympathy with the Chairman on the occasion of the death of his sister, Mrs. Flynn, was adopted unanimously, on the motion of Councillor Wm. Costello; and with the County Surveyor on the occasion of the death of his father, on the motion of Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Daniel Condren

15th May 1916

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House Wicklow, at 12-30 p.m. on Monday, the 15th May, 1916.

*The following Members attended:—
Councillor—D. Condren—Chairman.
Councillors D. J. Cogan, Edward Byrne, John J. Reilly,
John Storey, Morgan Travers, William Byrne, William
Osborne, and Tobias Kinsella.*

Business.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural District Councils.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1917, and sign and seal the Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 9—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 10—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.
- 11—To sign applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act.
- 12—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 13—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Thos. Burke:—
"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or someone for me, will move, at the May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, a Resolution adopting Bye-Laws for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and in County Dublin."
- 14—To consider, and adopt, a Scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act, 1915.
- 15—To fix dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Rural District Councils, and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year.
- 16—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 17—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 18—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 19—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meetings were confirmed and signed.
Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Murphy and the other relatives of the late Mr. John Murphy in their sad bereavement, and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Murphy and our esteemed colleague, Mr. Morgan Travers." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor Daniel Condren, in the chair; Councillors John J. Reilly and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

As directed by the Finance Committee at their Meeting on the 14th February, 1916, the Secretary reported on the application of the Contractors for the erection of the new Technical Schools at Arklow, as follows:—

ARKLOW TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—In accordance with your direction, I communicated with Messrs. O'Toole, the Contractors for the erection of the Technical School at Arklow, and called upon them to submit documentary evidence in support of their application for an advance on their Contract Price, owing to the increase in wages and in the cost of building materials consequent upon the War.

On Saturday last they attended at your Offices and submitted to me an estimate of the increased outlay which they state was imposed upon them by these causes. They also produced Price Lists showing the cost of various materials at the time they prepared their Tender, and other Lists showing the cost of identical materials at dates roughly corresponding to the time at which the building would be reaching completion. Further, they supplied certificates from the different Trades Organisations certifying as to the advances that had taken place in the rates of pay received by tradesmen in Arklow during the same period. To deal satisfactorily with this mass of detail one would require practical and Technical knowledge of the building trades. To the possession of such knowledge I lay no claim. I have, however, carefully examined the documents submitted, and have, with the qualification mentioned, arrived at certain general conclusions, which I hope may assist you in dealing with the Contractors' application.

The accepted Tender sent in by Messrs. O'Toole amounted to £2,327 14s. 0d. According to the Architect's Report there were provisional sums deducted amounting to £370, and a further deduction of £10 16s. 0d. for items left out with the approval of the Architect, which would give a total (less deductions) of £1,946 18s. 0d. To this was added for additional works, approved by the Architect, £122 12s. 3d., which, in the words of the Architect's Report, produce "the gross amount of the work done by Messrs. O'Toole," namely, £2,069 10s. 3d. The Architect thinks that upon this amount the Contractors are entitled to your consideration. But the Contractors would appear to claim consideration on the full amount of the original contract, £2,327 14s. 0d., or on a sum of £258 3s. 9d. in excess of that mentioned by the Architect. For my purpose I will assume that the Architect's figure is correct.

The increase in cost which they allege was thrown upon them, and which the Contractors apply for, amounts to a total sum of £518 16s. 4d. This figure they arrive at under nine distinct headings, as follows:—

	£	s	d
1. General conditions, preliminary items and drains.	21	14	2
2. Concrete, brick-work, etc.	249	8	0
3. Cut Stone	10	16	5
4. Carpenter and Joiner, timber, time	127	2	7
5. Slater and vulcanite roofs, plumber, smith and foundry, and hot water	27	19	5
6. Plasterer	41	3	8
7. Glazier and Painter	7	3	4
8. Compo (alternative)	25	18	4
9. Party Wall	7	10	5

Total increase claimed ... 518 16 4

This increase, which they seek on the amount of the original Tender, £2,327 14s. 0d., works out at just 22½ per cent. The documents from the wholesale houses, and from other quarters, inspected would lead me to conclude that the cost of building operations for the period commencing May, 1914, and ending September, 1915, had advanced 22½ per cent. by the latter date. But that is not the question I had to consider. The War did not commence until August, 1914, about three months after the Tender was accepted. Besides, I believe it could not be successfully maintained that the cost of building materials, etc., immediately after the declaration of War increased to the extent of 22½ per cent. or to anything approaching this percentage. This is, in my opinion, the weak spot in the Contractors' case. I assume that the advance in prices was gradual and progressive, and that the work of construction was regular and continuous. Bearing these conditions in mind, the figure representing an equitable claim would be the gross increased outlay on the entire job, or the mean increase per cent. I have been unable to obtain either of these figures, but I have, as hereunder indicated, endeavoured to approximate the latter, which I believe to be 12½ per cent.

I arrived at this percentage in the following manner. I assumed that the work was continuous at about uniform pace throughout, and that the purchasing value of £100 was changing, approximately, from month to month at the rate of 2½ per cent., until it reached, about the time the building was nearing completion, 22½ per cent., the percentage upon which the Contractors base their claim.

To meet these conditions I made the following formula:—

Stage of advance.	Original Contract Price.			Advanced Price for each stage.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
1st	100	0	0	102	10	0
2nd	100	0	0	105	0	0
3rd	100	0	0	107	10	0
4th	100	0	0	110	0	0
5th	100	0	0	112	10	0
6th	100	0	0	115	0	0
7th	100	0	0	117	10	0
8th	100	0	0	120	0	0
9th	100	0	0	122	10	0
	900	0	0	1012	10	0

From this we see that it would require £1,012 10s. 0d.—on this progressive basis of increase—to accomplish what £900 could accomplish at the commencement of the Contract, or a mean increase of 12½ per cent. Now, taking the Architect's figure of £2,069 10s. 3d. as the amount upon which, in his opinion, the Contractors are entitled to consideration, and calculating thereon an increase of 12½ per cent. (arrived at in the manner indicated), the resultant amount is £258.

The Architect places the extra increase or charge at 10 per cent., or £206. S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

Wicklow, 27th March, 1916.

Order.—The Finance Committee adopt the Report of their Secretary, and recommend the payment of £258 to the Contractors, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board; and, further, subject to the condition that the Local Government Board will recommend this sum to be paid out of the unexpended balance of the loan of £3,000 originally adopted for the erection of Technical Schools in Arklow and Baltinglass.

The Committee considered a letter from the Statutory Committee of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, established under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915, in which the County Council was asked to prepare a Scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Act.

Order.—The Secretary and Chairman of the Committee to prepare a Draft Scheme.

An application was made for a New Typewriter for the Secretary's Office, the present one being out of order from time to time, having been in constant use for the past thirteen years.

The Committee directed that a new one be procured.

The County Surveyor recommended that the Council Chamber be heated by the Radiators already in the possession of the Council, and which had been removed from the Secretary's Offices, at an estimated cost of £2 17s. 6d.

This recommendation was approved by the Committee.

Signed,

D. CONDREN (in the chair).

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved.—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 25th inst., when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors D. Condren, P. J. Carey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), and John J. Reilly.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County at Large				4714	13	7
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	857	8	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	43	1	0	900	9	9
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	304	15	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	25	9	8	330	4	11
Rathdown No. 2						
District proposals	413	15	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	121	5	4	540	0	10
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1609	0	5			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1019	17	9	2628	18	2
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	536	3	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	296	1	0	832	4	0
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				55	17	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				56	19	0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)				867	8	1

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass	971	10	0
Naas	279	10	0
Rathdown	1053	0	0
Rathdrum	2875	0	0
Shillelagh	995	0	0
Total	6174	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	116	0	0
Naas No. 2			
Rathdown No. 2	131	10	0
Rathdrum	728	0	0
Shillelagh	6	5	0
Total	981	15	0

The Committee recommended the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several Rate Collectors, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

	£	s	d
1. Joseph Doyle	9	10	11
2. Richard Geoghegan	1	6	1
3. Richard Lynch	12	1	5
4. William Burke	4	1	6
5. Michael Kelly	0	16	1
6. Michael McGrath	8	14	3
8. Patrick Mulligan	9	3	4
9. Joseph Keane	10	10	2
10. John Murphy	5	0	8
11. John Kelly	4	4	7
12. Wm. J. Cardiff	2	0	6
13. Wm. J. Quinn	1	5	0
14. James Byrne	25	16	11
15. Wm. J. Quinn	11	18	3
16. Peter P. Doyle	5	11	2
17. Charles Byrne	2	15	1
18. Thomas Fleming	1	10	1
19. Terence Byrne			

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
18th April, 1916.

Re Stone Traffic on the Roads from Whiterock to Tinahely, Aughrim and Arklow, Proposals Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—As you are aware from previous Reports, there is extraordinary traffic on the above roads, caused by the haulage of white rock from White-rock Quarry, near Tinahely. This material is understood to be a necessary material for the production of War Munitions.

Applications were made to the Road Board and the Ministry of Munitions for assistance in the repairing of the damages caused to the roads by this traffic.

The Road Board caused the damages to be inspected and an estimate prepared. They intimated to me, through their Inspecting Engineer, that, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Munitions, they were prepared to carry out the work, and at your Meeting on 8th ult. provisional arrangements were made as to the method, etc., to be adopted to enable the work to be carried out. As the roads were badly in need of repair, I considered it necessary to urge the Road Board to press for the consent of the Ministry of Munitions, and on the 7th inst. I received a letter from the Road Board stating as follows:—

“With further reference to your letter of 23rd ult., I have to inform you that the Road Board are advised by the Ministry of Munitions that Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., state that the roads in question are not used by them in connection with work at their factory.

"Under the circumstances I assume your Council will take steps to ascertain the party by, or in consequence of, whose order the extraordinary traffic complained of is put upon the roads, and take such action as the circumstances of the case may warrant."

On receipt of this communication I immediately wrote to Captain Donelan, M.P., explaining the case, and asking him to see his way to cause certain enquiries to be made. Captain Donelan was kind enough to interest himself and is causing these enquiries to be made.

I have sought such information as I could, and from what has come to my knowledge I consider the best course would be to place the matter in the hands of your Solicitor, with instructions for him—(1) To advise the procedure to be adopted under the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911; (2) to advise what action should be taken, and against whom such action should be taken, to protect the County against loss.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Referred to Solicitor to immediately take what steps he deems most desirable to secure that the party responsible shall be made amenable, whether it is a Public Department or a private individual, and to make full inquiries and investigations, but no action against any party is to be taken until he first reports to the Committee by 15th May, 1916.

The Committee proceeded to consider and formulate a Scheme covering the County University Scholarships for the year 1915-16, and approve of the same, as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1916.

The Wicklow County Council offers for competition at the Special Examination to be conducted by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, on 4th July, 1916, and following days—

- 3 Scholarships of £50 per annum each, for three years, and
- 1 Bursary of £25 per annum, for three years, tenable at the National University College, Dublin, only, and subject to the following conditions:—

- Candidates who shall not be more than twenty-one years of age on the first day of the Special Examination, must be the children of parents—
 - Who have resided in the County of Wicklow for five years previous to the date of the Examination.
 - Whose average yearly income the County Scholarship Committee is satisfied does not exceed £300.
- The Students gaining the highest number of marks in the Examination shall be granted the Scholarships, but a preference will be given to Students taking a Course in Agricultural Science.
- The Student coming next in order of merit at the Examination shall obtain the Bursary.
- The Students must reside in a Collegiate Hostel, when possible, or other place of residence, approved by the Deans of Residence and by the Committee.
- The cost of the maintenance of each student is estimated at £31 per Session of 31 weeks, and the Fees for the University Course of each student will amount, approximately, to £10. The balance of each Scholarship, £8 or £9, shall be available for travelling or other expenses, £5 of which will be advanced, through the Bursar, at the beginning of each Session, to the Student.
- The County Council will pay over 50 per cent. of the Scholarship in August of each year to the Bursar of the University, and the remaining 50 per cent. in the following February, to be disbursed by him as provided in the foregoing paragraph.
- The cost of the University Special Examination will be paid independently by the County Council direct to the University Authorities, on receipt of the Account for same.

The Examination Papers will be of Honours Standard. Candidates will be required to answer on five subjects as at Matriculation, and as a minimum qualification for award of a Scholarship a Candidate must obtain Honours in three subjects.

Candidates to whom Scholarships have been awarded as the result of the Special Scholarship Examination must, in addition, comply with the University Regulations by passing the usual Matriculation Examination, failing which the grant of Scholarship will lapse, and will be awarded to the candidate next in order of merit at the Special Examination, and who Matriculates.

Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second and Third Year shall be made by each scholar, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second Year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce a Certificate that he has passed the First University Examination, and also a Certificate from the College, or the duly authorised Officer thereof, of satisfactory conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year, and no payments will be made in respect of the Third Year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce such a Certificate of satisfactory conduct in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.

Any Scholarship in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, of which notice will be sent to each scholar, or in respect of which the Certificate or Certificates, hereinbefore set out, shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

Applications from intending Candidates will be received by the Secretary of the County Council, at his Office, Court House, Wicklow, up to the 1st June in each year, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained, which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Magistrate. These documents, when properly completed, will be submitted to the County Scholarship Committee, and if the application is approved by them, the Secretary will give a card entitling each approved candidate to sit for the Special Examination.

25th April, 1916.
D. CONDREN, Chairman, Wicklow County Council,
S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

The Secretary read the following letter:—
Court House, Wicklow,
22nd April, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—So far back as the 2nd October, 1914, in pursuance of a circular letter from the Local Government Board, a meeting, convened by authority of the Chairman of the County Council, was held in the Court House here for the purpose of establishing a County Distress Committee. The chief duties of this Committee were to co-ordinate relief agencies throughout the County, and, in order to prevent overlapping, to promote co-operation between such agencies and the Poor Law Authorities. There were other functions, such as the preparation of a County Register of all persons in receipt of assistance from the Rates, or from other sources, such as the Prince of Wales's Fund.

At the first Meeting I was appointed Secretary to the Committee, subject to the consent of the County Council, which was unanimously accorded at its next meeting.

The Secretarial work soon became very considerable, and, in order to cope with it, in conjunction with my ordinary official work, I was obliged to ask Mr. Healy to assist me in typing the correspondence, which had become voluminous. I arranged to pay him half whatever sum I might be allowed for the discharge of the duties.

In addition to preparing a Register of persons in receipt of assistance from the different Boards of Guardians, and from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, together with obtaining the necessary data for this purpose, I organised twenty-three Sub-Committees. Through these, subsequently, I was enabled, last Christmas, to distribute a number of Canadian cheese, presented to the destitute, and also a quantity of Presents from the United States for the children of soldiers and sailors serving with the colours.

The main portion of my work, however, consisted in obtaining monetary assistance, through the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, for the dependants of men in the services, this body having been charged with the responsibility of looking after such persons. On the whole I find, from the special Postage Book kept for the Committee, that I have issued close on nine hundred separate communications dealing with the Committee's business, and received and dealt with the same number.

At the outset of this business the Local Government Board pointed out that it was of primary importance that each County Distress Committee should be equipped with a competent staff, and, to this end, suggested that it was desirable that the services of persons experienced in official work should be secured. They added that they would assent to the expenses being paid out of the Rates.

As I have done a very considerable amount of work for this Committee during the past year and a half I would respectfully ask the Finance Committee to recommend the County Council to allow me some reasonable remuneration for my services.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the payment of £20 to cover the services mentioned in the Secretary's letter.

An application was submitted from Mr. Patrick Short, the Clerk engaged in the Office of the Resident Engineer, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy asking the Council to recommend the Road Board to increase his salary, consequent upon the great increase in the cost of provisions resulting from the War.

Order.—Application recommended to the favourable consideration of the Road Board.

The following letter from Collector Wm. J. Quinn, with reference to the Collection of No. 15 Collecting District, was read:—

Sporting Lodge Avoca,
18th April, 1916.

Dear Sir—I beg to advise you that I have this day closed the Collection in No. 15 District. In order to do so I had to lodge out of my own pocket, in addition to the Irrecoverable Rates, a sum of about £25, which I have been unable to collect up to the present, although I used every effort to recover it. I may mention also that I have had an awful amount of trouble with this Collection, a lot more than I had anticipated. The Books were in a very unsatisfactory condition, not having been fully revised for years past, and this added to my trouble. As I don't know how much of the sum lodged out of pocket may ultimately be recovered, I am in an awkward position, and may lose money over the transaction, which I undertook in order to assist the Council out of a difficult position, in which I may say I spared no pains or labour to try to accomplish.

Under all the circumstances I would respectfully ask the Council to appoint me Collector of this District for the ensuing year, so that I may have an opportunity of collecting the money due me, and to assist in compensating me for all the trouble I have already had with this Collection, and I will fully revise the Books and leave them in proper order.

Your obedient servant,
W. J. QUINN.

The Committee recommend the Council to approve of the application and to appoint Mr. Quinn for the ensuing year (1916-17) only.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:—

Letter from R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer, dated 10th April, 1916, enclosing copy of a Report from his Foreman in connection with a collision between a Motor Car and one of the Council's Motor Lorries, near the corner of Killoughter Road.

Letter from A. Duff, Private Secretary to Major Loftus Bryan, Kilgibbon House, Enniscorthy, dated 20th April, 1916, claiming £5 damage to a motor car on the occasion mentioned above.

Letter from R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer, dated 17th April, 1916, reporting particulars of an accident to an employee under the Road Improvement Scheme, named Robert Doyle.

The Secretary mentioned that he had been in communication with the Insurance Brokers in connection with both these cases.

Order.—Noted.

The Secretary submitted a Memorial presented to the Rathdrum Rural District Council on the 25th October, 1915, by a number of Road Contractors in that district, asking favourable consideration, having regard to the difficulties with which they were confronted owing to the great increase in the rate of wages which they were obliged to pay to their employees, and also because of the advance in the cost of road material. He also submitted a Resolution adopted by the Rural District Council, in which that body approved of the request of the Contractors.

These documents had been referred by the County Council to the Finance Committee for their consideration, and the Finance Committee, when considering the subject on the 25th January, 1916, directed that, before they could take any action in connection with the matter, they would require a Report on the situation from the County Surveyor. Accordingly the County Surveyor now reported as follows:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
18th April, 1916.

Proposal Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

Re Road Contracts taken before War.

In accordance with your instructions, I beg to report that I do not see any means by which the Council could pay any extra amounts on these Contracts. Nevertheless I consider that it would be most injudicious to enforce the Contracts in full, having regard to the peculiar circumstances prevailing in the County.

I estimate that labour and horse hire has increased by about 25 per cent., and the cost of road metal at Arklow by about 30 per cent.

Recent Contracts, based on these increased prices, were 'cut' by the Contractors by from 7 1/2 per cent. to 15 per cent.

I suggest that it would be expedient to concede to the Contractors bound to supply metal from Arklow and Ballece Quarries a reduction in the specified amount of material of 30 per cent., and in the case of roads where ordinary metal is specified a reduction of 20 per cent.

These reductions should only apply to the quantities to be produced on or before 20th September next.

I make these suggestions altogether on the lines of expediency, as I do not regard reduced metal supply as beneficial to the roads; however, probably owing to the increased Motor Taxes, etc., there may be less of this traffic during the next year.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

The Committee recommend the Council to give authority to the County Surveyor to deal with the Contractors in the manner mentioned in his Report

in the Rate Books, and sign and seal the Rate Books for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917, be now signed and sealed; the Warrants not to issue until the several Collectors' Bonds are duly lodged with the Secretary." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That we hereby authorise the Secretary to the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books, etc., of the Collectors of the Poor Rate." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—"That we now duly sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £1,177 1s. 6d., determined to be demanded for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1917." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—"That we now duly Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray, for the amount of £3,301 15s. 9d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—"That we now duly Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £1,013 7s. 7d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—"That we now Sign and Seal the two applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts." Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Wicklow County Council, Quarterly Meeting, 15th May, 1916.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th day of May, 1916.

GENTLEMEN—

During the past Quarter the Contractors were fairly attentive to their work, and, with the exception of those roads subject to timber and other heavy traffic, most of the roads do not appear to have suffered from the very severe weather conditions.

The haulage of timber is greatly on the increase, and wherever this occurs the roads suffer. The most noticeable cases are the roads through Deputy's Pass, from Ballycullen Hill to Ashford, and portion of the roads from Glenealy to Wicklow.

The damage being done to the roads from Whiterock to Tinahely by stone traffic is severe, and it will not be possible to carry out permanent repairs to this line of road until the traffic ceases.

The damage done on the road from Tinahely to Woodenbridge, via Aughrim, is being dealt with, but owing to labour and other difficulties the progress is not satisfactory.

There was practically no competition for Contracts at the adjourned Quarterly Meetings in Rathdrum and Shillelagh, and most of the works up for tender were not taken.

I recommend that these roads and works be given in my charge for such periods as you may think proper. Generally speaking, this is not a satisfactory way of dealing with roads not tendered for, but until the County returns to normal conditions, such as existed before the war, it will be the most expedient course. I do not consider the present a suitable time to adopt a direct labour scheme, as labour is scarce and the labour market unsettled.

In Baltinglass No. 1 and in Rathdrum some of the Contracts taken, which I will point out to you, were informal. The best course would be to refer these Contracts back to the R. D. Councils and place the roads in my charge for three months.

I annex certificates required by the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911, relating to the traffic on the roads damaged by timber and stone traffic.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th May, 1916.

PUBLIC ROADS (IRELAND) ACT, 1911.

I certify that, having regard to the average expense of maintaining the roads from Whiterock to Tinahely, and thence via Killaveney Bridge, Kilpipe, Aughrim, Coates' Bridge, to Woodenbridge, extraordinary expenses have become necessary for the purpose of repairing these roads by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same, and by extraordinary traffic thereon.

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor,
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th May, 1916.

PUBLIC ROADS (IRELAND) ACT, 1911.

I certify that, having regard to the average expense of maintaining the road from Drumdangan three roads (South of Railway Bridge) to Carrigmore three roads, extraordinary expenses have become necessary for the purpose of repairing this road by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same, and by extraordinary traffic thereon.

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor,
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th May, 1916.

PUBLIC ROADS (IRELAND) ACT, 1911.

I certify that, having regard to the average expense of maintaining the road from the Crossroads at Ballycullen to the three roads at the Giant's Grave, extraordinary expenses having become necessary for the purpose of repairing this road by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same, and by extraordinary traffic thereon.

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor,
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
13th May, 1916.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting, 15th May, 1916.

Gentlemen—The Contractor for road—Rathdrum R. District—entered into Winter, 1913, Index 135, Reg. 284, 743 perches, Aughrim to Woodenbridge, between three roads at Aughrim Railway Bridge and three roads at Ballycoog Steps, having neglected to fulfil his contract, I was compelled to enter on the road.

I now recommend that this Contract be cancelled, and the road placed in my charge until 30th June next. Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Solicitor be directed to investigate as to parties liable for the 'extraordinary expenses' in connection with roads from Drumdangan three roads (South of Railway Bridge) to Carrigmore three roads; and the road from the Crossroads at Ballycullen to the three roads at the Giant's Grave, and report on same to next Meeting of Finance Committee." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Secretary and the County Surveyor draw up a Scheme to meet the wishes of this Council in the matter of Contracts where it is desirable to have whinstone employed, so as to enable the County Surveyor to purchase the material direct from the Quarry, and also enable the Council to enter into a Contract for the spreading of the metal and the cleaning up of the roads, etc.; and that these Officers approach the Local Government Board with a view to obtaining their sanction to such a scheme." Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th May, 1916.

Chairman and Members, County Council, Wicklow.
Gentlemen—I should be obliged if you could accord me 30 days' leave of absence, Ten Days to be taken at the end of this month and the balance as found compatible with the County work—before and after the August Quarterly Meeting.

It will be well to authorise and direct the Assistant Surveyors to attend to any urgent matters occurring during my absence.

The County Secretary to be notified by me of the dates on which I will be on leave.
Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Leave granted.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That this Council hereby grant a Licence to John Kilmartin, of Rathdangan, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, subject to a satisfactory Report from the Police Authorities as to the suitability of his premises." Passed.

In the absence of Councillor Thomas Burke, consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was postponed:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or someone for me, will move, at the May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, a Resolution adopting Bye-Laws for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and in County Dublin."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—"That the following dates be fixed for the Meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals and Finance Committee, and of the County Council, for the year 1916-1917:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter, 1916.	Autumn Quarter, 1916.	Winter Quarter, 1917.	Spring Quarter, 1917.
RATHDOWN No. 2 Courthouse, Enniskerry	11-30	Mon. July 3	Mon. Oct. 9	Mon. Jan. 8	Mon. April 2
RATHDRUM Courthouse, Rathdrum.	12-15	Mon. " 17	Mon. " 23	Mon. " 22	Mon. " 16 th
BALTINGLASS No. 1 Courthouse, Baltinglass	12-30	Mon. " 10	Mon. " 16	Mon. " 15	Mon. " 2
NAAS No. 2 Courthouse, Blessington	1-45	Tues. " 11	Tues. " 10	Tues. " 16	Tues. " 10
SHILLELAGH Courthouse, Shillelagh	1	Fri. " 14	Fri. " 20	Fri. " 19	Fri. " 13
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Courthouse, Wicklow.	2	Tues. " 25	Tues. " 31	Tues. " 30	Tues. " 24
COUNTY COUNCIL Courthouse, Wicklow.	12-30	Mon. Aug. 14	Mon. Nov. 20	Mon. Feb. 19	Mon. May 14

Passed.

An application was submitted from H. Morell, Esq., County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow, dated 10th May, 1916—asking the Council to consider and sanction the appointment of Sergeant Michael McCabe, R.I.C., as an Inspector of Food and Drugs in the Petty Sessions District of Blessington.

Order.—Appointment approved.

A letter was submitted, dated 11th May, 1916, from the Clerk of Rathdown Union, Loughlinstown, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Guardians of that Union, asking the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board to issue an Order authorising the Guardians of Rathdown Union, subject to prescribed conditions, to administer relief out of the Workhouse for the next two months to poor persons of any description resident in the County Wicklow portion of the Union, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Order.—Sufficient evidence is not supplied to the Council of exceptional distress.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
28th February, 1916.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31st December, 1915.

92 Articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter	24
Milk	15
Whiskey	15
Margarine	9
Flour	5
Cheese	4
Lard	3
Buttermilk	3
Drugs	3
Rum	2
Rice	2
Pepper	1
Cocoa	1
Mustard	1
Indian Meal	1
Vinegar	1
Soup Powder	1
Cornflour	1
Total	92

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Slaton, Bray, for specimen of butter-milk adulterated with at least 70 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union fifteen drugs, two specimens of milk, and one of butter were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of milk were of rich quality. The specimen of butter was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

Five specimens of water analysed for the Urban Council, Arklow, had the following compositions:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5.
Total Solid Matter including	73.500	34.300	61.600	30.100	12.600
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.010	0.005	0.006	0.0075	0.0045
Saline Ammonia	0.001	0.0005	0.001	0.0005	0.0005
Nitric Acid	4.750	3.250	10.200	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	14.090	4.180	7.380	2.180	1.590
Colour	very light yellow.	very light yellow.	light yellow	yellow.	Almost colourless

All good waters.

One specimen of Indian Meal was analysed for Dr. Wentworth Taylor, Rathdrum.

One specimen of milk analysed for Mrs. O. G. King, Bray, was of rich quality.

A butter-like substance analysed for Miss Duggan, Bray, was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

Two fertilizers were analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twelve drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water had the following composition:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains—

Total solid matter, including	38.500
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.014
Saline Ammonia	0.004
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	2.480
Colour	light yellow.

A tolerably good water.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total Analyses—148.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

An application, dated 12th May, 1916, was submitted from Mr. Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 Collecting District—asking to have his Poundage Fees fixed at Sixpence in the £.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Reilly:—
"I hereby give Notice of Motion that, at the next Meeting of this Council, I will move that Collector Joseph Keane be paid a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the £."

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions, on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That while we strongly condemn the insane action of the men who were responsible for the recent revolt in Dublin and some parts of the country, we are convinced that justice would have been satisfied had these men been tried by the Constitutional Tribunals of this country, as they were entitled to have been tried, and we call for a full and complete inquiry into those Military executions, wholesale condemnation and imprisonment without trial—under what is called Martial Law—of large numbers of men; and as it is abundantly clear to all impartial and cool-headed men that no excuse or reason any longer exists for the continuance of this condition of things, we demand the immediate restoration of our constitutional rights and law: we, therefore, appeal to the Prime Minister, before his return to London, to restore the Constitution to its normal state; that copies be sent to the Prime Minister, John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P.; John Dillon, Esq., M.P., and our County Members." Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 8,749/1916. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th February, 1916.—Scaled Order confirming the suspension of Mr. Patrick Short from the Poor Rate Collectorship of No. 15 Collecting District.

No. 5,660/1916. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st March, 1916.—Intimating that the amount which will be deducted in respect of Land Purchase liability from the Estate or Death Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of the month is a sum of £194 0s. 0d.

No. 12,519/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th March, 1916.—Approving of Bond submitted by Mr. William J. Quinn, the temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District.

No. 11,336/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th March, 1916.—Stating that the Board have given instructions for the preparation of an Order extending the limit of Road Expenditure in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District to £2,800 for the year ending the 31st March, 1917, and adding that the Council's proposal to have the limit of expenditure extended to £3,100, so as to allow of a new road being constructed, does not appear to be opportune.

No. G1294/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th March, 1916.—Stating that five samples of Butter taken up in Arklow on the 12th ultimo, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were certified by the County Analyst to be pure.

No. G1345/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th April, 1916.—Stating that four samples of Butter taken up in Bray on the 14th ultimo, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were certified by the County Analyst to be pure.

The Irish Land Commission, Dublin, 24th February, 1916.—Transmitting Lists showing the amounts and the names and addresses of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County against whom legal proceedings have been directed for the recovery of the instalments due on the 1st November and 1st December last in respect of advances made under the Acts of 1891-6 and 1903-9, respectively.

2nd March, 1916. From John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, London—Acknowledging the receipt of the Council's Resolution with reference to the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order.

14th March, 1916. From Captain A. Dovelan, M.P., Ballynona, Middleton, Co. Cork.—Enclosing a letter received by him from the Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture in connection with the Resolution passed by the Council in reference to the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order.

6th April, 1916. From J. W. Barrett, Clerk to the Arklow Urban District Council—Enclosing correspondence which has passed between his Council and the Road Board with reference to this Council's application for a Grant from the Roads Development Fund of £200,000, to be expended in improving the Streets of Arklow.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—"That the County Council hereby apply to the Road Board for a Grant under the provision of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, for the improvement of the roads and streets of Arklow under the circumstances stated in the application of Arklow Urban Council." Passed.

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Tinnakilly, Aughrim,
Wicklow, 25th February, 1916.

S. J. Doyle, Esq., County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—I beg to thank you most sincerely, and through you the County Council of Wicklow, for the very gracious vote of condolence passed at their last meeting to Mrs. Byrne and myself in the death of our dear friend and companion, the late Miss Ellen Doyle.

I beg to offer special thanks to Councillors Wm. Byrne and P. J. Carey for their kind thoughtfulness.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

JAMES BYRNE.

16th March, 1916. From the Hon. Secretaries, Irish Financial Relations Committee, Mansion House, Dublin—Enclosing copies of Resolutions recently passed in relation to the over-taxation of Ireland, and asking for an expression of opinion from the Council.

Order.—Read.

23rd March, 1916. From The Secretary, Tyrone County Council—Enclosing copy of a Resolution of his Council in favour of the Amalgamation of Workhouses, together with a Draft Report of a Committee of his Council on the subject.

Order.—Read.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

11th March, 1916. From the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin—Resolution protesting against the enormous increase in Irish Taxation.

28th March, 1916. From the County Council of King's County—Resolution calling on the Board of Trade to take steps to have the Steamboat Service between Liverpool and Dublin restored to its normal state, in the interests of the Agriculturists of the Province of Leinster.

Order.—Approved.

5th April, 1916. From the Borough Council of Waterford—Resolution calling on the Treasury Commissioners to grant an increase in the salaries of the Irish National Teachers, and to substitute monthly payments for the present system.

7th April, 1916. From Wexford County Council—Resolution appealing to the Government and to the Treasury to add to the present salaries of the National School Teachers a substantial increase, and a second resolution with reference to the effect that may be produced on the cost of Schools Books and Stationery to Irish Parents consequent upon the Board of Trade restrictions regarding the importation of paper.

Order.—Read.

29th April, 1916. From the New Ross Board of Guardians—Resolution condemning in the strongest possible manner the disturbances caused in Ireland by the Sinn Fein Organization and Citizens' Army, and, as a Nationalist Board, entirely disassociating themselves from such disgraceful and unworthy scenes.

Order.—Read.

5th May, 1916. From Tullamore Urban District Council—Resolution recording that Council's condemnation of the recent deplorable outbreak in Dublin, and calling upon all Nationalist Irishmen to support Mr. John Redmond's Constitutional Policy.

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The Annual Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House Wicklow, at 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the 8th June, 1916.

The following Members were present:—
 Councillor—D. Condren—Chairman
 Councillors—Martin Langton; Edward Byrne; Joseph Dunne; James Byrne (Ballinderry); Thomas Burke; William Costello; Tobias Kinsella; John J. Reilly; D. J. Cogan; and John Storey.

Business.

- 1—The chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2—To elect a Chairman.
- 3—To elect Vice-Chairman.
- 4—To recommend revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 5—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Thomas Burke:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or someone for me, will move, at the May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, a Resolution adopting Bye-Laws for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and in County Dublin."
- 6—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J. Reilly:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that, at the next Meeting of this Council, I will move that Collector Joseph Keane be paid a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the £."
- 7—To consider an important letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction on the question of the compulsory appointment of Inspectors to enforce the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping Orders, and to make an Order thereon.
- 8—To consider, and adopt, a Scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915.
- 9—To consider and take action upon a Report of the County Surveyor, recommending proceedings to be taken against certain parties responsible for extraordinary traffic on the following roads:—(1) the roads through Deputy's Pass, from Ballycullen Hill to Ashford; and (2) portion of the roads from Glenealy to Wicklow.
- 10—To fill such vacancies as exist on the various Committees to which the County Council send representatives.
- 11—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 12—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 13—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 14—To consider General Correspondence.

The chair having been taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Daniel Condren, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That Councillor Daniel Condren be, and is hereby, elected Chairman of this County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That Councillor William Byrne, of Coolbeg, be, and is hereby, elected Vice-Chairman of this County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 30th May, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg), James Byrne (Tinnakilly), and P. J. Carey.

The Committee had before them a letter from the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, dated 12th May, 1916, urging upon the County Council the advisability of putting into operation in this County the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order, 1915, failing which the Department would be obliged to put in force their reserve powers.

Order.—The Secretary to consult with the Secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture in regard to the carrying out of the recommendation of that Committee, who had decided to instruct their Secretary to communicate with the County Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary, enquiring what arrangements, if any, had been made by the Police Authorities with a view to giving the Secretary assistance in the carrying out and supervision of Sheep Dipping operations.

The County Surveyor's Report, and correspondence, referred to the Finance Committee by the Council, and dealing with the following two roads, was submitted, viz.—(1) The road through Deputy's Pass, from Ballycullen Hill to Ashford; and (2) portion of the road from Glenealy to Wicklow.

Order.—The County Surveyor to furnish the Secretary with the names of the parties responsible for the excessive traffic. Further action postponed to the next Meeting of the Committee.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS, ETC., ACT, 1915.

Correspondence between the Secretary and the Statutory Committee, with reference to amendments suggested in Draft Scheme, was submitted; also letters from the Secretary to Irish County Councils' General Council on the same subject.

Order.—The Chairman and Secretary to further consider the Scheme, with a view to making further amendments, and to report to next Meeting, if possible.

(Signed), D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

31st May, 1916.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 8th June, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors D. Condren and J. J. Reilly.

Eight applications were received from Candidates for the University Scholarships offered by the County Council for the year 1916-1917.

After considering the several Certificates and Declarations submitted to them, the Committee approved of the applications of the following:—

1. Thomas McDonald, Chapel View, Baltinglass.
2. John Patrick Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.
3. Joseph Thomas Byrne, Bridge Street, Wicklow.
4. Margaret Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow.
5. Nicholas J. Lawler, Dunlavin.
6. John Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.
7. Patrick Joseph Murphy, Kilmurry Delgany.
8. Augustus Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.

And recommend the Council to approve of their admission to the Special Examination for County Council Scholarships, to be held on July 4th, 1916, and following days, in University College, Dublin. *W.F.B.*

Reports were submitted by J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, and the County Surveyor as to the persons liable for the extraordinary damage caused to the following roads:—(1) The road through Deputy's Pass, from Ballycullen Hill to Ashford; and (2) portion of the road from Glenealy to Wicklow.

Order.—These parties referred to in the Reports to be communicated with by the Secretary and County Surveyor with a view to making a composition for the amount due by extra damage, under the Act of 1911. Similar procedure to be adopted in every case arising in future.

Correspondence was submitted between the Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture, the County Inspector, R.I.C., and the Department of Agriculture—relative to the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order, 1915.

Order.—In reply to the County Inspector's letter, the Committee recommend that he be asked to make arrangements for the Officer in charge of each Police Sub-District in this County to keep for reference a copy of the Census Return of the Owners of Sheep within his district, as furnished annually to the Department by the Police, in order that when the time arrives that these same owners send in their Notices of having dipped their sheep during the Sheep Dipping periods, he may be in a position to check the numbers so given with the numbers which appear opposite the name of each Owner as furnished to the Department. The Committee are of opinion that if this is done the Police can then ascertain the names of the owners who have failed to dip, or who have failed to make Returns of having dipped their sheep, and legal proceedings should be immediately instituted against every sheep-owner who commits an offence against the Sheep Dipping Orders. Also that the Police be asked to visit the Sheep Dipping Stations during the Dipping Periods.

Correspondence was submitted from Mr. Richard Wake, Architect for the building of Arklow Technical Schools—relative to the proposed bonus to the Contractors who erected the School, Messrs. T. and J. O'Toole.

Order.—The Secretary to communicate with Mr. Wake, and to request him to send his application to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

The Draft Scheme under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, of 1915, as submitted, was approved, and recommended to the Council for adoption; the Secretary to communicate with the Statutory Committee requesting that the present procedure with regard to Separation Allowances be continued until the 1st October, 1916.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

8th June, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Reports Nos. 1 and 2 be, and they are hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations necessary in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and request the Commissioners of Valuation to have the Lists revised accordingly. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor Martin Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Fidelity Bond submitted by Mr. William J. Quinn, the temporary Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, and we direct that the Council's Seal be now affixed to the Bond. Passed.

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, and seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly, that Bye-Laws be adopted for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and in the County of Dublin. *W.F.B.*

Councillor D. J. Cogan proposed, as an amendment, that the question of drafting Bye-Laws be submitted to the Finance Committee for Report at next Meeting of the Council. The Amendment was seconded by Councillor Martin Langton and adopted.

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly and seconded by Councillor John Storey:—"That Collector Joseph Keane be paid a Poundage Fee of Sixpence (6d.) in the Pound on the amount of his annual Collections of Poor Rate. The Council voted on the Motion as follows:—

For—Councillors M. Langton, Joseph Dunne, William Costello, J. J. Reilly, and John Storey—5.

Against—Councillors D. Condren, Tobias Kinsella, D. J. Cogan, Thomas Burke, James Byrne (Ballinderry), and Edward Byrne—6.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion rejected by Six Votes to Five.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That Councillor John Storey, of Moneystown, Roundwood, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That Councillor James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Burke, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That Councillor John Storey, of Moneystown, Roundwood, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary caused by the death of Councillor John Murphy, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That Councillor John J. Healy, of "Ashley," Greystones, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on The Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P. Passed.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
24th May, 1916.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31st March, 1916.

59 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—
Article—Butter, 16; Milk, 13; Whiskey, 6; Margarine, 6; Sugar, 4; Cheese, 2; Bread, 2; Indian Meal, 2; Brandy, 1; Cocoa, 1; Mustard 1; Rum, 1; Pepper, 1; Lard, 1; Tea, 1; Sago, 1; total, 59. One certificate was sent to Sergeant Turnbull, Greystones, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent. of added water and was also deficient of at least 30 per cent. of its fats. There were nine specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow and were pure,

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct. For Baltinglass Rural District Council two specimens of water and one of milk were analysed. The milk was of very rich quality. The specimens of water had the following compositions:—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—No. 1—Total solid matter, 11.900; including albuminoid ammonia, 0.0065; saline ammonia, 0.006; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.890; colour, very light yellow. No. 2—Total solid matter, 12.600, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.0065; saline ammonia, 0.0065; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.890; colour, light yellow. Both good waters. For the Town Clerk, Wicklow, four specimens of water and two of milk were analysed. One of the specimens of milk was adulterated with at least 13 per cent. of added water. The waters had the following compositions:—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—No. 1—Total solid matter, 14.000, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.012; saline ammonia, 0.012; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.590; colour, light yellow. No. 2—Total solid matter, 14.000, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.012; saline ammonia, 0.014; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.590; colour, light yellow. No. 3—Total solid matter, 14.000, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.009; saline ammonia, 0.014; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.590; colour, light yellow. No. 4—Total solid matter, 11.900, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.012; saline ammonia, 0.009; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.590; colour, light yellow. All tolerably good waters. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union seventeen drugs were analysed and were correct. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed and were correct. There were nine fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in County Wicklow, twenty-one drugs were analysed. One was incorrect. In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given. Total Analyses, 136.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

No. 23943/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th May, 1916.—Approving of the temporary appointment of Collector William J. Quinn as Collector for No. 15 Collecting District for the year ending 31st March, 1917.

No. 25592/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th June, 1916.—Stating that the Board will defer the question of enforcing the condition that Collector William J. Quinn must close the Collection in No. 15 Collecting District by the 28th February, 1917, until that date, when it will be considered in the light of the progress made by the Collector.

The Road Board, 35 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W. 24th May, 1916.—Acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 22nd inst.—with enclosed Resolution—relative to the claim for a Grant made on behalf of Arklow Urban District Council.

B.O. 23/5/16. Office of National Education, Dublin, 25th May, 1916.—Transmitting the names and addresses of the new School Attendance Committee for the Dunlavin Division of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, as approved by the Commissioners of National Education.

3rd June, 1916. From Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. William Byrne, J.P., of Kilmurry, Baltinglass, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st June, 1916. From Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Notifying the election of Mr. Myles Healy, of Woodend, Blessington, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

5th June, 1916. From Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Notifying the election of Mr. John J. Healy, of "Ashley," Greystones, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

5th June, 1916. From Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. Patrick J. Carey, J.P., of Tomanerin, Aughrim, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

2nd June, 1916. From Clerk of Shillelagh Rural District Council—Stating that Mr. Edward Byrne, J.P., of Muskeagh, Tinahely has been appointed to represent that District Council on the County Council for the ensuing year.

Vive Vale, June 3rd, 1916. Dear Sir—I wish to return my sincere thanks to Mr. Condren, Mr. Byrne, and Members of the County Council who so kindly sympathised with me in this time of my very great sorrow.—Yours very sincerely, B. Murphy.

5th June 1916. From Councillor Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Kilcoole—Conveying his sincere thanks to the Council for their kindly Resolution of Sympathy with him on the death of his brother-in-law, Councillor John Murphy.

29th May, 1916. From the Prime Minister, 10 Downing street, Whitehall, London, S.W.—Acknowledging receipt of the Council's Resolution on the subject of the maintenance of Constitutional Rights and Law in Ireland following the recent disturbances in Dublin.

17th May, 1916. From John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, London—Acknowledging the Council's Resolution re same.

22nd May, 1916. From Captain A. Donelan, M.P., House of Commons, London—Acknowledging the Council's Resolution re same.

3rd June, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow—Reporting that a Decree for £5, together with 15s. costs, was given by the County Court Judge at Baltinglass at the hearing of the Grace Malicious Injury Application.

25th May, 1916. From R. W. Butler, Esq., Resident Engineer under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.—Enclosing, for submission to the Council, a set of Regulations to be observed at Ballyhenry Quarry which had been forwarded him by the Home Office.

23rd May, 1916. From W. Q. Fitzgerald, Glenowen, Delgany—Asking for the Council's ruling on two letters of complaint stated to have been addressed by him to the County Surveyor for submission to the Council.

30th May, 1916. From Edward M. Morgan, Esq., B.L., Lara House, Rathdrum—Drawing the Council's attention to the extremely dangerous condition of the portion of the road leading from Pluck's Hotel, Kilmacanogue, to where the stones are being quarried for the repair of the main road, and stating that the Council will be held responsible for any loss or damage this road may cause.

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2nd June, 1916. From Mrs. S. Meredith, Hon. Secretary, The Father Healy Nursing Association, Graigueconna, Bray—Asking the Council for a yearly Grant of £30 for the work of nursing Tubercular Cases for the past two years in that District and for carrying on this work by the Queens' Jubilee Nurse of that Association.

April, 1916. From R. F. Wilson, Secretary, Dublin Industrial Development Association, 9 Dawson street, Dublin—Asking on behalf of the All-Ireland Munitions and Government Supplies Committee the Council to co-operate with that Committee by furnishing detailed Returns of all productive Industries carried on within the county.

W. Byrne

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The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock, p.m. on Monday, the 14th August, 1916.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor—Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)—Residing Chairman.
Councillors—John J. Nealy, J. S. Dobbs, Joseph Dunne, Tobias Kinsella, James Byrne (Ballinderry), J. V. Gahan, Joseph McCarroll, D. J. Cogan, Edward Byrne, and E. C. Walsh.

The Secretary read a telegram received from the Chairman—in which he regretted his inability to be present at the Meeting.

Business.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
 - 2—To sign quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
 - 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
 - 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
 - 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
 - 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
 - 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
 - 8—To sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
 - 9—To consider and adopt under Seal a scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915.
 - 10—To appoint Twelve (12) Representatives of the Council on the County Wicklow Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915.
 - 11—To fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital, caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Short.
 - 12—To fill the vacancy on the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District School Attendance Committee caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P.
 - 13—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
 - 14—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
 - 15—To consider Reports from County Officers.
 - 16—To consider Official Correspondence.
 - 17—To consider General Correspondence.
- Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 27th June, 1916, when the following Members were present:—
Councillor D. J. Cogan Chairman; Councillors John J. Reilly; William Byrne (Coolbeg); James Byrne (Tinnakilly); John Storey, and Joseph McCarroll.
The Secretary drew attention to what he described as an irregularity in the carrying out of the Bray-Wicklow Scheme of Road Improvement. His observations had reference to a certificate issued by the County Surveyor for payment of £23 5s. 6d. from Subsidiary Account No. 1 to the credit of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme Account. This payment, it was explained by the County Surveyor, was in respect of stones quarried and broken under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, and utilised by him afterwards on a road other than that to which the Scheme applies.
Order—To be paid, County Surveyor to give to the Secretary an explanation in writing as to the special circumstances for which these stones were obtained.

15th June, 1916. Letter from James Breheny, Enniskerry, threatening law proceedings in connection with certain matters of which he complains with respect to the County Brook, and the effect caused to his property, as alleged, by surface water.
Order—County Surveyor to report.
16th June, 1916. Letter from the War Pensions, etc., Statutory Committee—approving, subject to a few modifications, of the Draft Scheme prepared on behalf of the Council, and submitted to them.
Order—Noted—necessary modifications to be made.

17th June, 1916. Letter from John Deans, Glenealy—acknowledging a letter from the Secretary to the County Council with reference to the extraordinary traffic stated to be carried on by him on certain roads in Rathdrum Rural District.
Order—Noted: Secretary to write again.

20th June, 1916. Letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction—recording their disapproval of the Local Authority's action with reference to the Sheep Dipping Order requiring the appointment of Inspectors.
Order—Copy to be sent to the Secretary, County Agricultural Committee.
Signed,
D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 25th July, 1916, when the following Members were present:—
Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors Daniel Condren, Joseph McCarroll, E. C. Walsh, J. J. Reilly and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

The Committee, having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
County-at-Large	6696	18	5
Baltinglass No. 1—			
District Proposals	791	16	9
Proposals Committee's Proposals	12	8	0
Naas No. 2—			804 4 9
District Proposals	292	7	2
Proposals Committee's Proposals	19	16	8
Rathdown No. 2—			312 3 10
District Proposals	331	1	7
Proposals Committee's Proposals	18	18	0
Rathdrum—			349 19 7
District Proposals	1613	19	0
Proposals Committee's Proposals	277	15	7
Shillelagh—			1896 14 7
District Proposals	536	18	2
Proposals Committee's Proposals	329	8	2
Arklow Urban District—			866 6 4
Proposals Committee's Proposals			35 3 0
Wicklow Urban District—			16 11 6
Proposals Committee's Proposals			1227 5 5
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)			757 10 0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account No. 2 (Included in County-at-Large total)			757 10 0

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	1017	0	0
Naas	296	10	0
Rathdown	1145	0	0
Rathdrum	3004	0	0
Shillelagh	1015	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	521	0	0
Naas No. 2	120	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	1061	10	0
Rathdrum	1278	0	0
Shillelagh	693	15	0

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow, 25th July, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.
Gentlemen—I beg, herewith, to report as follow:—
1.—The action initiated to obtain the opinion of the Courts fixing definitely the liability of the Guaranteeing Area in this County towards the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, under the Presentment of the Grand Jury made in 1884, had been entered for hearing on Wednesday last. In conjunction with your Solicitor, I gave a great deal of time and attention to the preparation of the case, and we were prepared to proceed with it on the date fixed. At practically the last moment, however, I was informed by the Solicitor, that the trial had been postponed until next term.
2.—On the 11th July I received, from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, a letter enclosing draft of a proposed Order making provision for the interim management of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway. In the letter the County Council were asked to furnish any observations which they desire to submit in reference thereto. Amongst other things, the Order proposes to hand over the "management and control of the undertaking and property of the company" and to vest the same in the County Surveyor of Dublin and the County Surveyor of Wicklow. The widest possible powers, as will be seen from the Draft Order submitted herewith, are proposed to be given to these two officers. As all the questions affecting this subject are in the hands of your Law Agent, I submitted the letter and draft Order to him.

Committee's Recommendation—Order to be Opposed.
3.—The first half of the current year having elapsed, a further payment on foot of the Tramway Guarantee has become due to the 30th June last. It will now be for the Committee to decide whether or not they will recommend the Council to make this payment, having regard to the pending litigation and the general condition that has arisen.
Committee's Recommendation—Adopt Counsel's Advice which was to the effect that the County Council should hold over the question of payment until the Action is tried.

4.—I desire to draw attention to the condition of the special Account established under the Bray-Wicklow Improvement Scheme, so that steps may be taken in proper time to provide for the continued ability of this fund to finance the undertaking to completion. The scheme provides for a gross expenditure of £19,000 on work of reconstruction, independent of maintenance, which is specially provided for up to the year 1921. There is also provision for tarring to which I need not now refer. The amount fixed for maintenance is

set out in detail year by year. The sum so set aside for this purpose to the 31st March, 1917, is £666. If it be assumed that the work of reconstruction will be completed by that date, the total provided for reconstruction, £19,000, and the amount ear-marked for maintenance, £666, give £19,666. Of this fund £13,600 11s. 9d. had been expended to the 30th June, 1916, leaving available only £6,066 to complete the reconstruction and also maintain the road to the 31st March, 1917. It should be borne in mind, however, that of the total expenditure about £6,000 (so I am informed by the Resident Engineer) has been expended on plant. I mention the state of the account so that steps may be initiated now to formally and regularly secure that financial arrangements may be made to complete the undertaking, because obviously the plant cannot be disposed of by the Council in the meantime.

Committee's Recommendations — Postponed. The County Surveyor to report to a subsequent Meeting, in detail, upon the progress made under the scheme, showing the volume of work already done, its cost, and an estimate of the further cost likely to be involved in the completion of the undertaking.

5.—There are a few points connected with the upkeep of roads, involving questions of finance, to which I wish to direct attention:—

(a) At the Council Meeting so far back as the 22nd February, 1915, the County Surveyor reported that the roads, used by the authorities for Military Traffic, to the Glen of Imaal, in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, had been much cut up and damaged. He added that he had received authority from Baltinglass Rural District Council to expend £350 by way of sudden damage on these roads, subject to confirmation by the County Council. This body confirmed the authority and directed me to ask the County Members to obtain half from the War Office. This I did. The matter, after some time was referred by the War Office to the Irish Command, as I learn from a letter sent from the War Office to Mr. Donovan and sent by him to me. I have received no further direct official information on the subject. To the Council Meeting on the 14th February 1916—a year after the above order—the County Surveyor reported that on the 3rd of that month the War Department (per the Road Board) had an inspection made on the road leading to Glen Imaal "damaged in January, 1915." He added that "Estimates and claims have been prepared for the reinstatement of these roads and also for the repayment of the money expended in making the roads passable during the period of traffic." There the matter rests so far as I know. No payment of any kind has been received from the War Office.

Committee's Recommendations—Refer to Co. Surveyor to press this matter upon the attention of the War Department, and to report to next Meeting what progress has been made. Meantime, the County Members to be communicated with.

(b) Arising out of the foregoing outlay of £350, the expenditure on roads in Baltinglass Rural District appears to have exceeded the legal limit for the past financial year by a sum of £81. This may or may not be the subject of action by the auditor. In any event, it is my duty to call attention to the fact. I may also remark that I am of opinion that Baltinglass Rural District Council should have been moved to apply to the Local Government Board for an extension of the limit before expenditure in excess of that fixed sum was made. This course has been regularly and repeatedly followed by the Rathdown No. 2 District Council.

Committee's Recommendations—Refer to Co. Surveyor for Report.

(c) I am not in a position to report as to the progress, if any, made with the law proceedings ordered to be instituted in connection with the "extraordinary" traffic and "extraordinary" expenditure on the roads leading from Whiterock to Arklow.

Order—Noted.

(d) A question as to procedure and form has arisen between the County Surveyor's Office and mine with reference to two contracts accepted by Rathdrum Rural District Council. In each case the subject matter is described as a contract to "repair and maintain." The County Surveyor has, however, dealt with the contracts as if they had reference to "works" as distinct from "maintenance." Should the auditor hold that these are "maintenance contracts," he may be obliged to surcharge. In the case of maintenance contracts, the County Surveyor, according to hitherto recognised practice, at all events, should certify to "pay," "defer" or "strike out" each quarterly amount as the meetings came round. On the other hand, undertakings technically described as "works" need not be so dealt with, and he might certify for the payment of the entire amount on completion. On enquiry from the Clerk of Rathdrum District Council I learn that both contracts originated from resolutions proposed by Councillors, in both of which the purposes in view were described as to "repair and maintain." The contracts in question are:—

Dist. Reg. No. 58—To repair and maintain 258 perches of road, etc. Charles Byrne, contractor. Taken February, 1914.

Dist. Reg. No. 491—To repair and maintain 298 perches. Contractor, Joseph Tyndall. Taken May, 1915. The sum involved in the latter is £51 10s. 7d.

Committee's Recommendations—Opinion of Junior Counsel to be obtained.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

The County Surveyor handed in the subjoined Reports:—
Court House, Wicklow,
12th day of July, 1916.

S. J. Doyle, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—In reference to the Minute of the Finance Committee, re Certificate (No. 61, Book III.)

The road, 339 perches, No. 12, Rathdown No. 2 R.D., being in my charge, and it not being possible otherwise to obtain properly broken stone for this road, I decided to obtain from the Resident Engineer of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme sufficient stone to repair the road. This stone was taken from the supply got out for the Bray-Wicklow Road (Rathdown No. 2 section). The certificate referred to is to recoup the Bray-Wicklow Road Scheme (Rathdown No. 2 section) the cost of quarrying and breaking the stone so taken.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Noted.

Court House, Wicklow,
19th day of July, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—In reference to Mr. Breheny's letter re flooding of his lands by the County Brook at Anahaskin.

The County Brook is the bounds between the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow (Rathdown No. 2 R.D.), and crosses the County road leading from Monastery to Kiltiernan.

There is no bridge or gullet for general road traffic over the brook where it crosses the County road—the general traffic passing over a ford on which,

at ordinary times, the water is three or four inches deep and about four feet wide. Foot traffic passes by a wood and flag-covered footbridge on the lower side of the road—this gullet has an opening 6 feet wide and two feet high. Down stream and away from the road some stables (on Co. Dublin side) belonging to Mr. Breheny project on to the stream, and on the opposite side a fence runs close to the edge of the stream. Immediately opposite Mr. Breheny's stables the width of the waterway is contracted by the stables and the fence to about 3ft. x 2ft.

On 5th, 6th, and 7th May there was a heavy rainfall and a flood, and, owing to the restricted passage at Mr. Breheny's stables, the water could not flow away fast enough from the ford. Therefore the road was flooded, and also, no doubt, Mr. Breheny's lands above the ford.

The onus of cleaning these waterways lies on the owners and occupiers of the lands, and although the stream is called the "County" brook, the County Council, as a Road Authority, have no power to deal with the deepening of the stream.

The powers of a County Council (as a Road Authority), in regard to the drainage, etc., of a County road, are defined in Sec. 50 of the G. J. Act 1836, but the Case reported, in re Little, Ir. Cir. R. 322, it is defined that Sec. 50 does not authorize the deepening of the bed of a river, running either parallel or transversely to a public road, for the purpose of clearing the road from water overflowing from a river.

It was proposed by Notice of Motion lodged by Mr. Breheny (who is a R. D. Councillor for Rathdown No. 2 R.D.) to build a bridge across this stream at the ford, the reason put forward by Mr. Breheny being that the road at the ford should be excavated so as to give a better fall in the stream leading from his lands.

In my opinion such work should be done by a properly constituted Drainage Board.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Order—Noted. Mr. Breheny to be informed of the contents of this Report.

Court House, Wicklow,
22nd day of July, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—In accordance with instructions, I interviewed Mr. Deane re damage done to road through Deputy's Pass, and Mr. Hearne's local representative (Mr. Rowlands) re damage done on the roads at Ballycullen.

I indicated to these gentlemen the nature and extent of the repairs required, and they are considering the matter and will communicate with the County Council in a few days.

I regret to report that owing to a strike amongst the labourers employed at Ballyhenry Quarry, it appears probable that the steam-roller at the Wicklow end of the Bray-Wicklow road will be idle for some time. I consider that it would be well to employ this roller for a few days' work on the Woodstock-Bridge-Aughrim-Tinahely road, which was damaged by the stone traffic from Whiterock Quarry.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Noted. The recommendation re Employment of Steam-roller on the Whiterock-Arklow road adopted.

The Secretary submitted correspondence that had passed between Mr. John Deans, of Glenealy, and himself, with reference to alleged damage caused by extraordinary traffic over the road passing through Deputy's Pass. From this correspondence it appeared that Mr. Deans declined to carry out the requirements of the County Surveyor.

Order—The Committee recommend that proceedings be instituted against Mr. Deans.

Applications were submitted from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, asking for a payment of £100 in advance in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Case; and also asking for an advance of £200 on account of his Miscellaneous Bill of Costs, the total of which is £270 5s. 9d.

Order—Consideration postponed to next Meeting of the Committee.

Applications for renewal of their Scholarships for the ensuing Scholastic Year were received from the following:

1. Miss Margaret Mary Henry, 3 Westview Terrace, Bray.
2. Miss Bridget Bracken, Johnstown, Arklow.
3. Mr. John Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow.
4. Miss Elizabeth Margaret Fogarty, Brewery Place, Rathdrum.
5. Mr. William E. Fogarty, Brewery Place, Rathdrum.

Satisfactory Reports having been submitted from the University Authorities on behalf of these Students, the Committee recommend the Council to renew their Scholarships for the ensuing year.

In this connection letters were submitted from the Parents of William J. Mallen, who held a Scholarship during the past year, stating that he had joined the Army, and asking if the Council would allow another son—who had qualified—to take his place for the unexpired period for which the Scholarship would run, or, in the alternative, to keep the Scholarship open until his return.

A letter was also submitted from the Father of Miss Annie T. Balfe, who took Fourth Place in the Examination for Scholarships last year, but who was awarded only a Bursary, the available Scholarships having been already given to other students.

The Committee could not see their way to accede to the request of William J. Mallen's Parents, but recommend that the Scholarship vacated by him be awarded to Miss Annie T. Balfe.

A letter was submitted from the Local Government Board in which they stated that they could not sanction the proposal of the County Council to allocate to the Contractors for the erection of the Arklow Technical School money which had been borrowed for the erection of a Technical School in Baltinglass.

Order—Noted. The Secretary to write again to the Local Government Board on the subject.

An application for an increase in his Salary was received from Mr. Garrett Byrne, one of the Clerks in the Secretary's Office.

Order—The Committee unanimously recommend the Council to increase his Salary to Thirty Shillings (30/-) per week.

An application was received from Collector Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, asking to be put upon the same level in the matter of Poundage on his Collection of Poor Rates as that of all newly-appointed Collectors.

Order—The Committee recommend an increase of Ten Pounds (£10) per year upon the emoluments already received by this Collector.

The question of considering the advisability, or otherwise, of drafting Bye-Laws for the County was postponed to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Committee.

An application was received from C. H. O'Hara, Esq., District Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, Wicklow, asking for authority to purchase certain

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the two Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen—
The following Councillors have been absent from Meetings of the Council for more than twelve months consecutively, viz.:—Messrs. E. J. O'Kelly and Michael Kelly, the last occasion on which either of them attended being the Quarterly Meeting on the 17th May, 1915. Section 9 of Article 12 of the Application of Enactments Order provides, under such circumstances, that a Councillor's Office, "except in case of illness or for some reason approved by the Council," shall become vacant.

In both these cases the Councillors have written to say that they were prevented from attendance through illness.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

14th August, 1916.
Order—Noted.
The letters of explanation from the two Councillors referred to having been read, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That the County Council, having read the letters submitted by the Secretary from Councillors Michael Kelly and E. J. O'Kelly, are satisfied that these Councillors were absent from the Meetings of the Council for more than twelve months owing to illness, and that, consequently, in accordance with Article 12 (9) of the Schedule to the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, their seats have not become vacant. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL, WICKLOW.
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
10th day of August, 1916.

Gentlemen—
I regret to report some local sudden damages in the Balinglass R.D. near Rathdangan. These damages were unpreventable and occurred during the heavy storm of 25th July, and fortunately are comparatively small.

In Balinglass No. 1 District but one road out of four proposed was tendered for, and the one road proposed in Naas was not tendered for.

Two roads, out of four proposed, in Rathdrum were not tendered for. However, in these cases, the contractors were afraid that heavy timber traffic would come on these roads during the winter.

Three Works, out of eleven, were not tendered for.

In the case of the roads not tendered for I suggest the best course would be to place them in my charge for three months, when they can again be proposed for tenders. In regard to the works—except one in Rathdrum, "Repairs to Walls at Coates' Bridge"—it may be possible for me to get contractors to carry them out, should you place them in my charge.

On the Bray-Wicklow road a large tree growing on the roadside at Willow Grove will, when the road is widened, cause an obstruction and be a danger to traffic, and, as I consider that this tree should be removed, I request authority be given, as far as it lies with the County Council to have it removed.

Considerable difficulty is found in getting the contractors to cut weeds, and unless more attention is given to this by the contractors, it will be necessary to take proceedings to enforce the carrying out of this work.

At present, owing to the hot, dry weather, many roads are breaking up and raveling, and, although most of the contractors are doing a fair amount of work in blinding these ravelled roads, yet the surfaces generally are very rough.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—The County Council has no objection to the tree referred to in the foregoing Report being removed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
10th August, 1916.

S. J. Doyle, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.
Dear Sir—

In reference to the letters you forwarded to me
GLEN HOTEL APPROACH.

The approach to the gates encroached on the road, and to make the new road the encroaching part had to be cut away. The ground from the edge of the new road to the gates was cut down to avoid a step, and, as far as I can see, there is no danger to traffic as complained of. However, to further assist traffic, the loose material on the approach to the gates will be raked off to such a depth as will give a strand fall from gate to road, and as soon as the new road is surfaced the gradient of the rise will be less.

TREES AT GREYSTONES MOTOR CO.'S GARAGE.

The tree complained of is close to the concrete approach to the garage door, and forms no obstruction, but it would appear that unless reasonable caution was exercised by drivers of cars leaving the garage some danger would arise of colliding with the traffic on the street. The trees were planted by the La Touche Estate, and I do not consider that the County Council have any power to disturb them.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Noted.
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915, as submitted by the Finance Committee, and that the same be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council (in duplicate). Passed.

The Chairman thereupon signed two copies of the Scheme, as submitted by the Finance Committee, and the Council's Seal was affixed to same in his presence.

The Secretary having read a letter, dated 8th August, 1916, from Miss Amy K. Hamilton, Glenart, Arklow, Honorary Secretary to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association operating in East Wicklow—in which certain suggestions were made as to the constitution of the proposed Committee for the whole county, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That the following persons be appointed as the Representatives of the County Council on the County Wicklow Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915—

- 1.—Countess of Wicklow, Shelton Abbey, Arklow. (Employer of Labour.)
 - 2.—Miss Madge M. Walsh, St. Aidan's, Arklow.
 - 3.—Mrs. J. D. Ryan, Rathdrum.
 - 4.—Mrs. Grimshaw, Friar's Hill, Wicklow
 - 5.—Mrs. J. W. Reigh, Glencoe, Herbert Road, Bray.
 - 6.—Mrs. A. L. Brooke, Ardeen, Shillelagh.
 - 7.—Mrs. R. M. Dowse, Umrygar, Carnew.
 - 8.—Miss D. Barton, Glendalough House, Annamoe.
 - 9.—Miss A. E. Dennis, Eadstown Lodge, Balinglass.
 - 10.—Mrs. D. P. Kenna, Balinglass.
 - 11.—Mrs. Deverell, Ellesmere, Greystones.
 - 12.—Miss J. P. W. Newton, The Cottage, Killaduff, Auhgrim, County Wicklow.
- Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor F. S. Dobbs. Resolved—That Mr. Thomas Byrne, of Killadreenan, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Short.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That Mr. John Dunne, of Tinnehinch, Enniskerry, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That this Council hereby grant a Licence to F. J. Allen, Donard, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, subject to a satisfactory Report being received from the Police Authorities, as to the suitability of his premises.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That it be an instruction to our Secretary henceforward to furnish at the end of each Financial Year a Statement showing, as far as possible, the amount of Law Costs for which the Council is liable, and that our Solicitor be asked to assist in carrying out the terms of this resolution by adopting a more regular system of furnishing his costs.
Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

No. 25381/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th June, 1916.—With reference to the Council's suggestion to forego certain requirements in their Road Contracts entered into before the War by allowing a reduction in the quantity of material to be supplied for the roads, and pointing out that it is a primary essential of road maintenance that an adequate supply of material should be provided, and the suggestion is not, therefore, one which could receive the Board's approval.

No. 37561/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th August, 1916.—Stating, with reference to the Return showing the condition on the 31st July of the Collection of the Poor Rate, that if Collector Michael McGrath considers that, owing to illness, he will not be able to close the Collection by the prescribed date, steps should be taken for the appointment of a Deputy, under Article 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

6th August, 1916. From Collector Michael McGrath, Broadlease, Ballymore-Eustace—Stating that he hopes to be able to attend to his Collection very soon, as he is getting stronger daily.

No. 37,437/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th August, 1916.—Stating that the Board are not disposed to raise any objection to the proposed payment of £258 to the Contractors for the erection of the Technical School at Arklow, in consequence of the increase in the cost of materials owing to the War. (See recommendation in Finance Committee's Report No. 3.)

No. G. 3015/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th July, 1916.—Stating that a sample of Butter taken up on the 17th June, 1916, at the premises occupied by Mr. Thomas Doyle, Main street, Balinglass, had proved, on analysis, to contain 21 per cent. of water, and that the Department are desirous that proceedings should be instituted for an offence against the provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875.

Order—Noted.

13th July, 1916. From Sergeant P. J. Kearns, R.I.C., Balinglass—Reporting that Mr. Thomas Doyle, of Main street, Balinglass, was convicted on the 4th August, 1916, for an offence against the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, and fined 2s. 6d., together with costs amounting to 12s. 6d.

Order—Noted.

No. G. 3073/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th July, 1916.—Stating that 2 Samples of Butter taken up at Balinglass, and 3 Samples of Butter taken up at Rathdrum, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were found, on analysis, to be pure.

No. G. 3386/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th August, 1916.—Stating that a Sample of Butter taken up at Greystones, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, was found, on analysis, to be pure.

The Road Board, 35 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W., 5th July, 1916.—Stating that the surface tarring works proposed to be carried out in the Urban District of Arklow are estimated to cost £322, and also stating that, subject to the sanction of the Treasury, the Road Board will be prepared to make a grant of £129 in respect thereof.

The Road Board, 35 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W., 19th July, 1916.—Acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter containing the representations made by Arklow Urban District Council—and regretting that they do not see their way to increase the grant of £129 indicated towards the surface-tarring work proposed to be carried out in the Urban District of Arklow, and estimated at £322.

The Road Board,
Manager and Engineer's Office, 35 Cromwell, Road,
South Kensington, London, S.W.,
8th August, 1916.

Dear Sir,
ALLEGED DAMAGE TO ROADS BY MILITARY TRAFFIC.
ROAD FROM DUNLAVIN TO GLEN IMAAL CAMP.

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, and your claim for damage alleged to have been caused by Military Traffic, I have to inform you that the Road Board have constantly had this road under observation and have now heard from their Engineering Inspector, Mr. R. W. Butler, who has forwarded an Estimate, amounting to £75, which he has settled with the County Surveyor for carrying out temporary repairs during the period from May to September, 30th, 1916.

The Board also understand that prior to this period your Council have spent the sum of £342 over and above the amounts provided in your Estimate for maintaining the road and they are asking the War Department to authorise the payment to your Council of this sum of £342, and to sanction the expenditure of a further sum of £75 now necessary to keep the traffic going. A further communication on the subject will be sent you in the course of a few days.

With regard to the question of the claim by your Council of £3030 for the reinstatement of the road, in view of the fact that the traffic is still continuing, it would not appear that the time has yet arrived when it would be advisable to carry out such works, and the Board suggest that this question should be deferred until such time as the heavy traffic now upon the road

shall have ceased, when they will have pleasure in dealing further with the matter.

Yours faithfully,
H. P. MAYBURY.

The Secretary
to the Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Order—Noted.

12th June, 1916. Councillor William Byrne, J.P., Coolbeg, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow—thanking the Council for re-electing him Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

21st June, 1916. From Councillor John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones—thanking the Council for electing him on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital.

5th August, 1916. From Captain A. Donelan, M.P., Ballynana, Middleton, Co. Cork—acknowledging the Council's request to him to press on the War Office and Road Board the Council's claim for a Grant towards repairing the road from Dunlavin Railway Station to Glen Imaal Military Camp.

2nd August, 1916. From J. T. Donovan, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, London—acknowledging receipt of similar letter as that sent to Captain Donelan, M.P.

13th July, 1916. From The Greystones Motor and Engineering Co., Greystones—drawing the Council's attention to two trees which are in front of their new Premises, Brentwood, Church Road, Greystones, and stating they wish to have them removed as soon as possible, as they are an obstruction to our entrance.

(See Co. Surveyor's Report.)

11th August 1916. From James McCrea, Secretary to the Shillelagh Rural District School Attendance Committee—stating that his Committee decided, at their Meeting on the 11th inst. to increase their Secretary's Salary by £5 a year.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll:—

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that Mr. James McCrea, Secretary of the School Attendance Committee of Shillelagh, get an increase of £5 a year."

21st June, 1916. From Arthur W. Irwin, Esq. Secretary, Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital—enclosing copy of a resolution expressing the Committee's thanks for the Council's generous increase in the amount of the last Quarterly Grant, to help to meet the extra expenses entailed by an exceedingly heavy year of sickness.

Auditor's Report—and attested Abstract—on his Audit of the Accounts of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum for the two Half-years ended 30th September, 1915, and 31st March, 1916.

6th June, 1916. From the General Manager and Secretary, The Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., 49 Dame street, Dublin—stating that the Council might possibly be at a very considerable loss, in the event of Fire, if steps are not taken to augment their Insurances owing to the increased cost of building materials and labour, approximating to fifty per cent.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

Five Resolutions passed at a representative Conference held in Omagh on Wednesday, 7th June, 1916—in connection with the proposed settlement of the Irish question.

Noted.

21st June, 1916. From Meath County Council—Resolution requesting the Irish Party to obtain legislation empowering County Councils, through County Committees of Agriculture, to establish assisted Milk Stations.

Noted.

4th July, 1916. From Cavan Urban District Council—Resolution with reference to the proposed Bill embodying the actual terms of the Lloyd George proposals for the Government of Ireland during the period of the War.

Noted.

3rd August, 1916. From Nenagh Urban District Council—Resolution dealing with the recent proposals for the settlement of the Irish question.

*Daniel Condren
20 November 1916*

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock, p.m. on Monday, the 20th November, 1916.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor Daniel Condren—Chairman
Councillors P. J. Carey, T. Kinsella, J. V. Gahan, Thomas Burke, Wm. Costello, J. J. Healy, D. J. Cogan, and Joseph McCarroll.

A letter was read from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), regretting his inability to be present at the Meeting.

Business.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural District Councils.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign Certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll:—"I hereby give notice that I will move, at the next Meeting of this Council, that Mr. James McCrea, Secretary of the School Attendance Committee of Shillelagh, get an increase of £5 a year."
- 11—To fill the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Newcastle Dispensary District, caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Short.
- 12—To consider communications from the Acting Secretary to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, relative to three vacancies alleged to have arisen on that Committee and to take such steps as may be necessary to fill the vacancies.
- 13—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 14—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 15—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 15—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 29th August, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors E. C. Walsh and P. J. Carey.

A letter was submitted, dated 15th August, 1916, from Mr. R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, in which was given an extract from a letter received by him from Mr. Maybury, Manager and Chief Engineer to the Road Board, with reference to the Council's proposal to purchase the Steam-rolling Plant in use in connection with the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

Order—Referred to the County Surveyor to put a value on the Plant.

The following correspondence in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway was submitted:

No. 12,310. Chief Secretary's Office,
Dublin Castle,
16th August, 1916.

Enquiring what action has been taken by the County Council in connection with the proposed Order in Council making provision for the interim management of the Tramway.

No. 14,332. Dublin Castle,
19th August, 1916.

Acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's reply, in which the County Council's views on the proposed Interim Order were embodied.

Offices: Terenure, Co. Dublin,
15th August, 1916.

From the Secretary to the Tramway Company, giving the County Council notice that his Directors will not be responsible for the working or maintenance of the Line as and from September 1st, 1916.

19th August, 1916. Letter from John Deans, Steam Saw Mills, Glencaly—stating that he would be prepared to pay the County Council the sum of Ten Pounds (£10) towards the cost of repairing the road through Deputy's Pass damaged by his Timber Traffic.

Order—Referred to the County Surveyor.
(Signed) WILLIAM BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman.

29th August, 1916.
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 26th September, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors John Storey, John J. Reilly, and E. C. Walsh.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON TIMBER TRAFFIC.

Gentlemen—
I beg to submit a letter from Mr. Hearne's Representative relative to the damage done by Timber Drawing on Ballycullen Hill. I have considered Mr. Dean's proposal relative to the damage on Deputy's Pass road. I also again inspected this road and found it in bad condition, mainly, in my opinion, due to the neglect of the Contractor. Under the circumstances I think it would be equitable to accept Mr. Dean's offer regarding this road, without prejudice to claims for damage done after, say, 31st October next.

I may add that I have again served the Contractor with a Ten Days' Notice.

Regarding the proposal that a general rate at per ton per mile be charged for all future timber traffic, I do not consider that a general rate, applicable to all cases, could be fixed, as it would have to be the result of a combination of so many variable factors, such as the class of roads, the amount of traffic, the time of year in which the haulage is done, the nature of, and the care exercised in, the haulage, etc. Although these could be considered, and a rate made for a particular case.

Further, I am of opinion that, unless the Council had power to make the payment of such a rate compulsory on all Timber Merchants, it would only prejudice the Council's claims made for damage done by this class of traffic.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—That Mr. Rowland's offer to restore the road leading from Ballycullen Wood, made on behalf of Mr. Hearne, be accepted, subject to the road being restored to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. Further, that the County Surveyor's recommendation, re Mr. Dean's proposal to pay Ten Pounds (£10) be accepted.

The Committee postponed to their next Meeting the consideration of the County Surveyor's Report on the proposal to purchase the Steam Rolling Plant at present in use in connection with the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

(Signed) WILLIAM BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman.

26th September, 1916.
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee as held on Tuesday, the 31st October, 1916, when the following Members attended:—

Councillor Daniel Condren, Presiding Chairman; Councillors John J. Reilly, William Byrne, Joseph McCarroll and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County at Large				5598	13	10
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	524	3	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	36	11	1	560	14	4
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	221	4	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	20	5	10	241	10	4
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	417	17	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	174	17	6	592	15	5
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1369	13	4			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1021	0	11	2390	14	3
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	431	4	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	305	2	9	736	6	9
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				55	17	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				56	19	0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)				1381	4	9
Payment out of Loan Account				100	0	0

Applications from the Secretary to the County Council, from two Clerks of Unions, from three Town Clerks, and from all the Poor Rate Collectors in the County, were submitted, applying for compensation for loss of Emoluments, under Section 3 of the Parliament and Registration Act, 1916.

The Secretary explained that the Act of Parliament gave power to the Local Government Board to compensate all these Officials for the loss of Emoluments under the Registration Act, and that the Local Government Board had issued a letter stating that the matter should be first considered by the various County Councils concerned. In the first instance, and it had been conveyed to him, unofficially, that the Local Government Board would be prepared to favourably consider the recommendations of County Councils to pay these Fees up to the average received by each Office for the past three years.

Having regard to the fact that the Fees under the Registration Acts were taken into consideration when the Emoluments of the respective Officers were being fixed, the Finance Committee recommend the Council, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, to pay compensation to the Officers affected in this County on the basis of the average of Fees received by them for the three years previous to the suspension of the work in connection with the Parliamentary and Local Government Registers.

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass	971	10	0
Naas	279	10	0
Rathdown	1053	0	0
Rathdrum	2875	0	0
Shillelagh	995	0	0

Total 6174 0 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	116	0	0
Naas No.			
Rathdown No. 2	131	10	0
Rathdrum	728	0	0
Shillelagh	6	5	0

Total 981 15 0

We recommend the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several Rate Collectors; Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

	£	s	d
1.—Joseph Doyle	1	3	0
2.—Richard Geoghegan	1	7	3
3.—Richard Lynch	6	19	0
4.—William Burke	4	6	7
5.—Michael Kelly	1	10	3
6.—Michael McGrath	7	15	1
7.—Charles S. Sutton	57	17	5
8.—Patrick Mulligan	5	15	3
9.—Joseph Keane	13	16	2
10.—John Murphy	7	4	7
11.—John Kelly	22	10	1
12.—William J. Cardiff	3	10	2
13.—William J. Quinn	1	4	6
14.—James Byrne	1	2	2
15.—William J. Quinn	11	10	7
16.—Peter P. Doyle	6	13	10
17.—Charles Byrne	4	15	1
18.—Thomas Fleming	3	2	6
19.—Terence Byrne	0	11	7

A letter, dated 12th October, 1916, was submitted from the Clerk of Rathdown No 2 Rural District Council, in which was enclosed a copy of a Resolution from his Council asking to have the Limit of Road Expenditure in that Rural District further increased by a sum of £200 for the current Financial Year.

Order—Referred to the County Surveyor for a defined Report as to the Special Works which have been put forward by the District Council, and which have given rise to the necessity for this application.

The Secretary mentioned that he had received a Paying Order from the Clerk to the Arklow Urban District Council, amounting to £8 0s. 7d., being the proportion payable by that Council of the Bonus of £258 proposed to be paid by the County Council to Messrs. T. and J. O'Toole, Building Contractors for the Arklow Technical School.

The Finance Committee, therefore, recommend the County Council to pay to the Contractors this sum of £258, which has already been authorised, and sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

A letter, dated the 26th October, 1916, was submitted from Mr. A. J. Smyth, Acting Secretary to the County Technical Instruction Committee, stating that the Funds of that Committee were unable to meet an outstanding liability, amounting to £180, to the Contractors for the Arklow Technical School, and asking the County Council to provide for the payment of this sum.

The Secretary explained that no provision had been made to meet such a requirement in the last Estimate, and added that if it were the will of the County Council to pay this money, a Notice of Motion to that effect should first be handed in, so that provision might be made under the proper Statutes in the next Estimate to meet this charge.

The Committee recommend the Council to direct the Secretary to include this amount in his next Estimate, as the Committee recommend the payment of same.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
27th day of October, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen—

I regret to report that Messrs. Ramsay and Pansing became incapacitated from work owing to illness, and were therefore unable to complete the Quarterly inspections.

As it was a matter of great urgency, I communicated with the Chairman of the County Council and suggested that I should obtain the services of Mr. Thomas Little (formerly an Assistant in this County). The Chairman approved of the suggestion, and Mr. Little completed the inspections.

I enclose Medical Certificates relating to Messrs. Ramsay and Pansing, and Mr. Little's account for fees and expenses.

As Mr. Pansing is not likely to be able to resume his duties for some time, immediate steps should be taken to appoint either a locum tenens or an additional Assistant, and I request the Committee to consider the whole question of the Assistants, since—having regard to the fact that Mr. Pansing is the Senior Assistant in the County in age and service—I greatly fear that he is liable to a recurrence of his illness, and, should this occur during the period of the Quarterly inspections, the work cannot be completed.

I most strongly recommend that any conditions of future appointments you may see fit to suggest to the County Council should insist on the particular requirement that the services given be "whole time" services, since, owing to modern traffic, etc., frequent inspections of the roads are of the utmost importance.

I also recommend that any appointments made be open for reconsideration when any of the present Assistants cease to hold their appointments.

I request that a complete Edition of the new 6" O.S. maps for the County Wicklow be obtained, and 6 complete sets of the 1" maps. The cost of these properly mounted on linen would not exceed £14 Os. 0d.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Following the Report, the County Surveyor verbally made several suggestions to the Committee, amongst others that it would be advisable to appoint an Additional Assistant Surveyor, and provide him with a Motor Bicycle.

Order—Referred back to the County Surveyor for a fuller Report, and with a direction that he should put in writing for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee, the suggestions which he had verbally laid before the Meeting touching the above matters.

The following Report from the County Surveyor, which had been adjourned for consideration from a previous Meeting of the Committee, was submitted:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
22nd September, 1916

To the Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

PLANT ON BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

I beg to submit a letter from the Resident Engineer on Bray-Wicklow Road relative to the proposed purchase of Plant for Steam Rolling.

I suggest to you that, since the completion of the Bray-Wicklow Road is not likely to take place in the immediate future, it might be more expedient to wait some time longer before making definite arrangements to purchase this Plant.

I also wish to point out that the Scheme for the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement already provides for supplying any shortage of money required to complete the work, and also for the final adjustment of the Account.

At the present time it is impossible to forecast the probable state of the market for this class of machinery, even for one month ahead, much less is it possible to do so for at least eighteen months.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

In connection with the above, the Secretary reported as follows:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow,
30th October, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—

I sent in a detailed report to your Committee Meeting on the 25th July last, in which I suggested that steps should be taken in proper time to provide for the continued ability of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme Fund to finance the undertaking to completion. It is not necessary that I should now repeat the arguments then put forward in support of my view, as they are on the records of the office. Following upon my report, the County Surveyor was directed to give a written account of the progress of the work under the scheme and to furnish an estimate of the future expenditure likely to be incurred. Accordingly he reported to the Committee on the 14th August that the cost of the work then carried out amounted to £8,226, and that the cost of the Plant had amounted to £4,574, giving a total cash expenditure out of the fund amounting to £12,800. Further, he estimated (exclusive of surface tarring, specially provided for) that it would cost £13,627 to complete the work.

From this it would appear that the work of construction and maintenance is now estimated to amount to £21,853, whereas the scheme only contemplated and provided for £19,000 for these purposes. The latter figures indicate an estimated increase under these headings of £2,853. To meet this expenditure of £21,853 there will be only available from the fund, in cash (if some scheme be not adopted to convert the plant into money before the critical stage is reached) a sum of £14,426, or in available cash a shortage of £7,427 (in other words, the difference between £14,426 available for the purpose and £21,853 estimated to be necessary for the work).

Even after the disposal of the plant, putting the price of same, after a depreciation of 25 per cent. at £3,431, there will be a nett shortage of apparently £3,996, or in round figures £4,000. This sum will have to be provided to complete the undertaking.

The Road Board have since promised to lend the County Council money to buy the plant on a five years' loan free of interest. In a subsequent report to that mentioned, and dated 22nd September, and which he was directed to make, the County Surveyor suggests that "it might be more expedient to wait some time longer before making definite arrangements to purchase this plant," and he goes on to say that "the scheme for the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement already provides for supplying any shortage of money required to complete the work."

The last clause in this sentence has absolutely no bearing whatever on the question raised by me. What the scheme provides in this connection is that in case of a shortage the contributions by the Road Board and by the County Council shall be proportionately increased.

If the County Council make no provision in their forthcoming Estimate to be adopted at the Quarterly Meeting in February next, and which I may set about preparing inside the next few months, from what source are they to provide the money to repay instalments of loan for the purchase of the plant or to set up their proportionately increased contribution? In my opinion no provision can be made to meet these possible financial demands, if omitted from next Estimate, until the Budget for 1918-19 is being considered, and this consideration is remote from now by a period of over a year and three months.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Order—County Secretary and County Surveyor to formulate a Financial Scheme, dealing with the questions involved, to be submitted to the next Meeting of the Committee.

The question of considering the advisability of providing Bye-Laws for the County, which was referred to the Committee by the County Council at its Meeting held on the 8th June, 1916, was considered, and the following Order made thereon:—

Order—Not considered necessary.

The Secretary submitted the Report of C. D. Barry Esq., B.L., Local Government Auditor, on the result of his Audit of the County Council's Accounts for the Half-year ended 31st March, 1916. "The Accounts," he stated, "were prepared and submitted for Audit in a most satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

(Signed) DANIEL CONDREN,
Presiding Chairman.

9th November, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor D. J. Cogan:—I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the Council accede to the request of the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee to contribute from the Rates £180 to enable that Committee to pay the balance due to Messrs. T. and J. O'Toole, Contractors for the erection of the Technical School in Arklow, and that the Secretary be directed to make provision for the payment of this money in preparing his forthcoming Estimates for the Financial Year 1917-1918.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 20th November, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors D. Condren, Joseph McCarrroll, and P. J. Carey.

The Committee had before them the following additional Proposals, and recommend the same to the Council for payment:—

Committee's Additional Proposals £2530 7 7

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
15th day of November, 1916.

Gentlemen—

In reference to the application of Rathdown No. 2 R. D. Council to have a further extension of the limit of expenditure in the District, I beg to report that the special works, for the carrying out of which the extension of the limit is required, are:—

- 1.—To deepen 300 perches of the drain on Ballyremon Commons, from Calary School to Killough, £32 Os. 0d. (Contracted for at £24 Os. 0d.)
- 2.—To repair Coolnaskeagh Bridge, near Delgany, £50. (Contracted for at £50.)

The Work No. 1 (Drain on Ballyremon) is a necessary work, and I recommended the District Council to formulate a proposal for it.

The Work No. 2 (Coolnaskeagh Bridge) is a necessary work, and I recommended the District Council to formulate a proposal for it.

In October, 1915, I made a similar recommendation, but the District Council declined to formulate a proposal. However, in August and September, 1916, the District Council, becoming alarmed from complaints made by the occupants of some labourers' cottages adjacent to the bridge, and who were accustomed to obtain the water for domestic purposes from under the bridge, requested me to again recommend them to formulate a proposal on this work, which I did.

In making my estimate for the current year I contemplated carrying out the work No. 1 (Ballyremon drain) from the sum included as a reserve for sudden damages, and from funds otherwise unexpended during the year. The work No. 2 (Coolnaskeagh Bridge)—in view of the previous refusal of the R. D. Council to formulate a proposal—I did not propose to carry out until later in the year if I found I had sufficient money accumulated to do so.

Owing to the collapse of a wall at the Scalp, to rebuild which required an expenditure of £60, the sum set apart in my estimate was exhausted, leaving no apparent sums available for further works. Hence it became necessary to make provision for same. The sum of £200 asked for by the R. D. Council is to cover the cost of the special works proposed, and as a provision for any sudden damages or special works of an urgent character, and which in my opinion should (before they are carried out) be certified by me as of an urgent nature.

I annex a memorandum of my estimate for the year 1916-17.

In view of the already increased limit of expenditure in the Rural District, from £1,711 to £2,800, it would be inexpedient and unreasonable to allow in the estimate for any large unforeseen expenditure unless provision were made for a special certificate from me, previous to carrying out special works, as to the urgent necessity of same. This will be obvious from my report of 1st November, 1916, to the County Secretary regarding the proposal of the R. D. Council to increase the expenditure proposed in the County Surveyor's estimate for the current year.

Subject to provision being made for a Special Certificate from me as to the urgent necessity for the expenditure, I consider the application for increased expenditure is reasonable and necessary. Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

MEMO. OF ESTIMATE.

Maintenance of Roads already on County.

	£	s	d
1—Current Contracts and Works in Charge	1652	13	6
2—Increase on Contracts expiring within the year	444	0	6
3—Sudden Damages and Reserve	50	0	0
	£2146 14 0		

4—Loans:—			
"Floods" Loan	£190	0	0
Road Board Payment according to Scheme	436	0	0
	626	0	0

Total £2722 14 0

Order.—Adopt Report and recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Board to sanction the increase.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
18th day of November, 1916.

Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Re ASSISTANTS.

Gentlemen—

I beg to report that Messrs. Pansing and Ramsay appear to be sufficiently recovered to be able to attend to their duties.

Regarding suggested alterations in position of the Assistants, I have made enquiries and find that, owing to the condition of affairs due to the war, the alterations suggested would be impracticable.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
20th day of November, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen—

I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Pansing on Saturday afternoon. From the statement therein to the effect that Mr. Pansing's medical adviser considers that journeys, long or short, into the country would be dangerous to Mr. Pansing's health, it would appear to be now a matter of urgent necessity that a substitute be appointed during Mr. Pansing's incapacity.

Should you consider it advisable to make a permanent appointment, I would suggest—

(1) That the appointment be for one year on probation, in the first instance, and that the conditions of appointment be subject to revision on a vacancy occurring on the present staff.

(2) That the Officer be a whole-time Officer, to reside in Bray or Greystones, and to hold himself liable to carry out inspections within 30 miles of his place of residence.

(3) That he be supplied with a Motor Bicycle (County Council property), and that an allowance (of, say, £18 per annum) be granted towards the cost of defraying the expense incurred for fuel, oil, tyres, and repairs.

As I mentioned in my previous communication, I am of opinion that, owing to conditions attributable to the war, it may be impracticable to obtain a suitable Assistant at the present time.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Advertisements to be issued for a Temporary Assistant Whole-time Surveyor, at a salary of £50 for three months, and £15 for expenses; the Finance Committee to have power to extend his employment for any further period necessary not exceeding three months on same terms.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
16th day of November, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen—

In pursuance of the arrangement made at your Meeting on 31st ult., I had a conference with the County Secretary regarding the Financial Condition of the Bray-Wicklow Road Scheme.

As the result of that conference I beg to submit the following figures, which explain the condition of that scheme at present.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Total estimated expenditure on Plant, Work, Maintenance of road, and 1st Tar dressing				26190	0	0
Finances provided from Scheme for Plant, Work, Maintenance, and 1st Tar Dressing, inclusive of repayment of Loan, viz.—						
By Free Grant	10752	0	0			
By Free Loan	6090	0	0			
By Rates (for work)	2158	0	0			
By Rates (for maintenance)	1548	0	0			
	20548	0	0	20548	0	0
Apparent deficit				5642	0	0
Less estimated proceeds from Sale of Plant				4000	0	6
Actual estimated deficit				£1642	0	0

You are aware from previous reports from your Secretary that the Manager of the Road Board has expressed his willingness to sell the Plant to the County Council, and has intimated that he would be prepared to recommend the Road Board to grant to the County Council the requisite money by way of free loan.

On reference to the foregoing figures you will observe that the apparent deficit of £5,642 is reduced by a sum of £4,000, the estimated proceeds of the sale of the plant.

I consider that it will probably be necessary to carry out this selling of the plant within the next Financial Year, and I agree with the County Secretary that steps should be taken to fulfil the legal requirements requisite to enable the Council to obtain the loan as soon as the money is required.

As regards the actual estimated deficit of £1,642, I anticipate that this will be either altogether wiped out or greatly reduced, because it is estimated from constants of labour based on the actual costs of the works already carried out, and these constants are high owing to the inclusion, in the cost of work done, of the charges involved in establishing quarries and work done on the most difficult portions of the road, etc.

At a later period I will report on the progress of the work, and take requisite steps to obtain the money necessary to provide the proportion to be obtained from the Rural Districts.

According to the conditions of the Scheme, the Road Board will make good any deficiency, by free grant and free loan, in the proportion of £12,752 to £6,000, so that, even if the deficit is not reduced, the Districts will at worst have to repay a loan of £531.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Court House, Wicklow,
17th November, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.
Gentlemen—

As the County Surveyor has now agreed, in his report submitted, that it is desirable that "steps should be taken to fulfil the legal requirements requisite to enable the Council to obtain the loan" promised by the Road Board for the purchase of the plant, I have only to suggest that, in order to give effect to this, the Committee should recommend the County Council to authorise me to have the necessary proposal duly formulated for obtaining a loan of £4,000 (free of interest) for this purpose, and, further, that I be directed to make provision in next estimate for repayment of the first instalment of same.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Order.—Recommend the Council to adopt Reports.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
16th day of November, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen—

I beg to inform you that a sudden breach has occurred in a retaining wall at Douglas River Bridge, on townland of Granamore, in Balinglass No. 1 Rural District.

I have given the Statutory Notice to the Clerk of the Rural District, and have also informed him that it will be necessary for the Rural District Council to ask the Local Government Board to extend the limit of expenditure in order to cover the cost of repairing this damage, as I consider it is probable the limit will be exceeded by the cost of carrying out the work, which is estimated at £75.

As this is a matter of some urgency, I would consider it advisable for you to make arrangements—subject to the action of the R. D. Council—to have an application made to the Local Government Board, as early as possible, to obtain the necessary extension.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Order.—Postponed for action of Rural District Council.

An application was received from C. H. O'Hara, Esq., District Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow—asking the Council to provide accommodation for the storing of Standard Weights and Measures, the property of the Council, and also an Office and Fittings for the officer in charge, and a working bench for the artificer engaged in the adjustments.

The letter was referred to the County Surveyor for a Report.

Correspondence was submitted in connection with the recent action brought by the Council against the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and the Dublin County Council, for a declaration establishing the right, if any, of the Council, under the Order in Council of 1887, fixing the Guarantee in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

In this correspondence was contained the following letter from the Council's Law Agent—

4 Church Street, Wicklow,
18th day of November, 1916.

Re Wicklow County Council v. Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company and Dublin County Council.

Dear Sir—

Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Barton yesterday against the Council.

He held that the Bond was ultra vires, so that all the other questions went by the board. In the course of his Judgment he stated that the Bond was wholly illusory, but that the County Council, being trustees for the ratepayers, were in an identical position as a trustee who found in his Deed Box a Deed relative to the trust property. That trustee could not ignore the trust deed, but should take the proper steps to administer the trust estate. In the same way he held that the County Council could not ignore the Bond in this case and that they were bound to bring the matter into Court and obtain a decision on its nature and effect.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCARROLL.

S. J. Doyle, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

20th November, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor Thomas Burke. Resolved—That the Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 having requested the Council to obtain an additional extension, for the balance of the current Financial Year, for the Limit of Road Expenditure on Road Repairs in that Rural District, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, approve of the said extension, and we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to grant that the Limit of Expenditure on Roads in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District be accordingly extended for the current Financial year from the sum of £2,800 to £3,000. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Thomas Burke. Resolved—That the Dublin County Council be asked to receive a Deputation from this Council to confer with them as to the best means to work the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Line in the future, and to consider the question generally as to whether any other improved means of haulage can be adopted with or without the assent of the Shareholders of the Company. The Secretary to ask the Chairman to summon a Special Meeting of the Council to deal with any further developments of the situation when they arise. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:—

COUNTY-AT LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £5,598 13s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Balinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £560 14s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

NAAS No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Thos. Burke. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £241 10s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £592 15s. 5d. (any modification made therein having first been initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,390 14s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £736 6s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.