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The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 17th November, 1919.

The following members attended:—Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), presiding chairman; Councillors R. W. Coates, Martin Langton, John J. Healy, Andrew Halpin, John Storey, James Byrne (Ballinderry), Joseph McCarroll.

Letters regretting their inability to be present at the meeting were submitted from Councillors D. Condren, and D. J. Cogan.

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 for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 6—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts.
- 8—To consider Applications received for Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 9—To consider a proposal adopted by the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council to raise a Loan of £3,000, repayable in five years, for the purpose of Steam Rolling and Tar Dressing the road between Kilcorney Gate and Enniskerry, and also about two miles of Greystones Streets.
- 10—To consider a proposal adopted by the Rathdrum Rural District Council to raise a Loan of £3,500, repayable in five years, for the purpose of Steam Rolling, and in part Tar Dressing, the road between the Bray-Wicklow road at Ashford and the Ballyduff cross-roads.
- 11—To execute an Agreement for the hiring of an Engine for Threshing purposes to Mr. Michael Bergin, Slieveroe, Rathdrum.
- 12—To execute an Agreement for the hiring of an Engine for Threshing purposes to Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
- 13—To execute an Agreement with the Governors of Dr. Stevens' Hospital, Dublin, for the provision of a Treatment Centre for Venereal Disease.
- 14—To consider correspondence from the Local Government Board dealing with the question of Maternity and Child Welfare, and, if the Council think fit, to adopt a scheme under the Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915.
- 15—To consider and act upon a proposal of the Balkinglass Town Hall Company, Ltd., to surrender to the County Council the Lease, dated 17th November, 1913, of the Plot of Ground leased to the latter for the erection of a Technical School in Balkinglass, the Joint Technical Instruction Committee having applied, through the Council, for this surrender.

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- 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.

Proposed by Councillor A. Halpin, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor John Storey, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in his recent sad bereavement by the death of his wife." Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 30th September, 1919.

The following Councillors attended:—Councillor John Storey, presiding chairman; Councillors James Byrne (Ballinderry), and Andrew Halpin.

County Surveyor's Office,
 Court House, Wicklow,
 27th September, 1919.

To the Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

1. I beg to report that on the 5th inst., accompanied by the Inspection Officer of the Ministry of Transport (Roads Department), I inspected the Bray-Wicklow Road, which was then practically complete except for a few perches on the Wicklow end. This I found completed on the 9th inst., whereupon I informed the Roads Department that I was prepared to certify that the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement was completed. I have (under date 16th inst.) received a communication from the Roads Department to the effect that the final account of the expenditure should be forwarded, and also saying that they should be glad to receive a formal intimation stating that the County Council was prepared to undertake the future maintenance of the road as from the 30th inst.

2. Up to the present the maintenance of the road has been carried out as part of the Improvement Scheme; the County Council contributing thereto the amount set out in the Financial Scheme. The Improvement Scheme being now complete it will be necessary to carry on this maintenance by labourers employed by me, and to enable this to be done it will be necessary to have Finance Committee Meetings at least once a fortnight so that the workmen may be paid.

3. At my request, and in order to facilitate matters, Mr. Rooke, the Resident Engineer, has placed his resignation in your hands (he being employed by the County Council.) I recommend that you, subject to ratification by the County Council, accept Mr. Rooke's resignation as from 14th October.

4. The Clerk attached to the Resident Engineer's Office can be dispensed with, as his services are no longer required, and the Resident Engineer should be authorised to terminate his employment, this Clerk having been appointed by the County Council and the Resident Engineer.

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5. The Final Account required by the Road Department cannot be prepared until the full accounts are put forward and certain tools and surplus stores disposed of. Regarding the tools: It is proposed by the Road Department that these be taken over by the County Council, and, as they are all tools which will be required in quarrying work, I recommend that I be authorised to purchase same for the nominal sum of £50, the cost being charged to the Proposal passed Spring, 1919, for the installing and working of stone crushing machinery in such quarrying places as may be required.

6. Certain consumable stores, such as antifriction metal, cylinder oil, cotton waste, etc., being stores for the maintenance of the engines, I recommend that I be authorised to purchase out of the Proposal passed Spring, 1919, for the care and maintenance of plant. Detailed lists of the tools and consumable stores are being prepared.

7. A certain quantity of road material remains on the road, which I should be authorized to dispose of to the best advantage.

8. As the amount provided in the Financial Scheme for maintenance is now (owing to altered conditions) insufficient to carry on the work it will be necessary to ask the R. D. Councils to formulate fresh proposals to supplement the funds now available for maintenance up to 31st March next.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Orders:—

Paragraph 1.—Maintenance to be undertaken by County Council as from the 1st October, 1919.

Paragraph 2.—Noted.

Paragraph 3.—Resignation accepted as from the 14th October, 1919.

Paragraph 4.—Mr. Short's appointment in connection with the Improvement Scheme to terminate on the 14th October, 1919, and County Surveyor authorized to re-engage him under Proposal, Spring, 1919, to care rolling plant, at the same salary as he is being paid at present.

Paragraph 5.—County Surveyor authorized to purchase the tools for a sum of £50.

Paragraph 6.—The Stores mentioned to be purchased at a sum of £23.

Paragraph 7.—The road material mentioned to be taken over by the County Surveyor at a cost of £37.

Paragraph 8.—Noted.

Court House, Wicklow,
 30th September, 1919.

To the Chairman and Members of Finance Committee.

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Gentlemen—

I beg to submit a short estimate of the position of the Special Account set up in connection with above as it appears to me to stand at the present date. There may, however, be liabilities against it

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in the nature of undischarged accounts, which have not yet reached me.

ASSETS.

Final Instalment due by Road Board, £782; County Council's contribution towards maintenance up to 30th September, 1919, £94 10s.; transfer of final credit balance on imprest account, £200.—Total, £1,076 10s.

LIABILITIES.

Overdraft at Bank, £17 17s. 2d.; payments to be made to-day, £649 15s. 6d.; Resident Engineer's salary to 14th October (estimate), £106; hire of plant due to County Council (estimate), £261 18s. 0d.; Law Costs (estimate), £25.—Total liabilities to date, £1,060 10s. 8d.

This leaves an estimated Credit Balance of £15 19s. 4d. There will be further wages to be paid, as the last pay sheets only provide for payment up to the 18th inst., and I understand the work is still proceeding.

Of course it is incumbent on the County Surveyor and Resident Engineer not to incur expenditure in excess of the funds already authorized for the Scheme, plus proceeds of any tools and material sold or to be sold.

The figures herein set out are prepared on the assumption that the Resident Engineer will close his Accounts with a credit balance of £50 on Petty Cash to be transferred by him to County Fund, to which this sum is due, and a credit balance of £200 on imprest account to be transferred to the Improvement Scheme Account. This £200 I have credited, you will see, as an available asset to be ultimately expended.

I note from the County Surveyor's report that he indicates the method proposed by him for carrying on the maintenance of the road. In this connection I may mention that in the above estimate I have credited to the Scheme all monies payable thereto by the County Council up to 30th September, 1919. Therefore, there is, under existing proposals, available for maintenance a total sum of only £94 10s to carry on to the 31st March, 1920.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Order.—Noted.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
27th September, 1919.

To Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

Owing to the refusal of the Ministry of Transport to make further Grants for road improvement to the County Wicklow, and to the fact that it is not possible to carry out such works from the ordinary resources of the County, it has become necessary to make arrangements for storing the Plant in a convenient place to be acquired for the purpose, and also employing a caretaker to look after it until such time as it may be utilised on works.

Some of the Plant can be utilised in Kiltimon Quarry, which

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should very soon come into the Council's possession, but much of it, such as sleeping huts, vans, offices, etc., could only be used on a road improvement work, such as the Kilmacanogue-Glendalough and Bray-Greystones roads, which it was proposed to improve, and for which purpose, on the invitation of the Road Board, you applied for Grants, and which applications were refused by them.

It would be advisable to point out to the Ministry of Transport that, owing to the refusal of further Grants for road improvement, this Plant is now idle, and request that they consider the propriety of making at least a small Grant to enable the Council to utilize the Plant and carry on until March 31st next, or such time as further funds are available for distribution.

I observe from the Press that large Grants are now being indicated to various counties, and suggest that although these Grants may have been indicated, yet, from experience, I think it is hardly probable that the full amount of the indicated Grants can be required by these counties before further funds will be available for distribution by the Ministry of Transport.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Noted.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
27th September, 1919.

To Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I understand that applications have been made for the use of Engines for threshing and for stone crushing.

At present there is only one engine available which could be used for threshing.

The steam rollers could be fitted for working stone crushing plant, but they would not be suitable for hiring out to small isolated jobs.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Noted.

Resident Engineer's Office,
Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow,
26th September, 1919.

Dear Sir—

As above work is now complete, I beg to tender my resignation as Engineer of Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

I trust the County Council are pleased with the manner in which the work has been carried out, and believe the Bray-Wicklow Road will now compare favourably with any road in Ireland.

I regret to sever my connection with the Wicklow County Council, County Surveyor, Secretary, and all members of the Coun-

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cil's staff, from whom I have always received all possible assistance and kindness in the discharge of my duties.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J. ROOKE.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Court House, Wicklow.

Order.—Accepted.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 10th September, 1919, from Mr John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtownmountkennedy, in which he applied for the use of the Council's second engine for threshing purposes; also a letter, dated 12th September, 1919, re same, from the County Surveyor.

Order.—Granted on the usual terms.

A letter, dated the 18th September, 1919, was submitted from Road Contractor John Brady, Sleemane, Roundwood, in which he applied for the use of the Council's Crusher, to crush 300 yards of stone.

Order.—To be lent at One Pound (£1) per week.

A letter, dated 20th August, 1919, was read from Robert C. Barton, Forestry Committee, Agricultural Department, Dail Eireann, 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin, asking the Council to co-operate in making the 1st November, 1919—Arbour Day—a National Festival.

Order.—Referred to the County Committee of Agriculture.

Correspondence was submitted by the Secretary from the Local Government Board, intimating proposals under the Provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, to transfer Naas No. 2 Rural District to the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District; to amalgamate Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District with the adjoining Rural District of Athy No. 1; to transfer Naas No. 2 Rural District from Naas Union to Baltinglass Union; and to transfer Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District from Baltinglass Union to the adjoining Union of Athy.

It did not appear to the Committee that the proposed changes would in any way adversely affect the County Council's interest, provided that steps be taken by the Local Government Board to safeguard the interests of the Secretary of the County Council, portion of whose remuneration is at present derived from Fees connected with the preparation of the Voters' and Jurors' Lists for Naas No. 2 Rural District.

A letter, dated 29th September, 1919, was submitted from Mr Hugh O'Rowe, Ballece Quarries, Rathdrum, applying for the position of Foreman over the Council's Steam-rolling Plant.

Order.—The Committee, having considered Mr Hugh O'Rowe's application, and having heard the views of the County Surveyor thereon, strongly recommend the Council to appoint Mr. O'Rowe to the position indicated in his letter so soon as the engines, crushers, and rolling plant are being actively employed.

(Signed) JOHN STOREY.

Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor A. Halpin, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—"That the Finance Com-

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mittee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted." Passed.

Proposed by Councilor John Storey, seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. Resolved—"That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, in Report No. 1, we hereby appoint Mr. Hugh O'Rowe, of Ballece Quarries, Rathdrum, to the position of Foreman over the Council's Steam-rolling Plant, Mr. O'Rowe to take up the duties of his position so soon as the engines, crushers, and rolling plant are being actively employed; his salary in that position to be fixed at the Finance Committee meeting." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 28th October, 1919.

The following members were present:—Councillor D. J. Cogaa, Chairman; Councillors Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), Andrew Halpin, J. W. Reigh, John Storey, and John J. Healy.

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

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County at Large				7986	17	3
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	972	0	6			
Committee's do	58	10	0	1030	10	6
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	324	18	8			
Committee's do.	702	15	5	1027	14	1
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	497	2	6			
Committee's do.	197	13	10	694	16	4
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals						
Committee's do.	1005	14	2	1005	14	2
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	620	10	7			
Committee's do.	303	16	6	924	7	1
Arklow Urban—						
Committee's Proposals				68	5	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Committee's Proposals				56	10	0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)				1411	16	9
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account No. 2 (Included in County-at-Large total)				703	10	0

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands

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submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass	1214	10	0
Naas	289	5	0
Rathdown	1621	10	0
Rathdrum	3214	0	0
Shillelagh	972	10	0
Total	£7311	15	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	82	10	0
Naas No. 2			
Rathdown No. 2	220	10	0
Rathdrum	548	0	0
Shillelagh	27	10	0
Total	£878	10	0

The Local Government Board forwarded a copy of Award No. 84 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board, from which it appeared that the Treasury have recently authorised this new Scale of War Bonuses, and the Board suggested to the Council to take this new scale for their guidance. Further, the Local Government Board added that the bonuses awarded are to be regarded as temporary increases intended to assist in meeting the increased cost of living owing to the war, and are to be recognised as due to and dependent on the existence of the abnormal conditions now prevailing.

Applications pursuant to the Award were received from the Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Messrs. Healy, Langton, Wolohan, and Byrne. On the motion of Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor John Storey, the Committee unanimously recommend the County Council to authorise payment of the following bonuses:— S. G. Gallagher, County Surveyor (the Civil Service Scale), £160; S. J. Doyle, Secretary, £100; P. T. Healy, Chief Clerk, £60; T. Langton, Assistant Accountant, £60; L. Wolohan, Clerk, £60; W. C. Byrne, Clerk, £50; to be paid only so long as the Civil Service Scale is being paid by the Government, and in any case not to exceed twelve months from the 1st November, 1919.

A letter, dated 24th October, 1919, was submitted from F. F. Mac Carthy, Principal of Wicklow Technical Schools, submitting an offer of Two Pounds (£2) for the disused Gas Radiator at present in the Council's stores.

Order—Accepted.

A letter, dated 20th October, 1919, was submitted from Daniel P. Blayney, Solicitor, 44 South Main Street, Naas, enclosing, on behalf of his clients, the Baltinglass Town Hall Company, Ltd., counterpart of the lease of the site of the proposed Technical School in Baltinglass, with deed of surrender endorsed thereon.

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Order—The Committee recommend the Council to accept the surrender of this lease, and to have same duly executed.

An application, dated 27th October, 1919, was received by the Committee from George Newsom, V.S., Ballintreskin, Wicklow, for a month's sick leave, supported by a medical certificate from Dr. T. Lyndon.

Order—Leave granted; Mr. Conway, V.S., Wicklow, to be temporarily appointed at the same rate as was finally paid to Messrs. Richardson and Malone when acting recently as locum tenens in Rathdrum and Shillelagh Rural Districts during the absence on leave of Mr. Newsom.

In a letter dated 23rd October, 1919, Mr. Thomas Williams, Courthouse Keeper, Wicklow, applied for an increase in his salary.

Order—A bonus of Twenty Pounds (£20) over and above his present salary and emoluments recommended for one year as from the 1st November, 1919.

23rd October, 1919. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Enclosing a Bill of Miscellaneous Costs amounting to £177 7s. 10d., in respect to the period commencing 13th July, 1919, and ending 15th October, 1919.

Order—To be taxed.

The Committee 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:—

No.	Name	£	s	d
1	Joseph Doyle	10	10	8
2	Richard Geoghegan	5	6	0
3	Richard Lynch	12	1	11
4	William Burke	2	11	7
5	Patrick Quinn	1	7	4
6	Michael McGrath	7	1	0
7	Charles S. Sutton	19	0	11
8	Patrick Mulligan	3	18	4
9	Joseph Keane	5	16	7
10	John Murphy	10	15	8
11	John Kelly	4	3	3
12	W. J. Cardiff	3	10	3
13/15	William J. Quinn	9	18	11
14	James Byrne	3	0	2
16	Peter P. Doyle	7	11	2
17	Charles Byrne	4	15	4
18	Michael Fleming, Junr.	3	16	2
19	Terence Byrne	0	8	0

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN,

Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor A. Ha'pin. Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Note on foot

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of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—"That, in the event of Mr. Newsom not being able to resume duty at the termination of his leave, the Secretary be authorised to continue Mr. Conway's services temporarily at his present fee until other arrangements are made by the Council." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—"That the Requisition to tax Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Bill of Miscellaneous Costs for the period commencing 13th July, 1919, and ending 15th October, 1919, amounting to £177 7s. 10d., be now signed and sealed." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held on Monday, the 17th November, 1919.

The following members were present:—Councillor A. Halpin, presiding chairman; Councillors John J. Healy, James Byrne (Ballinderry), Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg).

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

Additional Proposals	£231	7	2
Do., Rathdrum—Forms 22	£2777	5	6

(Signed), ANDREW HALPIN.

17-11-19.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 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 J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £7,987 16s. 3d. (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 M. Langton, seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £1,030 10s. 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 John Storey, seconded by Councillor R. W. Coates. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District amounting to £1,027 14s. 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 J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor M.

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Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £694 16s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £3,782 19s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £924 7s. 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 James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £68 5s. 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 R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 10s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being additional Proposals, amounting to £231 7s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. 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:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

No proposals.

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County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th November, 1919.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Quarterly Meeting, 17th November, 1919.

Gentlemen—

Two Proposals come before you for the maintenance of the Bray-Wicklow Road—viz., £200 for that portion in Rathdown No. 2 R. District, and £500 for that portion in Rathdrum R. District. These proposals are to supplement the money already provided for the maintenance of this road up to 31st March, 1920, and were formulated by the R. D. Councils on my recommendation, as the money already provided in the Financial Scheme is insufficient and the additional amounts are necessary to enable you to properly fulfil the obligation to maintain the road. Arrangements must be made to continue the system, specially sanctioned in connection with the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, to enable the payment of wages.

Two Proposals come before you for Road Improvement by Steam Rolling. The roads proposed for improvement are the Kiloroney-Enniskerry road; two miles of Greystones streets, in Rathdown No. 2 R. District, and the road from Ashford to Ballyduff, in Rathdrum R. District. Ordinary maintenance contracts are in operation on these roads but, in my opinion, these maintenance contracts, which expire in March and June, 1920, need not prevent the work of improvement proceeding. The improvement work can be carried out other than by contract, as provided by par. 22 of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899. Application has been made to the Ministry of Transport for financial assistance in carrying out these works, but no reply has yet been received. However, the R. D. Councils are desirous that these works should proceed in any case. It will be necessary to obtain authority to borrow the full amount required, and, should financial assistance be forthcoming, it will only be necessary to actually borrow the balances required. I recommend that arrangements be made for a system of paying the wages during the progress of these works similar to that in operation on the Bray-Wicklow road.

The contractors for the undermentioned roads have failed to reasonably fulfil their contracts, and I recommend that I be authorised to serve Ten-days' Notices, under Sec. 54, G. J. Act, 1836. I further recommend that, should the contractors still fail to do the work, legal proceedings be taken against them and their sureties on the bonds. The roads referred to are:—Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.: Index No. 11, Reg. 95, 829 perches, contract taken Spring, 1918; index No. 117, reg. 178, 514 perches, contract taken Winter, 1919; index No. 118, reg. 179, 680 perches, contract taken Winter, 1919. Naas No. 2 R.D.: Index No. 22, reg. 44, 1,038 perches, contract taken Winter, 1916. Rathdrum R.D.: Index No. 15, reg. 93, 875 perches, contract taken Winter, 1918; index No. 16, reg. 94, 777 perches, contract taken Winter, 1918; index No. 139, reg. 143,

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1,269 perches, contract taken Winter 1918; index No. 187, reg. 154, 703 perches, contract taken Winter, 1918; Shillelagh R.D.: Index No. 39, reg. 240, 1,071 perches, contract taken Winter, 1915; index No. 55, reg. 296, 1,412 perches, contract taken Winter, 1918; index No. 76, reg. 316, 850 perches, contract taken, Winter, 1918.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Orders:—

Paragraph 1—Referred to Secretary, County Surveyor, and Chairman of Finance Committee.

Paragraph 2—Same order as in Paragraph 1.

Paragraph 3—Authority given County Surveyor to proceed, if necessary.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Quarterly Meeting, 17th November, 1919.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
15th November, 1919.

Gentlemen—

I recommend that Applications be made to the Local Government Board for authority to extend the limit of Expenditure for Rathdrum Rural District by £1,000, and for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District by £200.

These extensions will be necessary as the extra expenditure on the Bray-Wicklow Road was not included in the estimates on which the present sanctioned limits were based, especially so in Rathdrum R. District, where only the minimum amount estimated for ordinary expenditure was applied for.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 218 in the District Register, 706 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £229 9s. 0d.

Road No. 219 in the District Register, 1,000 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £31 5s. 0d.

Road No. 221 in the District Register, 260 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £4 17s. 6d.

Road No. 222 in the District Register, 1,240 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £23 5s. 0d.

Road No. 223 in the District Register, 432 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £8 2s. 0d.

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Road No. 224 in the District Register, 650 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £10 16s. 6d.

Road No. 226 in the District Register, 440 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £16 10s. 0d.

Work No. 228 in the District Register, to erect two gratings at Lord Edward Street, Baltinglass, placed in charge of the County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £30.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

No proposals.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Road No. 579 in the District Register—maintaining that portion of the Bray-Wicklow Road in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—placed in charge of County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £200.

Road No. 580 in the District Register—to roll and tar the road from Kilcrouney Gate to Enniskerry at £1,200; and to roll and tar two miles of Greystones streets, at £1,800—placed in charge of County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £3,000.

Contract, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to sanction a further increased expenditure on roads and public works of £200 in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920, making a total expenditure of £3,930 in that rural district for the year in question." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Road No. 341 in the District Register, 1,081 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £67 11s. 3d.

Road No. 343 in the District Register—to maintain that portion of the Bray-Wicklow road within the Rural District of Rathdrum—was placed in charge of the County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £500.

Road No. 345 in the District Register—to steam roll and in part tar dress the road between the Bray-Wicklow road at Ashford and Ballyduff cross-roads—was placed in charge of the County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £3,500.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. Resolved—"That we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to sanction a further increased expenditure on roads and public works of £1,000 in Rathdrum Rural District for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920, making a total expenditure of £15,600 in that rural district for the financial year in question." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor

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J. J. Healy. Resolved—"That the several contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Halpin, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we now sign and seal the two applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That, in accordance with the Proposal adopted by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, have been duly complied with in connection with same, hereby approve of the proposal to borrow a sum of £3,000 from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow Branch; said sum to be repaid in ten half-yearly instalments of principal, and interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. on the capital outstanding from time to time; the said sum of £3,000 to be devoted as follows:—£1,200 to the steam-rolling and tar-dressing of the road leading from Kilcrouney Gate to Enniskerry, and £1,800 to the steam-rolling and tar-dressing of two miles of Greystones Streets." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinclair). Resolved—"That, in accordance with the Proposal adopted by Rathdrum Rural District Council, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, have been duly complied with in connection with same, hereby approve of the proposal to borrow a sum of £3,500 from the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow Branch; said sum to be repaid in ten half-yearly instalments of principal, and interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. on the capital outstanding from time to time; the said sum of £3,500 to be devoted as follows:—to the steam-rolling and in part tar-dressing the road between the Bray-Wicklow road at Ashford and Ballyduff cross-roads." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. Resolved—"That the agreement with Mr. Michael Bergin, Slieveroe, Rathdrum, for the hire of the Council's engine for threshing purposes be now signed and sealed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Halpin, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That the agreement with Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, for the hire of the Council's engine for threshing purposes be now signed and sealed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor R. W. Coates. Resolved—"That the agreement with the Governors of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, for the provision of a Treatment Centre for Venereal Disease, be now signed and sealed." Passed.

The Council again adjourned consideration of correspondence from the Local Government Board dealing with the question of Maternity and Child Welfare, and also the question of adopting a scheme under the Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915.

Proposed by Councillor R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor

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John Storey. Resolved—"That we hereby agree to the proposal of Baltinglass Town Hall Company, Ltd., to surrender to the County Council the Lease dated the 17th November, 1913, of the plot of ground leased to the latter for the erection of a Technical School in Baltinglass, the Joint Technical Instruction Committee having applied, through the Council, for this surrender; and we hereby direct that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Clause of Surrender endorsed upon the Lease and the Counterpart thereof." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. Resolved—"That the agreement with Surgeon E. H. Taylor, Downshire House, Blessington, in connection with the permission granted him by the Council to carry an electric wire overhead across the street of Blessington, be now signed and sealed." 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. 41,370/1919. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th August, 1919.—Asking if Collector Thomas Fleming's Sureties have assented to the appointment of Michael Fleming, junior, as Deputy Rate Collector for No. 18 District, and whether he is qualified to act as Deputy Collector.

No. 42,758/1919. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th August, 1919.—Assenting to the temporary appointment of Mr. Michael Fleming, junior, as Deputy for Collector Thomas Fleming for the current year's collection.

No. 148M./1919. Miscellaneous. Housing Department, Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th August, 1919.—With reference to the powers and functions entrusted to County Councils by the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, as amended by Part II. of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919.

No. 149M./1919. Miscellaneous. Housing Department, Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th August, 1919.—Enclosing Draft Regulations issued under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1919, and also copy of a circular issued by the Local Government Board.

No. 42,586/1919. Baltinglass No 1 R.D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd September, 1919.—Relative to the Council's decision on the Resolution of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, adopting Part I. of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

Order—The Council see no reason to depart from the order made by them at their Quarterly Meeting held on 19th May, 1919.

No. 43,494/1919. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th September, 1919.—Approving of the permanent appointment of Mr. John Gleeson, B.E., as Assistant Surveyor, at a salary of £200 per year, with £5 a year for postage.

No. 157M./1919. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th September, 1919.—Enclosing copy of Instructions relative to the care of discharged soldiers and sailors who have become disabled by reason of mental disorder, certified to be due to or aggravated by

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War Service, which has been issued to Asylum Authorities by the Inspectors of Lunatics, Dublin Castle, with the concurrence of the Treasury and the Minister of Pensions.

No. 42,530/1919. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st October, 1919.—Stating that the Board's Legal Adviser is clearly of opinion that Sub-Section 4 of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act, 1919, makes the General County Funds under the control of the Treasurer applicable to the payment on demand of all Decrees made after the 16th April, 1919, for compensation for injury to the person, but the Act does not make any modification in the existing law with respect to compensation for injury to property.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, October, 1919.—Statement of Irish Agricultural Trade for month of August, 1919.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th October, 1919.—Telegram sanctioning the grant of sick leave of one month to Mr. George Newsom, V.S., and the employment as locum tenens of Mr. S. Conway, V.S., Abbey Street, Wicklow, at a suggested fee of Three Guineas a week, his claim for Travelling Expenses to be submitted in due course.

V.B. 3,318/1919. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th November, 1919.—Approving of the appointment of Mr. S. Conway, V.S., Abbey Street, Wicklow, as substitute for Mr. G. Newsom, V.S., during the latter's month of sick leave, at the remuneration of Three Guineas per week, his claim for travelling expenses incurred in connection with his duties in that capacity to be considered by the Council when his temporary employment ceases.

No. 40,266/1919. National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland), Dublin, 27th October, 1919.—Intimating that Messrs. John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones, and Andrew Halpin, Whiterock, have been declared members of the County Wicklow Insurance Committee, in succession to Messrs. J. J. Reilly and E. C. Walsh.

No. 46,511/2/L. General Headquarters, Parkgate, Dublin, 22nd September, 1919. From the Chief Land Agent—Enquiring whether the existing Bye-Laws regulating the use of the Glen Imaal Artillery Ranges, which provide for the closing of the roads intersecting the Glen while firing is going on, have caused any hardship to the people of the district, and whether the Council see any objection to their continuance in force.

25th September, 1919. From the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council.—Resolution requesting the County Council to continue to maintain the Bray-Wicklow road by direct labour, instead of allowing it to fall back to the old system of maintenance by contract.

20th October, 1919. From the Clerk, Urban District Council, Arklow.—Stating that he is directed by his Council to ask if the County Council would allow the planting of trees on Arbor Day in the Court Yard at the Court House, Arklow.

Order—If the Landlord, Colonel Proby, has no objection, the Council has none.

20th October, 1919. From Same.—Asking if the County Council would have any objection to the Urban Council storing a mud cart and horse brush, in the open space at the rear of the Court

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Order—Council has no objection.

15th September, 1919. From County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow.—Asking the Council to appoint Sergeant Patrick J. O'Grady, R.I.C., as Food and Drugs Inspector and Ex-Officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, for the Petty Sessions Districts of Bray and Enniskerry.

Order—Sergeant P. J. O'Grady, R.I.C., appointed to the position referred to.

26th August, 1919. From Sir Albert Meldon, Vevay House, Bray—Offering to place a Motor Ambulance at the Council's disposal, subject to terms of agreement, which would include upkeep and insurance by the Council.

Order—Noted.

26th August, 1919. From Manager, Balmoral Industrial School, West End Park, Balmoral, Belfast—Intimating that it will be impossible for him to admit any children from County Wicklow on the Council's terms.

4th November, 1919. From Arthur W. Irwin, Secretary, Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital—Conveying the grateful thanks of the Committee for the special grant of £50 for the repair and painting of the exterior of the Fever Hospital buildings.

9th September, 1919. From J. Pullar Phibbs, Ltd., Seville Motor Works, North Strand, Dublin—Offering to enter into an Agreement with the Council regarding the erection of workmen's houses on his estate, Alma Towers, Altadore.

20th September, 1919. From the Assistant Secretary, The Proportional Representation Society of Ireland, 65 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin—Enclosing copy of a statement in connection with Proportional Representation and Local Authorities' Elections.

20th September, 1919. From Officers of the Irish Superannuated Employees' Association, City Hall, Dublin—Asking the Council to press for fresh legislation granting the legal power to Corporate Bodies in Ireland to increase the Pensions of their ex-employees.

8th September, 1919. From the Secretary, The Royal Sanitary Institute, 90 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1—Relative to the necessity for Local Authorities granting facilities for the training of Inspectors of Nuisances.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

9th September, 1919. From Westmeath County Council—Resolution condemning in the strongest terms the murders and outrages that are occurring in various parts of the country.

20th September, 1919. From the Irish Cattle Traders' and Stockowners' Association—Resolution condemning the action of the Military Authorities in restricting the supply of home-killed meat to the Troops in Ireland to one day a week from 1st January, 1920, the rations for the other six days to be drawn from frozen meat supplies.

Order—Adopted.

27th October, 1919. From Irish National Agricultural and General Workers' Union (Aughrim Branch)—Resolution urging the necessity for a comprehensive Scheme of Afforestation.

5th November, 1919. From Newcastle (County Wicklow) Farmers' Association—Resolution dealing with the remuneration of

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The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 16th February, 1920.

The following members were present:—Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), presiding chairman; Councillors R. W. Coates, John V. Gahan, J. J. Metcalfe, Tobias Kinsella, E. C. Walsh, James Byrne (Tinnakilly) Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, James Byrne (Ballinleriry), John Storey, and Andrew Halpin.

A letter was submitted from Councillor J. J. Healy, regretting his inability to be present.

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 for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 6—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending the 31st March, 1921.
- 9—To consider Applications received for Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10—To fix a date for the Election of County and Rural District Councillors, pursuant to the Local Elections (P.R.I.) Order, 1919.
- 11—To consider the terms of the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919, and to make such order as the Council may deem advisable.
- 12—To execute an Agreement with John Brady, Sleemane, Roundwood, in connection with the Hire by him of the Council's Stone Crusher, etc.
- 13—To reappoint the Council's Representatives on the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee for County Wicklow.
- 14—To appoint the County Council's Moiety of the New School Attendance Committee for Annamce Dispensary District.
- 15—To pass a Resolution applying to the Ministry of Transport (Roads Department) for sanction to the extension of the Limit of Road Expenditure in the Rural Districts of Baltinglass No. 1 and Naas No. 2 (which have been amalgamated); Rathdown No. 2, Rathdrum and Shillelagh.
- 16—To consider a Resolution from the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, asking the Council to enter into an agreement, on behalf of the Committee, to lease Premises for use as a Technical School at Baltinglass.
- 17—To authorise the continuance in operation of the Council's Scheme for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease for the ensuing financial year; also to consider a suggested amendment in same.

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- 18—To consider Correspondence, and to receive a Deputation, in furtherance of a proposal to establish Direct Labour on roads in certain areas in the county.
 19—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
 20—To consider Reports from County Officers.
 21—To consider Official Correspondence.
 22—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—"That, at this the first meeting of the County Council following the death of the late Mr. George Newsom, V.S., for over twenty years a valued official of the Council, we desire to express to his widow and relatives the assurance of our deep sympathy in the bereavement that has befallen them." Passed.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 30th December, 1919.

The following members attended:—

Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), presiding Chairman; Councillors Joseph McCarroll and Andrew Halpin.

A letter, dated 1st December, 1919, was submitted from Hugh O'Rowe, Ballece Quarries, Rathdrum, in which he intimated the terms upon which he is prepared to accept the appointment as Foreman over the Council's Steam-Rolling Plant.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to pay a Salary of Five Pounds (£5) per week to Mr. O'Rowe at such times as the Plant may be working in Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural Districts, and to consider, when the occasion arises, the question of the payment of Travelling Expenses at such times as the Plant may be operating in the remoter Rural Districts of Baltinglass No. 1, Naas No. 2, and Shillelagh.

A letter, dated 20th December, 1919, No. 59,392/1919, was submitted by the Secretary, in which the Local Government Board refused to extend their sanction to the system proposed by the Council, and submitted to the Board, by which the Wages of men employed by the County Surveyor can be paid fortnightly under the authority of Monthly Finance Committee Meetings.

The County Surveyor submitted a Report, dated 29th December, 1919, in which he recommended that steps be taken to acquire, through the Ministry of Transport, two or three Foden Lorries, which would be useful for hauling stone.

Order.—The County Surveyor to get the necessary information as to cost.

The Committee postponed consideration of a Report from the County Surveyor, dated 29th December, 1919, that Mr. Joseph McCarroll had a Yard for Sale or Letting that might be converted into a Store for the Council's Engines, etc.

(Signed) W. BYRNE,
 Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor

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J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1920.

The following members were present:—

Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), presiding Chairman; Councillors James Byrne (Ballinderry), and John Storey.

The Secretary submitted an Advice Note dated 25th November, 1919, authorising payments amounting to £31 6s. 0d., which was to be issued on or after 1st January, 1920.

He asked to have this Advice Note cancelled and destroyed in consequence of the terms of the Local Government Board's letter of the 20th December, 1919, No. 59,392/1919 (Wicklow County).

Order.—To be cancelled and destroyed.

(Signed) W. BYRNE,
 Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 27th January, 1920, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

The following members were present—Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors John Storey and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

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

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County at Large	12592	8	10
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	1059	9	6	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	75	3	11	1134 13 5
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	233	17	10	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	513	9	7	752 7 5
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	628	19	8	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	174	13	3	803 12 11
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	3056	6	9	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	605	4	6	3661 11 3
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	780	8	8	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	358	17	9	1139 6 5

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Arklow Urban—			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	37	17	0
Wicklow Urban—			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	33	11	2
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)	3710	10	6
Election Expenses—			
Advance to Returning Officers	600	6	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	1410	10	0
Naas	388	0	0
Rathdown	1862	5	0
Rathdrum	4457	10	0
Shillelagh	1166	0	0
Total	£9284	5	0

A letter was received from the Local Government Board, dated 23rd January, 1920, No. 5,032, 1920, directing the Secretary to consolidate the Estimates received from the Rural Districts of Baltinglass No. 1 and Naas No. 2, in view of the proposal of the Local Government Board to issue an Order amalgamating these two Rural Districts as from 1st April, 1920.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to authorise him to do so.

In consequence of this Order the Transfers to the several Rural District Councils were recommended as follows:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	519	5	0
Rathdown No. 2	1005	10	0
Rathdrum	1422	5	0
Shillelagh	686	10	0
Total	£3633	10	0

The Committee recommend payment of the following amount of Rates claimed as Irrecoverable for the half year ending 31st March, 1920, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board:—

No. 9—Collector Joseph Keane. £4 3s 11d.

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 20th January, 1920, from the Clerks usually employed temporarily in the preparation of the Rate Books, Collecting Books, etc., asking, in view of the current conditions, to have their remuneration increased.

It was explained by the Secretary that since his appointment this work was carried out at a cost of £100 per annum, up to last year, when it cost the sum of £124. He also mentioned that previous to his appointment in 1914, this work cost £150 per annum.

The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the payment of

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£64 to the Secretary in addition to the £100 annually allowed to him for this purpose.

The Committee had under consideration a letter from the Local Government Board, dated 19th December, 1919, No. 61,034/1919, enclosing a copy of the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919, and outlining the Council's duties thereunder.

Order—Noted.

A further letter was submitted from the Local Government Board, dated 19th December, 1919, No. 64,545/1919, drawing attention to the report of the Inter-Departmental Committee appointed to investigate the question of the provision of residential treatment for Tuberculous Patients.

Order—Noted.

The Secretary submitted a communication from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 18th December, 1919, enclosing copy of the Bovine (Tuberculosis) (Ireland) Order, 1914, and stating that the operation of this Order, which had been temporarily suspended during the war, would be resumed as from the 1st January, 1920.

In connection therewith he submitted a further letter from the Department, dated 8th January, 1920, V.B., No. 3759/1919, in which they said they would be prepared to sanction a remuneration of Fifteen Pounds (£15) per annum to the Secretary—as they have already done in the case of the adjoining counties of Kildare and Wexford—in respect of the extra duties thrown upon him in connection with the working of this Order.

The Committee recommend the Council to grant the Secretary Fifteen Pounds (£15) per year for the extra duties mentioned, as suggested in the Department's letter.

A Report was submitted by the County Surveyor, dated 29th December, 1919, suggesting the hiring of a depot for the storing of the Council's Steam Rolling Plant.

Order—Noted.

An application for a war bonus from the County Court Judge's Crier, Mr. Timothy Long, was submitted and noted.

The Secretary reported that owing to the lamented death of the late Mr. George Newsom, V.S., a vacancy existed under the Council for a Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the Unions of Rathdrum and Shillelagh.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to cause the vacancy to be filled on the same conditions as those upon which Mr. Newsom held the appointment—namely, at the inclusive salary of Ninety Four Pounds per annum (£94).

A communication was submitted, dated the 6th December, 1919, on behalf of the Students holding Scholarships under the Council, in which they pointed out that the present Scholarships of £50 each per annum were inadequate to meet their increased cost of Lodgings and other necessary expenditure.

A further letter on the same subject, dated 26th November, 1919, was received from the Principal of Loreto Hall, 77 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to increase their Scholarships by a sum of Five Pounds (£5) each per annum, to take effect from the commencement of the next scholastic year.

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A letter, dated the 23rd January, 1920, was submitted from the Secretary of the Association of Managers of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, Artane Industrial School, Dublin, asking the Council to raise their Capitation Grant to Five Shillings (5s.) per week per capita, so as to enable the Schools to avail of the maximum contribution from Government sources.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to accede to the application, and to increase the present weekly grant of Four Shillings (4s.) to Five Shillings (5s.), this increase to take effect as from the 1st April, 1920.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 12th December, 1919, from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, asking to have the amount of the malicious injury decree in the case of Howlett v. the County Council paid without waiting to have the same included in the next estimate, and collected and lodged.

Order.—Noted.

The Committee had before them a communication, dated 4th December, 1919, No. 220/M/1919, from the Local Government Board, enclosing copies of the Local Elections (P.R.I) Order, 1919, governing the procedure to be followed in connection with the forthcoming Local Government Elections in June, 1920.

Order.—The Council recommended to fix a date for the elections.

The Secretary submitted the Annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate during the next ensuing Financial year, 1920-21, 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 Report 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.

(Signed), W. BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted, subject to the modification that instead of one Veterinary Inspector being appointed to fill the position occupied by the late Mr. George Newsom, V.S., two such officers be appointed, one for Rathdrum Rural District and Wicklow and Arklow Urban Districts, at Seventy Pounds (£70) per annum, and one for Shillelagh Rural District, at Twenty-Five Pounds (£25) per annum. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor R. W. Coates. 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 16th February,

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1920, at 12 o'clock, noon, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), A. Halpin, James Byrne (Ballinderry), E. C. Walsh, and John Storey.

The Committee examined the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals	£253 16 10
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The Committee recommend payment of the following amount of Rates claimed as Irrecoverable for the Half-year ending 31st March, 1920, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board:—

No. 7—Collector Charles S. Sutton	£51 13 6
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A letter, dated 7th February, 1920, No. 22M./1920, was submitted from the Local Government Board—Enclosing, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, copies of an Order made by the Board constituting County Electoral Areas for the Election of County Councillors, and assigning members to such County Electoral Areas.

Order.—Noted.

Letters dated 29th January, 1920, and 6th February, 1920, were read from Hugh O'Rowe, Ballece Quarries, Rathdrum—relative to the terms on which he is prepared to accept appointment as Foreman over the Council's Steam-rolling Plant.

Order.—Referred to County Surveyor to prepare an agreement and schedule of wages, overtime, and travelling expenses, for submission to the Committee.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 27th January, 1920, from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, applying to the Council to fix a salary for the performance of his duties as "County Solicitor," in lieu of his present method of remuneration of taxed costs.

Order.—Consideration postponed to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee; Secretary to have a full report on the question.

A letter, dated 12th February, 1920, was submitted from Collector Joseph Doyle, Talbotstown, Kiltegan—resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector for No. 1 District, owing to the state of his health, and accompanying same with a certificate from Dr. D. P. Kenna, Baltinglass.

Order.—Consideration postponed to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee.

The County Surveyor handed in a medical certificate certifying that Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, would be unfit for duty for a period of fourteen days.

Order.—Mr. Gleeson or Mr. Boyd to be appointed to do his duty, if necessary.

An account for £6 travelling expenses and £6 6s. 0d. fees was handed in by the County Surveyor, on behalf of Mr. J. Gleeson, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, for acting temporarily in Mr. Foley's district during his illness in August, 1919.

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

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

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Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

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

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £12,592 8s. 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 D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Tobias Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £1,134 13s. 5d. (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. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £752 7s. 5d. (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 Andrew Halpin, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District amounting to £803 12s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £3,661 11s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £1,139 6s. 5d. (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 R. W. Coates. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £37 17s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

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WICKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £33 11s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. W. Coates. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £253 16s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ELECTION EXPENSES:

Proposed by Councillor R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor Andrew Halpin. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal for Payment, amounting to £600 (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 J. V. Gahan. 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 FOLLOW:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

No Proposals.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.

10th day of February, 1920.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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GENTLEMEN,

A large number of Contracts come before you for approval, but only one requires particular mention, viz., a work in Rathdown No. 2. R. District—to repair the parapets of St. Valerie Bridge.

The repair of this Bridge is required owing to a motor car accidentally leaving the road and bursting through the parapets of the bridge.

The contractors for the undermentioned contracts have not been properly attending to their work, and I recommend that I be authorised to proceed as indicated in Sec. 54 of G.J. Act, 1836, and, if necessary, to cause legal proceedings to be instituted at Quarter Sessions against the contractors and their sureties:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Index No.	Register.	Perches.	Taken.
12	217	1113	Spring, 1915
50	198	836	Winter, 1915
53	219	650	Spring, 1915
91	77	634	Winter, 1918
107	124	600	Spring, 1918
124	220	424	Spring, 1915

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NAAS No. 2.

Index No.	Register.	Perches.	Taken.
2	13	856	Winter, 1919
10	25	1343	" 1915
13	51	1043	Spring, 1916
35	45	495	Winter, 1916
RATHDOWN No. 2.			
17	474	738	Winter, 1915
RATHDRUM.			
9	88	1176	Winter, 1918
116	327	1284	Summer, 1919
SHILLELAGH.			
14	217	1270	Winter, 1915
52	293	579	" 1918

Your Obedient Servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Order—Proceedings to be taken, if necessary, against the contractors mentioned in report.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 231 in the District Register, 1,010 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £16 16s. 6d.

Road No. 231 in the District Register, 1,010 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £35 8s. 0d.

Road No. 240 in the District Register, 1,000 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £125 0s. 0d.

Road No. 245 in the District Register, 858 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £12 10s. 3d.

Road No. 248 in the District Register, 836 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £55 14s. 0d.

Road No. 257 in the District Register, 929 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £23 4s. 6d.

Road No. 262 in the District Register, 964 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £128 8s. 0d.

Road No. 263 in the District Register, 440 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £66 0s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

Road No. 29 in the District Register, 656 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £10 5s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Road No. 584 in the District Register, 443 perches, placed in

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charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £166 2s. 4d.

Road No. 585 in the District Register, 865 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £201 16s. 8d.

Road No. 594 in the District Register, 786 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £200 0s. 0d.

Road No. 597 in the District Register, 114 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £17 2s. 0d.

Road No. 599 in the District Register, 510 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £6 7s. 6d.

Work No. 602 in the District Register, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £260 0s. 0d.

Road No. 605 in the District Register, portion of the Bray-Wicklow Road, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £686 10s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:

Road No. 349 in the District Register, 523 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £61 0s. 4d.

Road No. 350 in the District Register, 1,070 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £93 12s. 6d.

Road No. 351 in the District Register, 634 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £27 13s. 0d.

Road No. 352 in the District Register, 903 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £67 14s. 6d.

Road No. 358 in the District Register, 106 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £21 4s. 0d.

Road No. 361 in the District Register, 420 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £28 0s. 0d.

Road No. 368 in the District Register, 1,269 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £95 3s. 6d.

Road No. 376 in the District Register, 926 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £50 3s. 2d.

Road No. 377 in the District Register, 668 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £27 16s. 8d.

Road No. 387 in the District Register—portion of Bray-Wicklow Road—placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £1,200 0s. 0d.

Work No. 389 in the District Register, placed in charge of the

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County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £15 0s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:

Road No. 363 in the District Register, 1,240 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £77 10s. 0d.

Road No. 364 in the District Register, 192 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £8 0s. 0d.

Road No. 369 in the District Register, 984 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £49 4s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That the several Contracts which have been approved at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly). Resolved—That we now sign and seal the two applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

RATE ESTIMATES.

The Secretary's Report on the Rate Estimates for the service of the year 1920-1921, as submitted to the Finance Committee, and appearing on the Minutes of their proceedings, and as circulated with their report, to the members of the County Council, was taken as read.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt, and seal the Estimates (Forms 45 and 46) now submitted to us, and determine the Rates in the Pound to be levied in each Rural District in the County by means of the Poor Rate, for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1921:—

General Charges:

	Land		Other Hereditaments	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	5	10	7	6
Naas No. 2	5	10 ³ / ₄	7	3 ³ / ₄
Rathdown No. 2	7	0	8	11 ¹ / ₄
Rathdrum	7	5 ¹ / ₄	8	9 ¹ / ₄
Shillelagh	6	5 ¹ / ₄	7	10 ³ / ₄

Separate Charges:

	d.
Public Health—Rathdown No. 2 R.D.	11 ¹ / ₂
Greystones Water Supply and Delgany Sewerage	13 ³ / ₄
Greystones Sewerage	9 ¹ / ₄
Enniskerry Sewerage	21 ¹ / ₄
Greystones Lighting	41 ¹ / ₄
Public Health—Rathdrum R.D.	0 ³ / ₄
Johnstown Water Supply	0 ¹ / ₄
Avoca Water Supply	1 ¹ / ₄

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Separate Charges:

	d.
Sewerage and Water Supplies—Newcastle Dispensary District	3 ¹ / ₄
Rathnew Water Supply	1
Kilcandra Water Supply	2
Togher Water Supply	0 ³ / ₄
Criminal Injury—Shillelagh Rural District	1 ³ / ₄
Public Health—Shillelagh Rural District	11 ¹ / ₄
Arklow Harbour	2
Wicklow Harbour	3 ³ / ₄
Blessington Tramway	9
Compulsory Education—Hollywood and Dunlavin County Divisions	0 ¹ / ₄
Same—Newcastle Dispensary District	0 ¹ / ₄
Same—Annamoe Dispensary District	0 ¹ / ₂
Same—Avoca Dispensary District	0 ¹ / ₂
Same—Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division	11 ¹ / ₄
Criminal Injury—Dunlavin, Rathallagh, and Tober E. Divs.	1 ³ / ₄
Same—Ballycullen, Killiskey, and Glenealy E. Divs.	0 ¹ / ₄
Same—Ballinlen, Ballybeg, Coolballintaggart, and Tinahely Electoral Divisions	28 ¹ / ₂
Same—Bray Urban District	£23

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. 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:—

Urban District	General Charges			Separate Charges			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Arklow	1,674	2	8	214	0	0	1,888	2	8
Bray	5,589	10	7	26	5	0	5,615	15	7
Wicklow	1,366	14	9	145	18	0	1,512	12	9

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby authorise the renewal of the Licenses issued to the following persons under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908:—Thomas Miller, Blessington; James J. Dowling, Blessington; Samuel Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow; Patrick O'Neill, Rathdangan; Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh; William Alcorn, Wicklow; Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood; S. V. Delahunt, Wicklow; J. P. Hopkins and Sons, Wicklow; John E. Griffin, Bray; Thomas M. Barker, Coolboy, Tinahely; Patrick McCarthy, Aughrim; James Bradshaw, Kiltegan; Mrs. Mary Toomey, Hollywood; James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride; Denis J. Cogan, Laragh; Joseph P. Deegan, Ashford; Michael Tutty, Hollywood; James Healy, Rathdangan; Mrs. M. A. Geraty, Carnew; James Lawler, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin; John Kilmartin, Rathdangan; F. J. Allen, Donard; Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan; J. J. Fenton, Ballinalea, Ashford; Miss Mary Byrne, Main Street, Rathdrum; Patrick J. Graham, Knockananna; J. W. Hanbidge, Dunlavin;

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Robert Griffin, Bray; Frederick J. Sutton, Rathdrum; Michael Bell, Rathdrum. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by Section 94 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and Article 8 of the Local Elections (P.R.I.) Order, 1919, hereby fix Tuesday, the 1st June, 1920, as the day of Election for the Election of County Councillors, and also for the Election of Rural District Councillors for the several Rural Districts in this County. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That whilst we are satisfied that the Provisions of the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919, are unnecessary for an agricultural country like Ireland, and that the cost of its administration would be out of all proportion to the benefits conferred, but as the Act is mandatory on the Council, we hereby refer the matter to the Finance Committee to draw up a scheme suitable to the conditions of our county, in which, however, no whole-time officer is to be appointed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Halpin, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That the agreement with John Prady, Sleemane, Roundwood, in connection with the hire by him of one of the Council's Stone Crushers, etc., be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That, in accordance with Clause 3 of the Scheme adopted by the Wicklow County Council under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915, the following be appointed to represent the Council on the County Wicklow Local War Pensions Committee:—Miss E. C. Le Fanu, Ballymorris, Bray; Miss Madge M. Walsh, St. Aidan's, Arklow; Mrs. A. Philpot, Arklow; Mrs. A. S. L. Grimshaw, Friar's Hill, Wicklow; Major E. H. C. Wellesley, Bromley, Kilpedder; Mrs. W. L. King, Shillelagh; Mrs. S. J. Hopkins, Ballykelly, Shillelagh; Mrs. R. A. Newel, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy; Miss A. E. Dennis, Eadestown Lodge, Stratford-on-Slaney, Grange Con; Miss E. Barrett, 4 Beresford Terrace, Arklow; Mrs. E. Chatterton, Kilgarron, Enniskerry; Miss J. P. W. Newton, Knackrath House, Rathdrum. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Halpin, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for Annamoe Dispensary District for the three years commencing 1st April, 1920:—Nicholas Molloy, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder; Prien Somers, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder; John Richardson, Glendalough; James Kennedy, Shramore, Roundwood; James Kelly, Ventry House, Roundwood. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That, in accordance with requests submitted to us from the Rural Districts in this county, we hereby apply to the Roads Department of the Ministry of Transport to extend, for the ensuing financial year, the Limits of Road Expenditure in each of

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these districts, as follow:—

Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	...	£6,952	} to £9,242
Naas No. 2 Rural District	...	£2,290	
Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	...	...	to £5,880
Rathdrum Rural District	...	...	to £18,768
Shillelagh Rural District	...	...	to £5,070

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor E. C. Walsh:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, shall move at our next Quarterly Meeting that the Council enter into an agreement to lease Premises for use as a Technical School from the Presentation Convent Community at Baltinglass, as suggested in the correspondence submitted from the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor A. Halpin. Resolved—That the Council hereby agree to the amendment in their Scheme for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease, providing arrangements for the payment, or repayment, of patients' travelling expenses to the Treatment Centre at Dr. Steevens' Hospital, suggested by the Local Government Board in their letter of the 22nd January, 1920, No. 2409/1920. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby agree to the continuance in force in this county for a further period of one year, commencing 1st April, 1920, and ending 31st March, 1921, of the Scheme, as amended, for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease at present in force in this county. Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly):—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the meeting to be held on 17th May, 1920, that the Steam Rolling of Roads in County Wicklow be forthwith discontinued, and that the engines be fitted up with crushers and all necessary machinery for stone-breaking, etc., and placed in suitable centres, and be properly manned and kept constantly breaking stone and removing same to where required; failing which, that the Steam Rolling Plant be sold."

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence in furtherance of a proposal to establish Direct Labour on roads in certain areas in the county, which he had received from the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council; the Clerk of Wicklow Urban District Council; from Mr. James Everett, Secretary for County Wicklow of the National Agricultural and General Workers' Union; and from the Secretaries of the Branches of the same Union established in Dunlavin and Tinahely.

Having heard Mr. James Everett, and other members of a Deputation present in support of a Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads,

It was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Tobias Kinsella, and resolved—That the County Surveyor be, and he is hereby, instructed to prepare a scheme of the principal roads in the county to be maintained by direct labour, with as little delay as possible. Passed.

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County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
27th day of January, 1920.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON DUBLIN AND
BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY

TO
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting 16th February, 1920.

GENTLEMEN.

On the 13th January I carried out the Annual Inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway.

I beg to report that, on the whole, the line presents a much improved appearance, and shows evidence of having been well maintained.

Large sections of the County Wicklow end have been re-sleepered and re-ballasted, though the ballast is, in some places, of a very rough description, yet it is better than the dirt and soil it replaces.

Some considerable sections near the Lamb and near Slate Quarry road still require attention, being badly weed-grown, and the drainage in places is somewhat defective.

Generally, the alignment of the rails is very poor. This is especially noticeable at the joints on the sharper curves.

The Depot at Templeogue is in a satisfactory condition, and the roofing much improved. The power plant was in good working order, and a considerable amount of sleepers and other appliances are in stock.

The Rolling Stock is well maintained, and some of the engines, coaches and wagons are undergoing complete overhaul and repair.

Generally, the improvements started when the County Councils took over the line have been steadily proceeded with, and the value of the property considerably enhanced.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row,

Dublin, 2nd December, 1919.

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, 1919.

58 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article.	No.
Butter	13
Milk	9
Margarine	8
Tea	7
Sugar	5
Lard	4
Cocoa	2

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Article.	No.
Coffee	1
Buttermilk	1
Whiskey	1
Cornflour	1
Flour	1
Cheese	1
Oatmeal	1
Condensed milk	1
Rice	1
Salt	1
Total	58

One certificate was sent to Sergeant McCabe, Arklow, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 17 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Turnbull, Greystones, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 30 per cent. of added water, and was also deficient of at least 10 per cent. of its fats.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-one drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union nine drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union six drugs were analysed, and were correct.

A specimen of milk analysed for M. Darley, Esq., Bray, was of good quality.

Four specimens of water analysed for the Arklow Urban Council had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matter	54.600	48.300	17.500	41.300
Including—				
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.008	0.005	0.009	0.047
Saline Ammonia	0.005	0.012	0.012	0.002
Nitric Acid	10.580	7.750	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	8.180	5.280	2.980	7.980

No. 4 was polluted; the others were of tolerably good quality.

There were two specimens of fertilizer analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

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—113. Adulterated and defective articles—5.

C. 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.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That until we have our own system of

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Government in operation we are opposed to any alteration of the system of Education in this country being made by the Imperial Parliament; but we demand that the Treasury contribution, pro rata as expended on English Education, and to which we are doubly entitled, shall be made to education in all its branches in Ireland until we get control of our own affairs financially and otherwise. We further demand that the Primary School Teachers shall be paid their full salaries, to which they are justly entitled. *Passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 196M./1919. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th December, 1919.—Enclosing copy of an Order made by the Board under the River Navigation Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1914, prescribing the procedure to be followed by the Council in connection with works to which the Act applies.

No. 64,470/1919. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th January, 1920.—Copy of the Adaptation (Day of Annual Meeting) Order, 1920.

No. H. 501/178/1920. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd January, 1920.—Enclosing a copy of the Housing (Additional Powers) Act, 1919, and drawing the attention of the Council to its provisions.

No. 65,514/1919. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th January, 1920.—Sanctioning the proposal of the Council to obtain Loans of £3,500 and £3,000 for the purpose of steam-rolling road in the Rural Districts of Rathdrum and Rathdown No. 2, respectively.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 18th November, 1919.—Copy of the "Tillage (Ireland) General Order, 1920."

No. V.B. 3491/19. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 28th November, 1919.—Regretting the death of Mr. George Newsom, V.S., and approving of the continuance of the services of Mr. S. Conway, V.S. (until Mr. Newsom's successor is appointed) with a remuneration of Three Guineas a week, and an allowance for Travelling Expenses, to be subsequently determined.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 21st January, 1920.—Copy of "The Glanders or Farcy (Ireland) Order of 1900 Amendment Order of 1920."

25th November, 1919. From Dr. Denis P. Kenna, J.P., Coroner for West Wicklow, Baitinglass.—Enclosing copy of the Verdict at the Inquest held on 24th November, 1919, on the body of Daniel Murphy, at Ballagh, Tinahely, in which the Council's attention is drawn to the dangerous condition of the road at which the accident occurred.

17th December, 1919. From Darrel Figgis, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland, American Chambers, 15 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin.—Intimating that the Commission considers it an essential part of its work to meet any County Council which is desirous of hearing the lines upon which the Commission is working, and the progress of the work.

14th January, 1920. From C. O. Murphy, D.I., R.I.C., Arklow.

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—Applying to have Sergeant C. Connor, R.I.C., appointed an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts.

Order—Appointed.

15th January, 1920. From George C. May, Hon. Secretary, Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, 13 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin.—Enclosing, for the approval of the Council, a draft resolution so that the existing Order for the protection of certain species of wild birds, under the Wild Birds' Acts, may be renewed.

27th January, 1920. From Councillor John Storey, Moneystown, Roundwood.—Conveying to the Members of the Council, and the Secretarial Staff, his grateful thanks for the resolution of sympathy passed on the occasion of the death of his wife.

From D. F. Condon, B.L., Town Hall, Kingstown, Secretary to the National Union of Municipal Officers (Ireland).—Suggesting the formation of a Joint National Industrial Council composed of representatives of Local Authorities in Ireland, and their Officers, for the purpose of securing the largest possible measure of combined action between both sides in the development of Local Government and the regulation of the service conditions of all those engaged therein, as provided for in the recommendations of the Whitley Report.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

25th November, 1919. From Tipperary (N.R.) County Council.—Resolution advocating a separate Advisory Committee for Ireland, and separate financial arrangements, under the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, and enclosing a copy of their County Surveyor's report on the Act.

1st January, 1920. From the County and Rural District Returning Officers' Association.—Resolution protesting against the recent Order of the Local Government Board, and requesting the County Councils of Ireland to retain the members of the Association in the positions they were good enough to elect them to.

30th January, 1920. From Shillelagh Rural District Council.—Resolution protesting against the re-introduction to Parliament of the new Irish Education Bill; and affirming that from an Irish Parliament alone can emanate a satisfactory scheme of Irish Education.

4th February, 1920. From the Corporation of Drogheda.—Resolution calling for the withdrawal of the Motor Permit Regulation, as subversive of the best interests of Irish trade and commerce.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 17th MAY, 1920.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 17th May, 1920.

The following members were present:—Councillor D. Condren, chairman; Councillors R. W. Coates, M. Langton, J. V. Gahan, J. J. Healy, F. S. Dobbs, Morgan Travers, E. C. Walsh, E. J. O'Kelly, Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry), Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), James Byrne (Ballinderry), Wm. Costello, J. J. Metcalfe, James Byrne (Tinna-killy), T. Kinsella, Wm. Osborne, J. W. Reigh, D. J. Cogan, Edward Byrne, John Storey.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the Recommendations of the Finance Committee to Superannuate two retiring Poor Rate Collectors, and to adopt Resolutions thereon.
- 3—To consider the Recommendation of the Finance Committee to pay a fixed salary of £400 per annum to the Council's Solicitor, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., in lieu of the present method of payment on Taxed Bills of Costs, and to pass a Resolution thereon.
- 4—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 6—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 7—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 8—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 9—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1921, and sign and seal the Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 10—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Rate Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 11—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.
- 12—To sign Applications for Refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 13—To consider Applications received for Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 14—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 1 (Baltinglass) Collecting District, on the terms and conditions mentioned in the Council's published advertisement.
- 15—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District, on the terms and conditions mentioned in the Council's published advertisement.
- 16—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 (Delgany) Collecting District, on the terms and conditions mentioned in the Council's published advertisement.
- 17—To appoint a Veterinary Inspector for Rathdrum Union, on the terms and conditions mentioned in the Council's published advertisement.

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- 18—To appoint a Veterinary Inspector for Shillelagh Union, on the terms and conditions mentioned in the Council's published advertisement.
- 19—To consider the following notice of motion handed in by Councillor E. C. Walsh:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting that the Council enter into an Agreement to lease Premises for use as a Technical School from the Presentation Convent Community at Baltinglass, as suggested in the correspondence submitted from the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee."
- 20—To consider the following notice of motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly):—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the meeting to be held on 17th May, 1920, that the Steam Rolling of Roads in County Wicklow be forthwith discontinued, and that the engines be fitted up with crushers and all necessary machinery for stone-breaking, etc., and placed in suitable centres, and be properly manned and kept constantly breaking stone, and removing same to where required; failing which, that the Steam Rolling Plant be sold."
- 21—To appoint additional members on the County Wicklow Local War Pensions Committee.
- 22—To consider, and, if approved of, to adopt, in pursuance of Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, an Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure of the Insurance Committee for the County forwarded by the National Health Insurance Commissioners in connection with the administration of Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1920.
- 23—To consider, and, if approved, to seal original Bye-Laws regulating Road Traffic in the vicinity of Glen Imaal Artillery Range.
- 24—To execute a Mortgage in favour of the National Bank, Ltd., in respect of the Council's proposal to raise two loans of £3,500 and £3,000, respectively, for the purpose of Steam-rolling certain roads in the county.
- 25—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to represent the County Council, for the year ending 31st March 1921.
- 26—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Rural District Councils and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year.
- 27—To receive and consider reports from Committees.
- 28—To consider reports from County Officers.
- 29—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 30—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor M. Travers. Resolved—That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor William Costello, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in his recent sad bereavement on the occasion of the death of his wife. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly). Resolved—That at this, the first meeting of the County Council following the death of the late Councillor Joseph McCarroll, for over twenty years a valued colleague on this Council, we hereby tender to the members of his family the assurance

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of our deep sympathy in the bereavement that has befallen them. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

A meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 10th March, 1920.

The following Members were present:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors James Byrne (Ballinderry), and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

The Chairman mentioned that the meeting that day coincided with the funeral of one of their oldest and most respected colleagues, the late Councillor Joseph McCarroll.

It was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), and resolved—"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council, at this our first opportunity since the lamented death of our esteemed and valued colleague, Mr. Joseph McCarroll, Wicklow, hereby extend to the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy in the bereavement that has befallen them."

Passed unanimously.

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

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, 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.

The Monthly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 30th March, 1920, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following members were present:—Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors Andrew Halpin, and James Byrne (Ballinderry).

The Secretary submitted an Advice Note, dated the 10th March, 1920, authorising a payment of £50 through the Subsidiary Account No. 2, for the purpose of having same cancelled.

Order—To be cancelled and destroyed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
10th March, 1920.

MEMO. OF DUTIES, TERMS OF APPOINTMENT, ETC., OF THE GENERAL FOREMAN FITTER AND QUARRYMAN.

The foreman to be responsible for the proper maintenance and supervision of all County Council Plant; to carry out all running repairs to all plant, and to inspect every engine, boiler, stone crusher, and power unit, at least once a week; to report immediately to the County Surveyor any repairs necessary which cannot be carried out by the County Council's Staff; to keep accurate lists of all stores, spare parts, and accessories in stock, and to see that the stocks are kept up; to furnish, from time to time, reports as to the efficiency of the engine drivers, or other employees operating any of the plant.

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When required, to take charge of a quarry, and act as foreman; to be responsible for the installation of plant in any quarry, and to superintend and direct the lay out of the plant therein. When employed on quarry work such other duties may be remitted by direction of the County Surveyor.

The working day shall be between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. from the 1st April to 30th September; and from 8 a.m. to sunset from 1st October to 31st March. All work done outside these hours to count as overtime, and to be paid for at the rate of three shillings (3s.) per hour. Unless by direct authority from the Assistant Surveyor for the District, countersigned by the County Surveyor, no work is to be done outside these working hours.

While the Plant is East of an imaginary line drawn from Sally-gap Cross-roads to Ballinglen Railway Station, the sum of Fifteen Shillings (15s.) a week will be allowed as Travelling Expenses to the Foreman, who must provide himself with a bicycle or other means of conveyance. When any part of the plant is travelling, the Foreman shall accompany same, but no overtime will be allowed for work done outside the working day hours before set out. When the plant, or any part of it, is West of the above-mentioned line the Foreman shall only inspect, or be responsible for same, if directed by the County Council to do so, and the expenses for travelling, etc., shall be as fixed by the Finance Committee.

Work done on Sundays and Bank Holidays to count as Overtime, and time will be allowed to attend Divine Service on Church Holydays of Obligation.

The Foreman shall hold office as long as the County Surveyor reports to the County Council that his services are necessary, and that he is carrying out his duties in a satisfactory manner. Should the Council wish to dispense with his services, or should the Foreman wish to resign, twelve days' notice shall be given by either party to that effect.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Recommended to the County Council for adoption.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
26th March, 1920.

To Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen—

(1) I beg to report that Mr. David Frame has consented to allow stone to be quarried at the Glen of the Downs for the annual sum of Twenty-five (£25) Pounds. He is willing to enter into an Agreement for one year at least, and he will give the County Council the option of continuing the arrangement for a term of years. I request the County Solicitor be requested to prepare a suitable Agreement.

WORKING OF QUARRIES.

(2) I recommend that all quarries be worked as separate undertakings, and that the stone be supplied therefrom either to the Road Contractors, or to Special Works in Charge, at a rate per cube yard which will cover all cost of production and other quarry charges, as ascertained from time to time.

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(3) As I propose to start work immediately on the Steam-rolling of the Enniskerry road and Greystones streets, and also certain special works, I should be glad if you would fix definite dates for future Finance Meetings, to pay the workmen employed on these works.

WAGES.

(4) As some definite ruling must be made on the question of wages, I suggest that the following be the Standard maximum rates of Wages, which are not to be exceeded unless by the direct order of the County Council:—

QUARRIES:

General Foreman	... ..	£3 10 0 per week.
Sub-Foreman	... ..	£2 5 0 ,, ,,
Quarrymen	... ..	£2 0 0 ,, ,,

The men working the Steam-drill to be paid Ninepence (9d.) per day extra while so employed.

Blacksmith	£2 10 0 per week.
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ROLLING GANG:

Ganger	£3 0 0 per week.
Sub-Ganger	£2 5 0 ,, ,,
Sweepers, Brushers, Spreaders, etc.	£1 17 6 ,, ,,
Surface Men	... ..	£1 16 0 ,, ,,

MACHINE MEN (QUARRYING, ROLLING AND TRACTOR):

Engine Drivers	... ..	£3 0 0 per week.
Drivers' Mates	... ..	£1 17 6 ,, ,,

The working week to be 54 hours, and the men to be paid for Public Holidays, and allowed time to attend Divine Service on Church Holydays of Obligation.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to adopt paragraphs 1, 3 and 4, and direct that paragraph 2 be referred for consideration to the Secretary and County Surveyor; Meetings of the Finance Committee to be called for the last Tuesday (Fair Day in Wicklow) in each month, and for each second following Tuesday.

The County Surveyor handed in a note, date 29th March, 1920, which he had received from Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, asking for leave of absence for fourteen days from the 14th April, 1920.

Order—Leave granted, and the County Surveyor permitted to employ Mr. Joseph Boyd or Mr. J. Gleeson, B.E., subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

It was reported to the Committee that an old Remington Type-writer, which had been in use in the Offices of the Council for past twenty years, was now practically useless, and that it was necessary to have it replaced.

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Order—Secretary directed to dispose of the old machine for Ten Shillings, and to obtain quotations for a new machine to replace it in the office.

(Signed), W. BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 27th April, 1920.

The following members were present:—Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors John J. Healy, Andrew Halpin, and James Byrne (Ballinderry).

The Secretary read a communication from the Chairman, Councillor D. J. Cogan, regretting that he was unable to be present, owing to an engagement in London.

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

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County at Large				10453	17	6
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	1327	15	0			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	69	18	10	1397	13	10
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	374	5	5			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	22	9	6	396	14	11
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	852	16	0			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	150	13	5	1003	14	5
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	3549	6	2			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1013	19	11	4563	6	1
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	295	6	9	295	6	9
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				68	11	10
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				56	11	10

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:—

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TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass	1363	10	0
Naas	371	10	0
Rathdown	1783	5	0
Rathdrum	4342	10	0
Shillelagh	1147	0	0
Total	£9007	15	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	22	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	235	10	0
Rathdrum	821	15	0
Shillelagh	45	10	0
Total	£1125	10	0

A letter was submitted, dated the 16th February, 1920, from the Manager, County Printing Works, Wicklow, Ltd., addressed to William Deverell, Esq., Registration Officer, Crown and Peace Office, Wicklow, and enclosing an account which had been disallowed by H.M. Stationery Office, amounting to £16 8s. 4d., for extra printing supplied in connection with the Register of Electors.

Order—To be paid, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

A letter, dated 3rd March, 1920, was before the Committee from H. P. Tyacke, Esq., Assistant Inspector-General, R.I.C., Dublin Castle, enclosing an account for £18 2s. 1d., in connection with extra police in the county during the half-year ended 30th September, 1919.

Order—Recommended to be paid.

The Committee 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	12	6	0
2. Richard Geoghegan	4	18	6
3. Richard Lynch	21	19	7
4. William Burke	6	0	5
5. Patrick Quinn	0	17	4
6. Michael McGrath	11	1	4
7. Charles S. Sutton	6	12	9
Same	41	19	9
8. Patrick Mulligan	3	11	11
10. John Murphy	10	7	9
11. John Kelly	5	11	4
12. William J. Cardiff	3	0	1
13/15. William J. Quinn	12	3	4
14. James Byrne	3	9	4
16. Peter P. Doyle	9	18	3

The Committee had before them a letter from Mr. Joseph Doyle, Poor Rate Collector for No. 1 Collecting Area, in Baltinglass No. 1

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Rural District, tendering his resignation, on the ground of ill-health.

It appeared that this Collector had been in office for a period of twenty-four years, and that he had given complete satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Local Government Board, consenting to the acceptance of Mr. Doyle's resignation under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, and the Committee decided to recommend the Council to add ten years to his period of service, pursuant to the terms of the Local Government Board's circular letter of the 2nd February, 1914, and to award him an annual pension of £54 14s. 9d., being thirty four-sixtieths of his average yearly emoluments for the past three years.

The Committee authorised the Secretary to advertise the vacancy, so that a successor to the Collector may be appointed at the next meeting of the Council.

The Committee had before them a letter from Mr. Charles S. Sutton, Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Collecting Area, in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, tendering his resignation on the ground of age.

It appeared that this Collector had been in office for a period of thirty-six years, and that he had given complete satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Local Government Board consenting to the acceptance of Mr. Sutton's resignation under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, and the Committee decided to recommend the Council to add four years to his period of service, pursuant to the terms of the Local Government Board's circular letter of the 2nd February, 1914, and to award him an annual pension of £155 18s. 5d., being forty-sixtieths of his average yearly emoluments for the past three years.

The Committee authorised the Secretary to advertise the vacancy, so that a successor to the collector may be appointed at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Patrick Quinn, who had acted temporarily for one year as Poor Rate Collector in No. 5 Collecting Area, in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, tendered his resignation.

The Committee recommend the Council to accept his resignation, and they authorised the Secretary to advertise the vacancy, so that a successor to the collector may be appointed at the next meeting of the Council.

The Committee considered, and formulated, a scheme covering the County University Scholarships for the Scholastic Year 1920-1921, copy of which is as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1920.

The Wicklow County Council offers for competition at the Special Examination to be conducted by the Authorities of University College Dublin, on 6th July, 1920, and following days:—

- 3 Scholarships of £55 per annum each for three years, and
 - 1 Bursary of £27 10s. 0d. per annum for three years, tenable at the National University College, Dublin, only, subject to the following conditions:—
1. Candidates, who shall not be more than twenty-one years of

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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 Examination.

2. The Scholarships will be awarded to Students passing the qualifying Examination, whom the Council decide, owing to their circumstances, to be most deserving, provided that specially favourable consideration will be given to students who give an undertaking to the Council that they will pursue an University Course in Agriculture or Commerce.

3. The Bursary will be awarded in like manner and on the same conditions.

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 sum of £5 will be advanced to the Student, through the Bursar, at the beginning of each Session.

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.

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 the award of a Scholarship or Bursary, a Candidate must obtain Honours in three subjects.

Candidates to whom Scholarships or Bursaries 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 grants will lapse, and will be awarded to the candidates next in order of merit at the Special Examination, and who Matriculate.

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 payment 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, Courthouse, Wicklow, up to 17th May, 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.

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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, 1920.

S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Applications were received from the holders of University Scholarships under the Council, applying (a) to have the annual value of the Scholarships increased to meet the changed conditions now existing, and (b) to have the period for which these Scholarships are tenable increased from three to a greater number of years.

The Secretary mentioned that the Council, at the previous meeting, had already decided to increase the value of the Scholarships from £50 to £55 per annum, and the value of the Bursary from £25 to £27 10s. 0d. per annum.

The Committee make no recommendation on these applications.

An application, dated the 27th January, 1920, was submitted from J. H. McCarrall, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, to have a salary fixed for the performance of his duties as County Solicitor in lieu of his present method of remuneration by Taxed Bills of Costs.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to pay a fixed salary of Four Hundred Pounds (£400) per annum to their Law Agent in lieu of the present method of remuneration on Taxed Bills of Costs. They further recommend the Council to cause an Agreement to be entered into by him in which should be defined the duties to be discharged by him in respect of the proposed salary.

The Secretary submitted the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919, and asked the Committee to make recommendations thereunder to the Council if they deemed it advisable to do so.

Consideration of this matter was adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Secretary read a letter, dated the 6th April, 1920, from the Chief Engineer, Joint Roads Committee, Ministry of Transport, 7 Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.1.—sanctioning a grant of £372 in full and final settlement for damage caused to the Glenealy and Kilbride roads by timber traffic.

A letter, and certificate, in this connection, was also submitted from the County Surveyor.

Order—Application to be made for the amount of the Award.

A letter, dated the 30th March, 1920, was submitted from the Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Roads Department, Oriel House, Westland Row, Dublin—enclosing Grant No. P 22, amounting to £1,007, for works estimated at £2,015 on the Dublin-Bray-Wicklow Road, and on the Dublin and Upper Dargle Road.

Order—The Ministry of Transport to be asked to lodge this grant from time to time to the credit of Bray Urban Council, on the certificate of the Council's Engineer.

A letter, dated 31st March, 1920, was read from the Clerk of Bray Urban District Council—enclosing copies of correspondence with

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the Ministry of Transport regarding the proposed Tar Dressing of roads in the Urban District in the year 1920-1921.

Order—County Surveyor to submit application to the Ministry of Transport.

A letter, dated 9th March, 1920, was received from the County Surveyor, re Surface-Tarring work proposed to be carried out in 1920-1921.

Order—Noted.

A communication, dated 15th April, 1920, was received from the County Surveyor—notifying the burning down of Baltinglass Court-house.

Order—Noted.

The Secretary read a communication, dated 19th March, 1920, from The Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd., 49 Dame Street, Dublin—offering to grant a reduction of 10 per cent. on the Council's Fire Insurance premiums, subject to the Council agreeing to leave the Insurances with the Company for a period of five years.

Order—Noted.

An application, dated 29th March, 1920, was received from Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy—asking to be allowed to again hire one of the Council's Engines during the ensuing threshing season.

The County Surveyor having intimated that the engine would, in his opinion, be employed in steam-rolling operations at the time it would be required by Mr. Roberts, the Committee make no recommendation on the subject.

An application for a War Bonus, dated 17th April, 1920, was submitted from the County Court Judge's Crier, Mr. Timothy Long, Neptune Lodge, Kingstown.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to award a bonus of £2 10s. 0d. to the applicant.

A communication, dated the 16th April, 1920, was submitted from the Remington Typewriter Co., Ltd., 8 D'Olier Street, Dublin—offering to supply the Council with a new 1920 Model visible writing Remington Machine for £37 10s. 0d., nett cash.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to direct the procurement of a Typewriter, as quoted.

A communication, dated the 22nd March, 1920, was read from J. H. McCarrall, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—acknowledging the Finance Committee's kind resolution of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his father, the late Councillor Joseph McCarrall.

Order—Noted.

The Secretary read a communication from Miss Kathleen McCarrall, Leitrim Place, Wicklow, expressing gratitude for the Council's resolution of sympathy on the death of her father, the late Councillor Joseph McCarrall.

Order—Noted.

A letter, dated the 9th April, 1920, was received from the Local Government Board—directing that tenders be invited and forwarded to the Superintendent of H.M. Stationery Office, Custom House, Dublin, for the printing of the Register of Electors.

Order—Noted.

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The Secretary submitted the Local Government Board Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council for the half-year ended 30th September, 1919, as follows:—

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Copy No. 15,849/1920. Wicklow County.

Dublin, February 20th, 1920.

Gentlemen—

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of County 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 very satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark upon my part.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. D. BARRY, Auditor.

The Local Government, Dublin.

(Signed),

W. BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman.

3rd May, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report be, and it is hereby, adopted, subject to the amendment that Mr. J. H. McCarroll's salary as Law Agent be fixed at Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£350) per annum; and to the further amendment that the University Scholarships awarded be increased from Fifty-five Pounds (£55) to Seventy (£70) per annum, and that the Bursaries be increased from Twenty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings (£27 10s. 0d.) per annum to Thirty-five Pounds (£35) per annum. Passed.

It was proposed, as an amendment, by Councillor R. W. Coates, and seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly)—“That the question of fixing a salary for the Law Agent be eliminated from the report.”

This amendment was subsequently withdrawn, and the original resolution, as above, unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor 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 Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry), seconded by Councillor E. J. O'Kelly. Resolved—That a retiring allowance amounting to £54 14s. 9d. per annum, being thirty-four sixtieths of his average poundage and emoluments during the past three years, be, and is hereby, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, awarded to retiring Poor Rate Collector Joseph Doyle, of Talbotstown, Kiltegan—No. 1 Collecting District. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That a retiring allowance amounting to £155 18s. 5d. per annum, being forty-sixtieths of his average poundage and emoluments during the past three years, be, and is hereby, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, awarded to retiring Poor Rate Collector Charles S. Sutton, of The

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Bridge, Kiltiernan, Co. Dublin—No. 7. Collecting District. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That, in accordance with the Finance Committee's recommendation, a fixed salary of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£350) per annum be paid to the Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Church Street, Wicklow, in lieu of the present method of remuneration on Taxed Bills of Costs; and that an agreement be entered into by him in which shall be defined the duties to be discharged by him in respect of this salary; and that the Council approve of the draft agreement submitted to the meeting. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee met on MONDAY, the 17th MAY, 1920, at 12 o'clock noon.

The following members were present:—

Councillor—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Councillors—J. W. Reigh, J. J. Healy, E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, James Byrne (Tinnakilly); John Storey, and James Byrne (Ballinderry).

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

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Shillelagh Rural District—Forms 22	817 3 3	

The Committee 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:—

No. 17—Charles Byrne	... ..	£16 6 11
„ 18—M. Fleming	... ..	6 19 3

COUNTY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Seven applications were received from Candidates for the University Scholarships offered by the County Council for the year 1920-1921. After considering the several Certificates and Declarations submitted to them, the Committee approved of the following applications and recommend the Council to sanction their admission to the Special Examination for County Council Scholarships, to be held on the 6th July, 1920, and following days in University College, Dublin:—

1. Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.
2. Thomas J. Dufly, 3 Florence Road, Bray.
3. Louisa M. Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.
4. Nora MacDonnell, 1 Sidmonton Avenue, Bray.
5. Patrick J. Murray, Cooladangan House, Arklow.
6. Gerard M. B. Murtagh, 2 Park View, Dargle Road, Bray.
7. Matthew Byrne, Baltinglass.

The Committee had before them an application, dated 10th May, 1920, from Collector Patrick Mulligan, The Paddock, Kilpedder, of No. 8 Collecting District, to be transferred, on promotion, to No. 7 Collecting District, rendered vacant by the resignation of Collector C. S. Sutton.

Order—Referred to the Council.

A letter, dated the 14th May, 1920, was submitted from S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, suggesting that Mr J. Gleeson, B.E., be allowed the sum of Five Pounds (£5) to cover his expenses and extra work in the district of Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., during the latter's absence on leave.

Order—Adopted.

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A letter, dated the 14th May, 1920, was submitted from S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, relative to an application from W. J. Moore, C.P.S., Baltinglass, to have the Weights and Measures Office in Baltinglass fitted up with six chairs and a table in order that it may be used as a Petty Sessions Court, in consequence of the burning of the Courthouse.

Order—To be supplied.

The Committee examined a Bill of Miscellaneous Costs received from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, amounting to £387 17s. 4½d., covering the period commencing 21st October, 1919, and ending 5th May, 1920, and recommend the Council to Sign and Seal the Order for Taxation of same

Correspondence was submitted from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers (England), and from the Institution of Municipal Engineers, urging the necessity for revising the pre-war Salaries of the Council's Assistant Surveyor's and Engineering Staff.

Order—Consideration postponed.

The Secretary submitted the Local Government Board's circular letter of the 19th December, 1919, No. 61034/1919 (Miscellaneous), dealing with the duty of the Council to make arrangements for the medical inspection and treatment of School Children, and also a copy of the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919.

Order—Adjourned to next Meeting.

A letter, dated 14th April, 1920, was before the Committee from Mrs E. C. Tottenham, Woodstock, Newtownmountkennedy, Hon. Secretary to the Joint Committee of Management of Newtownmountkennedy Fever Hospital, asking the Council for a grant of £60 to carry out necessary repairs to that building.

Order—Referred to County Surveyor for Report.

Signed,

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

17th May, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor R. W. Coates. Resolved—That the order to tax Mr. J. H. McCarroll's bill of miscellaneous costs covering the period from 21st October, 1919, to 5th May, 1920, and amounting to £387 17s. 4½d., be now signed and sealed. Passed.

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

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £10,453 17s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

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BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry), seconded by Councillor E. J. O'Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £1,397 13s. 10d. (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 John J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £396 14s. 11d. (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 J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £1,003 14s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £4,563 6s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £1,112 10s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £68 11s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

WICKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 11s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £1,003 14s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

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ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposal for Payment, amounting to £2 2s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. 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 Four Rural District Councils, were submitted as follows:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,

There are a few matters to come before the meeting which I believe might, with advantage, be considered together, as they appear to be inter-dependant. They are (1) A proposal to authorise an expenditure of £1,400 on the acquisition and working of quarries. (2) Councillor James Byrne's notice of motion with reference to the Steam-rolling Plant; and (3) the question of direct labour in the maintenance of the principal roads in the county, referred to the County Surveyor at last meeting, with instructions to him to prepare a scheme for the consideration of the Council.

With reference to the first of these items, I wish to remark that there will be placed before you to-day for confirmation a proposal, approved by the Proposals Committee, on the recommendation of the County Surveyor, which, if adopted by the Council, will authorise an expenditure of £1,400 on the acquisition and working of quarries, "including the Glen of the Downs Quarry." As this proposal is formulated the cost will fall on the County-at-Large.

Undoubtedly, the County Council have power to acquire land from which to obtain material for the repair of roads under their control, and they may place the material at the disposal of persons contracting for the repair of roads "upon such reasonable terms as may be agreed upon." Under an approved scheme of Direct Labour, quarries might also be operated by the Council. It would appear to me, however, that as expenditure on the acquisition and working of quarries is in essence expenditure on road maintenance, and as expenditure on road maintenance cannot exceed in any Rural District a specified limit, sanctioned from time to time by the Ministry of Transport, some definite arrangement should be made by the Council to ensure that the entire cost of the procurement and working expenses of the proposed quarries should be charged to appropriate Rural District, and included in the road expenditure of that particular district, and not to the County-at-Large, as has happened in the case of the Kiltimon Quarry. A general proposal of this nature, contemplating a large expenditure on the County-at-Large, and unaccompanied by definite written and approved conditions as to chargeability, may conceivably result in a hardship to the ratepayers of certain districts deriving no benefit from the quarries.

It is doubtless desirable that quarries should be opened and operated by the Council, but I respectfully suggest that the question of chargeability should be definitely fixed in a regular and formal

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manner. No provision has been made for this proposed expenditure in the rates which come up for confirmation to-day.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

Wicklow, 17th May, 1920.

Order—The County Surveyor to submit a report, in writing dealing with the points referred to in above report.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow;

17th May, 1920.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

In reference to the Authority under which the County Council can legally confirm the proposals to acquire and work quarries.

I beg to inform you that such power is given by Sec. 12 of the L. G. (Ireland) Act, 1898, which enables County Councils to purchase or lease quarries and provide road contractors with the use of a steam-roller, and with materials for the repair of roads.

The materials produced can be sold to the contractors (or to me for works in my charge), at a price to be fixed to cover actual cost of production (including charge for machinery), a royalty payable to County Council for the stone, plus a percentage to cover depreciation, interest on capital, etc.

The stone, when sold to me for a work in my charge, or when supplied to any road on a definite proposal formulated by the R. D. Council for the purpose, will be paid for from the proposals for the works or roads involved, and the amount so obtained made payable to the County Council General Account.

The money derived from sales of material to independent contractors, or others, can also be lodged to County Council's General Account, and I accept the responsibility for making the proposal.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

Order—Passed, subject to approval of the Ministry of Transport. The proposals submitted by the Proposals Committee were thereupon approved and confirmed, namely:—

To provide a sum of £1,400 for the working of Quarries, including the Glen of the Downs Quarry—to be a County-at-Large charge.

To provide a sum of £500 for care and maintenance of the Council's Steam-rolling Plant—to be a County-at-Large charge.

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County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th day of May, 1920.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW
COUNTY COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting, 17th May, 1920.

Gentlemen,

(1) A large number of road contracts come before you for sanction, but none are of a nature requiring special report.

(2) I am informed that the Ministry of Transport propose making certain Grants to pay the wages of ex-Service men in the Bray District, to be sent on by the Bray Labour Exchange.

I recommend that you favourably consider the proposal, and authorise me to employ such men on the Kileroney-Enniskerry Road and the Greystones Streets Improvements, and also on certain Improvements on the Callow Hill Road and the Kilpedder Delgany Road (via Kilquade), which are badly in need of improvement.

The Kilpedder-Delgany road is in my charge, and the Callow Hill road can be placed in my charge at this meeting.

The cost of these improvements will be considerably lightened on the ratepayers by these Grants.

(3) Last year you sent forward to the late Road Board proposals for the reconstruction and improvement of the Kilmacanogue-Roundwood-Glendalough Road, and the Bray-Greystones Road (via Windgates), but were informed that the Road Board were unable to consider the proposals, as no money was then available for County Wicklow.

I respectfully recommend that proposals for these roads be again sent forward to the Ministry of Transport, as it is probable that in the immediate future the Ministry will have fresh funds available for Road Improvement work in County Wicklow.

(4) In accordance with your instructions I am preparing Schemes for the repair of the leading roads by Direct Labour.

I consider that to make such schemes practical, to render more efficient the supervision by Foremen, and generally to make the schemes economical, it will be advisable to include roads other than the leading roads, and I request authority to include all roads which I consider would be beneficial to the schemes.

(5) An application has been received from Messrs Henry Fletcher and Co., Ltd., 14 D'Olier Street, Dublin, asking permission to move the weigh bridge, situated on the roadside between Baltinglass and Tuckmill, to a new site near the loading bank at Baltinglass Station, and that Mr McCarrroll endorse the existing Agreement between Messrs Fletcher and the County Council, so that the indemnity therein given will cover weigh bridge in its new position, and that the benefit of the Agreement be transferred to the Glenbeigh Timber Co., 14 D'Olier Street, Dublin.

I see no objection to the alteration in the site of the weigh bridge, provided that no part of the bridge comes nearer the metalled road than 5 feet.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

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Orders:—

Paragraph 2—Approved; County Surveyor to be responsible for the expenditure of money advanced by Ministry of Transport.

Paragraph 3—To be put forward again.

Paragraph 4—The County Surveyor to prepare a scheme, that he can recommend.

Paragraph 5—Agreed to; applicants to pay expenses of solicitor.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
14th May, 1920.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I request that you permit me to absent myself on leave for six days at the end of this month, or early in June, as I have some urgent private business to attend to.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Agreed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 268 in the District Register, 734 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £110 0s. 0d.

Road No. 274 in the District Register, 568 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £3 11s. 0d.

Road No. 276 in the District Register, 784 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £87 10s. 0d.

Road No. 287 in the District Register, 600 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £6 5s. 0d.

Road No. 288 in the District Register, 600 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £12 10s. 0d.

Road No. 292 in the District Register, 547 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £6 7s. 6d.

Road No. 293 in the District Register, 624 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £7 16s. 0d.

Road No. 296 in the District Register, 929 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £92 18s. 0d.

Road No. 299 in the District Register, 656 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £41 5s. 0d.

Work No. 304 in the District Register, placed in charge of the County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £5.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Road No. 613 in the District Register, 510 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £51.

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The Special Proposal with regard to the payment to the Ministry of Transport in connection with the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £19.

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:

Road No. 404 in the District Register, 777 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £135 19s. 6d.

Road No. 417 in the District Register, 460 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £74 15s. 0d.

Road No. 418 in the District Register, 1,320 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £77.

Road No. 424 in the District Register, 358 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £26 17s. 0d.

Road No. 429 in the District Register, 468 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £29 5s. 0d.

Road No. 435 in the District Register, 1,212 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £60 12s. 0d.

Road No. 445 in the District Register, 885 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £44 5s. 0d.

Road No. 447 in the District Register, 1,254 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £188 2s. 0d.

Road No. 452 in the District Register, 235 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £11 15s. 0d.

Road No. 453 in the District Register, 1,114 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £501 6s. 0d.

Road No. 460 in the District Register, 1,028 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £39 19s. 4d.

Road No. 461 in the District Register, 1,263 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £442 1s. 0d.

Work No. 465 in the District Register, placed in charge of the County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £50.

Special Proposal No. 466, with regard to the payment to the Ministry of Transport in connection with the Bray, Wicklow Road Improvement, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £46.

Work No. 468 was placed in charge of the County Surveyor; expenditure not to exceed £20.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:

The two contracts submitted were approved and confirmed.

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Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved 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 Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books, and sign and seal the Rate Books, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1921. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1921, be now signed and sealed; the warrants not to issue until the several Collectors' Bonds are executed and lodged with the Secretary. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. 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 Poor Rate, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1921. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we now sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £1,888 2s. 8d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1921. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That we now sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District of Bray for the amount of £5,615 15s. 7d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1921. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. Kinsella. Resolved—That we now sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District of Wicklow for the amount of £1,512 12s. 9d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1921. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. W. Coates, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the two applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and the application for a refund under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order. Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 1 (Baltinglass) Collecting District, and also an application from Mr. Luke McDonnell, Coolharrig, Kiltegan, for the position:—

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, 1920, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Baltinglass, Hartstown, Stratford, The Grange, and Tuckmill, 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

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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 £2,500, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £1,250. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon, on 17th May, 1920. By order, Simon J. Doyle, Secretary to the County Council. County Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, 3rd May, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That Mr. Luke McDonnell, of Coolnarig, Kiltegan, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 1 (Baltin-glass) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector Joseph Doyle, resigned, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and we approve of Mr. Joseph Doyle, of Talbotstown, Kiltegan, and Mr. Edward Hanlon, of Tuckmill, Baltin-glass, as his sureties in a joint Bond in a sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500) for the due performance of his duties as collector. Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 10th April, 1920, from Mr. Patrick Quinn, Drumreigh, Hollywood, resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District, and stated that no application for the position thus rendered vacant had been received in reply to the following published advertisement:—

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, 1920, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Hollywood, Lugglass, and Togher, 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 £750, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £375. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon, on 17th May, 1920. By order, Simon J. Doyle, Secretary to the County Council. County Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, 3rd May, 1920.

Order—Resignation accepted. The Secretary to communicate with one of the adjoining Collectors, asking him to take up the collection.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 (Delgany) District, in room of Collector

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C. S. Sutton, resigned, and also three applications for the position received from the following:—

- 1.—Patrick Mulligan, The Paddock, Kilpedder.
- 2.—John P. Hickey, Leitrim House, Wicklow.
- 3.—Joseph O'Sullivan, Market Street, Kinsale.

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, 1920, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Delgany, Greystones, and Kilmacanogue, 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 £5,500, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £2,750. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon, on 17th May, 1920. By order, Simon J. Doyle, Secretary to the County Council. County Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, 3rd May, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne seconded by Councillor M. Travers. Resolved—That Mr. John P. Hickey, of Leitrim House, Wicklow, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Collecting District on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector C. S. Sutton, resigned, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound, and we approve of his proposal to give a Guarantee Society's Bond in a sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£2,750). Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Veterinary Inspector for Rathdrum Union, in room of Mr. George Newsom, V.S., deceased, and also two applications for the position received from the following:—

- 1.—S. Conway, V.S., Abbey Street, Wicklow.
- 2.—J. J. Kelly, V.S., 8 Prince of Wales Terrace, Bray.

The Secretary mentioned that Mr. Kelly's application did not comply with the terms of the Council's advertisement, as it only reached the Council's Offices by post on Monday morning, the 17th May, 1920, though the advertisement stated all applications must be received before 2 p.m. on Saturday, the 15th May, 1920.

Wicklow County Council.—Veterinary Inspector Wanted.—The above Council will, at their Quarterly Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th May, 1920, proceed to Elect a duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts, for the Rathdrum Union, at a Salary of £70 (Seventy Pounds) per annum, to cover all expenses. The Inspector appointed shall perform all the duties required by the said Acts, and the several Orders from time to time issued in con-

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nection with them, and carry on the various inspections required at Fairs and elsewhere. Applications for the above appointment, giving full name, address, and qualifications, to be lodged with the undersigned not later than 2 o'clock, p.m., on Saturday, the 15th May, 1920. Simon J. Doyle, Secretary to the County Council. County Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, 3rd May, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That Mr. Stephen Conway, V.S., of Abbey Street, Wicklow, be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for Rathdrum Union, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, at a salary of Seventy Pounds (£70) per annum. Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Veterinary Inspector for Shillelagh Union, in room of Mr. George Newsom, V.S., deceased, and also three applications for the position received from the following:—

- 1—A. F. Walshe, V.S., Carlow.
- 2—James Malone, V.S., Gorey.
- 3—S. Conway, V.S., Abbey Street, Wicklow.

Wicklow County Council.—Veterinary Inspector Wanted.—The above Council will, at their Quarterly Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th May, 1920, proceed to Elect a duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the Shillelagh Union, at a Salary of £25 (Twenty-five Pounds) per annum, to cover all expenses. The Inspector appointed shall perform all the duties required by the said Acts, and the several Orders from time to time issued in connection with same, and carry out the various inspections required at Fairs and elsewhere. Applications for the above appointment, giving name, address, and qualifications, to be lodged with the undersigned not later than 2 o'clock, p.m., on Saturday, the 15th May, 1920. Simon J. Doyle, Secretary to the County Council. County Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, 3rd May, 1920.

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

For Conway: Councillors Wm. Osborne, J. J. Metcalfe, and Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)—3.

For Walshe: Councillors James Byrne (Tinnakilly), E. J. O'Kelly, M. Langton, J. W. Reigh, T. Kinsella, D. J. Cogan, Wm. Costello, John Storey, James Byrne (Ballinderry), J. V. Gahan, Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry), J. J. Healy, and Morgan Travers—13.

For Malone: Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, R. W. Coates, and Edward Byrne—4.

The Chairman thereupon declared that Mr. A. F. Walshe, V.S., had received the support of the majority of the Councillors present.

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That Mr. Aiden F. Walshe, V.S., of Carlow, be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for Shillelagh Union, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, at a salary of Twenty-five Pounds (£25) per annum. Passed.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry). Resolved—That the Council enter into an agreement to lease premises for use as a Technical School from the Presentation Convent

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Community at Baltinglass, as suggested in the correspondence submitted from the County Joint Technical Instruction Community. Passed.

The Council postponed consideration of the following notice of motion, standing in the name of Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly):—I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the meeting to be held on 17th May, 1920, that the Steam-rolling of Roads in County Wicklow be forthwith discontinued, and that the engines be fitted up with crushers and all necessary machinery for stone-breaking, etc., and placed in suitable centres, and be properly manned and kept constantly breaking stones, and removing same to where required; failing which, that the Steam-rolling Plant be sold.

Proposed by Councillor F. S. Dobbs, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the scheme approved by this Council on the 14th August, 1916, under the Naval and Military War Pensions Act, 1915, the following be appointed members of the County Wicklow Local War Pensions Committee:—Miss F. M. Tottenham, Ballycurry, Ashford; C. F. Ruxton, Bray; Mrs. A. Philpot, Arkow; Miss E. M. Dennis, Eadestown Lodge, Stratford-on-Slaney; Patrick Hayden, Lower Strand Street, Wicklow; Simon J. Dempsey, Castle Street, Bray; Mrs. T. Brinkley, Moneystown P.O., Roundwood. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That in order to give effect to the terms of the Council's resolution of the 18th November, 1918, agreeing to pay to the Insurance Committee for the County of Wicklow a sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200), to enable the Committee to carry on their work of Domiciliary Treatment, etc., on condition that a similar grant be made by the Insurance Commissioners or the Treasury, be it resolved in pursuance of Section 17 of the National Health Insurance Act of 1911, that the scheme indicating the estimated expenditure and receipts by the Committee, now submitted, for the year 1920, be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry). Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Bye-laws now submitted for regulating road traffic in the vicinity of Glen Imaal Artillery Range, and authorise the attaching of the Council's seal thereto. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Deed of Mortgage submitted on behalf of the National Bank, Ltd., securing them the repayment of two loans of £3,500 and £3,000, respectively, to be used for the purpose of Steam-rolling certain roads; and we direct that the Common Seal of the Council be now affixed to the said document. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That Mr. Simon J. Doyle, of Wicklow, be re-appointed Auditor of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, on behalf of the Wicklow County Council, for the year ending 31st March, 1921. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the following be the dates fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the several Rural District Councils, the

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Proposals and Finance Committees and the County Council, for the year 1920-1921:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1920.	Autumn Quarter 1920.	Winter Quarter 1921.	Spring Quarter 1921.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Ennis-kerry.	11-30	Mon, July 5	Mon, Oct. 4	Mon, Jan. 3	Mon, Apl. 4
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rath-drum.	12-15	Mon. ,, 26	Mon. ,, 25	Mon. ,, 17	Mon. ,, 18
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Bal-tinglass.	12-30	Mon. ,, 19	Mon. ,, 11	Mon. ,, 10	Mon. ,, 11
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shil-lelagh	1	Mon. ,, 12	Mon. ,, 18	Mon. ,, 10	Mon. ,, 25
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Courthouse, Wicklow	2	Tues. ,, 27	Tues. ,, 26	Tues. ,, 25	Tues. ,, 26
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Courthouse, Wicklow	12.30	Mon, Aug 16	Mon, Nov 15	Mon, Feb. 14	Mon, May 23

Passed.

CITY LABORATORY, CHATHAM ROW.

Dublin, 19th March, 1920.

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, 1919.

Eighty-three articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.C as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter ...	18
Milk ...	12
Margarine ...	14
Tea ...	9
Sugar ...	7
Cheese ...	6
Cocoa ...	5
Whiskey ...	3
Lard ...	2
Indian Meal ...	2
Oxo ...	1
Barley ...	1
Sago ...	1
Ground Rice ...	1
Coffee ...	1
Total ...	88

They were all pure.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union seven drugs were analysed and were correct.

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One specimen of water analysed for the Shillelagh Rural District Council had the following composition:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains,

Total solid matter ... 56.000

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia ... 0.115

Saline Ammonia ... 0.175

Nitric Acid ... Trace

Chlorine ... 0.894

A polluted water.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-four drugs were analysed. Four were incorrect.

There were two specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow, and were pure.

For the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow, three fertilizers were analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-one drugs were analysed. Three were incorrect.

Total Analyses ... 141

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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. 142/M./1919. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th February, 1920.—Copy of Sealed Order amalgamating, under Section 7 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, as from 1st April, 1920, the Rural District of Naas No. 2 with the adjoining Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1.

No. 40,568: 40569/1919. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th February, 1920.—Copy of Sealed Order constituting the County Electoral Areas, the District Electoral Areas, and assigning Members to each, under the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919.

No. 8,013/1920. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th February, 1920.—Enclosing copy of the Public Bodies Order, 1920, in substitution of the Public Bodies Order, 1913, regarding the qualifications of persons to be appointed or to hold the office of Poor Rate Collector.

No. 10,545/1920. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th March, 1920.—Circular letter for the guidance of Local Authorities—enclosing Award No. 101, dated 11th November, 1919—being the Treasury's latest approved Scale of Bonuses.

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No. 13,229/1920. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th March, 1920.—Enclosing copy of the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.

No. V.B. 537/20. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 26th February, 1920.—Approving of the Council's proposal to pay their Secretary at the rate of Fifteen Pounds (£15) per annum for duties in connection with the execution and enforcement of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

No. A. 8,967/20. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th April, 1920.—Circular letter relative to the attendance of Members of County Committees of Agriculture at their meetings held throughout the year.

R.I.G./33/Wicklow. Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Roads Department, Oriel House, Dublin.—Enclosing Grant No. P. 22, amounting to £1,007, for works estimated at £2,015 on the Dublin-Bray-Wicklow Road, and on the Dublin and Upper Dargle Road, in Bray Urban District.

Order—Secretary to open a Special Bank Account, to be operated on by Finance Committee.

I.R.P./No. 83. Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Roads Department, Oriel House, Dublin, 21st April, 1920—Asking to be supplied as from 1st January, 1920, with a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the Council at each meeting.

I.R.U./33/Wicklow. Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Roads Department, Oriel House, Dublin, 10th May, 1920—Offering grants amounting to £2,400 if ex-service men be employed on works of road improvement in the Enniskerry and Delgany districts.

C.O. 761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 29th March, 1920.—Transmitting the names and addresses of the new School Attendance Committee for Annamoe Dispensary District, in Rathdrum Rural District, for the three years commencing 1st April, 1920, as approved by the Commissioners of National Education.

5th March, 1920. From P. W. Sheehan, Clerk to the Avoca area School Attendance Committee, Workhouse, Rathdrum—Enclosing copy of resolution of his Committee permanently appointing Miss Eliza M. Foley as School Attendance Officer, at an annual salary, as from 1st January, 1920, of Fifty Pounds (£50); and permanently appointing Mr. P. W. Sheehan as Clerk to the Committee, at an annual salary of Twenty Pounds (£20).

Order—Approved.

19th February, 1920. From the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council—Asking permission to be allowed to erect a shelter at the rear of the Courthouse in Arklow, in which to store the Urban Council's Horse-brush.

Order—Allowed.

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1st May, 1920. From the Clerk, Urban District Council, Bray—Intimating that the Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Transport states that the advances made under Grant No. P. 22, amounting to £1,007, for works of Road Improvement in the Urban District, will be made to the County Council.

File of Correspondence with the Council's Law Agent, and the Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd., 48 Dame Street, Dublin, relative to the burning down of Baltinglass Courthouse.

Order—Approved.

6th May, 1920. From Hugh O'Rowe, Virginia Cottage, Rathdrum—Intimating that, owing to the long delay in completing the arrangements for his taking over the position of Foreman over the Council's Steam-rolling Plant, he has been obliged to make other arrangements, and consequently cannot now accept the position.

File of Correspondence from the Council's Law Agent, and from W. J. Shannon, Solicitor, and copy of Counsel's opinion, relative to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Undertaking, and the question of the liability of the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow to pay any greater sum towards the working expenses than they contributed in the two successive half-years of account for the year 1913.

Order—The County Wicklow County Council, having considered the opinion of Mr. Samuel Brown, K.C., dated 19th January, 1920, and counsel's further opinion on the case submitted by the County Surveyor of Dublin, hereby approve of counsel's advice being acted upon, and authorise this Council's name being joined in a Petition of Right.

31st March, 1920. From Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., Arklow—Claiming a sum of £56 17s. 6d. in respect of 650-lbs. of Gelignite taken on 6th February, 1920, from a vessel called the "Dan O'Connell," lying at Arklow Wharf; and letter, dated 3rd April, 1920, from the Council's Law Agent re same.

6th April, 1920. From the Wicklow Corn Co., Ltd., South Quay, Wicklow—Enclosing a claim for £11 11s. 0d. in respect of Grain stated to have been maliciously set on fire in his store at South Quay, Wicklow, on the morning of the 31st March, 1920.

19th February, 1920. From Dr. W. S. Ross, Clonsilla, Greystones—Complaining of the condition of the road between Delgany and Greystones Railway Station; and County Surveyor's report thereon, dated 13th March, 1920.

17th March, 1920. From Major H. W. Jones, Trudder Grange, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy—Complaining of the condition of the road from Newtown to Collowhill, passing Trudder Grange Lodge; and report thereon, dated 20th March, 1920, from County Surveyor.

3rd March, 1920. From Mrs. K. A. Newsom, Ballinteskinn, Wicklow—Expressing her sincere gratitude for the Council's resolu-

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tion of sympathy with her on the occasion of the death of her husband, Mr. George Newsom, V.S.

25th March, 1920. From the Secretary, Irish Flax Producers' Association, Seven Houses, Armagh—Asking the Council to pass a resolution demanding the immediate decontrol of flax, &c.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

23rd February, 1920. From Tyrone County Council—Resolution relative to the inadequacy of the State's contribution towards the cost of their District Asylum, and the consequent increased burden imposed upon the ratepayers.

The Annual Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Friday, the 18th June, 1920.

The Official Form No. 2—Notice of result of the Election of County Councillors, held on Tuesday, the 1st June, 1920, having been read, the following Councillors signed, in the presence of the Secretary, their Declarations of Acceptance of Office :—

Daniel Condren ; William Byrne ; John J. Healy ; Christopher M. Byrne ; George Graham ; John J. Redmond ; Joseph Lynch ; William Grainger ; Joseph Campbell ; Patrick Murphy ; Bernard Kelly ; James Turner ; John J. Metcalfe ; William Doyle ; James Byrne ; James Everett ; Edward O'Neill ; Daniel McEvoy ; Peter P. O'Reilly ; Patrick Healy.

A letter, dated 16th June, 1920, was read from Councillor M. Langton, regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

BUSINESS.

1—The Councillors present to sign their declarations of acceptance of office, provided they have not already done so.

2—The Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.

3—To consider the question of choosing, and, if so determined, to choose two additional County Councillors.

4—To elect a Chairman.

5—To elect a Vice-Chairman.

6—To appoint nine members to act in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, both as a Finance Committee and as a Proposals Committee.

7—To appoint a Committee under the Diseases of Animals Act.

8—To appoint out of their own Body such other Committee, or Committees, as the Council may think fit.

9—To appoint a County Committee of Agriculture.

10—To appoint the Council's Representatives on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

11—To appoint the Council's eight Representatives on the Insurance Committee for the County.

12—To appoint Representatives upon the following Joint Committees of Management :—(a) Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, 4 ; (b) Wicklow County Infirmary, 12 ; (c) Wicklow Fever Hospital, 8 ; (d) Arklow Fever Hospital, 6 ; (e) Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital, 8.

13—To appoint the Council's two Representatives on the Council of Agriculture.

14—To appoint the Council's Representatives on the Irish County Council's General Council.

15—To appoint the Old Age Pensions Committee for the County.

16—To recommend Revisions required in the Valuation Lists.

The Chair was taken by the out-going Chairman, Councillor D. Condren.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne ; seconded by Councillor J. Lynch :—

Resolved—"That we co-opt two additional Members on the Council."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill; seconded by Councillor D. McEvoy:—

Resolved—"That Mr Michael Fleming, of Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, be co-opted a Member of this Council."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett; seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—

Resolved—"That Mr John Fleming, of Ballard Upper, Kilbride, Wicklow, be co-opted a Member of this Council."

Passed.

Mr Michael Fleming and Mr John Fleming being present, signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office before the Secretary, and took their seats on the Council.

Proposed by Councillor W. Grainger; seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—

"Resolved—Whereas R. C. Barton, T.D., was savagely sentenced to a term of penal servitude in an English prison by a Court-martial of the English Army of Occupation in Ireland, and, whereas the offence with which he was charged was an alleged speech of which certain units of the English force gave evidence, by stating that they took a "mental note" of the words alleged to be uttered,

"We, the members of the Wicklow County Council, at this our initial meeting, as a protest against this inhuman treatment, and as proof that the Irish patriot in an English prison is ever dear to his people, hereby confer on R. C. Barton the highest honour it is our gift to bestow, that of Chairman of this Council.

"Further, we ask the justice-loving people of every land to note that R. C. Barton fought in France for the freedom of small Nationalities, and that England, the 'Champion of Small Nations,' rewards him with a convict cell for seeking to free the oldest of the small Nations—Ireland."

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—

"Resolved—That Mr Joseph Campbell, of Kilmalin, Enniskerry, be and is hereby, elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor D. Condren, the out-going Chairman, thereupon left the chair, and in the absence of the newly-elected Chairman, Councillor R. C. Barton, it was taken by the newly-elected Vice-chairman, Councillor J. Campbell.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell; seconded by Councillor P. Murphy:—

IRISH TEXT.

"So n-admuigimíne. Teachtáí Toigta do'n Comairte Conntae reo Cille-Manntáin, as tionól vleaástaé, uávaráir Dála Éireann, ó ir é Riasálar vleaástaé-toigta do Muinntir na h-Éireann é, agus so scuimimío rinn féin pé gearaib, saé vliáse agus órouáad a' éraobhráoiréar as an Dáil do cup i bpeiróm, com fáda agus bainio leir an sComairte reo.

So scuimítear cóipeanna de'n Rún go as tmiál ar an aipeáé Saor-tátaé do Shnátaib Tár-lear, le cup go vti Riasálar na h-Éoiróipe agus eun Uaéaráin agus Cataoiriú na Seanaíde agus Tise Féire na Státaí n-Áontúisde i n-Améirice."

ENGLISH TEXT.

"Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, at this duly convened meeting hereby acknowledge the authority of Dail Eireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish People, and undertake to give effect to all decrees duly promulgated by the said Dail Eireann in so far as same aff ct this Council; and direct that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Republican Minister for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the Governments of Europe, and to the President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—

"Resolved—That we hereby extend a vote of thanks to our late Chairman, Councillor D. Condren, for the services he rendered the Council during the term of his office."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Lynch; seconded by Councillor G. Graham:—

"Resolved—That the following nine Councillors be appointed, along with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of this Council, to form the Proposals Committee, and to form the Finance Committee:—

BERNARD KELLY, Ballyknockanbeg, Ashford.
JAMES EVERETT, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
CHRISTOPHER M. BYRNE, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
WILLIAM BYRNE, J.P., Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.
JAMES TURNER, Ballydreen, Ashford.
JOSEPH LYNCH, Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray.
PATRICK MURPHY, 23, Dargan Street, Bray.
EDWARD O'NEILL, Main Street, Balinglass.
JAMES BYRNE, Tinnakilly Lower, Auhgrim.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; seconded by Councillor W. Grainger:—

"Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Finance Committee to act as Executive Committee to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, to deal with all claims for compensation, and all other matters arising under the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, and such other matters as may from time to time be delegated to them by the County Council to be dealt with under the Diseases of Animals Acts."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne ; seconded by Councillor P. Murphy :—

Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed to form the County Committee of Agriculture—

BERNARD KELLY, Ballyknockanbeg, Ashford.
JAMES EVERETT, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
JAMES BYRNE, Tinnakilly Lower, Aughim.
JOHN J. METCALFE, Ballylion, Donard.
EDWARD O'NEILL, Main Street, Baltinglass.
ANDREW KINSELLA, Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely.
PETER P. O'REILLY, Ballynastockan, Blessington.
CHRISTOPHER M. BYRNE, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
JOSEPH CAMPBELL, Kilmalin, Enniskerry.
JAMES TURNER, Ballydoreen, Ashford.
JOHN J. HEALY, Ashley, Greystones.
WILLIAM BYRNE, J.P., Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.
DANIEL McEVOY, Ballyknockan, Blessington.
JOSEPH LYNCH, Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray.
VERY REV. JOHN CANON STAPLES, P.P., V.F., The Abbey, Wicklow.
VERY REV. M. BUTLER, D.D., P.P., Roundwood.
VERY REV. JAMES BREEN, P.P., Barndarrig, Kilbide, Wicklow.
VERY REV. FINTON CARROLL, P.P., Avcca.
VERY REV. J. MANNING, P.P., Auhrim.
REV. R. KAVANAGH, C.C., Tinahely.
REV. CANON J. R. WILLIS, Moyne, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow.
MICHAEL MCONEY, Leacustwn, Ballymore-Eustace.
JOHN ATKINSON, Balisland, Shillelagh.
MORGAN TRAVERS, Ballynerrin, Kilcoo.
JAMES O'TOOLE, Rathdangan, Baltinglass.
R. W. COATES, Tankerlev, Ballinglen.
LAURENCE MURPHY, Togher, Roundwood.

Passed.

The following resolution passed by the Baltinglass Sub-Committee for Technical Instruction, was submitted—

“Resolved—That, in view of the fact that a Permanent Technical School has been established in Baltinglass, this Committee consider that Baltinglass District is not sufficiently represented on the County Technical Committee, and request the County Council to increase the representation of this area, and suggest the names of Very Rev. Canon Dwyer, Dr. Kenna, Mr Edward O'Neill, M.C.C., and Mr Joseph F. Turtle.”

The following resolution passed by the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, was also submitted—

“Resolved—That, owing to the increased importance of Technical Instruction in West Wicklow, we request the County Council to appoint additional members from this side, and we suggest the names of Eamonn O'Neill and John J. Metcalfe.”

Proposed by Councillor J. Lynch ; seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill—

“Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed to represent the County Council on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee—

PATRICK MURPHY, 23, Dargan Street, Bray.
PATRICK HEALY, Rathdangan, Baltinglass.
JAMES EVERETT, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
JOHN REDMOND, Kenmare Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Greystones.
JAMES TURNER, Ballydoreen, Ashford.
JOHN J. METCALFE, Ballylion, Donard.
EDWARD O'NEILL, Main Street, Baltinglass.
JOSEPH CAMPBELL, Kilmalin, Enniskerry.
MICHAEL FLEMING, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
DANIEL CONDREN, 81, Lower Main Street, Arklow.
DANIEL McEVOY, Ballyknockan, Blessington.
PETER P. O'REILLY, Ballynastockan, Blessington.
JOHN FLEMING, Ballard Upper, Kilbride, Wicklow.
MISS D. BARTON, Glendalough House, Annamoe.
REV. CANON J. L. DWYER, The Rectory, Baltinglass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett ; seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly—

“Resolved—That the following be, and are hereby, appointed as the Council's representatives on the Insurance Committee for the County of Wicklow—

WILLIAM DOYLE, Lugduff, Tinahely.
WILLIAM GEOGHEGAN, Auhrim.
JAMES EVERETT, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
JAMES TURNER, Ballydoreen, Ashford.
MRS. S. J. DOYLE, 3, Wentworth Place, Wicklow.
MISS TOTTENHAM, Woodstock, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy.
JOHN FLEMING, Ballard Upper, Kilbride, Wicklow.
JOHN J. HEALY, Ashley, Greystones.
JAMES BYRNE, Ballinderry, Rathdrum.
JOSEPH LYNCH, Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett ; seconded by Councillor M. Fleming—

“Resolved—That the following gentlemen be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum—

CHRISTOPHER M. BYRNE, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
JOSEPH LYNCH, Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray.
EDWARD O'NEILL, Main Street, Baltinglass.
D. J. COGAN, 115 Thomas Street, Dublin.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett ; seconded by Councillor M. Fleming—

“Resolved—That the following be the representatives of the County Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary—

BERNARD KELLY, Ballyknockanbeg, Ashford.

JOHN FLEMING, Ballard Upper, Kilbride, Wicklow.
JAMES TURNER, Ballydoreen, Ashford.
WILLIAM BYRNE, J.P., Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.
ROBERT C. BARTON, Drummin, Annamoe.
JAMES EVERETT, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
S. J. DOYLE, 3, Wentworth Place, Wicklow.
JOSEPH LYNCH, Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray.
PATRICK MURPHY, 23, Dargau Street, Bray.
JOHN GREGORY, Kilcool.
CHRISTOPHER M. BYRNE, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
THOMAS LANGTON, Church Hill, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; seconded by Councillor J. Everett—

“Resolved—That the following be the representatives of the County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital—

JAMES TURNER, Ballydoreen, Ashford.
BERNARD KELLY, Ballyknockanbeg, Ashford.
JOHN FLEMING, Ballard Upper, Kilbride, Wicklow.
S. J. DOYLE, 3, Wentworth Place, Wicklow.
CHRISTOPHER M. BYRNE, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
JAMES EVERETT, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
WILLIAM BYRNE, J.P., Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.
THOMAS LANGTON, Church Hill, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Doyle; seconded by Councillor B. Kelly—

“Resolved—That the following be the representatives of the County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital—

DANIEL CONDREN, 81, Lower Main Street, Arklow.
ARTHUR B. BRENNAN, 56, Main Street, Arklow.
FELIX O'RAFFERTY, 31, Ferrybank, Arklow.
DANIEL NEW, 19, Main Street, Arklow.
MISS CURRAN, Main Street, Arklow.
C. GAULE Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett; seconded by Councillor W. Grainger—

“Resolved—That the following be the representatives of the County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital—

REV. N. RUSSELL, C.C., Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
VERY REV. M. BUTLER, D.D., P.P., Roundwood.
VERY REV. D. RYAN, P.P., Kilquade, Greystones.
MORGAN TRAVERS, Ballyneirin, Kilcool.
THOMAS BYRNE, Killadreenan, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
MRS. E. C. TOTTENHAM, Woodstock, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
R. W. CONDELL, Killadreenan, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
JAMES GREGORY, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; seconded by Councillor M. Fleming—

“Resolved—That consideration of the question of the appointment of representatives on the Council of Agriculture be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming; seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly—

“Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent the Council on the Irish County Council's General Council.

ROBERT C. BARTON, Drummin Annamoe.
JAMES EVERETT, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
CHRISTOPHER M. BYRNE, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Lynch; seconded by Councillor James Byrne—

“Resolved—That all the members of the Council for the time being be re-appointed to constitute the County Old Age Pensions' Committee for the ensuing three years.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. McEvoy; seconded by Councillor M. Fleming—

“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.

The Council authorised the Secretary to summon a meeting of the Finance Committee for Wednesday, the 23rd June, 1920, at 12.30 o'clock p.m.; and, further, to convene a Special Meeting of the County Council to be held on Wednesday, the 7th July, 1920, at the same hour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

12th June, 1920—From the Clerk of the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Telegram and letter notifying the Election of Mr Edward O'Neill as Chairman of his Council, and the appointment of Mr Peter P. O'Reilly, of Ballynastockan, Blessington, as Deputy member of the County Council.

11th June, 1920—From the Clerk, Rathdown No 2 Rural District Council—Telegram notifying the appointment of Mr John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones, as Chairman of his Council.

11th June, 1920—From the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Notifying the Election of Mr C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy, as Chairman of his Council, and the appointment of Mr James Turner, Ballydoreen, Ashford, to represent the Rural District Council on the County Council.

12th June, 1920—From the Clerk Shillelagh Rural District Council—Stating that Mr George Graham, Coolbawn, Tinahely, has been assigned by the Rural District Council to take during the term of office of the Chairman (who is disqualified) his place as an additional member of the County Council.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 7th JULY, 1920.

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The following members were present:—Councillor J. Campbell, presiding chairman; Councillors J. Lynch, J. Everett, C. M. Byrne, J. Turner, M. Fleming, J. J. Metcalfe, W. J. Doyle, P. Healy, E. O'Neill, D. McEvoy, P. P. O'Reilly, W. Grainger, P. Murphy.

A telegram regretting his inability to be present was read from Councillor F. O'Rafferty.

BUSINESS.

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Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

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was appointed for the district, and he had resigned. It appeared that it was a large sparsely populated district and that the poundage rate of Sixpence in the Pound would not recompense the collector for the difficulties and troubles attaching to the position.

Order:—The Committee recommend the Council to appoint Mr. Charles Shortt, of Annacarney, Blessington, Collector for Hollywood Area for one year, at a Poundage of Eightpence (8d.).

The Committee granted an application from the County Surveyor to be allowed to take his usual annual holidays.

The Secretary mentioned that a claim for compensation for criminal injury had been heard at the Baltinglass Quarter Sessions, the plaintiff in the case being Constable J. J. Malynn, and a decree made against the Council. In the absence of an opportunity of obtaining directions from the County Council, the Law Agent, acting with his concurrence, lodged a formal appeal against the decree of the County Court Judge, otherwise the applicant would have been paid by the Council's Treasurer on presentation of the decree, under the provisions of a recent Act. As the Assizes were approaching, he asked for a direction on the matter from the Committee.

Order:—That the Secretary be directed to notify the Council's Treasurer to make no payment on behalf of the Council, whether for Malicious Injury Claims or otherwise, without the express authority of the Council.

(Signed),

JAMES EVERETT.

29th June, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Lynch. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's report be, and it is hereby, adopted, subject to the amendment that the paragraph suggesting the appointment of Mr. Charles Shortt as Rate Collector be deleted therefrom, and that the vacancy be again advertised at a Poundage of Eightpence (8d.). Passed.

The Secretary mentioned that in view of certain appeals in criminal injury compensation cases being pending immediately before the meeting of the Council, he consulted the Law Officer, and the Vice-Chairman, on the subject, the result being that there was no appearance on behalf of the Council when these appeals were being heard at the Assizes.

Further, the Secretary submitted a number of claims for compensation for alleged criminal injuries that had been received by him since the previous meeting of the Council; and also a copy of a resolution on the subject forwarded by Rathdrum Rural District Council, in which it was suggested that the County Council should not strike a rate to cover malicious injury decrees awarded by the County Court Judge on that Rural District.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Murphy. Resolved—That we approve of the action of the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, and Law Agent, in arranging that the Council should not be represented at Assizes in connection with

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malicious injury appeals there pending; that all communications re malicious injuries now submitted be marked "Road"; that our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Local Government Minister of Dail Éireann on the general question of procedure in connection with malicious injury claims, and also as to what action the Council should take with reference to the rates at present being collected, and which contain assessments for criminal injury awards. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Everett. Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent the County Council on the School Attendance Committee for the Dispensary District of Newcastle, for the three years commencing 1st October, 1920:—Rev. N. Russell, C.C., Newtown-Mount-Kennedy; John Gregory, Kilcoole; Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Kilcoole; R. W. Condell, Warble Bank, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy; Andrew Halpin, Whiterock, Roundwood. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Lynch, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That the Interim Report on Milk Production, issued by the Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland, be sent forward to the Committee of Agriculture, with a recommendation that they take such steps as they consider advisable to give effect to the terms of the report. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Lynch, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee to draw up Bi-lingual Headings for the Council's stationery:—The Vice-Chairman, Councillors P. Murphy, W. Grainger, J. Turner, E. O'Neill. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen—I beg to report that in my opinion it would be advisable to revise the Standing Orders that have been in force governing the procedure of the County Council since 1899.

I am submitting herewith, for the assistance of the Council, a few suggested alterations, which, if agreed to, would be calculated to facilitate the Council in the transaction of its business.

If it be decided to-day to amend or alter these Orders, such amendments or alterations can, on Notice of Motion given to-day, be confirmed at the next Quarterly Meeting, which is fixed to take place on Monday, the 16th August next.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of this Council that the Standing Orders, as amended, be ratified."

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That we request the Irish County Council's General Council to draw up immediately a scheme whereby County Councils, and other representative Bodies, may be enabled to

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financially assist the pupils of the Primary Schools in this country in availing of a suitable Secondary Education, and thus enable them to become eligible for the University Scholarships at present awarded by Local Authorities, it being quite apparent from past experience that the existing system of awarding Scholarships affords no assistance to the deserving children of parents unable to provide Secondary Education for them, and thus fails in its object of helping poorer students to a higher education. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Everett. Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to communicate with the Rate Collectors, and impress upon them the desirability of immediately proceeding with the collection of the rates, so that the Council may be in a position to meet their financial responsibilities generally, and to the other public bodies, as soon as they fall due. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That, in view of the possibility of a general railway stoppage, we urge the Rural Councils of the County Wicklow to form Food Committees for each Rural District, to act in co-operation with similar committees in Urban Districts, in order to safeguard the food and fuel supplies for the people, in the event of such a crisis arising. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That we hereby direct that all material, machinery, and tools, used under the Direct Labour System in quarries, and in maintenance of roads generally, shall be of Irish manufacture as far as possible. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Lynch. Resolved—That the Council give preference in all matters of advertising and printing to papers who report in Irish all the remarks and discussions that may take place at the Council's meetings, and who will give fair play to the Irish language in the ordinary routine working of their paper. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Lynch. Resolved—That in future all letters to Councillors be addressed in Irish. Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me, will move at the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 16th August, 1920, that the name of William O'Grady, V.C., U.D.C., Wicklow, be substituted for Councillor James Everett on the Wicklow County Infirmary Committee, Mr. Everett being already a member of this Committee by virtue of his office as Chairman of the Wicklow Urban Council."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the next meeting, that, in consequence of the roads in West Wicklow being in a deplorable condition, the County Council instruct the County Surveyor and his Assistants to exercise

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in future greater care when certifying payments to contractors, and that following adverse reports on the work of defaulting contractors their sureties be stringently dealt with."

CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 41941/1920. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th June, 1920—Approving of the appointment of Mr. John P. Hickey, of Leitrim House, Wicklow, as Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 (Delgany) Collecting District, for the current year's collection.

No. V.B. 1584/20. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 21st June, 1920—Approving of Mr. S. Conway's appointment as Veterinary Inspector for Rathdrum Union, at a salary of £70 per annum; and of Mr. A. F. Walshe's appointment as Veterinary Inspector for Shillelagh Union, at a salary of £25 per annum.

No. 32530/20. Wicklow. National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, 29th June, 1920—Intimating that the Treasury have now sanctioned, under Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, an expenditure of £1,051 during the current year by the Insurance Committee, involving an estimated deficiency of £400 to be met, as provided in that Section.

I.R.G./33/Wicklow. Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Roads Department, Oriel House, Dublin, 27th May, and 1st July, 1920—Stating that the Ministry are approaching the Treasury for their approval to a grant of £1,428 in respect of the application submitted by the County Council in connection with a proposed expenditure of £4,285 on surface tarring works in the year 1920-21; and also for their approval to a grant of £423 in respect of an application submitted by Bray Urban District Council in connection with a proposed expenditure of £1,270 on similar work—and asking to be informed whether the Councils are prepared to carry out the works with this assistance.

I.R.U./33/Wicklow. Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Roads Department, Oriel House, Dublin, 24th June, 1920—Intimating that the Ministry are communicating with the County Surveyor with a view to informing him that the Ministry are prepared to make the proposed grants for employing ex-service men on works of road improvement.

2nd June, 1920. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Enclosing cheque for £9 8s. 6d. in respect of the decree obtained by the Council against Reddin and others for Rates on Ballyremon Commons, and reporting the reasons given by the Sub-Sheriff for his inability to levy the balance of the decree.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Murphy. Resolved—That the County Council take steps to bring the users of Ballyremon and all other Commons, who have refused to pay their rates, before an Irish Republican Court. Passed.

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14th June 1920. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Enclosing requisition to tax the costs of Louis J. Meade of making title in connection with the acquiring of Kiltimon Quarry by the Council.

11th June, 1920. From Mr. Matthew Byrne, Hon. Secretary, Baltinglass Technical Sub-Committee—Enclosing resolution urging on the Council the desirability of increasing the rate raised for Technical Instruction to Three-farthings in the £1.

21st June, 1920. From Collector Thomas Fleming, Ballynultha, Shillelagh—Reporting that Mr. James Murphy, of Tinahely and Shillelagh, would not act as one of his sureties in a Fidelity Bond, and submitting for the Council's approval the name of Mr. Pierce Kenny, Ballynultha, Shillelagh.

Order—Approved.

28th May and 5th June, 1920. From The Secretary, Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Co., D'Olier Street, Dublin—Stating that in consequence of further increases in the cost of coal and railway haulage rates, oil, and particularly wages, his Company have been compelled to apply to the Board of Trade for a direction authorising a further variation, by way of increase, in the price of gas.

18th May, 1920. From John Lynch, Lynch's Advertising Agency, D'Olier Chambers, Dublin—Making application for the Council's advertising.

10th June, 1920. From McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 58 Dame Street, Dublin—Asking the Council to give the handling of their Insurances into their charge.

5th June, 1920. From Same—to the Presiding Chairman—on this subject.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. Lynch:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move that the resolution of the Council appointing as their Insurance Brokers the firm of Messrs. Coyle and Co. (Brokers), Ltd., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, be rescinded, and that in future all the Council's insurance business as from time to time their policies fall due for renewal be transacted by the firm of Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, 58 Dame Street, Dublin."

June, 1920. From The Secretary, the Larkin Release Committee, Irish Worker Club, 10 Langrishe Place, Dublin—Asking the Council to pass a resolution protesting against the treatment meted out to Jim Larkin in the United States, and demanding his release and return to Ireland.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Murphy. Resolved—That we request Dail Eireann to instruct their Minister of Foreign Affairs to inquire into the imprisonment of Jim Larkin, and if they consider it advisable, to urge the American Government to release him. Passed.

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6th July, 1920. From S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor—Application for authority to substitute, in connection with roads and works in his charge, a new general form of pay sheet for the present form of certificate.

Order—Approved.

6th July, 1920. From County Surveyor—Enclosing a letter from the Clerk of Bray Urban Council asking to be allowed to hire one of the Council's steam rollers.

Order—The County Surveyor is authorised to hire out roller on usual terms.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

24th June, 1920. From Meath County Council—Resolution condemning the British Government for having refused to make available the Equivalent Grants for educational purposes which have accrued since 1st April, 1919, together with arrears unjustly withheld prior to that date.

22nd June, 1920. From Wexford Poor Law Guardians and District Council—Resolution conveying congratulations and fraternal greetings to the County Council, and to the Chairman of the Council, Mr. R. C. Barton.

28th June, 1920. From Westmeath County Council—Resolution directing the attention of the Irish people to the barbarous and vindictive treatment meted out by the English Government to Mr. R. C. Barton.

29th June, 1920. From Kildare County Council—Resolution dealing with the Premier's threat to close down Irish railways, and the consequent necessity to conserve food supplies.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 16th AUGUST, 1920.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 16th August, 1920.

The following members were present - Councillor J. Campbell, presiding Chairman; Councillors D. McEvoy, P. P. O'Reilly, F. O'Rafferty, James Byrne, M. Fleming, J. J. Metcalfe, J. Lynch, B. Kelly, C. M. Byrne, J. Fleming, J. Everett, J. J. Redmond, J. Turner, A. Kinsella, E. O'Neill.

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 Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 6—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts.
- 8—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District.
- 9—To sign and seal the Warrants for the newly appointed Poor Rate Collector for the foregoing Collecting District.
- 10—To consider a letter from the Law Agent, enclosing a requisition to tax costs of Louis J Meade making title in reference to Kiltimon Quarry.
- 11—To receive a Deputation appointed by Rathdrum Rural District Council, to discuss the question of the building of Cottages in the Rural District by Direct Labour in conjunction with any Scheme of Direct Labour on roads which the County Council may adopt.
- 12—To consider a letter from the Ministry of Transport intimating that two Grants have been made by that Department to the County Council, one of £1,428, to be expended on Road Improvement under the direct authority of the Council, and another of £423, to be expended under the same authority by Bray Urban District Council, and correspondence relative thereto.
- 13—To consider Correspondence from the Secretary of the Local Government Board, and the Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, with reference to the stoppage of the usual Grants received from the British Treasury in relief of rates if certain conditions are not complied with by the Council.
- 14—To consider the following Notice of Motion by the Vice-chairman, Councillor J Campbell :—" I beg to give notice that, to meet the new situation created by the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Bill before the British House of Commons, I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that all moneys in the hands of the Council's Treasurer be withdrawn and re-lodged to the credit of three Trustees nominated by the Council."
- 15—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C M Byrne :—
" I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will

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move at the next Meeting of this Council that the Standing Orders, as amended, be ratified."

16—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C M Byrne—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 16th August, 1920, that the name of William O'Grady, v.c., u.d.c., Wicklow, be substituted for Councillor James Everett on the Wicklow County Infirmary Committee, Mr Everett being already a member of this Committee by virtue of his office as Chairman of the Wicklow Urban Council."

17—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor D J McEvoy—I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting—That, in consequence of the roads in West Wicklow being in a deplorable condition, the County Council instruct the County Surveyor and his Assistants to exercise in future greater care when certifying payments to contractors, and that following adverse reports on the work of defaulting contractors their sureties be stringently dealt with.

18—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor J Lynch:—I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move—That the resolution of the Council appointing as their Insurance Brokers the firm of Messrs Coyle and Co. (Brokers), Ltd., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, be rescinded, and that in future all the Council's Insurance business as from time to time their Policies fall due for renewal be transacted by the firm of Messrs McDonagh and Boland, 58 Dame street, Dublin.

19—To consider and determine the question of the further appointment of Mr W C Byrne, the Junior Clerk in the Secretary's Office, he having been appointed conditionally to this position for one year, which period has now expired.

20—To Consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

21—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

22—To consider Reports from County Officers.

23—To consider Official Correspondence.

24—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 27th July, 1920.

The following members were present:—Councillor James Everett, presiding; Councillors E. O'Neill, J. Campbell, J. Lynch, J. Turner, and C. M. Byrne.

On the motion of Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill, it was resolved—That Councillor James Everett be elected Chairman of the Finance Committee. Passed unanimously.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment by

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the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follow:

County at Large	...	...	7106	5	1
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	...	...	1471	7	10
Proposals Committee's Proposals	539	4	10	2010	12	8
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	...	...	591	12	6
Proposals Committee's Proposals	112	10	0	704	2	6
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
Proposals Committee's Proposals	499	6	6	499	6	6
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	...	...	999	13	9
Proposals Committee's Proposals	66	5	4	1065	19	1
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				38	2	6
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				16	3	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

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1
Rathdown No. 2
Rathdrum
Shillelagh
Total

There was submitted to the Committee certain correspondence in connection with the claims of the Rate Collectors for refund of irrecoverable rates lodged by them in respect of the half-year ended 31st March, 1920.

The Secretary was directed to point out to the Local Government Board the facts affecting the several items disallowed by them.

A report, dated 1st July, 1920, was submitted from the County Surveyor, on the condition of the Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital, and the Committee recommend the Council to make a

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special grant of Sixty Pounds (£60) towards the Joint Committee's funds for the carrying out of repairs to the building.

The Secretary submitted correspondence received from the Local Government Board with reference to the superannuation allowances awarded by the County Council to Collectors Charles S. Sutton, and Joseph Doyle, recently retired.

Order—Noted.

The Committee had before them copy of the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919, and correspondence from the Local Government Board in relation thereto.

Order—Noted.

Mr. J. R. Dagg, Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, forwarded an account for £18 6s. 5d., which he claimed as bonus (per Award No. 84) on the fees already paid to him by the County Council for his services in the preparation of the Voters' Lists, the Jurors' Lists, and the checking of Rate Collectors' lodgments.

The Secretary mentioned that the County Council had already paid Mr. Dagg the fees authorised by the Regulations for the performance of these duties. It appeared, however, that Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council passed a resolution authorising the payment to Mr. Dagg of a bonus under Award No. 84, and paid him in pursuance thereof on both his salary and emoluments. The Local Government Board Auditor refused to pass the proportion of this bonus calculated on the fees payable by the County Council for the services hereinbefore mentioned, and held, as alleged by Mr. Dagg, that the amount claimed was payable by the County Council. Other officers in the service of the County Council had received no war bonus in respect of these fees, nor had they sent in, up to the present, any claim for a bonus in respect to them.

The Committee recommend the Council to pay the claim, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

The Committee adjourned for consideration to their next meeting applications received from the three Assistant Surveyors for a bonus, pursuant to a scheme suggested by the Local Government Board.

Mr. W. T. Fitzsimons, Avoca, applied for an increase in the rent of Avoca Courthouse, of which he is the landlord, from Ten Pounds (£10) to Eighteen Pounds (£18) per annum.

Order—Noted.

An application received from Miss Bridie Murphy, Beresford Terrace, Arklow, for the extension of her University Scholarship to a fourth year, was adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Michael Bergin, of Slieveroe, Rathdrum, applied for permission to hire from the Council one of their engines during the forthcoming threshing season, on the same conditions as those upon which he had hired an engine during the two previous seasons.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to hire the engine to Mr. Bergin, if the County Surveyor can spare it from the Council's work.

The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the County

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Surveyor to have included in the forthcoming printing contract provision for the printing of his report and schedule in connection with the proposed scheme of direct labour on road construction and maintenance.

A report, dated 24th July, 1920, was submitted from the County Surveyor, recommending (1) that fixed days be considered for meetings of the Committee to make payments to men employed by him; (2) that arrangements be made for appointing Mr. Edward Tierney, the Council to supply him with a motor bicycle; and (3) that Mr. Patrick Short be appointed storekeeper and clerk, at an increased salary.

Order—The Committee approve of the suggestions contained in the report, and recommend that Mr. Patrick Short be paid Four Pounds Ten Shillings (£4 10s. 0d.) per week.

The Committee examined the Returning Officer's accounts of expenditure in connection with the recent election of County Councillors, amounting to £1,162 15s. 10d.

The Returning Officer said that he believed all the accounts, which amounted to over two hundred and twenty separate claims, had now been paid. There might, however, be one or two small items outstanding.

Order—Noted

(Signed),

JAMES EVERETT,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor C M Byrne :—Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor E O'Neill, and seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe—That the item in the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, dealing with the Superannuations allowed to Retired Poor Rate Collectors, Mr Joseph Doyle and Mr Charles S Sutton be deleted from the Report, and that this matter be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

On a show of hands being taken, the Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 adopted as printed and circulated.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor M Fleming; Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 16th August, 1920.

The following Members were present—Councillors James Everett,

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Chairman; Councillors J Campbell, J Lynch, James Byrne, E O'Neill, J Turner, B Kelly, C M Byrne.

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

Additional Proposals	...	...	£2052	11	4
Rathdrum Rural District (Form 22)	...	...	£3233	8	9

The additional Proposals contained payments in respect of Compensation in Criminal Injury Claims, amounting in all to £1,415 3s 9d. Councillor J Campbell dissented from the proposal to make these payments.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 30th July, 1920, from the Registrar of University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin—containing the results of the Special Examination conducted by the University Authorities in connection with the applicants for Scholarships under the County Council's Scheme.

Having considered the letter, and the terms of the Scheme, the Committee recommend the following three Students for Scholarships—1, Patrick J Murray; 2, Gerald M B Murtagh; 3, Nora MacDonnell.

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 14th August, 1920, from the Registrar, University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin—reporting upon the progress made during the last Scholastic Year by the holders of Scholarships under the County Council's Scheme. Six of these Scholarships were open for renewal, and in respect of these six Students the Registrar reported that their attendance and conduct had been most satisfactory.

Accordingly, renewals for the Scholastic Year 1920-1921 are recommended by the Committee, as follows:—1, Bridget Redmond, 2, Margaret Duffy; 3, Patrick J Henry; 4, Josephine Coghlan; 5, Michael J Dunne; 6, Maria Farrington.

A letter, dated 25th July, 1920, was submitted from Miss Bridge[†] Murphy, Beresford Terrace, Arklow—Scholarship Holder—applying for an extension of her Scholarship to a Fourth Year.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to award her the additional year applied for.

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to sign the Advice Note for the following payments on foot of same for the Quarter ending 31st March, 1921.

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNION.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	1363 10 0
Naas	371 10 0
Rathdown	1783 5 0
Rathdrum	4342 10 0
Shillelagh	1147 0 0
Total	£9007 15 0

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TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	22 15 0
Rathdown No. 2	235 10 0
Rathdrum	821 15 0
Shillelagh	45 10 0
Total	£1125 10 0

A letter, dated 24th July, 1920, was submitted from Mr Thomas Kavanagh, Secretary, Ashford Branch, Irish National Agricultural and General Workers' Union—containing, for the Council's approval, an increased Scale of Wages for men employed by the County Surveyor on Works in his charge.

Order—Adjourned to the County Council for consideration in conjunction with the County Surveyor's Report on the subject of Wages.

In this connection the Committee recommend the Council to pay Employees on Wet Days half rates of Wages if work be stopped by Order.

An application was considered from the three Assistant Surveyors for a Bonus to meet the increased cost of Living and Travelling.

Order—The Committee regret they cannot accede to the Application.

A renewed application, dated 11th August, 1920, was received from Mr John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, asking to be allowed to hire one of the Council's Engines for the forthcoming Threshing Season.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to hire the Engines for Threshing purposes if they can be spared by the County Surveyor; the charge for the hire to be at the rate of Six Pounds (£6) per week, on condition that the charges made by the hirers shall not exceed Five Pounds (£5) per day; first preference in the hiring to be given to Mr Michael Bergin; a signed agreement to be entered into by each hirer undertaking in case of any dispute between him and the Council to submit the matter to arbitrators appointed by Dail Eireann.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 10th August, 1920, from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, claiming payment of a sum of £159 1s 0d, Medical and Nursing Expenses incurred in connection with the injuries received by Constable James Joseph Malynn, Baltinglass.

Order—Read.

The Secretary also submitted a letter, dated 30th July, 1920, from the Receiver of Constabulary, R.I.C. Office, Dublin Castle, enclosing certified Account, amounting £169 15s 1d, of the sum chargeable to the County Wicklow for Constabulary Expenses in respect of the Half-year ended 31st March, 1920.

Order—Read.

(signed) JAMES EVERETT.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J Turner:—Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, were passed as follow:—
COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalf, seconded by Councillor J Turner, Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for Pay-

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ment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £7,106 5s 11d (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 E O'Neill, seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £2,110 12s 8d (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 J J Redmond, seconded by Councillor J Campbell. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District amounting to £704 2s 6d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor B Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £3,732 15s 3d, (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor A Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £1,065 19s 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 F O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor J Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £38 2s 6d, (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 Everett, seconded by Councillor C M Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 3s 0d, (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor M Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £2,052 11s 4d, (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor D J McEvoy. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

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Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, were submitted as follow:—
COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

COUNTY ADVERTISING.

To provide for the whole of the Advertising in County Wicklow Papers required by the County Council and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace for one year ending 30th September, 1921.

The Council adopted a Proposal sent forward by the Proposals Committee, authorising the insertion of the Council's Advertisements in the "Wicklow Newsletter," "Wicklow People," and "Carlow Nationalist," for the period mentioned above, cost of same not to exceed sixpence (6d) per line per insertion.

COUNTY PRINTING.

To the County Printing Works, Ltd., Main street, Wicklow, for printing, providing, and supplying requisite Books, Forms, Notices, Circulars, etc., required for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, and their several offices, exclusive of the Registration Lists. All Printing under the contract when entered into must be executed on paper of Irish manufacture. Amount of accepted contract, £799 19s 0d. Guarantors—Sylvester V Delahunt, Abbey Hill, Wicklow, and Laurence Byrne, Market Square, Wicklow.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting 16th August, 1920.

11th day of August, 1920.

GENTLEMEN,

(1) I beg to report that on the morning of the last Finance and Proposals Committee Meeting I received an application from the Workers' Union asking for an increase of wages for the men employed by the County Council.

This application I at once placed before the Finance Committee and, after careful consideration by the Committee, it was directed, as I understood at the meeting, that a fair rate of wages for the following classes of work would be:—

Quarry and Road Improvement Gang Foremen	...	70s.	per week.
Men Working in Quarries	...	45s.	"
Road Surfacedmen	...	40s.	"
Sweepers with Roller and men Tarring	...	47s. 6d	"
Blacksmith	...	70s.	"
Drivers of Rollers, Traction Engines & Tractors	...	70s.	"
Engine Drivers' mates	...	40s.	"

It was also considered that the rates should be retrospective as from 8th July.

The working week to be 5 days of 9 hours and one day of 5 hours (i.e., a working week of 50 hours). Bank and Public Holidays to be paid for, and reasonable time to be given for attendance at Divine Service on Church Holydays.

A matter to be decided is whether the men are to be paid for wet days when they cannot work.

The majority of the men at present affected are in the Bray, Greystones, and Newtown Districts, and these men are now working at the old rate of wages pending your decision on the new proposed rate.

As I am now estimating for the proposed Direct Labour Scheme it is

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important that the question of wages to be paid in the various districts be definitely fixed so that I may be in a position to make a reasonable Estimate.

(2) An application has been made to me concerning certain Sheds or Motor Garages which it is proposed to erect in the yard attached to the Grand Hotel, Greystones. It is proposed to raise the yard wall adjoining the public road (which is a County maintained Road); the wall, when raised, to form part of the new Garages.

It is contended that the law which prescribes that no "house" may be erected at a less distance than 30 feet from centre of a County Road, except on an old foundation, or in a market or corporate town, does not apply in this case as the law in question does not specifically forbid a "shed."

As this is a matter of some importance involving a purely legal question I consider that your legal adviser should deal with it.

The sheds or garages will not affect the County Road unless, at some future time, it may be decided to acquire the premises in order to widen the road.

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

Order—Paragraph 2—Referred to Law Agent.

A letter, dated 24th July, 1920, was submitted from Mr Thomas Kavanagh, Secretary, Ashford Branch, Irish National Agricultural and General Workers' Union, containing, for the Council's approval, an increased Scale of Wages for men employed by the County Surveyor on works in his charge.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Scale of Wages recommended by the Finance Committee for payment to employes engaged in road work as set forth in the report of the County Surveyor, amended and initialled by the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Passed.

The amended scale of wages is as follows:—

Quarry and Road Improvement Gang Foremen	...	70s	0d	per week
Men working in quarries	...	47s	6d	"
Road Surfacedmen	...	40s	0d	"
Spreaders	...	47s	6d	"
Sweepers with Roller and men Tarring	...	45s	0d	"
Blacksmith	...	70s	0d	"
Drivers of Rollers, Traction Engines and Tractors	...	70s	0d	"
Engine Drivers' mates	...	40s	0d	"

It was also considered that the rates should be retrospective as from 8th July.

The working week to be 5 days of 9 hours and one day of 5 hours (i.e., a working week of 50 hours). Bank and Public Holidays to be paid for, and reasonable time to be given for attendance at Divine Service on Church Holydays.

(For wages of Sub-gangers, see Minutes of Finance Committee meeting, held on 31st August, 1920.—S.J.D.)

Report No. 2 of the Finance Committee, unanimously adopted by the Meeting, further provides for the payment of half rates of wages to employes on wet days, if work be stopped by Order.

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BALTINGLASS No. 1.

The Council placed the following roads in charge of the County Surveyor for six months:—

D.R. No.	perches.	Not to exceed	£	s	d
307	568	Not to exceed	11	5	0
308	752	"	75	4	0
309	600	"	22	10	0
310	600	"	30	0	0
311	547	"	20	10	0
312	624	"	16	0	0
313	927	"	60	0	0
314	656	"	26	0	0

RATHDOWN No. 2.

No Proposals.

RATHDRUM.

The Council placed the following roads in charge of the County Surveyor for six months:—

D.R. No.	perches.	Not to exceed	£	s	d
469	771	Not to exceed	38	11	0
470	310	"	23	5	0
471	743	"	55	14	6
472	937	"	46	17	0
473	545	"	40	17	6
474	938	"	35	3	6

Work No. 477 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, the cost of same not to exceed £450.

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH.

Road No. 389 in the District Register, 1381 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for six months, cost of same not to exceed £34 10s 6d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming, seconded by Councillor F O'Rafferty. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved at this Quarterly Meeting, be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor B Kelly. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the three applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District, and also applications received from: 1—Charles Shortt, Anacorney, Blessington; 2—John Cullen, Donard:—

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, 16th August, 1920, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Hollywood, Lugglass, and Togher, at a remuneration of 8d 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

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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 £750, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £375. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon, on 16th August, 1920.—By Order, SIMON J. DOYLE, Secretary to the County Council. County Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow. 4th August, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor D J McEvoy, seconded by Councillor C M Byrne. Resolved—That Mr John Cullen, of Donard, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector Patrick Quinn, resigned, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a poundage fee of eightpence in the pound; and we approve of Mr Richard Lynch, of Irishtown Park, Donard, and Mr Christopher Lawlor, of Kilmowan, Kilmullen, as his sureties, in a joint bond in a sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£750) for the due performance of his duties as collector. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D J McEvoy, seconded by Councillor C M Byrne. Resolved—That the warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor B. Kelly. Resolved—That the Requisition to tax the costs of Louis J. Meade—making title in reference to Kiltimon Quarry—be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Having heard Mr Joseph Clarke, Avoca, on behalf of a Deputation from Rathdrum Rural District Council—It was proposed by Councillor J Turner, seconded by Councillor C M Byrne, and resolved—That Councillors John Fleming, E O'Neill, J J Redmond, and W Grainger, be hereby appointed a Committee of the County Council to meet Representatives of Rathdrum Rural District Council for the purpose of drawing up a Scheme to give effect to the suggestions of the latter Council with a view to a co-operation in the erection of Labourers' Cottages under a Scheme of Direct Labour. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor C M Byrne. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, call upon all Traders and Merchants in this County to cease dealing or trading with Belfast Firms until all employers of that City will refrain from making Religion and Politics a test of employment, and we call upon all customers to withdraw Accounts and Deposits from banks financing firms in Belfast identified with this boycott of Employees. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor J Turner. Resolved—That this Meeting of the County Council do stand adjourned to Tuesday, the 24th August, 1920.

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The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 24th August, 1920, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following members were present—Councillor J. Campbell, presiding; Councillors J. Everett, A. Kinsella, J. J. Redmond, W. J. Doyle, G. Graham, W. Grainger, M. Fleming, C. M. Byrne, P. Healy, J. Turner, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, D. McEvoy, P. P. O'Reilly, and J. Lynch.

The Council resumed consideration of the business at the point reached when the adjournment took place on the 16th August, 1920.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Ministry of Transport intimating that two grants have been made by that Department to the County Council, one of £1,428, to be expended on road improvement under the direct authority of the Council, and another of £423, to be expended under the same authority by Bray Urban District Council, and other correspondence relative thereto.

Order—Ministry of Transport to be informed the County Council are prepared to carry out the works with the assistance promised.

Correspondence was submitted from the Secretary of the Local Government Board, and the Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, with reference to the stoppage of the usual grants received from the British Treasury in relief of rates if certain conditions are not complied with by the Council.

Order—Read.

In connection with the foregoing, the Secretary laid before the Council a letter from the Local Government Auditor, Mr J A Reddy, dated 19th Aug., 1920, enclosing, in pursuance of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, notice of his intention to attend on Monday, the 30th August, 1920, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the County Council for the financial half-year ending 31st March, 1920.

Order—Pending further instructions from the Council, the Secretary is authorised to submit the accounts for audit as heretofore.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor J Campbell, seconded by Councillor M Fleming. Resolved—That all moneys in the hands of the Council's Treasurer be withdrawn and redelivered to the credit of three trustees nominated by the Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Lynch, seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe. Resolved—That this Council hereby deprives the National Bank, Wicklow, of its position as treasurer to the Council, and the Bank is hereby required, to state publicly by advertisement that they are no longer acting as treasurer to the Council. Passed.

Having passed the foregoing resolution, the Council unanimously decided to appoint the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr James Everett, to act as Treasurer/Paymaster on their behalf. Further, it was directed that all monies payable to the County Council by Rate Collectors and others be lodged with the Paymaster, and that all disbursements ordered by the Council and the Finance Committee be discharged on their behalf by him. This arrangement to remain in operation until the next meeting of the Council. Afterwards the Council appointed Trustees to hold in trust for the Council such monies as were handed to them by the Paymaster.

The Council directed the Secretary to draw, and issue, a Paying Order for the sum of £4,457 10s 0d, in favour of the Guardians of Rath-

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drum Union, to meet the demand from that body for the quarter ended 31st December, 1920.

Acting by direction of the Council, a meeting of the Finance Committee, consisting of Councillors J Everett, J Lynch, and F O'Neill, was held in the Council Chamber, when an Advice Note was issued in favour of the Secretary, Mr S J Doyle, for the sum of £900, with an instruction, that the same be passed to the Treasurer prior to the closing of the Subsidiary Account.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella :—Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby direct all the Rate Collectors in our employment to cease to lodge the proceeds of their collections with the National Bank Wicklow, who have hitherto acted as the County Treasurer. Passed unanimously.

At this stage the Poor Rate Collectors were called before the Meeting and informed of the action that had been decided upon. The following Poor Rate Collectors were present :—Messrs John Kelly, Charles Byrne, P P Doyle, John Cullen, M McGrath, W J Quinn, P Mulligan, Thomas Fleming, Wm. Burke, James Byrne, John Hickey, John Murphy, L McDonnell, Terance Byrne, R Geoghegan, W J Cardiff.

Two Collectors were unable to be present, namely—Richard Lynch and Joseph Keane.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor A Kinsella :—Resolved—In the event of the Collectors under the Council resigning their present appointments, and re-engaging with the Council under new conditions, we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby undertake to secure them the same rights and privileges both as regards superannuation and poundage as they have hitherto enjoyed, and we undertake to re-engage them in their respective offices. Passed.

The Collectors were then collectively and individually directed by the Meeting to proceed with their collections, and to lodge the proceeds with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, who was authorised to issue to them, on behalf of the Council, Receipts in respect of their lodgments.

The Council postponed for further consideration the following Notice of Motion by Councillor C M Byrne :—" I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the Standing Orders, as amended, be ratified."

Councillor C M Byrne withdrew, with the permission of the Council, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name—

" I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 16th August, 1920, that the name of William O'Grady, v.c., u.d.c., Wicklow, be substituted for Councillor James Everett on the Wicklow County Infirmary Committee, Mr Everett being already a member of this Committee by virtue of his office as Chairman of the Wicklow Urban Council."

Proposed by Councillor D J McEvoy, seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly :—Resolved—That, in consequence of the roads in West Wicklow being in a deplorable condition, the County Council instruct the County Surveyor and his Assistants to exercise in future greater care when certifying payments to contractors, and that following adverse reports on the work of defaulting contractors their sureties be stringently dealt with.

Passed.

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Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor C M Byrne :—Resolved—That the resolution of the Council appointing as their Insurance Brokers the firm of Messrs Coyle and Co. (Brokers), Ltd., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, be rescinded, and that in future all the Council's Insurance business as from time to time their Policies fall due for renewal be transacted by the firm of Messrs McDonagh and Boland, 58 Dame street, Dublin. Passed.

Mr Walter C Byrne having, on the 10th June, 1919, been appointed temporarily, Junior Clerk in the offices of the Council for one year, on the condition that he qualify within the 12 months in Shorthand and Typewriting, the question of his re-appointment came before the Council for consideration.

The Council on learning that Mr Byrne had qualified in Typewriting only, decided to re-appoint him temporarily for a further period of twelve months, on the condition that within that time he qualifies in Irish and Shorthand.

A letter, dated 13th August, 1920, was submitted from the Clerk Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, conveying a Resolution passed by his Council, pointing out the necessity of enforcing the cutting of noxious weeds throughout the county.

On the motion of Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor A Kinsella, consideration of the District Council's Resolution was adjourned to next meeting.

CITY LABORATORY, CHATHAM ROW.

Dublin, 28th June, 1920.

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, 1920.

Forty-one articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows :—

Article.	Number.
Butter	9
Milk	7
Tea	5
Sugar	3
Cocoa	3
Margarine	6
Rice	4
Cheese	1
Whiskey	1
Flour	1
Skim-milk	1
Total	41

They were all pure.

Five specimens of water analysed for the Arklow Urban Council had the following compositions :—

One imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.
Total solid matter	35.700	29.400	69.300	23.800	132.300
Including					

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Albuminoid Ammonia	0.00045	0.008	0.006	0.004	0.040
Saline Ammonia ...	0.002	0.038	0.002	0.0015	0.006
Nitric Acid ...	3.750	Trace	10.000	Trace	18.000
Chlorine ...	3.790	2.190	11.380	1.790	21.490

No. 5 was polluted; No. 2 was of inferior quality: the others were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union thirteen drugs were analysed, and were correct.

Three drugs analysed for the Guardians of Shillelagh Union were incorrect.

A specimen of milk analysed for Mr T Mulcahy, Rathdrum, was of rich quality.

For the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow, nine specimens of fertilizers were analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, three drugs were analysed, and were correct.

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 ... 84

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

City Laboratory, Chatham Row,

Dublin, 27th July, 1920.

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, 1920.

Thirty-seven articles were received from the food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter ...	11
Milk ...	10
Margarine ...	4
Tea ...	3
Cheese ...	3
Sugar ...	2
Rice ...	2
Cornflour ...	1
Oatmeal ...	1
	—
	37

They were all pure.

There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow and were pure.

Three specimens of water analysed for the Wicklow Urban Council had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains—

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	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matter ...	9.100	27.300	9.800
Including—			
Albuminoid Ammonia ...	0.007	0.006	0.008
Saline Ammonia ...	0.001	0.002	0.0005
Nitric Acid ...	Trace	4.750	Trace
Chlorine ...	1.590	3.980	1.590

All good waters.

Five specimens of water analysed for the Arklow Urban Council had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.
Total solid matter ...	38.500	66.500	70.700	22.400	130.900
Including—					
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0045	0.008	0.005	0.005	0.0065
Saline Ammonia ...	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.001	0.0005
Nitric Acid ...	4.750	6.500	10.000	Trace	27.500
Chloride ...	3.280	4.390	12.180	1.980	29.580

All good waters.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-one drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union three drugs were analysed, and were correct.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow, two specimens of fertilizers were analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, eleven drugs were analysed and were correct.

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 ... 89

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.

20th August, 1920. From County Surveyor—referring to the Council's proposal, passed at Autumn Quarterly Meeting, 1919, to roll and tar the road from Kilterney Gate to Enniskerry, at a cost of £1,200, and to roll and tar two miles of Greystones streets, at a cost of £1,800, the total sum of £3,000 to be borrowed, and stating he is in a position to commence work early next week on that portion of the proposal from Kilterney Gate to Enniskerry.

On the motion of Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor J Turner, it was resolved—That the County Council present an Address of Welcome to Monsignor Hagan, D D, and that the Vice-chairman and Secretary attend at Avoca on the 9th September, 1920, to carry out the Presentation. Passed.

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The Secretary submitted two letters, dated 18th August, 1920, from Daniel P. Blayney, solicitor, 44 South Main Street, Naas, enclosing two certified copies of affirmancies of Decrees in the applications made by Constable Francis McPartland and Constable James Joseph Malynn, and demanding immediate payment thereunder of a total sum of £138 13s 2d in the case of Constable McPartland, and of a total sum of £4,221 9s 2d in the case of Constable Malynn. (No Order).

Proposed by Councillor J Lynch, seconded by Councillor C M Byrne : Resolved—That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, protest in the strongest possible manner against the insult offered by the British Government to a Dignitary of the Catholic Church, a most distinguished Irishman, in the person of his Grace, Archbishop Mannix, in forcibly preventing him from visiting his relatives and home here in Ireland. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted :—

10th July, 1920—From the Secretary Dail Eireann, intimating that he had received the required number of sealed copies of the Council's Resolution acknowledging the authority of Dail Eireann.

22nd July, 1920—From the Secretary Dail Eireann, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution relative to the imprisonment of Mr Jas. Larkin.

12th July, 1920—From the Government Portland Prison, transmitting Declaration of Acceptance of Office, signed by the Chairman, Councillor R. C. Barton.

7th July, 1920—No. 48761/1920. From the Secretary Local Government Board, Dublin, approving of the appointment of Mr Luke McDonnell as Poor Rate Collector for No 1 (Baltinglass) Collecting District.

20th July, 1920—No. 40,957/1920. From the Secretary Local Government Board, Dublin, suggesting that if the Council organise a scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis amongst the inhabitants of the county generally it will be a more satisfactory and efficient arrangement than contributing a sum of £200 to the funds of the County Insurance Committee, to be expended on a scheme restricted to insured persons and their dependants.

20th July, 1920—No. V.B. 1575/20. From the Secretary Department of Agriculture, Dublin, enclosing copy of a Scale of Fees approved by the Department for the duties performed by Veterinary Inspectors under the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914.

29th July, 1920—From the Clerk Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, enclosing a Resolution of his Council urging the necessity of striking a Rate for re-afforestation purposes in the county.

3rd August, 1920—From the Clerk Bray Urban District Council, transmitting copy of a Notice of the intention of his Council to increase charges for Electricity.

9th August, 1920—From the Secretary County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by his Committee, requesting the County Council to call on their representatives on the

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Council of Agriculture to resign, as they no longer represent the people of the county.

31st July, 1920—From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing Draft Lease with Mr David Frame, concerning the Quarry on Glen-of-the-Downs, together with copy of a letter, dated 30th July, 1920, which he had received from the County Surveyor in connection therewith.

14th July, 1920—From Same, enclosing letter received by him from Mr A. O. Hood, Colonel Proby's land agent, asking for a copy of the Lease of the Court House, Arklow, from Earl of Carysfort to the Grand Jury, dated 26th February, 1845.

9th August, 1920—From Same, relative to Collector Thomas Fleming's Fidelity Bond which had been forwarded him for Registration.

16th July, 1920—From the Secretary Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company, D'Olier Street, Dublin, giving notice of the Company's intention of seeking powers to further increase the price of Gas.

7th August, 1920—From the Secretary Irish Flax Producers' Association, Seven Houses, Armagh, circular letter dealing with the production and Sale of Flax, and enclosing draft of a Resolution which the Council is asked to pass at its next meeting and to have forwarded to the persons and offices named.

2nd July, 1920—From the Hon. Secretary Larkin Release Committee, Irish Worker Club, 10 Langrishe Place, Dublin, enclosing, for signatures, copies of a Memorial to the President U.S.A. on behalf of Jim Larkin.

9th August, 1920—From Lynch's Advertising Agency, D'Olier Chambers, Dublin, application for the Council's Advertising.

9th August, 1920—From the Manager "The New Leader," 205 Great Brunswick Street, Dublin, application for permission to insert the Council's advertisement re "Printing Contract,"

From the General Secretary Irish National Teachers' Organisation, 9 Gardiner's Place, Dublin, asking for the Council's views and suggestions with a view to placing same before a Conference to be held to frame a programme of Education in National Schools in accordance with Irish ideals and conditions, due regard being given to local needs and views.

23rd August, 1920—From John Danne, 4 Convent Road, Wicklow, suggesting the Irish Co-operative Clothing Manufacturing Society, Ltd., Ltd., 50 North Lotts, Liffey, Dublin, as an Investment for the Council's money.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

6th July, 1920—From Croom Rural District Council, Resolution suggesting that all unpurchased tenants of land demand a reduction on existing rents equivalent of the reductions now enjoyed by their more fortunate purchased neighbours.

14th July, 1920—From General Holt Sinn Fein Club, Togher, Roundwood, asking the Council to demand the release of their member of Dail Eireann, Mr R. C. Barton.

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17th July, 1920—From the Association of Secondary Teachers, Resolution advocating the appointment of Professional Teachers only, where available, for Educational Classes in Technical Schools.

—July, 1920—From Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland, Resolutions asking the Council to take such action as they may deem advisable to check the growth of all drinking abuses in the county.

26th July, 1920—From Baltinglass No. 2 Rural District Council, Resolution calling on all servants of that Council who hold positions under the British Government to resign same at once.

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tender to Mrs. MacSwiney, Lady Mayoress of Cork, widow of the late Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney, and to the friends and relatives of Michael Fitzgerald, Joseph Murphy, and Kevin Barry, our sincere sympathy on the great losses they have sustained in the death of these heroic men, killed by the enemies of Ireland because of their devotion to, and services on behalf of, their persecuted country; and we assure them that the martyrdom of these brave patriots will but stimulate their countrymen the more resolutely to persevere in the cause for which these noble lives were sacrificed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill. Resolved—That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, direct public attention to the fact that since the last meeting of this Body one of our colleagues, Councillor Joseph Lynch, Chairman of Bray Urban Council, has been taken from his home, without any charge having been preferred against him by the British Government, and now lies an untried prisoner in Mountjoy Prison. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 31st August, 1920.

The following councillors were present:—Councillor J. Everett, chairman; Councillors J. Turner, C. M. Byrne, and B. Kelly.

The Committee recommend the Council to amend the scale of wages approved by them at their last meeting, it having been represented to the Committee that, through a clerical mistake or oversight, no provision was made in respect of sub-gangers.

Accordingly, we recommend the Council to amend the scale, and to authorise the payment of these men at the rate of Fifty-five Shillings (55s.) per week.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 12th October, 1920.

The following members were present:—Councillor J. Everett, chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne, and J. Turner.

COMBINED PURCHASING BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was submitted from the Department of Trade and Commerce of Dail Eireann, enclosing a scheme for combined purchasing by Local Public Bodies, and asking the Chairman of the County Council to summon for an early date a conference of representatives of all the Public Bodies in the County to consider this scheme, and to pass a resolution.

Order—Councillors Campbell, McEvoy, Redmond, Kinsella, and

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the Secretary, appointed as delegates to attend conference.

A further letter, dated 5th October, 1920, was submitted from the same Department on the subject; and also a circular issued to Local Public Bodies, dated 9th October, 1920, asking them to appoint representatives to the conference.

The Secretary read a letter from the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, dated 8th September, 1920, and addressed to the Chairman, instructing the County Council to give full and whole-hearted co-operation in the scheme of the Trade and Commerce Department for the pooling of contracts by Public Bodies.

28th September, 1920. Letter from the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann—Requesting assistance in procuring replies to certain questions in respect of "The National Health Insurance Society" in the county.

September, 1920. Further letter from the Department of Trade and Commerce, Dail Eireann—Asking that steps should be taken to advise the various Bodies in the county not to enter into at present any long contracts for supplies, in view of the arrangements which are being made to put into operation the scheme for combined purchasing already mentioned above.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th October, 1920.

The following members were present—Councillor J. Everett, chairman; Councillors J. Turner, J. Campbell, E. O'Neill, and B. Kelly.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follow:

County at Large	...	...	4216	0	3
Baltinglass No. 1—					
District Proposals	...	...	914	8	6
Proposals Committee's Proposals	638	12	4	1553	0
Rathdown No. 2—					
District Proposals	...	...	465	10	10
Proposals Committee's Proposals	142	1	1	607	11
Rathdrum—					
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
Proposals Committee's Proposals	121	4	0	121	4
Shillelagh—					
District Proposals	848	12	8
Proposals Committee's Proposals	17	9	1	866	

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Having regard to the fact that the British Government have intimated the withdrawal of the grants hitherto contributed towards the finances of the county, we have refrained from recommending payments submitted on the Secretary's Schedule for the following services, namely—

Repayment of Loans to the Treasury in respect of Arklow Technical School, Wicklow Harbour, Annalecka Bridge, underpinning wall and repairing roads in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District; also Sub-Sheriff's Salary; Rents and Expenses of Courthouses, Court-keepers' Salaries, Cost of Fuel and Lighting in Courthouses; Cost of Printing and Advertising for the Crown Office; Expenses in respect of Conveyance of Prisoners, Administration of Weights and Measures, and Food and Drugs Acts; Expenses of Audit; Repayment of Loans (Bray-Wicklow Road) to the Ministry of Transport; and Quarter's Salary to the Secretary in respect of the Scheme for the Treatment of Venereal Disease.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

In submitting to you to-day the payments for the quarter ended the 30th September, I desire to briefly refer to a few important matters which merit your careful attention. Since the last meeting of the County Council the authorities at Dublin Castle have intimated that no further grants will be paid to the Council. Last February when preparing my budget of the estimated requirements of the Council for the current financial year I calculated that you would receive from this source a sum of £25,577. None of this money has been received, and it must be assumed that the receipt side of your exchequer, when totalled on the 31st March next, will be less by that amount. It does not necessarily follow, however, that the reserve balance of approximately £25,000 with which you entered upon this year will be depleted to the full extent of the withdrawals.

The conditions of the financial partnership, if I may venture the phrase, hitherto existing between the ratepayers' representatives and the Castle, embodied the obligation that loans advanced by the British Treasury, to the Council itself, and to other rate-aided bodies in the county, should be repaid out of the Common Fund. In a full normal year these repayments would amount to £12,000 or £13,000 and, the Council having decided to allow their late partner to assume responsibility for these repayments, the net result of the rupture would appear to place an additional burden on the rates of between £12,000 and £13,000. But there is other expenditure which I have been informed the Council does not propose to pay and which, up to the present time, has been incurred on services rendered on behalf of the defaulting partner. This may amount to an annual sum of £4,000 or £5,000, reducing the afore-

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said additional burden to about £7,000 or £8,000 per annum. The requisite data for accurate calculations not being, at present, available the above figures must be taken as approximations.

They are, however, sufficiently accurate to indicate the situation and to prove that your financial position is by no means alarming. The sudden withdrawal of the Grants will, however, strain your resources until such time as the next rate is actively in course of collection. Thanks to the loyalty and energy of your collectors, practically all the first moiety of the current rate was collected and lodged within the half-year ended 30th September, ult. Nevertheless, in order that the Council may be in a position to continue promptly to meet its obligations to the end of the financial year, it will be necessary that they should be required to immediately proceed with the collection of the second moiety. Usually, in the second half-year, very little rate is collected by the majority of the Collectors until after the New Year—in fact the bulk comes in during the months of February and March. I have given this subject careful consideration and I am convinced that it will be difficult to influence ratepayers to part with their money earlier than usual, but constant persuasion may succeed in inducing them to do so. So as to encourage the Collectors to put forward the necessary persuasive effort I venture to suggest that a bonus be offered to them on all lodgments made prior to 1st March. This course is adopted in other counties and is attended with satisfactory results.

Having so far dealt with the current rate I desire to impress upon the Council the desirability of striking an early rate for the coming year. You are now altogether dependent upon the rates, and during the coming twelve months (after which the new order should be satisfactorily established), foresight and despatch should be constantly employed in this department of your business. Accordingly I venture to ask you to require all public bodies making demands upon the Council, to send in their estimates not later than the 31st December. If this be done I would undertake to prepare and submit my budget by the middle of January, when it could be considered by the Council and the rates decided upon. By using the current rate books and inserting the new rate in coloured ink I consider a great saving might be effected in time, printing and clerical labour, and that the collecting books would be ready to issue early in April.

I trust the Committee and the Council will realise that my only motive in writing the foregoing is to afford the Councillors subject-matter for discussion and to assist them in overcoming the financial difficulty with which they are temporarily confronted.

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

26th October, 1920.

NOTES ON PRESENT POSITION.

Estimate of Credit at date	£18,998
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Payments to be authorised at approaching meeting in November (after deducting repayments of Loans, &c.)	£10,595
Credit balance after meeting	£8,403
Estimated Payments of Finance Committee to 31st December	£3,000
Estimated credit balance on 1st January, 1921	£5,403
Transfers due to be made on 2nd January ...	£10,133
Rate Receipts to meet transfer on 2/1/21 ...	£4,730
Payments at February Quarterly Meeting ...	£11,000
Finance Committee Payments to middle of February (estimated)	£2,000
Total rates required to be lodged by middle of February	£16,730
Total second moiety of rate, £49,000.	

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to adopt suggestions, both as regards Bonus to Collectors, and Striking of Rate. The Secretary submitted the following applications:—

County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow,
21st October, 1920.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.
Gentlemen,

The Bonuses awarded us last year expire on the 31st October, inst. Accordingly, we respectfully request the Finance Committee to recommend the Council to grant us Bonuses on our Salaries in accordance with the Scale accompanying the letter—herewith submitted—from the Secretary of The Irish Clerical and Allied Workers' Union, dated 4th October, 1920, which Scale is already in operation under the authority of other Public Bodies, including the County Committee of Agriculture, and the Joint Technical Instruction Committee, both of which are Committees of the County Council.

We are, gentlemen, yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
P. T. HEALY,
THOMAS LANGTON,
LAURENCE WOLOHAN,
W. C. BYRNE.

IRISH CLERICAL AND ALLIED WORKERS' UNION.

Head Office—St. Andrew Chambers,
1 College Street, Dublin,
4th October, 1920.

The Chairman, Finance Committee, County Council, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I have been asked by my Executive to make application on

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behalf of the Members of the Union in the employment of the Wicklow County Council for Bonus based on Scale enclosed herewith. The Bonus to date from 1st March, 1920.

I hope that in view of the great increase in the cost of living—viz., 164 per cent. over Pre-War Prices, that your Council will accede to the request of my Executive.

An early reply will much oblige.

Mise do Chara,
Seamus Ua Laoidhleis,
(J. V. Lawless)
An Runaidhe.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
26th October, 1920.

To the Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

The War Bonus kindly granted me last year now terminates.

I, therefore, respectfully request that you will recommend the Council to renew the Bonus on the same terms on which Bonuses have been granted to the Officers of other Departments connected with the County Council.

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

The correspondence enclosed by the Secretary of the Irish Clerical and Allied Workers' Union included a circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated the 30th August, 1920, No. 42,606/1920, which intimated that the Treasury had then recently authorised a further revision of the Scale of Bonuses previously in operation; and also a communication from the Treasury, dated 17th July, 1920, containing the terms of the new Scale which was to be applied irrespective of age or sex as from the 1st March, 1920, and was to be taken into consideration by Local Authorities when revising Bonuses already granted to their officers, or when granting new Bonuses.

The Committee unanimously recommend the Council to accede to the applications, and to sanction payment of the Bonuses as per the Scale authorised by the Award from the date of its coming into operation—namely, the 1st March, 1920.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 21st October, 1920, from the Local Government Board, Dublin, relative to the sum of £9 16s. 6d., now payable to the County Council from the Venereal Diseases Grant in respect to the year ending 31st March, 1920. In this letter they asked the name of the Council's Treasurer appointed in accordance with the terms of the Treasurers (Ireland) Act, 1867.

Order—Read.

The Secretary also read a letter, dated 22nd October, 1920,

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from the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland)—enclosing, for the Council's sanction, the County Wicklow Insurance Committee's revised Estimate of Expenditure and Receipts for the current year 1920.

In this connection the Secretary explained that the County Council had already approved of a scheme under which they were to contribute Two Hundred Pounds (£200) during the financial year 1920-1921 to the funds, of the County Insurance Committee, on the condition that the British Treasury paid over a similar sum. The new proposal was that the Council and the Treasury should each contribute Four Hundred Pounds (£400) instead of Two Hundred Pounds (£200), as already arranged.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt the revised estimate submitted.

An application was submitted from the Secretary for payment of a Bonus at the rate of Twenty per cent. (20 per cent.) on the fees paid him for the preparation of the Voters' and Jurors' Lists in the year 1919-1920, being at the same rate as the County Council at its last meeting authorised a Bonus to the Clerk of Baltinglass Union, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, which sanction has since been obtained.

A similar application was submitted from the Clerk of Shillelagh Union for a like Bonus for corresponding work in the same year.

Order—Passed.

An application was received from Mr. Patrick Short, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, for retrospective increase of wages as from the 8th July, 1920, as granted to all men engaged on the various works in charge of the County Surveyor.

Order—Refused.

The Committee had before them an application, dated 28th August, 1920, from Mr. Joseph Doyle, Talbotstown, Kiltegan, late Poor Rate Collector for No. 1 Collecting District, asking to have the calculation of the superannuation awarded him reconsidered.

The Secretary explained that the late Council fixed Mr. Doyle's superannuation allowance on the basis of two-thirds of the average emoluments that he had been in receipt of during the three years prior to his resignation. The Collector, however, claims that he is entitled to superannuation allowance at the rate of two-thirds of the emoluments received by him during the last year of his service under the Council.

The Committee recommend the Council to consider the application.

A letter, dated 22nd September, 1920, was received from Mr. John Cullen, Donard, the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 Collecting District, relative to his bond.

The Secretary pointed out that under existing conditions there was no approved Form of Bond applicable to these cases.

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Order—The Committee referred the matter to the Council's Law Agent.

The Committee noted the contents of a letter, dated the 9th August, 1920, from the Council's Law Agent, relative to Collector Thomas Fleming's Bond.

In a letter, dated 7th October, 1920, Mr. W. T. Fitzsimons, Avoca, applied to have the rent paid him for his premises in Avoca used for Petty Sessions Courts increased from Ten Pounds (£10) to Eighteen Pounds (£18) per year.

Order—Refused.

Mr. George Eager, Tinahely, in a letter dated 13th October, 1920, applied for an increase in his pension.

Order—Refused.

The Secretary submitted the Local Government Board Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council for the half-year ended 31st March, 1920, as follows:—

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 54,616/1920. Wicklow County.

Foxrock, 8th September, 1920.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wicklow for the half-year ended the 31st March, 1920. The Accounts were well kept, and carefully prepared for audit. I enclose copies of the Abstracts and Secretary's Statements duly certified.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. REDDY, Auditor.

The Local Government Board, Dublin.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

26th October, 1920.

To the Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Gleeson.

As Mr. Gleeson had not completed his reports in Rathdrum Rural District, I communicated with the Vice-Chairman, and Councillors Everett and C. M. Byrne, as to the necessity of having the inspections completed. As the result of a conference with Councillor Everett, I decided to employ Mr. Joseph Doyle, B.E., 11 Duke Street, Dublin, and Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant Surveyor, Dunlavin. These gentlemen duly completed the inspections. I arranged for Mr. Doyle to have the use of a hired motor car. The time occupied by Mr. Doyle on the work was five days, and I recommend that he be paid a fee of £10 10s. 0d. for the work. Mr. F. Murphy, Wick-

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low, from whom I hired the car, is entitled to £18 15s. 0d. for the five days' hire.

I enclose an account from Mr. Foley for his part of the work, and expenses, amounting to £26 13s. 0d.

I suggest that an Assistant be appointed at the next meeting of County Council.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. Gallagher,

County Surveyor.

In his letter of the 12th October, 1920, referred to, Mr. J. Gleeson, B.E., tendered his resignation as Assistant Surveyor for East Wicklow, stating that his doctor advised him that his health is liable to suffer if he continued the arduous work which the position entails.

Order—Noted.

The Committee recommend the Council to refund the under-mentioned Poor Rate Collectors the following amounts of rates claimed by them as Irrecoverable in respect of the half-year ending 30th September, 1920:—

No. 1—	Luke McDonnell	...	...	...	£23	7	7
„ 2—	Richard Geoghegan	...	...	...	6	10	10
„ 3—	Richard Lynch	...	...	...	14	16	6
„ 4—	William Burke	...	...	...	4	16	10
„ 8—	Patrick Mulligan	...	...	...	4	2	3
„ 9—	Joseph Keane	...	...	...	15	15	2
„ 10—	John Murphy	...	...	...	14	8	3
„ 11—	John Kelly	...	...	...	28	17	7
„ 12—	W. J. Cardiff	...	...	...	2	16	6
„ 13/15—	W. J. Quinn	...	...	...	42	8	2
„ 18—	Thomas Fleming	...	...	...	8	7	3

Signed,

JAMES EVERETT,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor W. Grainger. Resolved—That the British Government, having notified the withdrawal of the grants derived from Irish Taxation, and hitherto paid to the County Council under the terms of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and which were hitherto looked upon as part of the revenue of the Council, we hereby expressly confirm the action of the Finance Committee in declining to recommend payments in respect of Loans obtained from the British Treasury, and also in respect of services mainly rendered on behalf of British Government Departments, assuring parties affected that the non-payment of their accounts is due entirely to the breach of faith on the part of the British Authorities. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor

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J. Turner. Resolved—That we hereby confirm and approve of the verbal direction given to the Secretary not to issue Paying Orders passed at the August Quarterly Meeting in respect of the repayment of loans to British Government Departments. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby adopt and confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee to give effect to the suggestion of the Secretary by the payment of an additional Poundage Rate of Twopence (2d.), by way of Bonus, to Rate Collectors on all monies collected and lodged with the Paymaster-Treasurer between this date and the 1st March, 1921. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That it be a direction to the Secretary to request that all Public Bodies having demands upon the Council for the ensuing financial year shall lodge their estimates in the Council's Office prior to the 31st December, 1920, so that the County Council's annual estimates may be ready for consideration at an early date in the new year. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor W. Grainger. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Financial Estimate submitted by the National Health Insurance Commission, and we undertake to raise our contribution to the County Wicklow Insurance Committee for the year 1920-1921 from Two Hundred Pounds (£200) to Four Hundred Pounds (£400), on the conditions mentioned in the letter from the National Health Insurance Commission—namely, that the British Treasury contribute a similar sum in that year. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday the

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor E. O'Neill:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the superannuation allowance to be paid to late Rate Collector Joseph Doyle be fixed, not on the present basis, but on the basis of two-thirds of the emoluments that he was in receipt of in the year previous to his resignation, and that all orders to the contrary be rescinded."

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FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, the 15th November, 1920, when the following members were present:— Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors J. Campbell, C. M. Byrne, J. Turner, James Byrne, E. O'Neill.

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

Additional Proposals	...	...	£175	1	9
Rathdrum R.D. (Forms 22)	...	...	£2418	5	9

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,

Chairman Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby confirm the authorization already given on the 16th August, 1920, for the payment of the usual transfers for the quarter ending 31st March, 1921, to the several Unions and Rural District Councils in the County, amounting in all to a total of £10,133 5s. 0d. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor W. Grainger. Resolved—That this Council, having already decided to abide by the enactments and directions of Dail Eireann, and its Departments, hereby direct that no further communications on any

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matter whatever be conducted on behalf of the Council with the British Local Government Board. Passed.

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

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill. Resolved That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £4,416 0s. 3d. (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 E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £1,553 0s. 10d. (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 J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £607 11s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,539 9s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle, seconded by Councillor Wm. Grainger. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £866 1s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £175 1s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That authority be, and it is hereby, given to make the quarterly payments as approved by this Council. Passed.

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

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

No Proposals.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting, 15th November, 1920.

Gentlemen,

(1)—From various causes much of the road work is very backward. On the undernoted roads the contracts are not reasonably attended to, and I recommend that authority be given to issue the necessary requisitions to the contractors, and, failing their compliance with same, to enter on the roads.

The roads referred to are—

Baltinglass No. 1 R. District.

Index No	Road
5	Talbotstown to Gibstown
6	Kelshabeg to Graigue and Three Bridges
16	Knocknamuck to Rathtoole cross-roads
20	Blackditches to Lockstown
26	Intack to Kileoagh
46	Lowtown to Rathtoole
55	Coonmore to turn near Glencree brook.
65	Dunlavin streets
73	Annacorney to Granabeg
74	Togher to Glenbride
75	Slievecorragh to Scalp
77	Coonmore to Lugglass
80	Marlfields to Lockstown
88	Barraderry to Talbotstown
91	Winetavern to Rathbran
118	Spyrans to Brusselstown
120	Kill to George's Bridge
124	Whitestown to Moonvaun
129	Ballinalea to near Donard
1n	Blackrock to Lugnagun
2n	Lackan to Ballydonnell
5n	Ballyknockan to Carrigacurra
7n	Threecastles roads
8n	Blessington to Woodend and branch
11n	Lamb to County Kildare bounds
17n	Templeboden to Kylebeg
18n	Humphreystown to Poulaphuca, and County Kildare
20n	Knockieran to Woodend
21n	Brittas to Kilbride
22n	Ballyknockan to Lackan
23n	Burgage bridge to County Kildare
24n	Ballydonnell to Ballynatona
26n	Ballysmuttan to Ballinabarney
28n	Burgage turn to Baltyboys
29n	Baltyboys to Lackan
32n	Blessington to County Kildare, and branch towards Ballymore-Eustace

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- 35n Vallemount to Ballyknoeken
 36n Glenbride to Garryknock
 37n Lamb to Ballyward

Rathdown No. 2 R. District.

- 5 Enniskerry to Scalp
 31 Powerscourt gate to Daigle bridge
 36 The Old Long Hill

Rathdrum R. District.

- 6 Drumgoff to Derrybawn
 12 Ballinaslaught to Waters' Bridge
 75 Greenane to Knockrath
 104 Newcastle Railway Station to Killadreenan
 109 Rathdrum to Deputy's Pass
 126 Willow Grove to Vartry Bridge
 140 Connary to Roundmount, Cunniamstown
 152 Killadreenan to Finger Post road
 167 Annamoe to Roundwood

Shillelagh R. District.

- 17 Shillelagh to Forttown
 20 Tinahely Church and branches to Killaveney and Kilcommon
 53 Sandyford to Ballysallagh and Knocknaboley
 62 Rosnastraw to Toberpatrick
 65 Kilpipe bridge to 3 roads on Kilpipe
 77 3 roads on Curravanish to 3 roads at Rathshanmore

(2)—The roads from Kilmacanogue to Glendalough have been subjected to an enormous volume of char-a-banc and motor traffic throughout the summer months. If these roads are again to be subjected to this traffic (as appears most probable), the already urgent necessity of improving them becomes more pressing, especially near Calary; at a point about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Togher; and the hill up from Laragh.

I recommend that I be authorised to apply to the Ministry of Transport for financial assistance to enable this work to be done.

(3)—Baltinglass No. 1 R.D. Council have, by resolution, requested me to seek assistance towards the upkeep of road No. 29 Baltinglass, which is under very heavy traffic due to occupation of Baltinglass Workhouse by the military.

(4)—Messrs Doyle, The Garage, Baltinglass, ask leave to lay an electric cable across Baltinglass street.

I understand that this cable is to be laid under ground, in which case I recommend that I be authorised to give the required permit, provided Messrs Doyle obtain the consent of the local Sanitary Authority.

(5)—I request definite instructions as to whether I am to proceed with the works of improving Ballyduff road, Enniskerry road, and Greystones streets.

The money to carry out these proposed works was to be raised by loan.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
 County Surveyor

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- Orders:—Paragraph 1.—Approved.
 Paragraph 2.—Postponed.
 Paragraph 3.—Postponed.
 Paragraph 4.—Permission ordered.
 Paragraph 5.—Postponed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

The Council placed the following road in charge of the County Surveyor for three months:—

District Register No. 315. 706 perches. Not to exceed £130.

The two following works were also placed in charge of the County Surveyor:—

District Register No. 316. Not to exceed £70.

District Register No. 318. Not to exceed £7.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Work No. 615 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor. Not to exceed 1s.

RATHDRUM:

The Council placed the following road in charge of the County Surveyor for three months:—

District Register No. 478. 1081 perches. Not to exceed £17.

The two following works were also placed in charge of the County Surveyor, the contractors tendering for same before the Rural District Council not having attended to complete their respective bonds:—

District Register No. 479. Not to exceed £56.

District Register No. 480. Not to exceed £27.

SHILLELAGH:

Five contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the three applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Councillor James Everett was, on the motion of Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming, re-appointed Paymaster/Treasurer, the appointment made on the 24th August, 1920, being effective only until the next following meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor J. Turner. Resolved—That arrangements be perfected whereby the men directly employed in road work may be paid their wages weekly, and that the County Surveyor be directed to have the Pay Sheets made up at the end of each week, and Certificates in respect of same lodged as soon as possible afterwards in the Secretary's Office. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor J. Turner. Resolved—That, adopting the essential principles of the

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system approved by the Local Government Board in their letter dated 30th May, 1914, No. 39668/14, we hereby authorise the Finance Committee to make provision for the payment, weekly, of wages to men engaged on road work under control of the County Surveyor's Department, and for this purpose direct the Committee to observe the following procedure—(a) to meet twice in each month as heretofore; (b) at each meeting authority should be given for the payment of all amounts certified by the County Surveyor to be then due, and directions issued that payments for wages, not exceeding a specified limit estimated by the County Surveyor, falling due in respect of the following week, be discharged by the Paymaster so soon as certificates in respect of same are lodged in the Council's office, signed by the County Surveyor and countersigned by the Secretary; (c) that all accounts and certificates for which payment under the foregoing regulation are authorised in advance shall be submitted to, checked and initialled by, the Chairman and two other members of the Finance Committee at the following fortnightly meeting. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That the attention of the Minister in charge of the Forestry Department of Dail Eireann be drawn to the wholesale felling and exportation of timber in County Wicklow by enemy agents, and that immediate action be taken by him to safeguard the trees of Glendalough, Glen of the Downs, Luggelaw, the Scalp, Powerscourt Waterfall, and other beauty spots in Wicklow. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That, to insure us our full representation of three members on the General Council of County Councils of Ireland, Mr. Eamonn O'Neill, Baltinglass, be appointed to act as a substitute for our Chairman, Mr. R. C. Barton, T.D., at present a prisoner in the hands of the enemy Government, and that Mr. O'Neill's tenure of office be terminable with Mr. Barton's release. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor J. Everett. Resolved—That, to safeguard the funds of the County Councils of Ireland, it be a recommendation to the Local Government Ministry of Dail Eireann that the Accounts of Paymasters and Trustees be examined quarterly by a duly accredited Auditor of that Department. Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 3rd November, 1920, from the Chief Clerk, submitting a minute agreed to by the Joint Committee of Richmond District Asylum, acknowledging the right of County Louth to separate from the Joint District, and requesting the County Council to appoint a Sub-Committee to arrange, in conjunction with the other interested Bodies, the basis of the proposed separation.

The following were appointed to represent the Council on the Sub-Committee:—

Councillors James Byrne, J. Campbell, and J. Everett, with the Secretary to the Council, Mr. S. J. Doyle, and the Law Agent, Mr. J. H. McCarroll.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That a Committee of the whole Council be appointed to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Sur-

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veyor's Office, (b) the general condition of the roads of the county, and make a report thereon. Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for an Assistant Surveyor for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and for portion of Rathdrum Rural District, and also five applications received from:—

- 1.—Denis J. Heaney, B.E., Knockroe, Thurles.
- 2.—J. F. Birthistle, 25 Tritonville Road, Sandymount.
- 3.—G. J. Gardiner, A.M.I.C.E., Rathdangan, Co. Kildare.
- 4.—P. A. Calleary, B.E., Church Street, Cavan.
- 5.—Joseph P. Doyle, B.E., 11 Duke Street, Dublin.

County of Wicklow.—Assistant Surveyor Wanted.—The County Council of the County of Wicklow will, at its meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow on Monday, 15th November, 1920, consider applications from suitable candidates, and proceed to appoint a duly qualified person to fill the position of Assistant Surveyor under that body. The person appointed must satisfy the Council that he is not more than 35 years of age, and that he possesses the necessary qualifications. He must be prepared to reside at whatever place, within the County, the Council may require, and to immediately take up his duties. Although he will not be required to be a whole-time officer, the County Surveyor shall at all times have first claim upon his services. The salary attaching to the appointment is £200 per annum, together with an allowance of £5 for postage. The emolument mentioned is to cover all expenses of postage and travelling. Applications to be received by undersigned not later than 12.30 p.m. on the morning of the meeting.—By order, S. J. Doyle, Secretary to County Council.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For Birthistle:—Councillors W. J. Doyle, Wm. Grainger, A. Kinsella, and Patrick Healy—4.

For Doyle:—Councillors James Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, J. Turner, and Michael Fleming—10.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That the application of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E., of 11 Duke Street, Dublin, for appointment to the position of Assistant Surveyor, on the conditions mentioned in the published advertisement, and on the terms therein stated, be hereby accepted, and that he take up the duties of the position as soon as notified to do so by the County Surveyor. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner. Resolved—That this meeting of the County Council do stand adjourned to Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1920. Passed.

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The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1920, at 12-30 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present—Councillor J Campbell, presiding—Councillors J J Redmond, A Kinsella, W J Doyle, C M Byrne, J Turner, J J Metcalfe, J Everett, M Fleming, E O'Neill and James Byrne.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

1—To consider a letter from Collector Terence Byrne, tendering his resignation of the position of Rate Collector, owing to ill-health and advanced age, and to fix his retiring allowance.

2—To make arrangements for meeting the Expenses of the Office of Paymaster/Treasurer, and to fix a suitable sum to cover same.

3—To consider paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 in the County Surveyor's printed Report, postponed from the Council's Quarterly Meeting.

4—To consider the County Surveyor's Report on the proposed Scheme of Direct Labour in the County ; to make a General Declaration specifying the roads selected as suitable to be maintained by Direct Labour in charge of the County Surveyor ; and to formulate a Scheme for the carrying of such General Declaration into effect.

5—To consider a Resolution passed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, drawing attention to the necessity of enforcing the cutting of noxious weeds throughout the County.

6—To consider the question of enforcing the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914.

The Council resumed consideration of the Business at the point reached when the adjournment took place on the 15th November, 1920.

A letter, dated 15th November, 1920, supported by a medical certificate, was submitted from Mr Terence Byrne, Garryhoe, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow, in which he tendered his resignation of the position of Poor Rate Collector, for No. 19 Collecting District, owing to advanced age and failing health.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ; seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe :—

Resolved—That the resignation of Mr Terence Byrne, Garryhoe, Ballinglen, Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collecting District, be, and is hereby, accepted, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to recommend to the Council the Superannuation Allowance to which he is entitled, and that he be directed to hand his collecting Books to the Deputy Checker, Mr John Hopkins, Clerk of the Union, Shillelagh.

Passed unanimously.

A letter, dated 19th November, 1920, supported by a medical certificate, was submitted from Mr Richard Geoghegan, Danesfort, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow, in which he tendered his resignation of the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 2 Collecting District, owing to failing health.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe ; seconded by Councillor A Kinsella—

Resolved—That the resignation of Mr Richard Geoghegan, Danesfort, Kiltegan, Poor Rate Collector for No. 2 Collecting District, be, and is hereby, accepted, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to recom-

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mend to the Council the Superannuation Allowance to which he is entitled, and that he be directed to hand his collecting Books to the Deputy Checker, Mr J R Dagg, Clerk of the Union, Baltinglass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ; seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe—

Resolved—That inasmuch as the Council is unable to pay a Salary to the Paymaster, we hereby agree and direct that he be paid, during his tenure of the position, an inclusive sum of Six Pounds (£6) per week to meet his expenses under all headings, and that this Resolution have effect as from the date of his appointment at the August meeting, 1920.

Passed unanimously.

Certain correspondence having been submitted, and a deputation from the Rate Collectors heard by the meeting, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That it be a direction to the Rate Collectors (1) to carry out the instructions given to them by the Council at their August Quarterly Meeting ; (2) to continue to collect and lodge the moneys with the Paymaster/Treasurer as heretofore since the August meeting of the Council ; and (3) that in the event of any collector finding himself unable to give effect to the terms of paragraph 2, the collector so situated to immediately hand over his Collecting Books to the Council's Deputy Checker. Passed.

The Secretary submitted the County Surveyor's Report containing his suggested Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads in the County. Having considered the Report and Scheme, the Council decided that the proposed scheme, as submitted, should be adopted without alteration, and unanimously made the following Declaration :—

COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

SCHEME FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROADS BY DIRECT LABOUR

PROVISIONAL DECLARATION.

We, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, do hereby approve of, and adopt, the Scheme for Maintenance of Roads by Direct Labour as set out in the Report and Schedule herewith.

Given under the Common Seal of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, this 23rd day of November, 1920.

Signed—JOSEPH CAMPBELL, Chairman of the County Council of the County of Wicklow.

Signed—SIMON J. DOYLE, Secretary of the County Council of the County of Wicklow.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

Aughrim Girls' School,
Aughrim, Co. Wicklow,
November 3rd, 1920.

Mr. S. J. Doyle, Secretary, County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—As Secretary of the County Wicklow National Teacher's

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Association, I have been asked to communicate with you with a view to getting the Council to receive a Deputation at the next meeting of that body.

The main object of the proposed deputation is to put the members of the Council in full possession of all the facts with reference to the present position of Irish Primary Education, to point out the disabilities under which it is carried on, and the difficulties which confront educational progress, and to endeavour to secure their co-operation in devising remedial measures and in carrying these into practical effect.

The matters to be dealt with might be placed under the following heads :—

1. Attendance—necessity for compulsion—early leaving age so injurious.
2. The School programme—multiplicity of subjects—provision for teaching of Irish.
3. The School buildings—unsuitability of premises—want of proper provision for maintenance and repairs—heating, cleaning and general sanitation.
4. Scholarships for National School pupils.
5. Residences for Teachers.

The Council will be asked to form a committee, consisting of representatives from their own body, R.D.C.'s, U.D.C.'s, Managers, Teachers, and Gaelic League ; the business of that committee to be (among other minor things) the drawing up of a suitable School Programme, specially suitable to the needs, and in conformity with the ideals and aspirations of the people in the district, and afterwards to take steps to see that it be sanctioned by the Educational Authorities.

Trusting that you will give the above matter a place in the Agenda.

Ir Mire,
Do Cara,

ANNIE M. P. CURRAN, ÉITNE NÍ CORRÁIN,
Rúnaire.
(Hon. Sec.)

P.S.—I have not a copy of the present School Programme to send you, but as it differs for Schools according to Staffs, it would be of no use to the Council in deciding on receiving the deputation. I shall, however, secure one for use at the actual Meeting.

Having heard a deputation representing the Teachers' Association, the following resolution was adopted :—

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, in compliance with the request of the County Wicklow National Teachers' Association, hereby direct that a Committee be formed, consisting of representatives of the County Council ; Rural, District, and Urban District Councils of the County ; the Managers and Teachers of National Schools ; and the Gaelic League, and that it be a direction to our Secretary to arrange for the formation of that Committee ; the following to represent the Council thereon—Councillors J Turner, James Byrne, J J Metcalfe, and the Chairman and Secretary.

Passed unanimously.

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Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ; seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe—
 Resolved—That the Standing Orders, as amended and circulated, be hereby ratified.
 Passed unanimously.

The remaining items on the Agenda not having been reached, their consideration was postponed until the next Meeting of the Council.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 30th DECEMBER, 1920.

A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Thursday, the 30th December, 1920.

The following members were present—Councillor J. Campbell, Presiding Chairman; Councillors E. O'Neill, M. Fleming, James Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, Patrick Healy, J. Everett, B. Kelly, C. M. Byrne, J. Turner, G. Graham, and William Byrne.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To reconsider the position of the Rate Collectors, and to take such action in that connection as the Council may determine.
- 2—To appoint a Rate Collector for No. 2 (Humewood) Collecting District, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.
- 3—To appoint a Rate Collector for No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.
- 4—To give effect to the terms of a resolution, already passed, constituting a Committee of the entire Council, to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the roads in the County.
- 5—To complete the Agenda so far as it was not reached at the last meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner. Resolved—That the Council resolve themselves into a Committee to consider the position of the Rate Collectors. Passed.

The Council having re-assembled, certain Departmental correspondence was submitted, dealing with the entire question of the collection of the rates in the county, and the Council, having interviewed the Rate Collectors, adopted the following resolutions:—

Proposed by Councillor B. Kelly, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill. Resolved—That the Secretary is hereby directed to communicate with each Collector, and to ask him to notify if (1) he is prepared to continue to collect and lodge the proceeds of his collection with the Paymaster, or by cheque payable to the Wicklow County Council, or (2) to forthwith resign and hand over his collecting books to the Deputy Checker; in the latter event, that it be an instruction to advertise for candidates to fill the position rendered vacant by such resignation. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Everett. Resolved—That this Council hereby undertakes to indemnify to the full any rate collector, or surety of such collector, who may incur financial loss by reason of action taken against him or his surety as a result of his compliance with the instructions of this his employing Council.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For—Councillors P. Healy, E. O'Neill, J. Campbell, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, B. Kelly, and J. Turner—7.

Against—Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, and Wm. Byrne—2.

The Presiding Chairman thereupon declared the resolution passed by seven votes to two.

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The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 2 (Humewood) Collecting District, and also an application received from Michael Halpin, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney:—

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 Thursday, 30th December, 1920, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballingule, Eladestown, Humewood, Rathdangan, and Talbotstown, 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 within its respective half-year. Approved irrecoverable rates will be refunded the Collector. Written applications to be lodged in the office of the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow, 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 30th December, 1920. By order of Wicklow County Council. 21st December, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor P. Healy, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That Mr. Michael Halpin, of Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 2 (Humewood) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector Richard Geoghegan, resigned, at a poundage fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and we approve of Mrs. Mary Anne O'Neill, of Whitestown, Stratford, and Mr. Francis O'Neill, of Randlestown, Stratford, as his sureties in a joint bond in a sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£1,500) for the due performance of his duties as collector, or, in the alternative, an approved Guarantee Society in a sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£750); and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann. Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District, and also applications received from:—

1. Wm. J. Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely.
2. John Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely.
3. Patrick Doyle, Main Street, Shillelagh.

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 Thursday, 30th December, 1920, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Aghowle, Cronelea, Killinure, Monev, and Rath, 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 within its respective half-year.

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Approved irrecoverable rates will be refunded the collector. Written applications to be lodged in the office of the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow, 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 £1,700, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £850. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon, on 30th December, 1920. By order of Wicklow County Council. 21st December, 1920.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For John Byrne—Councillors James Byrne, P. Healy, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, J. Campbell, C. M. Byrne, Wm. Byrne, and M. Fleming—8.

For Patrick Doyle—Councillors J. Everett, and B. Kelly—2.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That Mr. John Byrne, of Seskin, Tinahely, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector Terence Byrne, resigned, at a poundage fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and we approve of Mr. James Byrne, of The Bleeding Horse, Athy, Co. Kildare, and Mr. Peter Byrne, of Clonmore, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow, as his sureties in a joint bond in a sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds (£1,700) for the due performance of his duties as collector, or, in the alternative, an approved Guarantee Society in the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£850); and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That the Council do now sign and seal the warrants for the newly appointed Poor Rate Collectors for No. 2 and No. 19 Collecting Districts. Passed.

The Council adjourned, to a special meeting, consideration of the question of giving effect to the terms of a resolution, already passed, constituting a Committee of the entire Council to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the roads of the county.

The Council further adjourned, to a special meeting, consideration of Paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 in the County Surveyor's printed report, postponed from the Council's meetings held on 15th and 23rd November, 1920.

The Council noted the terms of a resolution passed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, drawing attention to the necessity of enforcing the cutting of noxious weeds throughout the county, and adjourned consideration of same to the next meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That the administration of the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914, be suspended in this

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county until further order by this Council. Passed.

The Secretary submitted accounts received from E. Nichols, V.S., for £6 14s. 0d. and £5 7s. 0d., and from A. F. Walshe, V.S., for £7 4s. 0d., in respect of duties already performed in connection with the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914.

Order—Refused.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of a lease to be executed as between Mr. David Frame and the Council for the acquirement for an initial period of five years of the quarry at the Glen of the Downs, and that our Law Agent be so instructed; and that a clause be inserted in the lease providing for the renewal of same from year to year. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Campbell, to fill the vacancy that has arisen on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee, consequent upon the resignation of Mrs. Dopping Hepenstall. Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, Chatham Row,

Dublin, 8th November, 1920.

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, 1920.

3 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C.

For Sergeant O'Connor, Arklow, two specimens of milk and one of whiskey were analysed and were pure.

For Inspector McLellan, Bray, five specimens of milk were analysed. One was adulterated with at least 16 per cent. of added water and one was adulterated with at least 11 per cent. of added water, and was also deficient of at least 16 per cent. of its fats.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

A specimen of water analysed for the Baltinglass Rural District Council had the following composition:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:			
Total solid matter	...	...	14.700
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	...	...	0.068
Saline Ammonia	...	...	0.031
Nitric acid	...	...	Trace
Chlorine	...	...	1.590
A polluted water.			

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct.

Two specimens of water analysed for the Rathdrum Rural District Council had the following compositions:—

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One imperial gallon contained in grains:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	26.600	14.000
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.006	0.015
Saline ammonia	0.009	0.0005
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	3.680	1.590

No. 1 was a good water; No. 2 was of slightly inferior quality.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

A specimen of water analysed for the Wicklow Urban Council had the following composition:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:	
Total solid matter	29.400
Including—	
Albuminoid ammonia	0.560
Saline ammonia	0.028
Nitric acid	Trace
Chloride	2.090

A polluted water.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, nineteen drugs were analysed. Three were correct.

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.

The police did not act as Food Inspectors for several years after the County Councils adopted the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. The Relieving Officers of the Boards of Guardians generally acted as Food Inspectors and took up samples for analysis. I believe the County Council of the County of Dublin intend to appoint two special Food Inspectors.

Total analyses—46.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

7th December, 1920. From Ministry of Transport, Oriel House, Dublin—Forwarding a Payable Order value £100, being an advance in respect of work at the road from the City Boundary at Brittas to Kippure Bridge (Reference No., G. 326).

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill. Resolved—That the seal of the Council be hereby attached to a Payable Order for £100 (No. 10,799) from the Roads Deposit Account of the Ministry of Transport (Ireland), and dated 2nd December, 1920. Passed.

29th December, 1920. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—Intimating that the Joint Committee of Management have transferred their Banking Account to the Munster and Leinster Bank, Dame Street, Dublin.

Order—Noted.

2nd December, 1920. From Collector Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy—Asking if the Twopence in the Pound Bonus, allowed by the Council to Collectors, applies to that portion of the

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Second Moiety lodged prior to the 15th November, 1920.

Order—Yes.

8th December, 1920. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Enclosing for cancellation Paying Order No. 63, dated 6th April, 1920, for £20, drawn in favour of Major C. R. D. Gun Cuninghame, in connection with the Council's acquisition of Kiltimon Quarry, and asking for a fresh cheque instead. Also enclosing vendor's bill of costs and requisition to tax same, in connection with the said quarry.

Order—New cheque to be issued.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill. Resolved—That the seal of the Council be affixed to the requisition to tax the bill of costs of Messrs. Rooke and Rooke, Solicitors, amounting to £16 12s. 11d., in connection with the acquirement of Kiltimon Quarry by the County Council. Passed.

30th December, 1920. From Mr. Matthew Murtagh, 3 Bath Street, Wicklow, Secretary and Organiser to the County Wicklow Farmers' Association—Stating that the members of the Farmers' Associations in Shillelagh Rural District have directed him to appear before the Council and express their views on the proposal to substitute Direct Labour on roads for the existing contract system.

Order—Adjourned.

30th December, 1920. From Same—Asking the Council to receive a deputation appointed by the Executive of the County Wicklow Farmers' Association for the purpose of conferring with the Council on the subject of the rates to be levied for the coming financial year.

Order—To be notified to be present at next Council meeting.

30th December, 1920. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, 4 Church Street, Wicklow—Asking if the Council have any objection to his appearing to defend some malicious injury claims on behalf of Ratepayers, at their expense, and intimating that defending a malicious injury claim would be on behalf of the specific ratepayer of the locality, and not on behalf of the County Council, and that he understands the claims in question are purely non-political.

Order—Permission granted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

31st August, 1920. From the Secretary, Local Government Department, Dail Eireann—Enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Irish County Councils' General Council, outlining the steps to be taken regarding the religious and political tests put to industrialists in Belfast.

20th October, 1920. From the Secretary, Local Government Department Dail Eireann—Further letter dealing with the same subject.

23rd August, 1920. No. 43849-1920 (miscellaneous). From the Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin—Asking to be supplied, on the enclosed blank forms, with a return of expenditure during the years ended 31st March, 1891, 1901, 1911, and 1919 under the Public Health Acts, so far as they relate to (1) Hospitals and Treatment of Disease, (2) Maternity and Child Welfare Work; and the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and Labourers' Acts.

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17th November, 1920. No. 59,558/1920. From Local Government Board, Dublin—Enclosing scale of fees for medical practitioners in respect of professional assistance afforded midwives in emergency cases, under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.

27th November, 1920. No. 61903/1920 (miscellaneous). From Local Government Board, Dublin—Enclosing copy of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and a memorandum in connection therewith.

3rd December, 1920. No. 62,512/1920 (miscellaneous). From Local Government Board, Dublin—Enclosing copy of an Order fixing a scale for calculating expenses of printing in connection with the Juries (Ireland) Acts.

2nd September, 1920. No 52040-1920. From the Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin—Sealed Orders fixing the areas of charge for the supply of water at Coolroe; for the supply of water at Coolboy; and for the supply of water at Oakes's Cross, in the Rural District of Shillelagh.

4th November, 1920. No 57884-1920 (miscellaneous). From The Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin—Drawing the attention of the Council to the provisions of Sections 8 and 12 (2) of the Sheriffs (Ireland) Act, 1920.

8th October, 1920. From the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle—Transmitting copy of the Sheriffs (Ireland) Act, 1920, and drawing the Council's attention to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act.

15th November, 1920. From Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle—Enclosing an Order applying Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 of the Sheriffs' Act, 1920, as from 1st November, 1920.

3rd December, 1920. From Under Secretary, Dublin Castle—Notifying the payment of £2,190 0s. 1d. to Richmond Asylum, out of the grants withdrawn from the Council.

10th December, 1920. From Under Secretary, Dublin Castle—Intimating that a sum of £4,360 3s. 4d, payable to Constables Malynn and McPartland, has been deducted from grants withdrawn from the Council.

1st October, 1920. No 20655-1920. From the Under Secretary Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle—Enclosing copy of an Order made under the provisions of the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, withholding payment to the Council of the sums which otherwise be payable to them out of the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account.

20th July, 1920. No V B 1575-20. From the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin—Enclosing copy of a scale of fees which, if adopted by the Council, the Department would approve for the duties performed by Veterinary Inspectors in the county under the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914.

11th December, 1920. No. V.B. 3350/20. From the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin—Stating the Department are prepared to make recoupments under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the present financial year under the same conditions as heretofore, and asking the name and address of the Bank now acting as the Council's treasurer.

1st November, 1920. From the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin—Copy of the "Tillage (Ireland) General Order, 1921."

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(Reprint from "Dublin Gazette" of 2nd November, 1920.)

Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

Dated 1st November, 1920.

TILLAGE (IRELAND) GENERAL ORDER, 1921.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Corn Production Act, 1917, and of every power in that behalf enabling them, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1—Subject to the exceptions set forth in the Schedule to this Order, the minimum tillage portion, in the year 1921, of every holding in Ireland, shall be a portion equivalent in extent to fifteen per cent of the area of the holding.

Provided that in the case of a holding, part of which is excepted from the provisions of this Order, the area of the holding for the purposes of calculating the minimum tillage portion shall be taken to be the actual area, less the area of the excepted part of the holding.

2—For the purposes of this Order—

The term "holding" shall have the same meaning as it has in the Third Schedule to the Corn Production Act, 1917.

3—This Order may be cited as the Tillage (Ireland) General Order, 1921.

In witness whereof the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland have hereunto set their Official Seal this First day of November, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty.

J V COYLE,

On behalf the Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Exceptions.

1—Any holding of less than ten statute acres in extent.
2—Any holding or any portion of a holding in regard to which the Department are satisfied that the land comprised therein—

(a) is required throughout the season of 1921 for the grazing of milch cows, the milk of which is used as whole milk for human consumption; or for the production of hay as food for such cows; or for both these purposes; or

(b) is required throughout the year 1921 for the carrying on of an industry other than agriculture, and that its use for the aforesaid purpose would be of greater service in national interests than its cultivation; or

(c) is required throughout the year 1921 for the accommodation, for periods not exceeding ten days at a time, of stock intended for disposal at auctions, fairs or markets, or for shipment, or for the accommodation, as aforesaid, of stock held over from auctions, fairs or markets; or

(d) is required throughout the year 1921 for the accommodation of cattle or sheep intended for slaughter within fifteen days of their being accommodated on the holding; or

(e) is required throughout the year 1921 for the maintenance of a stud of high-class thoroughbred horses; or

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(f) is required for use in the year 1921 as the track of a racecourse or as a paddock, ring or other enclosure, adjacent to the stand or stands of a racecourse; or

(g) is an enclosed racecourse required in the year 1921 for the holding of race meetings recognised by the Irish Turf Club or the Irish National Hunt Committee: or both; or

(h) is required throughout the year 1921 for use as links by a recognised Golf Club; or

(i) has been regularly used by an agricultural or industrial society as their show grounds, and is required for this purpose in the year 1921; or

(j) is required in the year 1921 for naval or military purposes.

3—Any holding or class of holdings in respect of which the Department may make a Special Order prescribing the minimum tillage portion in the year 1921 of such holding or class of holdings.

10th November, 1920. No V B 3040-20. From the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin—Asking what arrangements the Council propose making to have the duties of Mr W J Richardson, V S, Veterinary Inspector, discharged during his illness.

8th November, 1920. From Mrs H J Richardson, Leabeg House, Newcastle, re same.

12th November, 1920. From W. J. Richardson, V.S., Leabeg House, Newcastle—Reporting that he has a three-year-old heifer which is suffering from tuberculosis, and asking that an inspector be sent to see same.

14th December, 1920. I.R.E./33/1; Wicklow. From the Assistant Director, Ministry of Transport (Ireland), (Roads Department), Oriel House, Dublin—Forwarding Sealed Order, dated 17th November, 1920, increasing the limit of expenditure on roads in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District to £9,242 for the year ending 31st March, 1921.

27th August, 1920. I R E-33-Wicklow. From the Assistant Director, Ministry of Transport (Ireland) (Roads Department) Oriel House, Dublin—Forwarding Sealed Order, dated 9th August, 1920, consenting to approval of road expenditure in the Rural District of Rathdown No 2 at £3,930 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920; and also a Sealed Order, bearing same date, consenting to approval of road expenditure in Rathdrum Rural District at £15,600 for the same period.

1st October, 1920. I R E-33-1-Wicklow. From same—Enclosing Sealed Order, dated 16th September, 1920, fixing the limit of road expenditure in the amalgamated Rural District of Baltinglass No 1 and Naas No 2 at £4,912 10s 0d, for the financial year ending 31st March, 1921.

18th September, 1920. I R E-33-Wicklow. From same—Enclosing Sealed Orders, dated 27th August, 1920, fixing the limits of road expenditure in Rathdown No 2 and Shillelagh Rural districts at £5,880 and £5,070, respectively, for the financial year ending 31st March, 1921.

1st October, 1920. I R E-33-3-Wicklow. From same—Forwarding Sealed Order, dated 16th September, 1920, fixing the limit of road expenditure in Rathdrum Rural District at £18,768 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1921.

17th September, 1920. I R G-33-Wicklow—From Assistant Secre-

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tary, Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Roads Department, Oriel House, Dublin—Enclosing Form No 96A, sanctioning a grant (No P 58) of £1,428 in respect of surface tarring works to be carried out in 1920-1921, at an estimated cost of £4,285, by Wicklow County Council; and enclosing a further Form No 96A sanctioning a grant (No P 59) of £423 in respect of similar works to be carried out by Bray Urban District Council at an estimated cost of £1,270.

29th September, 1920. CO 761. From the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin—Transmitting the names and addresses of the new School Attendance Committee for the Dispensary District of Newcastle for the three years commencing 1st October, 1920, as approved by the Commissioners of National Education.

18th November, 1920. From McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 58 Dame Street, Dublin—Asking to be allowed to quote for the issue of Fidelity Bonds to Poor Rate Collectors.

10th December, 1920. From the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Resolution asking that only Trade Union Labour be employed on roads.

30th October, 1920. From Mr Maurice Byrne, Sub-sanitary Officer, Baltinglass No 1 Rural District Council—Notice under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, requiring the abatement of a nuisance within fourteen days—i.e., to have the loose slates removed from the eaves of Baltinglass Court House.

5th November, 1920. Letter from the County Surveyor relative to same.

4th October, 1920. From the Clerk, Rathdown No 2 Rural District Council—Enclosing copy of a resolution of his Council asking to have the date of inspection of road contracts in respect of the Autumn Quarter extended for a fortnight, to allow for the harvesting operations of the contractors.

6th October, 1920. From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, Cavendish House, Parnell Square, East, Dublin—Enclosing his Council's recommendations on the following subjects:—(1) Milk Production; (2) Appointment of Coroners; (3) Conciliation Boards; (4) Tolls at Markets or Fairs; and (5) the Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin.

6th October, 1920. From same. Asking for certain information relative to the working of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order in County Wicklow.

18th September, 1920. From J H McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Intimating that he has gone into the facts of the County Council's position towards the erection of the proposed shed at Grand Hotel, Greystones, and enclosing his Opinion thereon.

8th October, 1920. From Same—Asking for the Council's instructions regarding the application for compensation for the burning of Baltinglass Courthouse, the hearing of which has been adjourned.

Order—Solicitor to apply for a further adjournment.

1st October, 1920. From W J Shannon, Solicitor, Chambers, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin—Letter of explanation regarding the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1919.

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22nd October, 1920. From Same—Enclosing copy of a Statement regarding the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, prepared at the request of the County Dublin County Surveyor for submission to his Council.

4th October, 1920. From T Birthistle, Hon Secretary, Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital—Copy of Resolution drawing the Council's attention to the continued absence of their Representatives from meetings of the Committee, and asking if such members desire to remain members of the Joint Committee.

Order—Adjourned.

5th November, 1920. From Herbert Webb, Ltd., Baltinglass (per F Turtle)—Intimating that the English Army Authorities have commandeered their premises, and asking for the permission of the Council to use the yard at the rear of the Baltinglass Courthouse, they having secured the adjoining Town Hall premises, temporarily, to carry on their business.

Order—Permission granted.

21st September, 1920. From W Deverell, Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Wicklow—Asking to be informed if Decrees have been assessed or paid in certain specified Malicious Injury cases.

Order—Noted.

1st October, 1920. From H E Henderson, D I, R I C, Wicklow—Asking to be informed to whom he should apply for payment of a sum of 3s, being a certificate for expenses recently incurred under the Criminal Justice Act.

Order—Noted.

Two certificates under the Criminal Justice Act—addressed to the Treasurer, Wicklow County Council, for payment of two sums of 5s. 6d. and 2s. respectively, in connection with the two following prosecutions—the King v. John Roche, and the King v. Thomas Copeland, both being in the Petty Sessions District of Arklow.

18th October, 1920. From James Murray, J P, Cooladangan House, Arklow, Coroner for East Wicklow—Relative to the holding of Inquests.

Order—Noted.

7th August, 1920. From M J O'Connor & Co, Solicitors, Ferrvbank Arklow—Asking when payment of the Criminal Injury Decree obtained on behalf of William Kidd, Ballinglen, may be expected.

Order—Noted.

17th August, 1920. From the Secretary, Dublin Industrial Development Association, 12 Molesworth Street, Dublin—Applying for a grant annually from the Council's Funds in return for services with reference to Industrial affairs.

18th October, 1920. From the Manager and Secretary, the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., 36-44 Moorgate Street, London, E C 2—Suggesting that the cost of motor driving licences might be reduced by the Council allowing his company to insert an advertisement on the back of each for motor insurance.

8th September, 1920. From the Irish Progressive Advertising Agency, 22 Dawson Street, Dublin—Asking to be allowed to place their services at the Council's disposal.

September, 1920. From the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., 30 College Green, Dublin—Soliciting the support of the Council on behalf of the company.

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6th December, 1920. From the Tinahely Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union—Urging the carrying into speedy operation the scheme of Direct Labour on roads in the county.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

23rd August, 1920—From Irish County Councils' General Council—Resolution outlining the steps to be taken regarding the religious and political tests put to Belfast workers.

27th August, 1920—From Borough Council of Cork—Resolution suggesting the establishment in Dublin of an Irish Board of Film Censors.

From Cork Industrial Development Association—Resolution calling attention to the importation of goods of a class similar to those made in Ireland.

28th September, 1920, from Same—Resolution welcoming American Shipping Services to Irish Ports, and condemning the British Government's action in prohibiting American Passenger vessels entering Cork Harbour on the Eastbound voyage.

2nd September, 1920—From Cork County Council—Resolution calling for the Resignation of those who were appointed by the previous Council on the Governing Body of Cork University College, the Council of Agriculture, and Cork Harbour Board, as they no longer represent the views of the Council.

10th November, 1920, from Kilquiggan Branch Irish Transport and General Workers' Union—Resolution calling on the County Council to put Direct Labour in operation on roads as soon as possible, as the Contract System is a failure.

4th December, 1920. From Galway County Council—Resolution requesting Dail Eireann to appoint three delegates to confer with three delegates to be appointed by the British Government, who should have power to arrange a truce and preliminary terms of a peace honourable to both countries.

17th December, 1920. From Galway County Council—Enclosing copy of a letter signed by the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Miss E. Cashel, pointing out that what purported to be a resolution of the County Council—referred to in previous communication—was merely the expression of opinion of six members of that body, eight being necessary to form a quorum.

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A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 31st January, 1921.

The following members were present:—Councillor J. Campbell, presiding chairman; Councillors M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, W. J. Doyle, C. M. Byrne, J. Turner, P. Murphy, P. Healy, James Byrne, J. Everett, E. O'Neill, D. J. McEvoy, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Metcalfe, M. Fleming, William Byrne, F. O'Rafferty.

BUSINESS:

- 1—To appoint Poor Rate Collectors for Nos. 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 Collecting Districts, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.
- 2—To sign and seal the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collectors.
- 3—To sign and seal Lease in connection with the acquisition of a Quarry at the Glen of the Downs.
- 4—To confer with the Secretary of the County Wicklow Farmers' Association, and to hear the views of that Body on the subject of Direct Labour on Roads.
- 5—To confer with a Delegation from the County Wicklow Farmers' Association on the question of Rates to be struck for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.
- 6—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council, that the County Surveyor be instructed to select suitable Quarries in the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District and instal a Stone-crusher in same, so as to get suitable metal for those badly neglected roads; the metalling, broken or crushed to a certain gauge by stone-crusher, to be disposed of to the different Road Contractors at a set price per cubic yard at quarry, or used by Direct Labour on the roads as occasion arises."
- 7—To consider a Resolution passed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District re Noxious Weeds.
- 8—To give effect to the terms of a Resolution, already passed, constituting a Committee of the entire Council to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the Roads in the County.
- 9—To consider Paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of the County Surveyor's printed Report, submitted to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on 15th November, 1920, and circulated beforehand to the members of the Council.
- 10—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 11—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 12—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
- 13—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 28th January, 1921, from Mr. John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, asking if the

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Council were prepared to pay the premiums on Guarantee Bonds for the newly-appointed Rate Collectors, and reminding the Council that they had promised to do so at their Quarterly Meeting in August, 1920.

He also submitted a letter, dated 27th December, 1920, from Bernard Meath, Coolharbour, Roundwood, and Michael Keenan, Ashtown, Roundwood, Mr. Murphy's existing sureties, in which they asked to be released from the conditions of the Bond into which they had entered on behalf of Mr. John Murphy, he having, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, terminated his appointment.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That this Council hereby decide to secure each of the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collectors to the extent of Five Hundred Pounds (£500) for the current half-year ending 31st March, 1921, and we undertake to pay the premiums thereon.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill—That the Collectors be required to provide their Bonds at their own expense, as heretofore.

A show of hands of the Councillors present having been taken, the Chairman declared the amendment lost, and Councillor James Byrne's original motion passed.

Further, the Council decided to relieve Messrs. Meath and Keenan from their responsibilities as sureties for Mr. John Murphy under the appointment which he had resigned.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the following Collectors:—

Luke McDonnell, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass	Collecting Dist. No.	1
William Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin	„	4
Michael McGrath, Broadlease, Ballymore Eustace	„	6
John P. Hickey, Leitrim House, Wicklow	„	7
John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood	„	10
John Kelly, Ballece, Rathdrum	„	11
Wm. J. Cardiff, The Mall, Wicklow	„	12

having obtained the sanction of the British Local Government Board under Sub-section 2 of Section 8 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, to resign their positions as Rate Collectors under this Council, and they having handed in their resignations, we hereby accept same, and consent to receive over from them their Collecting Books on being satisfied that each Collector has lodged, as directed by the Council, all monies collected by him. Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement, inviting applications for appointment to the positions of Poor Rate Collectors vacant under the Council:—

Wicklow County Council.—Poor Rate Collectors Wanted.—The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 31st January, 1921, proceed to appoint duly qualified Poor Rate Collectors for the under-

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mentioned collecting districts, 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 within its respective half-year. Approved irrecoverable rates will be refunded the collectors. No. 1 District, comprising the Electoral Divisions of Baltinglass, Hartstown, Stratford, The Grange, and Tuckmill. Bond—Two Sureties in the sum of £2,500, or a Guarantee Society in the sum of £1,250. No. 6 District, comprising the Electoral Divisions of Blessington, Kilbride, Burgage, and Lackan. Bond—Two Sureties in the sum of £2,500, or a Guarantee Society in the sum of £1,250. No. 7 District, comprising the Electoral Divisions of Delgany, Greystones, and Kilmacanogue. Bond—Two Sureties in the sum of £5,500, or a Guarantee Society in the sum of £2,750. No. 11 District, comprising the Electoral Divisions of Glencaly, and Wicklow Rural. Bond—Two Sureties in the sum of £3,500, or a Guarantee Society in the sum of £1,750. No. 12 District, comprising the Electoral Divisions of Dunganstown East, Dunganstown West, and Dunganstown South. Bond—Two Sureties in the sum of £3,400, or a Guarantee Society in the sum of £1,700. Written applications to be lodged in the office of the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow, not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving in each case 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 the amounts above specified, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose to the amount similarly specified. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon, on 31st January, 1921.—By order of Wicklow County Council. 19th January, 1921.

No. 1 DISTRICT.—The following applications were received in respect of the vacancy in this District:—

Luke McDonnell, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass.

Joseph A. O'Connor, Ballytore, Co. Kildare.

Patrick J. Doyle, Knockendarragh, Donard.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor P. Healy. Resolved—That Mr. Luke McDonnell, of Coolnarrig, Baltinglass, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 1 (Baltinglass) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector Luke McDonnell, resigned, at a poundage fee of Sixpence in the Pound, and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann.

Passed; Councillor Wm. Byrne alone dissenting.

No. 6 DISTRICT.—The following applications were received in respect of the vacancy in this District:—

John Cullen, Donard.

Patrick J. Dovle, Knockendarragh, Donard.

Edward J. C. Lawlor, Dunlavin.

Mr. Patrick J. Doyle withdrew his application.

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A Poll having been taken between the two remaining candidates, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For Lawlor—Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, M. Langton, C. M. Byrne, J. Turner, and M. Fleming—5.

For Cullen—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, F. O'Rafferty, P. Healy, D. J. McEvoy, Edward O'Neill, J. J. Redmond, J. Everett, and P. P. O'Reilly—9.

Councillor William Byrne declined to vote.

The Chairman declared John Cullen elected by nine votes to five.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That Mr. John Cullen, of Donard, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 (Blessington) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector Michael McGrath, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann.

Passed, Councillor William Byrne alone dissenting.

No. 7 DISTRICT.—The following applications were received in respect of the vacancy in this District:—

Patrick Woods, Kilmurray, Bray.

Patrick J. Doyle, Knockendarragh, Donard.

Douglas Coghlan, The Red Cottage, Wicklow.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For Doyle—Councillors William J. Doyle, P. Healy, D. J. McEvoy, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, J. J. Redmond, P. P. O'Reilly and M. Fleming—8.

For Woods—Councillors James Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, J. Campbell, M. Langton, P. Murphy, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett and J. Turner—8.

Councillor William Byrne declined to vote.

The voting being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Woods, and declared Mr. Woods elected by 9 votes to 8.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Woods, of Kilmurray, Bray, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 (Delgany) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector John P. Hickey, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann.

Passed, Councillor William Byrne alone dissenting.

No. 11 DISTRICT.—The following applications were received in respect of the vacancy in this District:—

James J. Porter, Glenealy.

Edward Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow.

Edward J. C. Lawlor, Dunlavin.

Douglas Coghlan, The Red Cottage, Wicklow.

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A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For Porter—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, F. O'Rafferty, P. Healy, J. Campbell, P. Murphy, J. J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne and J. Turner—9.

For Lawlor—Councillors D. J. McEvoy, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, M. Langton, P. P. O'Reilly and M. Fleming—6.

For Kennedy—Councillor J. Everett—1.

Councillor William Byrne declined to vote.

The Chairman declared James J. Porter elected by a majority of the members present.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty. Resolved—That Mr. James J. Porter, of Glenealy, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 11 (Glenealy) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector John Kelly, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann.

Passed, Councillor William Byrne alone dissenting.

No. 12 DISTRICT.—The following applications were received in respect of the vacancy in this District:—

Edward J. C. Lawlor, Dunlavin.

Garrett Byrne, Glenealy.

Douglas Coghlan, The Red Cottage, Wicklow.

Mr. Edward J. C. Lawlor withdrew his application.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe. Resolved—That Mr. Garrett Byrne, of Glenealy, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 12 (Dunganstown) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector William J. Cardiff, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann.

Passed, Councillor William Byrne alone dissenting.

No. 4 DISTRICT.—The following application was received in respect of the vacancy in this District:—

William Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill. Resolved—That Mr. William Burke, of Merginstown, Dunlavin, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 4 (Dunlavin) Collecting District, in room of Collector William Burke, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann.

Passed, Councillor William Byrne alone dissenting.

No. 10 DISTRICT.—The following application was received in respect of the vacancy in this District:—

John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood.

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Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That Mr. John Murphy, of Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 (Glendalough) Collecting District, in room of Collector John Murphy, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound; and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann.

Passed, Councillor William Byrne alone dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy. Resolved—That the Warrants for the newly-appointed Rate Collectors be now signed and sealed.

Passed, Councillor William Byrne alone dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the following Cheques and Deposit Receipts issued in favour of the Council:—

£	s.	d.	
144	2	3	—William Deverell.
127	15	11	—Patrick Mulligan.
57	8	9	—John Murphy.
12	10	0	—Luke McDonnell.
176	9	11	—William Burke.
119	10	5	—Richard Lynch.
3000	0	0	—Joseph Keane.
553	17	4	—Joseph Keane.
298	10	7	—John Kelly.
72	14	0	—Thomas Fleming (being portion of a Lodgment of £658 11s. 6d.).
18	13	2	—Thomas Fleming.
77	13	7	—Patrick Mulligan.
86	9	9	—Richard Lynch.
700	0	0	—P. P. Doyle.
378	3	2	—Wicklow Urban Council.

Passed.

The Council approved of the draft lease submitted by the Law Agent, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, in connection with the acquisition from Mr. David Frame of a quarry at the Glen of the Downs.

A deputation representing the Farmers' Associations in the County attended before the meeting to discuss the Estimate of Rates to be raised by the Council to meet its requirements for the ensuing financial year, 1921-1922.

In this connection they also discussed the proposal of the Council to employ direct labour throughout the county on road maintenance and road improvement.

Having carefully discussed these two subjects, the members of the deputation, before withdrawing, thanked the Council for the patient attention with which their views had been received, and expressed themselves satisfied that the Council were endeavouring to keep expenditure within reasonable limits so far as consistent

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with the special conditions with which the Council has to contend.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor J. Everett. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be instructed to select suitable quarries in the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District and instal a stone-crusher in same, so as to get suitable metal for those badly-neglected roads; the metalling, broken or crushed to a certain gauge by stone-crusher, to be disposed of to the different road contractors at a set price per cubic yard at quarry, or used by direct labour on the roads as occasion arises.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—

"I give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the next meeting of the County Council, to put in force the existing laws relating to the compulsory cutting of Noxious Weeds in County Wicklow."

The Council went into committee to consider the working of the County Surveyor's Department, with special reference to (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office; (b) the general condition of the roads in the county; and (c) to consider paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of the County Surveyor's printed Report, which was submitted to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 15th November, 1920, and circulated beforehand to the members of the Council.

Having given a considerable amount of time to the consideration of these matters, further consideration of the various subjects was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

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The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 14th February, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillor J. Campbell, Acting Chairman; Councillors M. Langton, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Redmond, William Grainger, James Byrne, E. O'Neill, J. J. Metcalfe, James Everett, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Turner, C. M. Byrne, D. J. McEvoy.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 4—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 5—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 6—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending the 31st March, 1922.
- 7—To consider Applications received for Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 8—To fill a vacancy existing in the County Council's representation on the County Insurance Committee.
- 9—To consider draft of an Agreement proposed to be entered into by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee with the Community of Presentation Convent, Baltinglass, for the acquisition of the Science Rooms in that Convent for use as a Technical School.
- 10—To appoint the County Council's moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Shillelagh for the three years commencing 1st April, 1921.
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the Council that the superannuation allowance to be paid to late Rate Collector Joseph Doyle be fixed, not on the present basis, but on the basis of Two-Thirds of the Emoluments that he was in receipt of in the year previous to his resignation, and that all orders to the contrary be rescinded."
- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"That Mr. Michael McGrath, Collector for No. 6 Collection District, having been obliged owing to permanent infirmity of body, as duly certified, to resign his office after twenty years' efficient service, he be allowed the maximum superannuation allowance of Two-Thirds of the Fees and Emoluments which he was in receipt of at the time of his resignation."
- 13—To appoint two Representatives on the Council of Agriculture for the three years commencing 1st April, 1921.
- 14—To execute surrender of Lease entered into between the Council and Baltinglass Town Hall Company, relative to the site of the proposed Technical School in Baltinglass.

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- 15—To consider the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Order, 1920.
- 16—To consider, and to modify or confirm, the Provisional Declaration made by the Council at its meeting on the 23rd November, 1920, adopting a scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the construction, maintenance, and upkeep by Direct Labour of the Roads in this County, and to make a final Declaration thereon.
- 17—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—" I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council to put in force the existing Laws relating to the compulsory cutting of Noxious Weeds in County Wicklow."
- 18—To re-consider the terms of a Resolution, already passed, constituting a Committee of the entire Council to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the Roads in the County.
- 19—To re-consider Paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of the County Surveyor's printed Report, submitted to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on 15th November, 1920, and circulated beforehand to the Members of the Council.
- 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 meetings were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 25th January, 1921.

The following members were present—Councillor J. Everett, chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne, J. Campbell, and J. Turner.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follow:

		£	s.	d.
Proposals Committee	...	4014	11	0
Baltinglass No. 1—				
District Proposals	... .. 1884	9	6	
Committee's Proposals	... .. 386	14	1	2271 3 7
Rathdown No. 2—				
District Proposals	... .. 739	16	0	
Committee's Proposals	... .. 60	10	1	800 6 1
Rathdrum—				
District Proposals	... .. 3378	9	3	
Committee's Proposals	... .. 36	1	9	3414 11 0
Shillelagh—				
District Proposals	... .. 1152	3	0	
Committee's Proposals	... .. —			1152 3 0

Having regard to the fact that the British Government have intimated the withdrawal of Grants hitherto contributed towards the Finances of the County, we have refrained from recommending payments submitted

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on the Secretary's Schedule under the following headings:—

Repayment of Loans; Sub-Sheriff's Salary; Rents and Expenses of Court Houses; and such similar services as we refrained from recommending at our previous Quarterly Meeting.

RATE ESTIMATES.

The Committee proceeded to consider the Secretary's Estimates of the General Charge Rates needed to provide for the Liabilities and requirements of the Council for the ensuing Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1922.

In addition to the prescribed Forms and Tables, the Secretary submitted the following Report:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL BUDGET.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen,

In submitting the Annual Budget of the requirements of the Council for the ensuing financial year I am writing down a few general observations on its most important features. Detailed information on all items included therein can be obtained verbally from me or from an examination of the various Demands, Tables, Calculations and other documents submitted herewith.

General Observations

I desire to point out that the Agricultural Grant, under the provisions of the Local Government Act of 1898, was devoted to the relief of rates that would otherwise be applicable to Agricultural Land. In common with other grants, it has been withheld from the Council. For technical reasons which I am prepared to place before the Committee, verbally, I have dealt with the resultant problem in a manner calculated to preserve differential rating between land and other hereditaments, as heretofore.

The total grants which would have been received this year I now estimate at £23,700. They have not been paid to the Council's credit. Against this diminution in revenue the County Council has stopped the following payments which, under normal conditions, would have been made—Capitation Grant deducted from current Asylum demand, £2,452; Repayment of Loans (County Charges), £1,851; do. Rural District Loans, viz.: Baltinglass, £23; Rathdown, £641; Rathdrum,

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£996; Separate Charges (Harbour Loan Repayments), £3,394, and other services such as rents and expenses of Courthouses, etc., etc., making, together with loan repayments, a total of approximately £9,927. The nett loss from the withdrawal of grants, during the current year, would therefore approximate £13,773, or about 1s. 2d. in the £ on the total valuation of the county.

County Estimate

The various grants and similar revenue, included in last year's estimate, applicable to the County Charges Account, amounted to £4,434, of which one item, £2,452, consisted of Capitation Grant to be received in respect of the County Wicklow inmates of Richmond District Asylum. These grants have not been received by the Wicklow County Council for the current year (1920-21). In preparing my budget for the year 1921-22 I have assumed that they are gone for good, and that the corresponding grants for the coming year will also be withheld.

The first and most important consideration, with reference to County Charges, arises in connection with the Asylum Demand. It is quite clear to me that one of several principles—all plausible—may be applied to the determination of the Council's liability under it.

The total demand (as approved by the Joint Committee of Management) amounts to £20,319. This total sum includes, according to the figures set out in the printed report of the Joint Committee's Finance Committee, a deficit on the 31st March next (1921) of £26,600, of which £2,050 is charged against County Wicklow. On examination I find that of this gross deficit of £26,600 there is ear-marked a sum of £22,640 loan repayment undischarged. I calculate that County Wicklow's proportion of this loan repayment deficit is £1,744. I have not included this sum in the budget as now submitted. Neither have I included a further charge made against County Wicklow, amounting to £1,780, provision to meet loan repayment in the coming year. Further, I have not included the Government Capitation Grant receivable in normal times by Wicklow County Council from Local Taxation Account, and which for the coming year should amount to not less than £2,452.

Summarised, the foregoing deductions are:—

(1) County Wicklow's proportion of the deficit represented by loan repayment	£1,744
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(2) Capitation Grant for ensuing year, normally payable to the Council out of Local Taxation Account	£2,452
(3) Provision for Loan Repayment, 1921-22	... ..	£1,780
Total	... ..	£6,976

Instead of setting down the Asylum requirements at £20,319 as demanded, I have, after making these deductions, set them down at £13,343.

But there still remains a further point for your consideration. The Asylum estimates are built up on the theory that last year's demand from that body will ultimately be discharged in full by the contributing bodies. Wicklow County Council has already decided not to pay the entire of the demand made upon them this time twelve months, but to withhold as a partial set-off against the withheld grants the following sums—viz.: Loans repayment, £918; Capitation grant, £2,452—total, £3,370. A similar course would seem to have been adopted by the Dublin Corporation, as appears from the Auditor's report on the Asylum Accounts for the period ended 30th September, 1920.

It is, therefore, necessary that the Finance Committee and the Council of this County should provide for the £13,343 set down in the budget as now presented, or for the full demand of £20,319, plus £3,370 which the County Council at present contemplates withholding from the total sum demanded by the Asylum Authorities last January, or for a figure between these extremes of £13,343 and £23,689.

(The latter and larger figure represents an increase of 10d. in the £ on the calculations submitted).

The County Surveyor has sent in estimates, chargeable on the County-at-Large, under the following headings:—

Quarries	... ..	£1,500
New Plant	... ..	£3,000
Total	... ..	£4,500

These estimates, if adopted, represent an additional rate of about 4½d. in the £. They are not included in the budget, as no authority for such estimated expenditure has yet been given by the Council. It is, therefore, the privilege of the

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Committee to direct their inclusion or to confirm their omission.

Unions.

In preparing the Union and District Estimates I have assumed that no Government Grants will be received from the Local Taxation Account.

Baltinglass Union

The nett requirements for Baltinglass Union, set down in the budget (after deducting £95 demanded in respect of repayment of loans) are £6,423, as against nett requirements amounting to £5,182 to be raised in current rates. Increase, £1,241.

The Committee should either restore the £95, loan repayment omitted from budget, or confirm the omission.

Naas Union

The nett requirements set down in the budget for Naas Union (after deducting £33 demanded in respect of loan repayment) are £2,406, as against £1,416 last year. Increase, £990. The Committee should either restore the £33 excluded, or confirm the omission.

Rathdown Union

The nett requirements for Rathdown Union (after deducting £156 demanded for loan repayment) amount to £8,930. Current year, £6,623. Increase, £2,307. The Committee should restore the £156 or confirm the omission.

Rathdrum Union.

The nett requirements for Rathdrum Union (no claim for loan repayment) amount to £20,798, as against £16,974 last estimate. Increase, £3,824.

Shillelagh Union.

The nett requirements for Shillelagh Union (after deducting £36 demanded for loan repayment) amount to £7,180. Last year, £4,097. Increase, £3,083. The Committee should either restore the £36 or confirm its omission from the budget.

Rural Districts.

The greatest proportional increase in the budget, as now submitted, comes under the heading "District Charges." This increase is mainly accounted for by the absence of credits—consequent upon the withdrawal of grants—and (except in the case of Rathdrum) augmented estimates for Road Maintenance.

Working on the same principle as followed in compiling the Union section of the budget, I have made no provision, in the Rural District Estimates, for the repayment of Loans even when

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included in the demand sent in by the Subsidiary Authority.

Baltinglass and Naas, amalgamated.

A sum of £1,017 included in Baltinglass demand for loan repayment is consequently omitted. This sum should be restored or the omission confirmed. The Road Estimate from this district amounts to £12,715, as against £9,242 last estimate. Increase, £3,473. The limit for road maintenance fixed by the Act of 1898—expenditure beyond which the County Council has no power to authorise without sanction from Local Government Authorities—is, for the amalgamated area of Baltinglass and Naas, £4,912. The present estimate exceeds this by £7,803.

Rathdown District

The loan repayments included in demand from Rathdown District amount to £610. These are not included in the budget and should be restored or their omission confirmed. Road estimate £8,000, as against £5,880 previous estimate. Increase, £2,120. Limit fixed by Act of 1898, £1,711, subsequently increased permanently to £2,200. Excess of estimate over existing limit, £5,800.

Rathdrum District

Loan repayments included in Rathdrum Council demand amount to £794. These are not included in the budget and should be restored or the omission confirmed. Road estimate, £18,768, being the same figure as last year. Limit fixed by Act of 1898, £8,990. Excess over limit, £9,778.

Shillelagh District.

Loan repayments included in Shillelagh District demand, £1,514. These repayments are not included in the budget and should be restored or the omission confirmed. Road estimate, £9,749, as against £5,070 last estimate. Increase, £4,679. Limit, £2,386. Excess over limit, £7,363.

The appended tables indicate the total General Charge rates assessed last year, and now in course of collection, and also the rates required to be struck for the service of the ensuing financial year 1921-22 on the figures contained in the budget as now submitted by me. Of course it is open to the Committee and the Council to modify these latter figures in any way they desire.

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1920-21.

Baltinglass and Naas R. D.	Naas Union Charge.	Rathdown No. 2 R. D.	Rathdrum R. D.	Shillelagh R. D.
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Co. 2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Union 2 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 0	2 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 3
District 3 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	4 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total 7 6	1 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 10 $\frac{3}{4}$

(Suggested Rates as per Budget as submitted).

1921-22.

Co. 2 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	2 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Union 2 8	3 4	2 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 7	4 0
District 5 2	—	5 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 6	6 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total 9 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 4	10 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	12 2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Increase 2 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	2 4	1 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 4

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

25th January, 1921.

The Committee, having carefully considered all the matters raised for discussion in the foregoing Report, make the following recommendations to the Council:—

No. 1—Roads

The principle of Direct Labour having already been accepted by the Council, it is a recommendation from this Committee that it be applied throughout all the Rural Districts in the County, with the qualification that the expenditure for Road Maintenance is to be limited for the coming Financial Year to the sum expended last year in each Rural District.

No. 2—Agricultural Grant

The Committee approve of the manner in which the Secretary has dealt with this subject.

No. 3—Richmond Asylum

The Committee approve of the manner in which the Secretary has dealt with this subject.

No. 4—Quarries and Plant.

With reference to an Estimate submitted by the County Surveyor to provide £1,500 for the Working of Quarries, the Committee reduced this figure to £1,000, and recommend the Council to include this sum in the Estimate.

A further Estimate was received from the County Surveyor for the purchase of new Plant,

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in which he suggested £3,000. This item of £3,000 the Committee has struck out, and they recommend the Council to confirm their action in the matter.

No. 5—Loans.

The British Government having withdrawn the Grants out of Irish Revenue hitherto contributed towards the Finances of the County, we recommend the County Council to make no provision in their Estimates for the repayment of either Interest or Principal on Loans due by the County Council, or by the Subsidiary Authorities, to British Government Departments.

These recommendations, if adopted by the County Council, will modify the rates set forth in the Secretary's Budget, and the resultant rates required will be on Buildings and Other Hereditaments, as follows:—

Baltinglass and Naas R. D.	Rathdown R. D.	Rathdrum R. D.	Shillelagh R. D.
Co. Charges 2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Union „ 2 8	2 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 7	4 0
District „ 4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 6	3 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 3	10 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Increase over the current Rates for 1920-21 :—			
1 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 1	1 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 10
The gross General Rate on Agricultural Land, after crediting sums equal to Agricultural Grant will be :—			
7 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 10	8 3 $\frac{1}{4}$

31st December, 1920.—From John F. Talty, Kilmacanoge, Bray, applying for refund of £2 lodged by him when permitted to open the road opposite his premises for the purpose of obtaining a supply of Vartry water.

Order—£2 to be refunded.

8th December, 1920.—From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing for cancellation Paying Order No. 63, dated 6th April, 1920, for £20, drawn in favour of Major C. R. D. Gun Cunningham, being the amount of the Arbitrator's Award in connection with the acquiring of Kiltimon Quarry, and asking to have a new cheque issued instead.

Order—Cheque to issue in lieu of Paying Order.

18th January, 1921.—From the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, applying for an extension of time within which to pay the County Council the instalment due in respect of their Demand.

Order—Noted.

15th January, 1921.—From A. W. Irwin, Prospect, Newtown-

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Mount-Kennedy, Secretary to the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmity, enclosing a Resolution passed by his Committee, asking the Council to increase their contribution to the support of that Institution from £500 to £1,000 per annum.

Order—Adjourned.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Michael Bergin, of Slieveroe, Rathdrum, who had the use of the Council's Engine on hire during the threshing season, still owed a balance of £24 11s. 4d. in respect of the hire of same.

Order—To be applied to for balance.

29th November, 1920.—From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, asking if he is to expend a sum of £7 6s. 5d. on obtaining from the Law Agent to the Dublin Corporation a copy of the Transcript of Evidence given at the recent Inquiry at Richmond District Asylum on the proposed separation of Louth County Council from the Guaranteeing Area.

Order—To be obtained.

1st January, 1921.—From Richard Stokes & Co., 60 Dawson Street, Dublin, threatening to issue a Writ unless the Council pay, within four days from that date, the Rent due in respect of Dunlavin Courthouse for the period ending 30th September, 1920.

Order—Noted.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

31st January, 1921.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—

“Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted.”

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 14th February, 1921.

The following members were present:—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors J. Campbell, C. M. Byrne, E. O'Neill, B. Kelly, J. Turner, and James Byrne.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS £599 6 5

RATES.

8th February, 1921.—From the Chairman of Richmond Asylum Joint Committee of Management—Dealing with the figures in the Council's Estimate for 1921-1922, so far as they affect the Asylum.

10th February, 1921.—From the Accountant, Richmond District Asylum—Enclosing copy of letter from Dublin City Treasurer, re same.

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10th February, 1921.—From D. J. Cogan, Ardlui, Cowper Road, Palmerstown Park, Dublin, re same.

9th February, 1921.—From the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—Asking the County Council to restore to their Estimate the sum of £375, in respect of repayment of Loans obtained under Labourers, etc., Acts from the National Bank.

Letter from the Department, dated 7th February, 1921—Acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Rate Estimates. It was pointed out in this letter that no credits were to be taken in the Estimates for British Government Grants, but that provision should be made in them for repayment of Loans to British Government Departments or otherwise. It further stated that the deduction of £6,976 made in the Estimate from the Richmond Asylum Demand should be restored to the Estimates.

Order:—Noted—no change recommended in the Estimate; the request of Shillelagh Rural District Council, re Loan due to National Bank—to be met out of reserve funds.

10th February, 1921.—From the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, Loughlinstown, County Dublin—Enclosing a Memorial signed by Members of his Council, asking the County Council to allow the Road Contracts for the bye-roads in his District to stand for this year.

Order—Referred to County Council.

SEPARATE CHARGE RATES.

Having examined the Estimate of Rates for Separate Charges submitted by the Secretary on Form 46, we recommend the Council to adopt same.

The Committee considered the question of paying Poundage Fees to the several Rate Collectors who have resigned their positions in the following Collecting Districts:—Nos. 6, 7, 11, 12, 1, 4 and 10.

In this connection a letter was submitted from John P. Hickey, Leitrim House, Wicklow, applying for his Poundage Fees on the full amount of Rates collected and lodged by him prior to his resignation of the position of Rate Collector for No. 7 Collecting District.

Order—Consideration deferred.

A letter, dated the 3rd February, 1921, was before the Committee from Collector John Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely, asking the Council to pay the Premium on his Insurance Company's Bond, as in the case of the other newly-appointed Collectors.

Order—Adjourned.

An application to have the terms of his Superannuation Allowance fixed was submitted from Mr. Terence Byrne, Garryhoe, Tinahely, late Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collecting District.

Order—Adjourned.

An application to have the terms of his Superannuation Allowance fixed was also submitted from Mr. Richard Geoghegan, Danesfort, Kiltegan, late Poor Rate Collector for No. 2 Collecting District.

Order—Adjourned.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 10th February, 1921, from Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, resigning his position as Rate Collector for No. 9 Collecting District.

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Order—Adjourned.

A letter, dated 5th February, 1921, was read from Mr. L. Moore, Main Street, Blessington, complaining of the delay in payment of six men employed by the County Surveyor to work on Alyward's Road, Blessington.

In this connection a letter was submitted from the County Surveyor, dated the 7th February, 1921, containing his observations on Mr. Moore's letter.

Order—County Surveyor to be directed to expedite delivery of his Certificates.

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 20th December, 1920, from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 58 Dame Street, Dublin, pointing out, in reference to the Council's Third Party Insurances, the necessity of insuring against the risk of sparks from the Engines.

Order—Spark risk to be included in Policy.

A claim for refund of £33 17s. 3d., Rates declared to be Irrecoverable, was submitted by Collector Patrick Mulligan, of No. 8 Collecting District.

Order—Referred to Solicitor for Collection.

Mr. Michael E. Bergin, Slieveroe, Rathdrum, submitted an application, dated 1st February, 1921, for a rebate off the cost of Hire of the Council's Engine during the Threshing Season on account of continuous storms from November 23rd to 30th—seven days—and from December 13th to 21st—eight days.

Order—Referred to the Council.

The Secretary submitted Accounts amounting to £228 11s. 8d. received from His Majesty's Stationery Office, Westminster, London, S.W.1, for settlement in connection with the Printing under the Representation of the People Act.

Order—Not to be paid.

The Committee recommended that authority be given for payment of the following instalments in respect to the quarter ending 30th June, 1921, on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

Baltinglass	...	...	...	...	£1219	10	0
Naas	...	...	...	...	520	10	0
Rathdown	...	...	...	...	2150	0	0
Rathdrum	...	...	...	...	5199	10	0
Shillelagh	...	...	...	...	1522	10	0

Total, £10612 0 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Baltinglass No. 1	£310	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	255	10	0
Rathdrum	1072	15	0
Shillelagh	97	10	0

Total, £1735 15 0

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The Secretary submitted the following Resolution, adopted at a recent Meeting of the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary:—

“Resolved—That we approve of the suggestion contained in the letters of the 4th inst. from the Proposals Committee of the County Council, re increasing the Grant for maintenance of the County Infirmary, suggesting a readjustment of the County Council's representation on the Joint Committee of Management.”

A deputation, consisting of Miss F. M. Tottenham and Messrs. E. N. Wynne, J.P., and A. W. Irwin, attended on behalf of the Joint Committee, and pressed their claim for an increased contribution.

The Committee recommended the Council to increase their contribution to £1,000 a year provisionally upon the representation of the Council on the Joint Committee being adjusted to their satisfaction.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

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Proposed by Councillor J. Everett,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—

“Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted.”
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—

“Resolved—That we hereby authorise the payment of the Transfers to the several Unions and Rural District Councils in the County, for the quarter ending 30th June, 1921, amounting in all to a sum of £12,347 15s. 0d.”
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, were passed as follow:—

COUNTY AT LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Langton:—“Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,014 11s. 0d. (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 E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Everett:—“Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £2,271 3s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.” Passed.

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RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £800 6s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £3,414 11s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle, seconded by Councillor William Grainger:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £1,152 3s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £599 6s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor William Grainger:—"Resolved—That authority be and is hereby given to make the Quarterly Payments as approved by this Council." Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS from the Proposals Committee, and from the Four Rural District Councils, were submitted as follow:—

COUNTY AT LARGE:

Two Proposals, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

No Proposals for Contracts were submitted by the District Council.

A telegram, and a letter dated 24th January, 1921, were read from the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, in which it was stated that "All Tenders were rejected to-day unanimously in favour of Direct Labour."

The following Resolution, passed by the Rural District Council, was also submitted:—"Resolved—That as Tenders not having been received for all roads passed, that no Tenders be opened, but all referred to the County Council."

The Secretary submitted a communication, dated 31st January,

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1921, signed by George Thomas Hobson, of Rathcoyle, Kiltegan, and by Hugh Byrne, of Rathcoyle, Kiltegan, complaining of the condition of the road leading through their lands from Mrs. Hinck's house, through the Townlands of Rathcoyle and Kiltcarney to the bounds of Shillelagh Union at Rathduffmore, and asking that directions be given to have it put into proper repair as soon as possible.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

The Council adjourned consideration of Proposal No. 651 in the District Register, namely, to supplement by a sum of £90 the Proposal passed at Winter Meeting, 1920, for No. 28, Greystones Streets.

Proposal for contract for Work No. 649 in the District Register—to carry off road water at meeting-point of road from Mr. Heatley's, Glencormac, and road from Waterworks to Kilmacanogue—was approved and confirmed.

The remaining Proposals for Contracts were rejected.

The following Resolution, passed by the Rural District Council, was submitted:—"Resolved—That the Roads Index Nos. 3, 27 and 33, for which no Tenders have been received, be referred to the County Surveyor."

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 10th February, 1921, from the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, with which was enclosed a Memorial, signed by the Members of his Council present on 9th February, 1921, asking the County Council to allow the Road Contracts for the bye-roads in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District to stand for this year.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—"Resolved—That, having regard to the determination of the Council to have all the roads in the County maintained under a scheme of Direct Labour, we hereby reject the Road Contracts entered into provisionally by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and place the roads affected in charge of the County Surveyor, to be dealt with under the aforesaid scheme so soon as the same becomes operative." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

No Proposals for Contracts submitted.

SHILLELAGH:

No Proposals for Contracts submitted.

The Council made an order—in connection with the working of the scheme of Direct Labour for the maintenance of roads in this District—that the expenditure for the year 1921-1922 shall not exceed the total sum expended during the year 1920-1921.

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—"Resolved—That the Contract which has been approved at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"Resolved—That we now sign and seal the applica-

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tions for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

RATE ESTIMATES.

The Secretary's Report on the Rate Estimates for the service of the year 1921-1922, as submitted to the Finance Committee, and appearing on the Minutes of their proceedings, and as circulated with their Report to the Members of the County Council, was approved and adopted.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt, and seal the Estimates (Forms 45 and 46) now submitted to us, and determine the Rates in the Pound to be levied in each Rural District in the County by means of the Poor Rate, for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1922.

GENERAL CHARGES.

	Land.		Other Hereditaments.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1 (Baltinglass Union) ...	7	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	8	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
" (Naas Union) ...	8	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	9	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Rathdown No. 2 ...	8	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	9	3
Rathdrum ...	8	10	10	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Shillelagh ...	8	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	9	8 $\frac{3}{4}$

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Baltinglass Sewer ...	d.
Dunlavin Sewer ...	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Public Health—Rathdown ...	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Greystones Water Supply, etc. ...	1
Greystones Sewerage ...	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Enniskerry Sewerage ...	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Greystones Lighting ...	5
Public Health—Rathdrum ...	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Sewerage and Water Supplies—Newcastle Dispensary District	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Rathnew Water Supply ...	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kilcandra Water Supply ...	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Public Health—Shillelagh ...	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Blessington Tramway ...	48
Compulsory Education—Hollywood and Dunlavin Co. Divisions	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
do. Newcastle Dispensary District ...	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
do. Annamoe Dispensary District ...	1
do. Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division ...	1

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Grainger, seconded by Councillor M. Langton:—"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

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determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council as follow:—

Name of Urban District.	General Charges.			Separate Charges.			Total.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Arklow ...	1977	6	2	—	—	—	1977	6	2
Bray ...	6584	3	1	—	—	—	6584	3	1
Wicklow ...	1616	19	9	840	10	6	2457	10	3

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"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.
 Samuel Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow.
 Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh.
 William Alcorn, Wicklow.
 Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood.
 S. V. Delahunt, Wicklow.
 G. B. Hopkins, Wicklow.
 John E. Griffin, Bray.
 Thomas M. Barker, Coolboy, Tinahely.
 James Bradshaw, Kiltegan.
 Mrs. M. Tqomey, Hollywood.
 James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride.
 Denis J. Cogan, Laragh.
 J. P. Deegan, Ashford.
 Michael Tutty, Hollywood.
 James Healy, Rathdangan.
 Mrs. M. A. Geraty, Carnew.
 John Kilmartin, Rathdangan.
 F. J. Allen, Donard.
 Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan.
 J. J. Fenton, Ashford.
 Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum.
 P. J. Graham, Knockananna.
 J. W. Handbidge, Dunlavin.
 James Lawler, Dunlavin.
 Robert Griffin, Bray.
 F. J. Sutton, Rathdrum.
 Michael Bell, Rathdrum."

Passed.

A letter, dated 27th January, 1921, was submitted from the Secretary, County Wicklow Insurance Committee, Foresters' Hall, Bray, acknowledging the Council's intimation that Councillor J. Campbell had been appointed on the Insurance Committee to succeed Mrs. Dopping Hepenstall (formerly Miss Tottenham), and pointing out that under Section 81 (8) (b) this vacancy should have been filled by the appointment of a woman.

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Proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That, under Section 81 (8) (b) of the National Insurance Act, 1911, we hereby appoint Mrs. N. Campbell, of Kilmolin, Enniskerry, to fill the vacancy existing on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee, consequent upon the resignation of Mrs. Dopping Hepenstall (formerly Miss Tottenham)." Passed.

The Secretary submitted a Draft of an Agreement proposed to be entered into by the County Council (on behalf of the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee) with the Community of the Presentation Convent, Baltinglass, for the acquisition of the Science Rooms in that Convent for Domestic Economy Instruction.

Order—Draft approved.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Shillelagh, for the three years commencing on 1st April, 1921:—

- " 1. J. V. Gahan, Boley, Shillelagh.
- " 2. William Grainger, Tombreane, Carnew.
- " 3. W. J. Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely.
- " 4. Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
- " 5. R. W. Coates, Tankersley, Ballinglen."

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"Resolved—That the Superannuation Allowance to be paid to late Rate Collector Joseph Doyle be fixed, not on the present basis, but on the basis of the remuneration he was in receipt of in the year previous to his resignation; and that all orders to the contrary be rescinded." Passed.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, was adjourned to the Finance Committee:—"That Mr. Michael McGrath, Collector for No. 6 Collection District, having been obliged, owing to permanent infirmity of body, as duly certified, to resign his office after twenty years' efficient service, he be allowed the maximum Superannuation Allowance of Two-Thirds of the Fees and Emoluments which he was in receipt of at the time of his resignation."

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor J. Everett:—"Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor C. M. Byrne, of Ballykillavane, Glenealy, and Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, of Ballylion, Donard, to represent this Council on the Council of Agriculture for the three years commencing 1st April, 1921." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"Resolved—That we now execute Surrender of the Lease entered into between the County Council and Baltinglass Town Hall Company, relative to the site of the proposed Technical School in Baltinglass; and that the seal of the County Council be attached thereto." Passed.

A circular-letter, dated 20th January, 1921, No. 62,826/1920 (Miscellaneous), was submitted from the Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, enclosing copy of the Public Health (Medical

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Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Order, 1920, and outlining the provisions of same.

Order—Noted.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"Resolved—That we hereby adopt and confirm the Provisional Declaration made by the Council at its Meeting on the 23rd November, 1920, adopting a scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the construction, maintenance, and upkeep by Direct Labour of the roads in this County, as modified by the Amendments set out hereunder in paragraphs 3, 5, 8, 11."

AMENDMENTS TO DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME.

Paragraph 3.—Add "Materials to be measured in depots and on road by the Assistant and Overseer. In no case shall any payment be made for materials supplied by task work until they are measured on the roads, save in exceptional circumstances, and by the special written directions of the County Surveyor."

Paragraph 5.—Add "He may also arrange for side-lining and drainage of any road by task work."

Paragraph 8.—Insert after "Such intervals" the words "or not less than a fortnight."

Paragraph 11.—Instead of "Spring and Autumn" insert "Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter." Add to end of clause "The Report to the Summer Quarterly Meeting to be an Annual Report."

Passed, Councillor J. J. Metcalfe dissenting.

At this stage Mr. Campbell left the chair, in order to catch his train, and Mr. C. M. Byrne was appointed to continue the business.

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, was not moved:—"I hereby give notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Meeting of the County Council to put in force the existing laws relating to the compulsory cutting of Noxious Weeds in County Wicklow."

Consideration of the two following items on the Agenda was adjourned:—

1.—To reconsider the terms of a Resolution, already passed, constituting a Committee of the entire Council to inquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the roads in the County.

2.—To reconsider Paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of the County Surveyor's printed Report, submitted to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on 15th November, 1920, and circulated beforehand to the Members of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That the Lease between the Council and David Frame, for the acquisition of a quarry at the north end of the Glen of the Downs, be now executed; and that the seal of the Council be attached thereto."

Passed unanimously.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow,
11th February, 1921.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,—On the 9th and 10th inst. I carried out the annual inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway.

The permanent-way, though in parts still very weed-grown, is in better condition; most of the defective sleepers have been replaced; a considerable amount of re-ballasting carried out; portions of the line relaid, and the drainage better attended to. A new type of fish-plate is being used, and sole plates are being put on where the line is relaid.

The Templeogue Depot and Workshops are well maintained; several useful replacements (a shearing and punching machine, vacuum cleaner and an electric drill) have been carried out, all tending to efficiency and economy. New floors are required in the machine shop.

The Rolling Stock has been well maintained; one engine rebuilt and one in progress of being rebuilt, and one in awaiting repair. One petrol electric car is in use, and the other awaiting repair. One composite coach has been rebuilt as a single-deck car, with useful improvements. One third-class coach, two covered waggons and three cattle trucks have been rebuilt, and two cattle trucks are being rebuilt.

On the whole, the line presents a better appearance, and the value of the property considerably enhanced.

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

Order—Noted.

A letter, dated 31st January, 1921, was submitted from the County Surveyor, enclosing an application from the Engineer to Bray Urban Council for the hire of a Steam Roller on the same terms as on last occasion.

Order—To be let at £1 per day until required by County Surveyor.

A letter, dated 1st February, 1921, from Mr. Michael E. Bergin, Slieveroe, Rathdrum, which had been before the Finance Committee, and which was referred by that body to the County Council for consideration, was submitted. Application was therein made for a rebate off the cost of hire of the Council's Engine during the Threshing Season on account of continuous storms during the periods from November 23rd to 30th (seven days), and from December 13th to 21st (eight days).

Order—Adjourned.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That the Council hereby appoint the following Members to constitute a Roads Committee, to consider and take the necessary action to put in force the scheme of Direct Labour adopted by the Council:—

J. Campbell,
J. Everett,

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C. M. Byrne,
J. Turner,
J. J. Redmond,
W. J. Doyle,
W. J. Grainger,
E. O'Neill,
D. J. McEvoy,
B. Kelly,
J. J. Metcalfe,
James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

"Further, that all the Council's powers in connection with wages and matters of discipline be delegated to this Committee; and that three Members of same form a quorum.

"This Committee to be called by the County Surveyor, who will keep all keep all records of same."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"Resolved—That the seal of the Council be affixed to the following cheques drawn in favour of the County Council:—

"£19 4 11—Peter P. Doyle.

"£138 18 0—Peter P. Doyle.

"£114 16 4—Patrick Mulligan.

"£544 7 3—Patrick Mulligan."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor M. Langton:—"Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Mulligan, of The Paddock, Kilpedder, be appointed temporarily to collect the Rates in No. 7 (Delgany) Collecting District for the half-year ending 31st March, 1921; and that the usual Warrants in respect of the Collecting Books for this District be now signed and sealed." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"Resolved—That Collectors Richard Lynch and William J. Quinn be called upon forthwith proceed with the collection and lodgment of the Rates, or else to send in their resignations, and hand their Collecting Books over to the Deputy Checker for their area." 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:—

20th January, 1921. No. 347/1921.—Letter from the Department intimating that they had sanctioned the Proposals of the Council to grant Bonuses to the County Secretary and to the County Surveyor on the terms mentioned in the Report of the Finance Committee, dated 26th October, 1920, and adopted by the Council at its meeting on the 15th November, 1920. (Correspondence—"Local.")

11th January, 1921. No. 683/1921.—From Local Government Board, Dublin, enclosing query forms to be completed in respect of

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the person appointed Mr. Michael McGrath's successor as Rate Collector.

Order—Not to comply.

25th January, 1921. No. 1962/1921.—From Local Government Board, Dublin, enclosing query forms to be completed in respect to the person appointed as Rate Collector in room of Mr. Luke McDonnell.

Order—Not to comply.

1st February, 1921. No. 2493/1921.—From Local Government Board, Dublin, drawing attention to the provisions of the attached copy of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act, 1920.

Order—Noted.

2nd February, 1921. No. 2938/1921.—From Local Government Board, Dublin, enclosing query forms for completion in respect to the person appointed Rate Collector in room of Mr. Terence Byrne.

Order—Not to comply.

2nd February, 1921. No. 2654/1921.—From Local Government Board, Dublin, enclosing query forms for completion in respect to the person appointed Rate Collector in room of Mr. W. J. Cardiff.

Order—Not to comply.

3rd February, 1921. No. 64,748/1921.—From Local Government Board, Dublin, asking if the Council have appointed a Rate Collector in place of Mr. Richard Geoghegan, and, if so, requesting to be forwarded the completed query forms which were sent with their letter of 18th December, 1920.

Order—Not to be replied to.

8th February, 1921. No. 3608/1921.—From Local Government Board, Dublin, forwarding the enclosed copies of letters issued, relative to the collection of the Poor Rate in County Wicklow, by the Board to—Mr. John Cullen (Nos. 5 and 6), Mr. P. Woods (No. 7), Mr. J. J. Porter (No. 11), Mr. G. Byrne (No. 12), Mr. L. McDonnell (No. 1), Mr. William Burke (No. 4), and Mr. J. Murphy (No. 10).

5th January, 1921.—From Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle, enclosing circular-letter addressed by Ministry of Health to Local Authorities on the subject of the measures to be taken to lessen unemployment.

8th December, 1920.—From Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Dublin, enclosing query sheets to be completed in connection with the Council's Declaration regarding their scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, and asking for a Plan showing the sections of roads in question.

Order—Read and noted.

6th January, 1921.—From Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Dublin, stating that no further payments can be made in respect of Grants until the Council repay certain instalments due to the Ministry under Loans Nos. 202 and 403.

Order—Read.

25th January, 1921.—From Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Dublin, again inviting the assistance of the Council in the preparation of a scheme for the classification of roads in the county.

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18th January, 1921.—From National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, intimating that the Treasury have now sanctioned, under Section 17 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1911, an expenditure of £1,451 during the year 1920, involving an estimated deficiency of £800 to be met, as provided in that Section.

4th and 20th January, 1921.—From Unemployment Grants Committee, 20 Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.1, relative to the allocation of the Parliamentary Grant of £3,000,000 for the purpose of assisting Local Authorities to carry out at once works on which a substantial number of unemployed can be engaged.

26th January, 1921.—From Nicholas Toomey, Secretary, Hollywood Branch of Wicklow Farmers' Union, asking if John Cullen, Donard, has been properly appointed Rate Collector for No. 5 Collecting District.

Order—This Collector has been appointed by the County Council, the only authority that can make the appointment.

7th February, 1921.—From Collector P. Mulligan, The Paddock, Kilpedder, enclosing a similar letter received by him from Messrs. Franks & Carter, Estate Office, Mountrath, with regard to the Bellew Estate.

Order—Mr. Mulligan to be authorised to inform Messrs. Franks & Carter that he is a properly appointed Collector, and that the question of Treasurership does not arise.

11th February, 1921.—From Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, enclosing a letter from J. B. Wynne, Glendalough, declining to pay Rates until his Malicious Injury Decree is paid by the Council.

Order—Mr. Wynne must pay Rates.

7th February, 1921.—From Collector Richard Lynch, Ballyneddan, Knockenarrigan, stating that his sureties have warned him not to collect any more Rates.

Order—Collector Lynch to proceed with the collection of Rates, or hand in the Collecting Books.

9th February, 1921.—From Collector Patrick Woods, Kilmurray, Bray, resigning his position as newly appointed Collector for No. 7 Collecting District.

Order—Resignation accepted. P. Mulligan appointed temporarily. (See Resolution ante.)

10th February, 1921.—From Collector William Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin, pointing out the difficulty Collectors find in securing the payment of Rates.

Order—Read.

9th February, 1921.—From Collector L. McDonnell, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass, enclosing, for the information of the Council, copy of a letter relative to the collection of Rates which he had received from the Local Government Board.

Order—Read.

30th December, 1920.—From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, giving the names and addresses of three inmates in that Institution from the County, and asking if their parents,

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guardians, or relatives are in a position to contribute towards their maintenance.

Order—Read.

27th January, 1921.—From S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, reporting on certain defects found in the Marshall Engine when it was returned by Mr. M. Bergin, Slieveroe, Rathdrum, to whom it had been hired for the threshing season.

Order—Adjourned.

29th January, 1921.—From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing, for execution by the Council, surrender of the Lease given by the Council to the Battinglass Town Hall Company.

10th January, 1921, and 8th February, 1921.—From Surveyor of Taxes, Custom House, Dublin, applying for Abstracts of the Council's Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920.

Order—No information to be afforded.

7th December, 1920.—From General Manager, Dublin and South-Eastern Railway, Westland Row, Dublin, asking for particulars of Rates paid in 1914-15 and 1920-21 in respect of certain of the Company's houses shown on the accompanying list.

26th January, 1921.—From Clerk, Rathdrum Union, enclosing Resolution passed by the Guardians, recommending that a further meeting of the Conference of Representatives of all Public Bodies in the County be called at an early date for the purpose of considering the question of the Amalgamation of Workhouses, and other possible economies in local administration; and that representatives of Farmers and Labour Unions be invited to attend the Conference.

Order—Clerk of Rathdrum Union to be asked to call this Conference.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 22nd MARCH, 1921.

A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 22nd March, 1921.

The following members were present—Councillor J. Campbell, Presiding Chairman; Councillors M Fleming, B Kelly, A Kiussella, W J Doyle, J J Redmond, W Grainger, J Everett, C M Byrne, J J Metcalfe, J Turner, P Healy, James Byrne, E O'Neill, D J McEvoy, and P P O'Reilly.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider the financial position of the Council, with special reference to the progress of the Rate Collection, and to take such action thereon as may be decided.
- 2.—To accept Mr Lynch's resignation of the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 (Donard) Collecting District.
- 3.—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 (Donard) Collecting District.
- 4.—To accept Mr Joseph Keane's resignation of the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Kilcoole) Collecting District.
- 5.—To consider the question of financing the Teachers of Wicklow Coisde Ceanntair, Gaelic League, out of public funds.
- 6.—To consider the question of the County Council's representation on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary, and to make an Order in that connection.
- 7.—To consider correspondence dealing with Trade Relations between Belfast and the other parts of Ireland, and to take action thereon.
- 8.—To consider a Report from the Roads Committee, to be submitted by the County Surveyor, for confirmation, or otherwise.
- 9.—To re-consider the terms of a Resolution, already passed, constituting a Committee of the entire Council to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the roads in the county.
- 10.—To re-consider paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of the County Surveyor's printed Report, submitted to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting, held on 15th November, 1920, and circulated beforehand to the members of the Council.
- 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.

Proposed by Councillor J Campbell; seconded by Councillor C M Byrne :—

Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council offers its sympathy to the relatives of Mayor Clancy, Ex-Mayor O'Callaghan, and Joseph O'Donoghoe, of Limerick City, done to death for no other reason than that they loved and faithfully served their country; and to the relatives

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of Thomas Whelan, Patrick Moran, Thomas Bryan, Patrick Doyle, Frank Flood and Bernard Ryan, who gave their young lives for Ireland on the scaffold of Mountjoy Prison, Monday, 14th March, 1921.

Copies of this Resolution to be forwarded to Alderman Casey, Deputy Mayor of Limerick, and the Press.

Passed.

The Secretary made a verbal statement on the financial position of the Council, from which it appeared that the Rates outstanding at date amounted to £31,824, and that the total Liabilities of the Council up to and including the Payments at the May Quarterly Meeting were estimated to amount to £28,747, which would leave available for payment through the Subsidiary Account, on the assumption that all Rates were received, a sum of £3,853. It, therefore, appeared that it was very necessary that the new Rates should be put into course of collection with as little delay as possible.

Order—Circular for distribution by Rate Collectors to be drafted by County Secretary in consultation with Acting Chairman, Councillors C M Byrne, J Everett, and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly. Resolved—That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the following Cheques and Deposit Receipts issued in favour of the County Council :—

Collector.	Drawer.	Amount.
		£ s d
Thomas Fleming	Self	15 17 1
M Halpin	Thomas E Pilsworth	21 10 9
Richard Lynch	Bank Draft	31 17 8
L McDonnell	Cheque—Self	75 13 4
Thomas Fleming	" "	150 0 0
P P Doyle	" "	118 15 8
Wm Burke	Bank Draft	82 19 2
P P Doyle	Father O'Callaghan—Cheque (in Gaelic)	8 0 5
P P Doyle	Cheque—Self	209 9 2
L McDonnell	" "	171 6 5
Wm Burke	" "	202 14 7
L McDonnell	" "	200 0 0
Wicklow Urban Council	J Middleton	5 0 0
J J Porter	Wm Byrne	£70 15 0
	L Caffé & Sons	42 5 7
	R McCoy	88 11 9
J J Porter	Edward Vickers—Cheque	4 5 11
Peter P Doyle	Cheque—Self	713 4 4

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill, seconded by Councillor B Kelly Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the following Cheques

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and Deposit Receipts drawn in favour of the County Council :—

Collector.	Form of Payment and Name of Drawer.	Amount.
		£ s d
Garrett Byrne	Cheque—D H Haskins	13 13 8
"	"	2 5 6
"	S Burgess	26 1 7
"	Wm Sheane	59 0 10
"	C W Hudson	49 5 5
"	Mrs Lizzie M Doyle	33 7 3
"	Thomas Carr	24 14 6
"	Thomas Codd	18 3 5
"	Haskins Bros	47 12 4
"	Mrs C E Cole	13 15 6
"	Wm Byrne	30 8 2
"	Haskins Bros.	18 17 10
"	Daniel Murphy	19 10 3
"	Joseph Byrne	33 0 4
"	Samuel R Cole	3 16 5
"	Albert E Cole	17 19 4
"	John Byrnes	39 0 4
"	Edward Vickers	41 16 3
"	Michael Kavauagh	10 13 6
"	Mrs Jane Kearns	19 18 2
"	"	11 8 5
"	Mrs A M Byrne	56 15 8
"	Thomas Byrne	9 16 0
"	Wm Alford	47 6 10

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor M Fleming. Resolved—That Mr Richard Lynch's resignation of his appointment as Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 (Donard) Collecting District be, and it is hereby, accepted.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 (Donard) Collecting District, and also applications received from

- 1—Edward Lynch, Kilbeylet, Donard.
- 2—Francis O'Neill, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney.
- 3—Edward J C Lawlor, Dunlavin.
- 4—P J O'Toole, Monroe, Donard.

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 Tuesday, 22nd March, 1921, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Di-

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visions of Donaghmore, Donard, Imaal North and Imaal South, 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 within its respective half-year. Approved irrecoverable rates will be refunded the collector.

Written applications to be lodged in the Office of the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow, not later than 12.30 o'clock on the day of the meeting, giving the name 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 £1,150, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £500.

Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12.30 p.m. on the 22nd March, 1921.

By Order of the Wicklow County Council.

14th March, 1921.

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For Lynch—Councillors James Byrne, Wm J Doyle, Wm Grainger, A Kinsella, P Healy, D J McEvoy, E O'Neill, J J Redmond, J Everett, B Kelly, P P O'Reilly, and M Fleming—12

For O'Neill—Councillors J J Metcalfe, J Campbell, C M Byrne, and J Turner—4.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; seconded by Councillor W J Doyle.

Resolved—That Mr Edward Lynch, of Kilbeylet, Donard, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 (Donard) Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's published advertisement, in room of Collector Richard Lynch, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the Pound, and that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann, and we approve of a Bond on his behalf with the Hibernian Insurance Company for a sum of Five Hundred Pounds (£500), the premium on which will be paid by the County Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe; seconded by Councillor B Kelly—

Resolved—That we now sign and seal the Warrants for the newly appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 3 (Donard) Collecting District.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne; seconded by Councillor J Turner—

Resolved—That Mr Joseph Keane's resignation of his appointment as Poor Rate Collector for No 9 (Kilcoole) Collecting District be, and it is hereby, accepted.

Passed.

The Council adjourned, to their May Quarterly Meeting, consideration of the question of financing the Teachers of Wicklow Coisde Ceann-tair out of Public Funds, this subject having been introduced by the Chairman.

Arising out of Correspondence that had passed between the County

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Council and the Joint Committee of Management of the Wicklow County Infirmary, the question of the Council's representation on the Joint Committee was considered.

Order—The Joint Committee to be informed that the Council would require a representation of Sixteen on that body; that of the Governors to remain as at present.

The Council considered correspondence submitted, dealing with Trade Relations between Belfast and the other parts of Ireland.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett; seconded by Councillor E O'Neill:

Resolved—That the members of the Council in each area be requested to jointly organise Vigilance Committees to give effect to the boycott.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett; seconded by Councillor Joseph Campbell. Resolved—That we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, extend to Mr P T Healy, Chief Clerk in our Secretary's Office, the expression of our sincere sympathy in the bereavement that has befallen him in the death of his esteemed father, Mr Michael Healy, Ballinglen.

Passed unanimously.

ROADS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office, Court House,
Wicklow, 15th day of March, 1921.

To WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—Special Meeting to be held on 22nd March, 1921.

REPORT OF ROADS COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

The Roads Committee appointed by Resolution of your Council "to consider and take necessary action to put in force the Scheme of Direct Labour," met on the 8th March, 1921, when the following members attended:—Councillors C M Byrne (Presiding), Joseph Campbell, James Turner, James Byrne, James Everett, W J Doyle, J J Redmond, and William Grainger.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

Arising out of consideration of the best means to secure the services of efficient Overseers, Resolutions were passed recommending that the number of Sections in the Direct Labour Scheme be reduced from twenty-one to fourteen. As follows:—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District. To be re-grouped to form four instead of six sections.

Rathdrum Rural District to be re-grouped to form seven instead of ten sections.

Shillelagh Rural District—Carnew and Shillelagh Sections to be amalgamated, also Tinahely and Ballinglen Sections to be amalgamated.

Fourteen Overseers to be appointed.

Advertisements for the positions to be inserted in the "Wicklow People" and "Newsletter," of Saturday, 19th March.

Candidates be required to pass a qualifying examination in Arithmetic, Accounts, and general knowledge of road work.

All other things being equal preference to be given to applicants hav-

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ing a knowledge of the Irish language. Persons appointed to enter into a Fidelity Bond.

SCALE OF WAGES.

On the motion of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor W J Doyle, the following Scale of Wages was recommended for adoption;—
 Overseers or Gangers employed on road or quarry work, £3 per week.
 Sub-gangers (quarry or road work), 50s per week.
 Men quarrying stone, maximum 47s 6d, minimum 35s per week.
 Road Surfacedmen (including drainage and general work), maximum 40s, minimum 30s per week.
 Blacksmith, £5 per week.
 Drivers of Rollers, Traction Engines, or Tractors, 70s per week.
 Engine Drivers' Mates, 40s per week.

This Scale to be printed and circulated to the Assistant Surveyors and Overseers, and to continue in operation until revised by the Roads Committee or County Council.

The working week to be 5 days of 9 hours and one day of 5 hours (i.e.—a working week of 50 hours).

Bank and public holidays to be paid for and reasonable time to be given for attendance at Divine Service on Church Holydays.

On wet days half time to be allowed when Foreman stops work.

HORSE HIRE.

It was agreed that the maximum for horse hire (horse, cart and man be 15s per day, minimum 12s per day. Piece work to be given as far as possible.

STAMPING INSURANCE CARDS.

All cards to be kept in County Surveyor's Office and stamped from time to time as necessary.

PLANT AND TOOLS ON HANDS.

An item on the Agenda was to consider the disposal of Plant and Tools already the property of the County Council.

Consideration of this matter was postponed.

PERIOD TO BE COVERED BY WAGES SHEETS AND DATES FOR FINANCE MEETING.

The Committee recommended that the present system regarding Finance Meetings and Weekly Wages Sheets be adhered to, and, to avoid delay and waste of stationery, wages sheets be handed in without being copied in County Surveyor's Office.

FILES FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The Committee directed the County Surveyor to obtain tenders from three local firms for erection of a Press with compartments suitable for filing documents dealing with Direct Labour Scheme.

EXPENDITURE UNDER THE SCHEME.

A Statement was submitted by County Surveyor dealing with proposed expenditure on roads under Direct Labour and unexpired Contracts for the financial year 1921-22.

This Statement set out the following amounts in the various Rural

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Districts as reserves for Sudden Damages, Contingencies, &c.

Baltinglass No. 1 R D	£717	15	2
Rathdown No. 2	„	..	£1868	15	10
Rathdrum	„	...	2408	0	3
Shillelagh	„	...	474	7	2

The Committee recommended that for the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 Nine Hundred Pounds (£900) of the above-mentioned Reserve be applied to road work under the Scheme. And that for the Rural District of Rathdrum One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds (£1200) of the above-mentioned Reserve Sum, be applied to road work under the Scheme.

ACCOUNT BOOKS AND FORMS.

Certain forms of Accounts proposed to be used in the working of the Scheme were submitted by the County Surveyor and approved.

One small Account Book not already included in the Printing Specification was recommended to be obtained when required.

(Signed), C. M. BYRNE, Presiding.

Proposed by Councillor B Kelly; seconded by Councillor J Turner.

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the Roads Committee with the following Amendments and qualifications:

- Rate for Blacksmith to be struck out;
- That all plant, parts of machinery, etc., be ordered as far as possible through the Joint Purchasing Scheme organised by the Labour Department.
- That an inventory of all plant at present in possession of the Council be prepared by the County Surveyor's Department, and supplied to the Secretary's Office.
- That the Rates of Wages set out in the recommendation, and now approved by the Council, remain in force from inception of the Direct Labour Scheme until varied by order of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne; seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly—

Resolved—That any man appointed to a position as Overseer on a Road Section must join a recognised Trades Union.

Passed by six votes to three.

There voted for the motion—Councillors C M Byrne, P P O'Reilly, E O'Neill, B Kelly, D J McEvoy, and J J Metcalfe. The following Councillors voted against the motion—J Everett and J Turner.

Consideration of the two following items on the Agenda was again adjourned—

To give effect to the terms of a Resolution, already passed, constituting a Committee of the entire Council to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the roads in the county.

To consider paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of the County Surveyor's printed Report, submitted to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on 15th November, 1920, and circulated beforehand to the members of the Council.

The Council adjourned, to the May Quarterly Meeting, consideration

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of Accounts received from the Receiver of Constabulary, Royal Irish Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle.—For Constabulary Expenses stated to be chargeable on the County of Wicklow in respect of the half-year ended 31st March, 1920, amounting to £169 15s 1d.

The Secretary submitted three Notices received of intention to serve Writs of Certiorari directed to the County Court Judge to remove into the Kings Bench Division Civil Bill Decrees obtained by Hardress E. Waller, Frank Stokes and Nora Ina Olive Violet Tynte, for the following sums:—£26,210 15s. 0d., £218 13s. 3d., and £28 13s. 0d., in connection with fires at the mansion house known as Saundersgrove.

Order—Consideration adjourned to May Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

CITY LABORATORY, CHATHAM ROW.

Dublin, 10th February, 1921.

REPORT of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31st December, 1920.

Eight articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

For Sergeant O'Connor, Arklow, a specimen each of butter, cheese and raisins were analysed and were pure.

For Sergeant Power, Enniskerry, two specimens of butter and a specimen each of milk, margarine and cheese were analysed and were pure.

There were three specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow and were pure.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union eight drugs were analysed and were correct.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow thirteen drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. Two drugs were incorrect. The specimen of water had the following composition:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains—

Total solid matter	...	80.800
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	0.012
Saline Ammonia	...	0.013
Nitric Acid	...	Trace
Chlorine	...	1.090

A very inferior water.

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 ... 51
CHARLES A. CAMERON.

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Ard Beg, Meath Road, Bray.

Dear Sir,—As it is impossible for me to carry out my duties as a Member of the Wicklow County Council, I beg to tender my resignation.

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH LYNCH.

To the Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.
Order—Accepted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

JOSEPH LYNCH, ESQ.,

Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray,

to be vacant, in consequence of his resignation, and we direct that this vacancy shall be notified by a Circular issued to each member of this Council, and to the Clerk of each Rural District Council.

A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Date this 22nd day of March, 1921.

Signed,

C M BYRNE.

JAMES EVERETT,

B KELLY.

} Three Members
of
Wicklow Co. Council.

Signed,

SIMON J. DOYLE, Secretary to said Council.

A letter, dated 4th October, 1920, was read from T. Birthistle, Hon. Secretary, Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital, enclosing copy of Resolution, drawing the Council's attention to the continued absence of their representatives from Meetings of the Committee, and asking if such Members desire to remain Members of the Joint Committee.

Order—Representatives to be written to requesting them to attend the Meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

28th February, 1921. No. 5,678/1921 (Miscellaneous).—Local Government Board, Dublin, circular-letter pointing out the Council's powers under Section 1 (2) of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act, 1920.

Order—Noted.

22nd February, 1921. No. G682/21.—Department of Agriculture, Dublin, acknowledging the Council's letter notifying the

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appointment of Councillors C. M. Byrne and J. J. Metcalfe to serve on the Council of Agriculture.

Order—Noted.

14th March, 1921. No. 17,176.—Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, enclosing copy of certificate for £40 16s. 0d., being medical and nursing expenses in connection with the late Constable Joseph Malynn, R.I.C., and requesting payment of same within fourteen days from that date.

Order—Noted.

4th March, 1921. IRG/33/Wicklow.—Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Dublin—Second notice of application for £745, being fifth instalment of Loan No. 202—£3,725.

Order—Not to be paid.

4th March, 1921. IRG/33/Wicklow.—Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Dublin—Second notice of application for £800, being third instalment of Loan No. 387—£4,000.

Order—Not to be paid.

4th March, 1921. IRG/33/Wicklow.—Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Dublin—Notice of application for £410, being second instalment of Loan No. 407—£1,454.

Order—Not to be paid.

4th March, 1921. IRG/33/Wicklow.—Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Dublin—Fourth notice of application for £313, being second instalment of Loan No. 403—£1,569.

Order—Not to be paid.

Letters, dated 19th and 23rd February, 1921, from E. N. Wynne, Wentworth Place, Wicklow, applying for payment of his quarter's pension to 31st December, 1920.

Order—Noted.

15th March, 1921.—From Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, applying for payment of amount of decree awarded the Postmaster-General by the County Court Judge.

Order—Noted.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 26th APRIL, 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1.30 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillor J. Campbell, Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Everett, C. M. Byrne, J. Turner, B. Kelly, F. O'Rafferty, E. O'Neill, J. J. Redmond and P. Murphy.

Letters were submitted from Councillors M. Fleming, A. Kinsella and D. J. McEvoy regretting their inability to be present.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider a Report from the Secretary on the present financial position, and the condition of the Rate Collection.
- 2—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor J. Campbell:—"I beg to give Notice that at the Special Meeting on the 26th inst. I, or some other Councillor for me, will move that the Wicklow County Council take such further steps as may be considered necessary for the prompt collection of outstanding Rates."
- 3—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the Estimate for the Special Rate in respect of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Guarantee be reconsidered, and if possible reduced, as the present estimated levy, in addition to the ordinary Rates, would involve an impossible impost on the Guaranteeing Area."
- 4—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some person for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the decision arrived at by the County Council to accept proposals from the 'Wicklow People,' 'News-Letter,' and 'Carlow Nationalist and Leinster Times,' for publication of the County Advertisements and other Printing (if any), be rescinded, owing to existing financial conditions."
- 5—To consider a Proposal to adjust the Representation of the County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary, and to adopt a Resolution thereon, and, if necessary, to rescind existing Orders bearing on the subject.
- 6—To execute (in duplicate) an Agreement between the Superioress of the Presentation Convent, Baltinglass, and the County Council for the letting to the latter of certain Science Rooms to be employed by the County Technical Instruction Committee for Classes in Domestic Economy Instruction.
- 7—To consider a Report from the Roads Committee containing suggestions for the re-grouping of the Areas originally fixed under the Direct Labour Scheme, and to adopt a Resolution embodying the proposed modifications.

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The Secretary submitted a Statement of the financial position of the Council to date, as follows:—

RECEIPTS TO DATE, viz., 25th APRIL, 1921.

31-12-20	Balance if all Cheques paid that were issued	...	£5443	0	0		
31-3-21	Received to date	...	22242	3	2		
25-4-21	Do. this Quarter to date...	13540	18	6	41226	1	8

EXPENDITURE ACTUALLY PAID TO DATE—25-4-21.

31-3-21	Total to date	...	£21299	7	2		
25-4-21	Do. this Quarter to 25-4-21	6906	11	11	28205	19	1

Cash Balance	£13020	2	7		
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LIABILITIES.

Transfer to Asylum already authorised at Quarterly Meeting in February	...	£2447	10	0			
Balance of Transfers to Subsidiary Bodies for current Quarter:—							

Unions	A.	...	£619	10	0		
	B.	...	260	10	0		
	C.	...	1075	0	0		
	D.	...	4699	10	0		
	E.	...	761	10	0	7416	0
R. Districts	A.	...	155	0	0		
	B.	...					
	C.	...	78	10	0		
	D.	...	536	15	0		
	E.	...	142	0	0	912	5

Payments—Subsidiary Account to-day	...	1107	0	5			
„ General Account, payable after Quarterly Meeting, 23rd May	...	12287	1	4	13394	1	9

Total Liabilities (including the payments to be authorised at Quarterly Meeting on 23rd May)	...	24169	16	9			
Total Cash from overleaf	...	13020	2	7			

Deficit	£11149	14	2		
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SUMMARY.

Total Rates outstanding	...	£14540	7	3			
Deficit as above	...	11149	14	2			
Available for Payments through Subsidiary Account if all Rates were received	...	3390	13	1			

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

25th April, 1921.

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In accordance with the terms of his Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That all Collectors be notified that the Council urgently require all collections to be closed on or before 23rd May, the date of the Quarterly Meeting, after which the new Rates will be available for collection."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That under the circumstances reported to the Council we hereby grant leave of absence to the following Collectors until such time as they are free to resume their duties, viz.:—

Luke McDonnell,
Michael Halpin,
John Cullen,
John Byrne;

and that steps be taken at the Quarterly Meeting to secure the collection of the outstanding Rates in the Areas at present in charge of these men."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor P. Murphy:—"Resolved—That the Secretary prepare new Collecting Books in lieu of those seized by the Military Authorities, so that they may be available for the newly-appointed Collectors."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That it is a direction to the Secretary to notify John Cullen that he has been granted leave of absence, ask him to return his Books; and write to Councillors Metcalfe, McEvoy, and O'Reilly, explaining the circumstances, and asking them if possible to secure some person to undertake the collection of the outstanding Rates."

Passed.

In accordance with the terms of Councillor D. J. McEvoy's Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That the Estimate for the Special Rate in respect of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Guarantee be reconsidered, and, if possible, reduced, as the present estimated Levy, in addition to the ordinary Rates, would involve an impossible impost on the Guaranteeing Area."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"Resolved—That the Rate in respect of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Guarantee for the year 1921-1922 be reduced to Two Shillings (2s.) in the Pound; and that all Resolutions to the contrary be hereby rescinded; and that the Assessment be at the rate of Two Shillings (2s.) in the Pound instead of Four Shillings (4s.), as previously determined."

Passed.

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Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"Resolved that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the following Cheques and Deposit Receipts drawn in favour of the Council:—

Collector.	Form of Payment and Name of Drawer.	Amount. £ s. d.
Thomas Fleming	... Same—Cheque	... 100 15 8
Luke McDonnell	... Cheque—Same	... 834 5 9
James Porter	... „ Jas Davidson £35 6 5	
	... „ O. Ua Dubgall 4 4 1	
	... „ pp. Christina Quinn—	
	... „ Nicholas Quinn 15 6 8	
	... „ Richard E Hope 134 14 5	
	Draft—H. Bank (9731) 6 10 0	
	do do (9729) 7 16 9	
	do do N. Bank E/53/ 7008 1 14 11	
	do do E/53/7010 22 5 9	
	do do E/53/7013 10 17 0	
	do H B 9735 17 13 6	
	Cheque—M A Loftus 26 0 1	
	do A O Symes 23 16 6	
	Draft—N B E/53/7011 18 1 7	
	Cheque—J W Shepard 37 17 3	
	do James Burns 21 0 5	
	do John Sheane 22 9 0	405 14 4
John Murphy	... Cheque—Henry Bolton 10 5 9	
	Draft—N B E/53/7014 5 1 8	
	do E/53/7015 3 17 3	
	do E/53/7012 7 17 3	
	do E/53/7009 12 8 4	39 10 3
M Halpin	... Joseph Doyle	... 26 5 3
Garrett Byrne	... Cheque—W J Haskins 81 15 7	
	... „ W J Shepard 74 14 6	
	... „ J W Shepard 48 6 2	
	... „ D H Haskins 16 5 9	
	... Same 3 8 2	
	... Same 17 6 4	
	... Same 21 15 1	
	... Same 20 7 7	
	... Same 12 5 1	
	... Same 14 19 5	
	Wm H Sheane & Archibald	
	... Sheane 26 2 8	
	... Archibald Sheane 21 13 7	
	... Samuel Sheane 18 10 1	
	... Patrick Olohan 16 11 10	
	... J T Burne 27 11 2	
	... Richard W Jones 33 3 10	

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Collector	Form of Payment and Name of Drawer	Amount £ s. d.
	David H Haskins 24 0 5	
	Same 21 11 4	
	Samuel Berry 21 0 6	
	David H Haskins 23 3 10	
	pp. Isabel Dignes La Touche 141 1 9	
	Draft N B E/53/7007 8 12 4	
	do E/53/7006 3 4 0	
	do H B, 9737 16 13 9	
	do do 9734 61 13 1	
	do do 9732 20 2 11	
	do do 9733 84 0 0	
	H B R'drum, R 11696 5 8 2	
	do R 10364 6 5 11	
	Cheque, W MacDonald 20 10 0	
	James H Davis 5 18 6	
	Alex McDaniel 37 11 0	
	Sylvester Delahunt 75 18 0	
	Joseph Heavener 11 15 10	
	Samuel Meredith 27 14 0	
	William Ward 24 15 11	1061 10 11
J Porter	... Undecipherable N B G/51155 23 13 4	
	Martin Kennedy 46 14 8	
	Haskins Bros. 23 17 6	
	Josephine M Shepard 24 9 1	
	Percy Sheane 26 18 0	
	David H Haskins 13 7 6	
	Richard Connell 51 14 6	
	W H S O'Neill 76 6 8	
	John J Clarke 11 5 8	
	E H Crofton 26 0 10	
	W H S O'Neill 4 17 10	
	Gertrude Johnson 34 5 9	
	William Odem 22 0 2	385 11 6
Thomas Fleming	... Cheque—Same	... 150 0 0
Peter P Doyle	... „ P P Doyle	... 1150 0 0
Wm Burke	... „ Wm Burke	... 206 13 11
Wm J Quinn	... „ Wm J Quinn	... 1093 8 3
Garrett Byrne	... Draft—N B E/53/6947 6 3 2	
	do do E/53/6949 3 2 7	
	do do E/53/6950 12 0 5	
	do H B R'drum 16 6 11	
	Cheque—Edw. R Jolly 22 9 11	
	L Levins 22 0 0	
	Same 29 0 1	
	Gordon Frier 15 11 6	
	Timothy Linehan 37 10 7	
	David H Haskins 28 1 3	
	Haskins Bros. 2 15 6	
	Elizabeth Darcy 29 4 3	
	Thomas O'Brien 8 6 0	

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Collector	Form of Payment and Name of Drawer	Amount		
		£	s.	d.
Thomas Fleming	Postal Order—D/15/ 904541	0	3	0
	Cheque—T. Fleming	114	14	9
John Cullen	" Teresa Doyle	46	17	10
Wm Burke	" Fredk. Byrne	26	10	6
	" Wm Burke	188	17	1
John Murphy	" W Tighe	10	7	3
	" D H Haskins	3	4	9
	" Geo F Jevens	22	12	6
	G S & W Railway Co.	16	14	4
J Porter	Draft N B E/53/7027	4	5	5
	Cheque—I A Sheane	32	19	0
	" B J Little	17	15	10
	" Teresa McDermott	2	11	11
	" E H Walpole and Secretary	6	9	5
	Draft N B 53/7025	19	1	3
	Cheque—W H Sheane	14	8	4
	Patrick Carr	36	18	10
	Ed. Cullen	10	15	6
	K M McDaniel	30	5	2
	Laurence Byrne	18	9	0
	A J Fenton	3	6	11
	John Cunniam	4	15	5
	Same	21	13	9
	Sarah Smith	21	4	3
	E Black	8	19	5
	Same	11	8	2
	W Tighe	46	16	10
	David H Haskins	2	4	7
	J P Deane	7	16	1
	J Dowling	40	5	6
	Draft—Hibernian	12	14	9
	do	29	3	2
	E L de Butts	12	9	7
	M H Crofton	7	10	5
	Draft N B E/53/7004	53	3	11
	pp. M S Delahunt, S Delahunt	49	6	1
	Draft—H B	9	6	4
W J Quinn	Sylvester Delahunt	41	2	11
	Wm J Quinn	1233	0	0
Wm Burke	Bessie Fisher	33	5	11
	Wm Burke	154	0	6
Ed. Lynch	J J Metcalfe	19	0	0
	John Donohoe	158	0	0
	Draft—N B C4/7805, Baltinglass	16	12	9
Luke McDonnell	Cheque—John Redhouse	15	15	1
Peter P Doyle	Same	300	0	0
Garrett Byrne	Joseph Delahunt	27	4	3
	James Glarke	31	12	9
	Thomas Codd	9	4	5
		76	11	11

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Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undermentioned Drafts and Cheques payable to the Council:—"

Collector.	Description of Payment	Amount.		
		£	s	d
Jehn Murphy	Draft—N.B.—E/53/7088	14	3	7
	Cheque—Percy Northridge	17	10	0
	" Robert Bradshaw	4	19	9
	" W. S. Hayes and Stokes, Bros. & Pim	17	2	10
	Draft—N.B.—E/53/7037	4	2	2
	Cheque—Brien Somers	33	19	5
	Draft—N.B.—E/53/7026	6	7	9
	Cheque—Robert Bradshaw	15	7	0
	Total	113	12	6

Passed.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor Michael Fleming, was adjourned:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some person for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the decision arrived at by the County Council to accept proposals from the "Wicklow People," "News-Letter," and "Carlow Nationalist and Leinster Times," for publication of the County Advertisements and other Printing (if any), be rescinded, owing to existing financial conditions."

Prospect, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy,
5th April, 1921.

Re Wicklow County Infirmary.

Dear Sir,—I received your letter of the 1st inst., and laid it before the Joint Committee of Management on the 2nd inst.

The Governors present at the Meeting (12) were quite willing to meet the wishes of the County Council, and the following motion was passed unanimously:—"That, having read the letter from the County Council, dated 1st April, 1921, we agree to alter the constitution of the Joint Committee, and suggest that the simplest way of adjusting the Representation of the County Council will be for two of the present Representatives of the Subscribing Governors to retire, and that the Subscribing Governors then elect in their place two Representatives to be chosen by the County Council at its next Meeting."

As you were present at the Meeting of the Joint Committee, you can explain to the County Council why we did not adhere exactly to the letter of their condition but adopted the above mode of fulfilling their requirement.

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expressing their appreciation of the way in which the County Council has met the appeal of the Joint Committee.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR W. IRWIN,
Secretary, Wicklow County Infirmary.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That the County Council agree to the proposed arrangement securing them a majority of Representation on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary; and that all previous Orders or Resolutions bearing on the subject are hereby rescinded."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That we now execute (in duplicate) the Agreement between the Superioress of the Presentation Convent, Baltinglass, and the County Council, for the letting to the latter of certain Science Rooms to be employed by the County Technical Instruction Committee for Classes in Domestic Economy Instruction; and that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto."

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following Report from the Roads Committee, following its Meeting held on the 20th April, 1921, as prepared by the County Surveyor:—

REPORT OF ROADS COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen,—The Roads Committee appointed by Resolution of your Council "To consider and take necessary action to put in force the Scheme of Direct Labour," held its second Meeting on 20th inst., when the following Members attended:—

Councillors E. O'Neill (Presiding), Bernard Kelly, James Byrne, James Turner, William Grainger, J. J. Redmond, W. J. Doyle, Joseph Campbell, D. J. McEvoy, James Everrett, and C. M. Byrne.

The following matters were considered:—

1.—SCHEDULE OF ROADS AS RE-GROUPED.

To examine and approve of Schedule of Roads as re-grouped into 14 Sections.

Order—Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly, as follows:—

"Resolved—That having examined the Schedule of Roads as re-grouped into 14 Sections, and submitted by the County Surveyor, we hereby approve of same, and recommend the Schedule to be printed together with the Final Declaration."

"Passed.—E. O'N. 20/4/21."

2.—APPLICATIONS FROM CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS AS OVERSEERS.

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seers, and recommend such appointments to be made as may be considered desirable.

Order—The Committee adopted thirteen Resolutions recommending to the County Surveyor the appointment of Candidates as set out hereunder; the County Surveyor to make the appointments when they become necessary:—

Section.	Candidate.
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Blessington—Patrick Kavanagh, Rathbally Cottage, Blessington.	
Baltinglass—Patrick Keogh, Moneymore, Grangecon.	
Kiltegan—Patrick Rogers, Colliga, Knockenarrigan.	
Rathdown—Joseph Brady, Glenair, Delgany.	
Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy—Edward Tierney, Killiskey, Ashford.	
Roundwood—John Turner, Ballyduff, Ashford.	
Ashford—Michael Turner, Ballycurry, Ashford.	
Rathnew—Thomas Kavanagh, Ballinalea, Ashford.	
Rathdrum—Michael Doyle, Ballinahinch, Ashford.	
Aughrim—James O'Neill, Tinnakilly, Aughrim.	
Arklow—William Byrne, Ballykeane, Redcross.	
Ballinglen-Tinahely—John Kelly, jun., Lugduff, Tinahely.	
Carnew-Shillelagh—Patrick Keating, Coolroe, Tinahely.	

Regarding Dunlavin Section the matter of recommending appointment of Overseer was adjourned.

3.—METAL SUPPLY FOR ROADS.

To make arrangements regarding Metal supply for coming season.

Order—Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly, as follows:—

"Resolved—That stone-crushing plant be sent to West Wicklow to work in quarries to be selected by a Committee to be appointed by the County Council to act with County Surveyor for this purpose. The stone when prepared to be used on roads being worked under the Direct Labour Scheme. The plant to be moved as soon as the quarrying work is ready to commence. The Committee so appointed to have power, acting with the County Surveyor, to negotiate and fix prices to be given for quarries."

"Passed.—E. O'N. 20/4/21."

4.—DATE WORK UNDER SCHEME TO COMMENCE.

To fix date for commencing work under Direct Labour Scheme.

Order—"Referred to County Council at Meeting to be held on 26th inst.—E. O'N."

5.—ALLOCATION OF £1,200 TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE FUND—RATHDRUM.

To allocate to the various sections in Rathdrum Rural District the £1,200 transferred, on the recommendation of the Roads Committee from the Reserve for Sudden Damages and Contingencies and

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authorised to be expended on road maintenance in that Rural District under the Scheme.

Order—Resolution proposed by Councillor B. Kelly, seconded by Councillor J. Turner, as follows:—

“Resolved—That we hereby recommend that the sum of £1,200, transferred from the Reserve for Contingencies, etc., in Rathdrum Rural District, and authorised to be expended on Road Maintenance under the Direct Labour Scheme, be allocated to the various Road Sections in that Rural District as follows:—

“To Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Section, the sum of £150.

“To Roundwood Section, the sum of £300.

“To Ashford Section, the sum of £150.

“To Rathnew Section, the sum of £150.

“To Rathdrum Section, the sum of £150.

“To Aughrim Section, the sum of £150.

“To Arklow Section, the sum of £150.

“Total, £1,200.”

“Passed.—E. O’N.”

6.—ASSISTANTS’ OFFICES.

Offices for use of Assistants under the Direct Labour Scheme.

Order—“Postponed.—E. O’N.”

7.—STORES FOR TOOLS.

Provision for a Store for Tools in each Section.

Order—“Postponed.—E. O’N.”

8.—DAMAGE TO ROADS.

To consider County Surveyor’s Report on Damage done to Roads and Bridges.

County Surveyor’s Report to Roads Committee.

Gentlemen,—There have been some cases where damage has been done to Roads and Bridges in this County.

As it is probable that these damages, if repaired, might again occur, therefore, I have taken no action in the more recent cases.

I request definite instructions as to what action I should take.

I may add that I am informed that in an adjoining County the County Surveyor has been instructed to take no action.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—“County Surveyor not to interfere.”

9.—WORKS ON WHICH MEN ARE AT PRESENT EMPLOYED.

To give directions to County Surveyor regarding the continuing of Works on which men are at present employed, viz.:—Work in Glen of Downs and Kiltimon Quarries, and on various Proposals, including maintenance of the Bray-Wicklow Road; and, in the event of these

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Works being discontinued, to consider the position of the Clerk and Caretaker of Plant.

Order—“Referred to Meeting of Finance Committee on 26th.—E. O’N.”

10.—KILBRIDE ROAD.

To consider written statement of County Surveyor regarding road at Kilbride, Blessington, leading to Camp.

Order—“Postponed.—E. O’N.”

Signed, EAMONN O’NEILL,
Presiding Chairman.

The Secretary mentioned that the phrasing of Paragraph 5 was misleading, as it was calculated to convey the impression that there was a Reserve Fund in existence. Such was not the case, as the only monies that would be available for the Direct Labour Scheme were the proceeds of the Rates struck for the financial year 1921-1922 in each Rural District for the maintenance of roads. He suggested that this paragraph should be amended to convey the intention of the Committee, as later on the existing wording, which would be entered on the Records, might lead to confusion and to misunderstanding. He suggested a modification to meet his views.

Proposed by Councillor E. O’Neill, seconded by Councillor F. O’Rafferty:—“That the Report submitted from the Roads Committee, as amended, be, and it is hereby adopted.”

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor P. Murphy:—“That the portion of the Report dealing with the appointment of Overseers be deleted; and that the Council adheres strictly to the terms of the published advertisement; further, that the appointments be decided by a competitive examination, to be conducted by an independent examiner selected by the Council for the purpose.”

The amendment was defeated, and the original motion remained before the meeting. After some discussion, a further amendment, as follows, was proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, and resolved:—“That the consideration of the Report be deferred to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O’Neill, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—“Resolved—That copies of the Roads Committee’s Report be circulated by the County Surveyor to the Members of the Council.”

Passed.

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The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m. o'clock, on Monday, the 23rd May, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillors E. O'Neill, M. Fleming, W. J. Doyle, B. Kelly, J. J. Redmond, W. Grainger, J. Turner, P. Healy, G. Graham, F. O'Rafferty, J. J. Metcalfe, James Byrne, D. J. McEvoy, P. P. O'Reilly, James Everett and A. Kinsella.

The Secretary submitted a telegram which he had received from the Vice-Chairman (Councillor J. Campbell), in which he greatly regretted he was prevented from attending the Meeting.

 BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee as to the Superannuation of eight retiring Poor Rate Collectors, and to adopt Resolutions thereon.
- 3—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph Campbell:—"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move at the May Quarterly Meeting that, pending an Order from the Local Government Ministry of Dail Eireann defining the general policy to be pursued by County Councils in regard to Rate Collectors who have resigned their positions because of intimidation by the British Local Government Board, the question of Superannuation Allowances to Richard Geoghegan, Richard Lynch, Michael McGrath, Joseph Keane, John Kelly, and W. J. Cardiff be postponed."
- 4—To consider the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 5—To consider the Proposals (if any) for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 6—To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 9—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1922, and sign and seal the Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 10—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Collection Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 11—To sign and seal Demands (Forms 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.
- 12—To fill a vacancy on the County Council caused by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Lynch, Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray.
- 13—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph Campbell:—"I beg to give Notice of my

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- intention to move at the May Quarterly Meeting that the office of Councillor held by Mr. Joseph Lynch, Ardbeag, Meath Road, Bray, having been declared vacant, Mr. James Hoey, Chairman of the Rathdown Guardians, be co-opted to fill the vacancy."
- 14—To nominate two Representatives of the Council for appointment by the Governors on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement reached between the Council and that Committee.
- 15—To appoint a Rate Collector for No. 9 (Altadore) Collecting District, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Keane, and to sign and seal the Warrants for the newly appointed Rate Collector.
- 16—To appoint Temporary Rate Collectors to complete the collection of rates in the Districts affected by the decision of the Council at its last Meeting to grant leave of absence to certain Collectors, and to sign and seal Warrants for the newly appointed Temporary Collectors.
- 17—To reconsider a Report from the Roads Committee containing suggestions for the re-grouping of the Areas originally fixed under the Direct Labour Scheme, and to adopt a Resolution embodying the proposed modifications.
- 18—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph Campbell:—"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move at the May Quarterly Meeting that, in pursuance of the policy enunciated by Sinn Fein at the Local Elections, 1920, all paid offices in the Wicklow County Council be filled by Open Competitive Examination; that Irish be an essential subject for such Examination; and that the Examiner, or Examiners, be not in the employ of the County Council."
- 19—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to represent the County Council, for the year ending 31st March, 1922.
- 20—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, the Rural District Councils and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year.
- 21—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph Campbell:—"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move at the May Quarterly Meeting that as the Minister for Local Government, Dail Eireann, considers '£6 per week an extremely high figure' to appoint as expenses to the Paymaster of Wicklow Co. Council, and as the sum 'is not sanctioned,' that (a) the Resolution fixing the said sum be rescinded, and (b) that 'a Sub-Committee of the Council be appointed to go into the matter preparing a statement for the Minister of Local Government showing the probable out-of-pocket expenses per week due to locomotion, postage, etc., and the time it would be necessary for the Paymaster to devote to the efficient performance of his duties.'"

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- 22—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some person for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the decision arrived at by the County Council to accept proposals from the "Wicklow People," "News-Letter," and "Carlow Nationalist and Leinster Times," for publication of the County Advertisements and other Printing (if any), be rescinded, owing to existing financial conditions.'"
- 23—To consider, and, if approved of, to adopt, in pursuance of Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, an Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure of the Insurance Committee for the County, forwarded by the National Health Insurance Commissioners in connection with the administration of Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1921.
- 24—To reconsider the question of financing the Gaelic League Teachers out of Public Funds—adjourned from the Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd March, 1921.
- 25—To fill a vacancy existing on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the resignation of Very Rev. J. Breen, P.P., Arklow (formerly of Barndarrig).
- 26—To re-consider the terms of a Resolution, already passed, constituting a Committee of the entire Council to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the Roads in the County.
- 27—To re-consider Paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of the County Surveyor's printed Report, submitted to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on 15th November, 1920, and circulated beforehand to the Members of the Council.
- 28—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 29—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 30—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 31—To consider General Correspondence.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Eamonn O'Neill was moved to the chair.

Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Secretary pointed out that it would be advisable for the Council to consider together items Nos. 1, 2 and 3 on the Agenda, as matters dealt with in these items were interdependent. The principal subjects dealt with in these items he indicated were (1) the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its first Report to fix Superannuation Allowances for three retired Rate Collectors; (2) the recommendations of the Finance Committee in its second Report to modify its previous recommendation so far as Mr. Keane's Superannuation was concerned; and, further, to award Superannuation Allowances to certain other retired Rate Collectors; and (3) the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J. Campbell dealing generally with this question of Superannuation to retired Rate Collectors.

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The Council agreed with the Secretary's suggestion, and proceeded to deal with the three items referred to, viz. :—

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 22nd March, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillor E. O'Neill, Presiding Chairman; Councillors B. Kelly, C. M. Byrne, James Byrne, J. Campbell and J. Turner.

The Secretary submitted a Tabular Statement showing the Superannuation Allowances that might be paid to Collectors who had resigned their appointments under the Council. The Collectors in question were:—Joseph Doyle, Richard Geoghegan, Richard Lynch, Michael McGrath, Joseph Keane, John Kelly, W. J. Cardiff and Terence Byrne.

The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the payment of a Superannuation Allowance to each of the following Collectors at the rates set out, viz. :—

Joseph Doyle	...	...	£67	5	3
Joseph Keane	...	...	133	4	0
Terence Byrne	...	...	33	2	9

and that the question of the fixing of Superannuation for the other Collectors be postponed for subsequent consideration.

Signed, EAMONN O'NEILL,
Presiding Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillor J. Everett, Chairman; Councillors E. O'Neill, B. Kelly, J. Turner, C. M. Byrne and, later, J. Campbell.

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

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COUNTY AT LARGE	£5729	7	8
BALTINGLASS No. 1:							
District Proposals	£1831	1	8		
Committee's do...	266	12	7		
						2097	14 3
RATHDOWN No. 2:							
District Proposals	...	...	£739	6	1		
Committee's do...	...	...	38	19	7		
						778	5 8
RATHDRUM:							
District Proposals	...	...	£3634	8	0		
Committee's do...	...	...	36	16	6		
						3671	4 6
SHILLELAGH:							
District Proposals	...	...	£		
Committee's do...	...	...	10	9	3		
						10	9 3

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

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS:

Baltinglass	...	...	...	...	£1219	10	0
Naas	...	...	...	...	520	10	0
Rathdown	...	...	...	...	2150	0	0
Rathdrum	...	...	...	...	5199	10	0
Shillelagh	...	...	...	...	1522	10	0
Total,					£10612	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS:

Baltinglass No. 1	...	...	...	...	£310	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	...	...	...	...	255	10	0
Rathdrum	...	...	...	...	1072	15	0
Shillelagh	...	...	...	...	97	10	0
Total,					£1735	15	0

Having regard to the fact that the British Government have intimated the withdrawal of Grants hitherto contributed towards the Finances of the County, we have refrained from recommending payments submitted on the Secretary's Schedule under the following headings:—Repayment of Loans; Sub-Sheriff's Salary; Rents and Expenses of Court Houses; and such similar services as we refrained from recommending at our previous Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee adjourned, to their next Meeting, consideration of the University Scholarship Scheme for the Scholastic Year 1921-1922; and also a letter from Miss B. Redmond, University College,

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Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, in which she applied for a fourth year of Scholarship.

A circular-letter, dated 6th October, 1920, was submitted from the Irish County Councils' General Council, in which it was recommended that a payment of Twenty Pounds (£20) per annum be made by each County Council towards the expenses connected with the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin.

Order—Refused.

The Secretary submitted a Tabular Statement showing the Superannuation Allowances that might be paid to certain Collectors who had resigned their appointments under the Council. The Collectors in question were:—Richard Geoghegan, Richard Lynch, Michael McGrath, John Kelly and W. J. Cardiff.

The Committee recommend the Council to award a minimum Pension to each of these five Collectors at the annual amount set opposite his name, as follows:—

Richard Geoghegan	...	...	£30	13	4
Richard Lynch	...	...	12	9	3
Michael McGrath	...	...	47	12	0
John Kelly	...	...	43	18	9
W. J. Cardiff	...	...	29	13	0

A verbal application was considered from Mr. Joseph Keane, late Collector for No. 9 District, asking the Committee to reconsider the question of his Superannuation Allowance, and to recommend the Council to add ten years to his term of service, so as to entitle him to a maximum Pension of £186 9s. 6d., instead of £133 4s. 0d., recommended to the Council at a previous Meeting of the Committee.

Having considered this application, the Committee vary their previous recommendation, and now recommend the Council to add about 3½ years to Mr. Keane's period of service, so as to make his Pension £150 per annum.

A letter, dated the 12th April, 1921, was read from the Irish County Councils' General Council, intimating that at a recent meeting of that body it was unanimously decided that the Affiliation Fee for all Councils be increased to Twenty Pounds (£20) per annum.

The Secretary mentioned that the maximum amount that the Council had legal authority to pay was £10.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to contribute Ten Pounds (£10) per annum.

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 5th April, 1921, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Infirmary Joint Committee of Management, intimating the proposed arrangement to meet the Council's wishes as to representation on the Joint Committee.

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Order—Referred to Council.

An application, dated 3rd February, 1921, was submitted from Collector John Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely, in which he asked the Council to pay the Premium on his Insurance Bond, as is done in the case of the other newly appointed Rate Collectors.

Order—Refused.

The following Rates claimed as Irrecoverable in respect of the half-year ended 31st March, 1921, are recommended for payment:—

No. 6—Michael McGrath, £2 18s. 11d.

The Committee adjourned the question of considering, and giving instructions regarding, Works on which men are at present employed by the County Surveyor—which was referred to the Finance Committee by the Roads Committee on the 20th April, 1921.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Councillor J. Campbell's Notice of Motion was as follows:—"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move at the May Quarterly Meeting that, pending an Order from the Local Government Ministry of Dail Eireann defining the general policy to be pursued by County Councils in regard to Rate Collectors who have resigned their positions because of intimidation by the British Local Government Board, the question of Superannuation Allowances to Richard Geoghegan, Richard Lynch, Michael McGrath, Joseph Keane, John Kelly, and W. J. Cardiff be postponed."

In connection with this matter of Superannuation Allowances, the Secretary submitted the Statutory Notice issued by him, pursuant to Chap. 26 of 28 and 29 Vic., as follows:—

Secretary's Office, Court House, Wicklow,
21st April, 1921.

To each Member of the Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the provisions of 28 and 29 Vic., Cap. 26, Notice is hereby given that it is intended, at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, to be held on Monday, the 23rd May, 1921, to propose a Resolution that Superannuation Allowances not exceeding two-thirds of last year's annual receipts from poundage and emoluments be granted to:—

Collecting District No.	Names.
1.	Joseph Doyle,
2.	Richard Geoghegan,
3.	Richard Lynch,
6.	Michael McGrath,
9.	Joseph Keane,
11.	John Kelly,
12.	W. J. Cardiff,
19.	Terence Byrne,

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who, pursuant to Sec. 8 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, have resigned their appointments as Rate Collectors under the Wicklow County Council.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary to the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be adopted; and that the Superannuation Allowances be fixed for Collectors Joseph Doyle, Joseph Keane and Terence Byrne, as recommended in that Report."

It was proposed, as an Amendment, by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, and resolved—"That Finance Committee's Reports Nos. 1 and 2 be and are hereby approved, subject to the Amendment that no Superannuation Allowances be fixed for any of the retired Rate Collectors, except Joseph Doyle and Terence Byrne."

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For the Amendment—Councillors James Byrne, William J. Doyle, William Grainger, A. Kinsella, P. Healy, D. J. McEvoy, P. P. O'Reilly, G. Graham, and M. Fleming—9.

Against—Councillors F. O'Rafferty, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, J. J. Redmond, J. Everett, B. Kelly and J. Turner—7.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried by 9 votes to 7; and that he was now prepared to submit it as a Substantive Resolution.

Councillor J. Turner proposed, and Councillor P. P. O'Reilly seconded, a further Amendment, namely—"That no Superannuation Allowance be granted to any of the retiring Rate Collectors."

A poll having been taken on the Amendment, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follow:—

For—Councillors D. J. McEvoy, B. Kelly, P. P. O'Reilly and J. Turner—4.

Against—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, William Grainger, A. Kinsella, F. O'Rafferty, P. Healy, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, J. J. Redmond, J. Everett, G. Graham, and M. Fleming—12.

The Chairman announced that Councillor Turner's Amendment had been defeated, 4 Councillors having voted for, and 12 against it.

He then put to the Meeting, as a Substantive Proposition, Councillor Fleming's Motion, which he declared finally carried.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That we hereby authorise the payment of the Transfers to the several Unions and Rural District Councils in the County, for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1921, amounting in all to a sum of £12,347 15s. 0d."

Passed.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 23rd May, 1921, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., when the following Councillors were present:—Councillor James Everett (Chairman), Councillors J. Turner, J. Byrne, B. Kelly, E. O'Neill.

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

Additional Proposals	...	£153	2	3
Shillelagh R.D.—Forms 22	...	£1322	16	7

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Committee had under consideration the question of drawing up a Scholarship Scheme for the Scholastic Year 1921-22. Having carefully considered the matter, the Committee regret that they cannot see their way to recommend the Council to award any new Scholarships in the coming year.

The Committee reconsidered a letter, dated 23rd April, 1921, received from Miss B. Redmond, University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, in which she applied for a fourth year of Scholarship.

The Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to accede to Miss Redmond's application.

A letter, dated 19th May, 1921, was submitted from Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of Collectors, asking (a) for immediate payment of Poundage on all Rates collected to date; (b) that 8d. in the £ be allowed on all monies collected; and (c) that Collector P. P. Doyle be appointed to No. 9 Collecting District to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Joseph Keane's resignation.

The Committee, having considered the terms of this communication, recommend the Council (a) to pay to Collectors under de'ention the full Poundage, at the current rate, on all monies collected and lodged, and that Poundage be paid on all monies to such other Collectors as have lodged three-fourths of the amounts in their Warrants, or who will have lodged this amount within a month from date. The question of additional Poundage (item b), and the appointment of a Collector for No. 9 District (item c), were referred to the Council for their order.

18th May, 1921.—Letter from W. J. Shannon, Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, asking for payment of a sum of £232 5s. 11d., certified working expenses of Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1920.

Order—Noted.

19th May, 1921.—From E. F. L. Ellis, Estate Office, Anglesea Buildings, Anglesea Street, Dublin, relative to the Rates due in respect of the estate of the late Colonel H. Leslie Ellis, Magherymore.

Order—To be directed to forward cheque payable to Wicklow County Council.

19th May, 1921.—From B. G. Fagan, Esq., B.Sc., Public Analyst, City Laboratory, Chatham Row, Dublin, asking for instruc-

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tions regarding the analysis of three samples of Buttermilk received that day from Sergeant C. Connor, R.I.C., Arklow.

Order—Noted.

19th May, 1921.—From Clerk, Shillelagh Board of Guardians, applying for payment, at an early date, of the balance of the current quarterly instalment of Demand.

Order—Read.

Letter from Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, relative to his Collection.

Order—Read.

IRRECOVERABLE RATES.

The Secretary submitted claims for Irrecoverable Rates submitted by certain Collectors, who applied to have same written off the amount in their Warrants, and also certain claims for refund of Irrecoverable Rates in cases where the Collectors had lodged the full amount of their Warrants.

The Committee recommend the Council to agree to these applications, subject to the approval of the Local Government Department.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor W. Grainger:—"Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and is hereby, adopted."

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I beg to give Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council I, or some Councillor for me, will move that the increase of 2d. in the £ for Rate lodged by the 1st of March be extended to the 1st of June, 1921."

At this stage of the Meeting, on the Motion of Councillor J. Everett, the Standing Orders were suspended, and the Council resolved itself into Committee to consider the Secretary's Report on the present condition of the Rate Collections, and a Statement prepared by him showing the financial position of the Council.

Court House, Wicklow,
23rd May, 1921.

To the Chairman and Members of the County Council.

Gentlemen,—I regret to have to report that five of your Rate Collectors have been arrested and are in custody. Also that I am informed three or four others are being inquired for. This situation is one that presents a serious problem for solution, and should be carefully considered by the Council to-day.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

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ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL POSITION, 21st MAY, 1921.

1921.	RECEIPTS.	£	s	d	£	s	d
March 31—	Cash Balance (if the cheques issued were all passed through Bank)				6361	1	3
May 21—	Lodgments to date ...				16359	9	5
	Total ...				£22720	10	8

EXPENDITURE.		£	s	d
" "	Actual Payments made to date ...			12823 10 10
	Actual Cash available to-day ...			9896 19 10

LIABILITIES.		£	s	d
Balances of first instalment (ordinarily paid first week in April) due to Subsidiary Bodies :				
	Unions ...	5316	5	0
	R. Districts ...	912	5	0
May 23—	Payments to be made after Quarterly Meeting this day—about	12500	0	0
	Subsidiary Account—about	500	0	0—19228 10 0
	Deficit ...			9331 10 0
	Outstanding rates that in ordinary times would have been lodged on or before 31st March last			10778 12 4
	Difference ...			1447 2 2

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In addition to the foregoing, the Secretary submitted a Return (Form 66) showing the state of the Collection up to and including the date of the Meeting. From this it appeared that the total Rates assessed for the financial year ending 31st March, 1921, amounted to £97,327 14s. 0d. Of this gross assessment there was still uncollected £10,139 12s. 10d., and the uncollected Rate was distributed over the four Rural Districts as follows:—Baltinglass No. 1, £5,149 12s. 3d.; Rathdown No. 2, £2,637 12s. 6d.; Rathdrum, £1,724 10s. 2d.; and Shillelagh, £627 17s. 11d., the assessments on these several districts being respectively as follows:—Baltinglass No. 1, £19,825 14s. 2d.; Rathdown No. 2, £14,230 8s. 1d.; Rathdrum, £48,971 10s. 3d.; and Shillelagh, £14,300 1s. 6d.

After careful consideration of the facts placed before them as to the financial position, it was decided, on the recommendation of the Secretary, to set up a Special Committee to work out in detail some plan to cope with the difficulties which confronted the Council in dealing with the Rate Collections. To this end, the following Resolu-

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tion was proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor W. Grainger:—"Resolved—That a Committee be hereby appointed to deal with the entire question of Rate Collections and Rate Collectors in view of existing conditions; to draw up a Scheme to deal with the situation in all its bearings; and to report to the next Meeting of the Council; said Committee to consist of the following Councillors:—J. Campbell, C. M. Byrne, J. Turner, J. Everett, B. Kelly, James Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, J. J. Redmond. Passed.

Following the adoption of this Resolution, the Council resumed the transaction of its ordinary business, having completed the purpose for which it had temporarily formed itself into a Committee.

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

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County at Large, amounting to £5,729 7s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairmai), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £2,097 14s. 3d. (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 J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor B. Kelly:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £778 5s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £3,671 4s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £1,333 5s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first

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initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor B. Kelly:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £153 2s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill—"Resolved—That authority be and is hereby given to make the Quarterly Payments as approved by this Council." Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS from the Proposals Committee, and from the Four Rural District Councils, were submitted as follow:—

COUNTY AT LARGE:

No Proposals.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow,
17th May, 1921.

To the Wicklow County Council.

Quarterly Meeting to be held on 23rd May, 1921.

Gentlemen,—(1) Nearly all the roads in Rathdown No. 2 and Shillelagh Rural Districts have been out of Contract since 1st April, as well as a considerable proportion of the roads in Baltinglass No. 1 and Rathdrum Rural Districts. On 30th June next practically all roads in the County fall out of Contract.

(2) The roads from Aurora to Kilmacanogue (Rathdown No. 2 Rural District), which have been out of Contract since 1st April, are subject to very heavy timber haulage by motor lorry, and are greatly damaged and cut up.

The roads from Ballyknockan to Blessington (Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District) are also subject to exceptional motor lorry haulage.

(3) The road from Aghfarrell Bridge to Ballyfolan 3-Reads has been totally wrecked by military traffic, and the Engineering Inspector of Ministry of Transport has written asking (1) whether or not the County Council would agree to carry out the necessary repairs, etc., and (2) whether or not the County Council would contribute to the cost.

The estimated probable cost of the work is £4,800.

(4) Two bridges on the bounds of County Wicklow and County Carlow have been destroyed. The roads have been closed to traffic.

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

Orders—Paragraph 3—"Refused."

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT of County Surveyors to Wicklow County Council, Quarterly Meeting, 23-5-1921.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow,
18th May, 1921.

Gentlemen,—(1)—I have received an application from Mr. Mitchell, of Rathnew, asking permission to erect a railing in front of his house at Rathnew.

The proposed railing would not interfere with the working way of the road as at present maintained by the County.

I will submit the application to your Meeting, together with a sketch to scale of the place.

(2) Regarding the Proposal formulated by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council for the expenditure of a sum of £90 in maintenance of Greystones Streets, consideration of which was postponed at the last Quarterly Meeting of County Council, the period in which this sum was proposed to be expended having now expired, this Proposal cannot become operative.

(3) The engine hired to Mr. Bergin for threshing purposes has been opened up and sundry replacements made.

I consider the sum of £3 10s. would be a fair estimate of Mr. Bergin's proportion of the cost of these replacements.

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

Orders—Paragraph 1—"Postponed."

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

No Proposals for contracts submitted.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

No Proposals for contracts submitted,

Proposal No. 651 in the District Register—making provision for the expenditure of a further sum of £90 on Greystones Streets, consideration of which the Council adjourned at their Quarterly Meeting, held on 14th February, 1921, was submitted.

RATHDRUM:

No Proposals for contracts submitted.

A Letter, dated 13th May, 1921, was before the Council from the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—relative to the necessity for the execution of some temporary work on the Retaining Wall on road from Avoca to Woodenbridge, at a cost not exceeding £50.

SHILLELAGH:

No Proposals for Contracts submitted.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly—

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

There were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act of 1908, to lay before the Council.

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In the absence of the Vice-chairman, Councillor J Campbell, the following two Notices of Motion, standing in his name, were not moved—

"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move at the May Quarterly Meeting that, in pursuance of the policy enunciated by Sinn Fein at the Local Elections, 1920, all paid offices in the Wicklow County Council be filled by Open Competitive Examination; that Irish be an essential subject for such Examination; and that the Examiner, or Examiners, be not in the employ of the County Council."

"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move at the May Quarterly meeting, that as the Minister for Local Government, Dail Eireann, considers '£6 per week an extremely high figure' to apportion as expenses to the Paymaster of Wicklow Co. Council, and as the sum 'is not sanctioned,' that (a) the Resolution fixing the said sum be rescinded, and (b) that 'a Sub-committee of the Council be appointed to go into the matter, preparing a statement for the Minister of Local Government showing the probable out-of-pocket expenses per week due to locomotion, postage, etc., and the time it would be necessary for the Paymaster to devote to the efficient performance of his duties.'"

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond, seconded by Councillor D J McEvoy:—Resolved—That the office of Councillor, held by Mr Joseph Lynch, Ardbeag, Meath Road Bray, having been declared vacant, Mr Jas. Hoey, Chairman of the Rathdown Guardians, be co-opted to fill the vacancy.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—Resolved that the Council do hereby nominate the two following Representatives of the Council for appointment by the Governors on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement reached between the Council and that Committee.

Wm O'Grady, Main Street, Wicklow.

Wm H Kearney, The Mall, Wicklow.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council, with a view to economising the Financial Resources of the Council that the operation of the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act throughout the entire County be forthwith suspended."

The Council proceeded to consider the Report of the Roads Committee adjourned from the Council's Meeting, held on the 26th April 1921.

In this connection the Secretary submitted copy of a Resolution, dated the 26th April, 1921, received from Arklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Worker's Union—protesting strongly against the appointment of a Farmer as Road Overseer for that District; also applications received from P F Cullen, of Blessington, and John Rafferty, Delaford, Templeogue, Co. Dublin—for the position of Road Overseer in connection with the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor James Byrne—

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Resolved—That the Report of the Roads Committee, consideration of which was adjourned by the Council on the 26th April, 1921, be, and it is hereby adopted, as amended by the inclusion of the Secretary's Memorandum attached.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor A Kinsella, and seconded by Councillor Wm Grainger—"That the portion of the Report dealing with the appointment of Overseers be deleted, and that the Council adheres strictly to the terms of the published advertisement; further that the appointments be decided by a competitive Examination, to be conducted by an independent Examiner selected by the Council for the purpose."

After a protracted discussion Councillor Kinsella expressed himself satisfied with the explanations that had been given, and, with the consent of the Council, withdrew his amendment. Thereupon the Chairman put the original Motion, after which he declared it carried unanimously.

As amended and adopted the Report now reads as follows—

REPORT OF ROADS COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen,—The Roads Committee appointed by Resolution of your Council "to consider and take necessary action to put in force the Scheme of Direct Labour," held its second meeting on 20th inst., when the following members attended:—Councillors E. O'Neill (presiding), Bernard Kelly, James Byrne, James Turner, William Grainger, J. J. Redmond, W. J. Doyle, Joseph Campbell, D. J. McEvoy, James Everett and C. M. Byrne.

The following matters were considered:—

1.—SCHEDULE OF ROADS AS RE-GROUPED.

To examine and approve of Schedule of Roads as re-grouped into 14 Sections.

Order—Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly, as follows:—"Resolved—That having examined the Schedule of Roads as re-grouped into 14 Sections and submitted by the County Surveyor, we hereby approve of same, and recommend the Schedule to be printed, together with the Final Declaration."

Passed.—E. O'N. 20-1-'21.

2.—APPLICATIONS FROM CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS AS OVERSEERS.

To consider applications from candidates for positions as Overseers, and recommend such appointments to be made as may be considered advisable.

Order—The Committee adopted thirteen Resolutions recommending to the County Surveyor appointment of candidates as set out hereunder; the County Surveyor to make the appointments when they become necessary:—

Section.	Candidate.
Blessington	Patrick Kavanagh, Rathbally Cottage, Blessington.
Baltinglass	Patrick Keogh, Moneymore, Grangecon.
Kiltegan	Patrick Rogers, Colliga, Knockenarrigan.

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Rathdown—Joseph Brady, Glenair, Delgany.
 Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy—Edward Tierney, Killiskey, Ashford.
 Roundwood—Michael Turner, Ballycurry, Ashford.
 Ashford—Michael Turner, Ballyduff, Ashford.
 Rathnew—Thomas Kavanagh, Ballinalea, Ashford.
 Rathdrum—Michael Doyle, Ballinahinch, Ashford.
 Aughrim—James O'Neill, Tinnakilly, Aughrim.
 Arklow—William Byrne, Ballykeane, Redcross.
 Ballinglen-Tinahely—John Kelly, jun., Lugduff, Tinahely.
 Carnew-Shillelagh—Patrick Keating, Coolroe, Tinahely.

Regarding Dunlavin Section, the matter of recommending appointment of Overseer was adjourned.

3.—METAL SUPPLY FOR ROADS.

To make arrangements regarding metal supply for coming season.

Order—Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly, as follows:—"Resolved—That stone-crushing plant be sent to West Wicklow to work in quarries to be selected by a Committee to be appointed by the County Council to act with the County Surveyor for this purpose. The stone when prepared to be used on roads being worked under the Direct Labour Scheme. The plant to be moved as soon as the quarrying work is ready to commence. The Committee so appointed to have power, acting with the County Surveyor, to negotiate and fix prices to be given for quarries."

Passed—E. O'N. 20-4-'21.

4.—DATE WORK UNDER SCHEME TO COMMENCE.

To fix date for commencing work under Direct Labour Scheme.

Order—Referred to County Council at Meeting to be held on 26th inst.—E. O'N.

5.—ALLOCATION OF £1,200 IN RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT, being the balance of total provision made in 1921-22 Rates for Road Maintenance, remaining after the sums set apart under the Scheme for unexpired Contracts and Direct Labour are deducted.

Order—Resolution proposed by Councillor Bernard Kelly, seconded by Councillor James Turner, as follows:—"That we hereby recommend that the above mentioned sum of £1,200 be allocated to the various road Sections in the Rural District, and be added to the figures already set down for Direct Labour in the Scheme in these Sections, as follows:—

" To Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Section	the sum of	£150
" To Roundwood	" "	£300
" To Ashford	" "	£150
" To Rathnew	" "	£150
" To Rathdrum	" "	£150
" To Aughrim	" "	£150
" To Arklow	" "	£150

" Total, £1200."

Passed.—E. O'N.

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6.—ASSISTANTS' OFFICES.

Offices for use of Assistants under the Direct Labour Scheme.
Order—Postponed.—E. O'N.

7.—STORES FOR TOOLS.

Provision for a Store for Tools in each Section.
Order—Postponed.—E. O'N.

8.—DAMAGE TO ROADS.

To consider County Surveyor's Report on damage done to roads and bridges.

County Surveyor's Report to Roads Committee.

" Gentlemen,—There have been some cases where damage has been done to roads and bridges in this County.

" As it is probable that these damages, if repaired, might again occur, therefore I have taken no action in the more recent cases.

" I request definite instructions as to what action I should take.

" I may add that I am informed that in an adjoining County the County Surveyor has been instructed to take no action.

" Your obedient Servant, S. G. Gallagher."

Order—County Surveyor not to interfere.

9.—WORKS ON WHICH MEN ARE AT PRESENT EMPLOYED.

To give directions to the County Surveyor regarding the continuing of Works on which men are at present employed, viz., work in Glen of Downs and Kiltimon Quarries, and on various Proposals, including maintenance of the Bray-Wicklow road; and in the event of these Works being discontinued, to consider the position of the Clerk and Caretaker of the plant.

Order—Referred to Meeting of Finance Committee on 26th.—E. O'N.

10.—KILBRIDE ROAD.

To consider written statement of the County Surveyor regarding road at Kilbride, Blessington, leading to the Camp.

Order—Postponed.—E. O'N.

Signed, E. O'NEILL, Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill, seconded by Councillor M Fleming:
Resolved—That the following be the dates fixed for the Quarterly

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Meetings of the several Rural District Councils, the Proposals and Finance Committees, and the County Council, for the year 1921-22—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour	Summer Quarter 1921	Autumn Quarter 1921	Winter Quarter 1922	Spring Quarter 1922
BATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Enniskerry.	11-30	Mon, July 4	Mon, Oct 3	Mon, Jan 2	Mon, Apr 3
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rathdrum.	12-15	Mon ,, 25	Mon ,, 24	Mon ,, 23	Mon ,, 24
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	12-30	Mon ,, 18	Mon ,, 17	Mon ,, 16	Mon ,, 10
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh.	1	Mon ,, 11	Mon ,, 10	Mon ,, 9	Mon ,, 10
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Courthouse, Wicklow	2	Tues ,, 26	Tues ,, 25	Tues ,, 31	Tues ,, 25
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Courthouse, Wicklow	12-30	Mon, Aug 22	Mon, Nov 14	Mon, Feb 20	Mon, May 22

Passed.

At this stage the Council made the following order—

"This Meeting stands adjourned to June 18th, 1921."

MINUTES OF MEETING, 18th JUNE, 1921.

The Annual Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Saturday, the 18th June, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillors J. Campbell, M. Fleming, C. M. Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, J. J. Metcalfe, James Byrne, James Everett, E. O'Neill, D. J. McEvoy, Patrick Doyle, A. Kinsella, W. J. Doyle, Patrick Healy, J. J. Redmond, and J. Turner.

A letter, dated 18th June, 1921, was read from Councillor John Murphy, 52 Main Street, Bray, in which he regretted he was unable to be present at the Meeting.

BUSINESS.

1. The Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
2. To elect a Chairman.
3. To elect a Vice-Chairman.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor J. Campbell.

Councillor Patrick Doyle signed before the Secretary his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That Councillor Robert C. Barton be, and he is hereby, re-elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:—"Resolved that Councillor C. M. Byrne 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 C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That the best thanks of the Council is hereby tendered to Councillor J. Campbell for the great services that he rendered in the discharge of the duties attaching to the position of Vice-Chairman during the past year."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That we hereby extend to our esteemed colleague, Councillor J. Turner, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him in the great loss he has recently sustained by the death of his mother."

Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

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13th June, 1921.—From the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, notifying the re-election of Mr. Edward O'Neill, of Main Street, Baltinglass, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year; and the re-appointment of Mr. P. P. O'Reilly, of Ballynastockan, Blessington, as additional County Councillor.

13th June, 1921.—From the Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, notifying the re-election of Mr. John J. Healy, of Ashley, Greystones, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

11th June, 1921.—From the Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District Council, notifying the re-election of Mr. C. M. Byrne, of Ballykilavane, Glenealy, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year; and the re-appointment of Mr. James Turner, of Ballydoreen, Ashford, as the District Council's Representative on the County Council.

13th June, 1921.—From the Clerk of the Shillelagh Rural District Council, notifying the re-election of Mr. James J. Kavanagh, of Ballynamanogue, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year; and the appointment of Mr. Patrick Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely, as the District Council's representative on the County Council.

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The Adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock p.m., on Saturday, the 18th June, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. Campbell, M. Fleming, F. O'Rafferty, J. J. Metcalfe, James Byrne, James Everett, E. O'Neill, D. J. McEvoy, Patrick Doyle, A. Kinsella, W. J. Doyle, Patrick Healy, J. J. Redmond, and J. Turner.

The Council resumed consideration of the Business at the point reached when the adjournment took place on the 23rd May, 1921.

The Secretary submitted a Statement of the Financial position of the Council to date, as follows:—

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL POSITION, 18th JUNE, 1921.

1921.		RECEIPTS.	£	s	d	£	s	d
March 31—Cash Balance (if all cheques issued were passed through Bank)						6361	1	3
June 18—Lodgments to date	...	...				18909	16	7
		Total	...			£25270	17	10
		EXPENDITURE.						
" "	Actual Payments made to date	...				14673	13	5
	Actual Cash available to date	...				10597	4	5
		LIABILITIES.						
Balances of first instalment (ordinarily paid first week in April) due to								
	Subsidiary Bodies:		£	s	d			
	Unions	...	5316	5	0			
	R. Districts	...	912	5	0			
	Payments remaining	...	13197	13	6			
	Subsidiary	...	80	0	0	19506	3	6
	Deficit	...				8908	19	1
	Outstanding rates that in ordinary times would have been lodged on or before 31st March last					9652	15	3

The total Rates assessed for financial year ended 31st March last, and the sums lodged in respect of same are as follow:—Baltinglass No. 1 R D, assessed £19825 14s 2d; Collected £14918 18s 2d; Outstanding £4906 16s 0d; Percentage collected 75.4.

Rathdown No. 2 R D, assessed £14230 8s 1d; Collected £11603 9s 11d; Outstanding £2626 18s 2d; Percentage collected 81.5.

Rathdrum R D assessed £48971 10s 3d; Collected £47466 15s 1d; Outstanding £1504 15s 2d; Percentage collected 96.9.

Shillelagh R D, assessed £14300 1s 6d; Collected £13685 15s

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7d; Outstanding £614 5s 11d; Percentage collected 95.7.

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

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Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books, and Sign and Seal the Rate Books, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922, be now Signed and Sealed for the undermentioned Collectors:—

- No. 3—Edward Lynch,
- No. 10—John Murphy,
- No. 13/15—William J. Quinn,
- No. 14—James Byrne,
- No. 16—Peter P. Doyle,
- No. 17—Charles Byrne,
- No. 18—Thomas Fleming;

the Warrants not to issue until the several Collectors' Bonds are executed and lodged with the Secretary."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—"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 for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor J. Campbell:—"Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the amount of £1,977 6s. 2d. determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Campbell, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—"Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount of £6,584 3s. 1d. determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount of £2,457 10s. 3d. determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922."

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Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the following Cheques and Drafts, &c., drawn in favour of the Council:—

Collector.	Form of Payment and Name of Drawer.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
John Cullen	Cheque—T M Dickson	27	4	6
Ed. Lynch	John Donohoe	40	0	0
	Thos Meath	11	18	7
James Porter	David H Haskins	22	18	4
	K M Baird	42	1	0
	D O'Riordan	23	0	5
	P J Hickey	33	8	11
	W A Dinsmore	48	18	0
	James Neale	34	19	2
	Peter Tyrrell	14	7	5
	A E Rylands	2	13	2
	Joseph Booth	23	6	1
	Draft—N B E/53/7028	5	3	0
	do do E/53/7036	10	13	2
	do do E/53/7033	10	2	11
		271	11	7
Garrett Byrne	W G McEnnery	43	13	8
	John Quigley, Clerk	14	5	9
	Hibernian Bank			
	Draft 9748	8	9	2
	David H Haskins	4	6	10
P Mulligan	Thomas Brittain	19	9	0
	Wm Ireland & Wm O Hayes	68	11	8
		12	6	10
M Halpin	J Eager			
Ed. Lynch	Edwd. Hanbridge, sen.	8	11	10
	R Doody	15	3	2
	John Donohoe	25	0	0
		48	15	0
W J Quinn	His own Cheque	918	10	9
J Cullen	Thos Byrne	87	13	9
P Mulligan	C Nolan	21	13	1
J Cullen	W H Daniel, Col.	15	13	2
Ed. Lynch	M & L Draft, Dunlavin, 3524	54	0	0
	Cheque—Wm Harrington and J Harrington	5	10	5
	M & L Bank, Dunlavin, Draft 3519	5	1	7
		64	12	0
Wm Burke	Πόστας Τ. Γρεατνακ	3	3	0
	Thos P Norton	22	4	8
	John White	28	19	4

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Collector	Form of Payment and Name of Drawer	Amount		
		£	s.	d.
	Wm Burke	100	19	6
J Porter	...	Margaret Somerville		
Garrett Byrne	...	Elizabeth F Bobbett	46	10
		James R Greene	6	2
		N B Draft E/53/7043	2	0
J Porter	...	do do E/53/7041		
J Porter	...	Hugh R Hamilton		
John Murphy	...	N B Draft E/53/7042	3	0
		do E/53/6951	9	3
		do do E/53/7039	10	15
		Thos Bradshaw	5	8
		Joseph Tyndall	14	11
Peter P Doyle	...	His own Cheque		
John Murphy	...	James C Trench		
Wm J Quinn	...	His own Cheque		
John Cullen	...	Patrick Magee	5	15
		Thos Byrne (Blessington)	200	0
		W Cotten and W J Shannon	15	2
Ed. Lynch	...	Richard Lynch	6	16
		Joseph Case	15	9
		Thos A Allen	7	8
		Thomas Tutty	15	14
		R & E Hanbridge	8	18
Garrett Byrne	...	E F L Ellis		
Same	...	P J Garland		
J Murphy	...	Postal Order--(J Sharman's rates)		
P Mulligan (No 7 Dist.)	...	John W Richards		
Ed. Lynch	...	Postal Orders from Miss E M Dennis		
---	...	P Devitt for Bray Urban		
Ed. Lynch	...	James Valentine		
---	...	Simon J Doyle		
		Total	£4457	8 11

Passed.

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C. M. BYRNE.

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The Secretary read the following published Advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Altidore) Collecting District, and also applications received from

1. Thomas F. O'Reilly, 6 Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin.
2. John Manley, Knockraheen, Roundwood.
3. Peter P. Doyle, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum (Collector for No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District).
4. John Synnott, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.

A letter, dated 19th May, 1921, was submitted from Mr. John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, Secretary to a Meeting of the County Wicklow Collectors, held in Rathdrum on the 15th May, 1921, in which he stated that at that Meeting it was unanimously decided to ask the Council to give their support to Collector P. P. Doyle by appointing him for No. 9 District.

" WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

" POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

" The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, 23rd May, 1921, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Altidore, Killcoole, Killiskey, Newcastle Lower, and Newcastle Upper, 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 within its respective half-year. Approved irrecoverable Rates will be refunded the Collector.

" Written applications to be lodged in the Office of the County Council, Court House, Wicklow, not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the Meeting, giving the name of an approved Guarantee Society willing to give a Bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties in a sum of £500. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 o'clock noon, on 23rd May, 1921.

" BY ORDER OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

" 11th May, 1921."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—" Resolved—That Mr. John Manley, of Knockraheen, Roundwood, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Altidore) Collecting District for one year, in room of Collector Joseph Keane, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence; that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann; that we approve of a Bond on his behalf with the Hibernian Insurance Company for a sum of Five Hundred Pounds (£500) the Premium on which will be paid by the County Council; the Council undertaking to give him preference when making permanent appointments hereafter."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor W

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J. Doyle:—"Resolved—That the following persons be appointed to act as Temporary Collectors for the outstanding Balances of the 1920-1921 Rates, and for the Collection of the Rates struck for the Financial Year 1921-1922 during the inability of the existing permanent Collectors to carry on their duties; and that these appointments are subject to the approval of the Local Government Department, and to each of the undermentioned temporary Collectors entering into a Fidelity Bond in the amount of £500:—

Nos. 1 and 2—Denis P. Byrne, Grange Con.

No. 4—James P. O'Neill, Mucklagh, Tinahely.

Nos. 11 and 12—James Gerrard, The Mall, Wicklow.

No. 19—Miss Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely.

The Council undertakes to give preference, when making permanent appointments, to these persons."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—"Resolved—That the Scheme submitted for the Collection of Rates be adopted and forthwith put into operation."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That Collector Patrick Mulligan be given leave of absence from the two Collecting Districts Nos. 7 and 8."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—"Resolved—That Mr. Simon J. Doyle, of Wentworth Place, Wicklow, be re-appointed Auditor of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, on behalf of the Wicklow County Council, for the year ending 31st March, 1922."

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor M. Fleming was not moved:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some person for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the decision arrived at by the County Council to accept proposals from the "Wicklow People," "News-Letter," and "Carlow Nationalist and Leinster Times," for publication of the County Advertisements and other Printing (if any), be rescinded, owing to existing financial conditions."

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That in order to give effect to the terms of the Council's Resolution of the 15th November, 1920, agreeing to pay to the Insurance Committee for the County of Wicklow a sum of Four Hundred Pounds (£400) to enable the Committee to carry on their work of Domiciliary Treatment, etc., on condition that a similar Grant be made by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland), or by the Treasury. Be it Resolved, in pursuance of Section 17 of the National Health Insurance Act of 1911, that the Scheme now submitted, indicating the Estimated Expenditure and Receipts of the Committee for the year 1921-1922, be, and it is hereby, adopted."

Passed.

The Secretary submitted Correspondence relative to a request for the financing of Gaelic League Teachers out of Public Funds.

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The Correspondence in question consisted of a letter, addressed to Councillor J. Campbell, from Mr. Nicholas Tobin, Secretary of East Wicklow County Committee of Gaelic League, dated 28th February, 1921; a letter from Councillor J. Campbell, dated 23rd March, 1921; and further letters from Mr. Nicholas Tobin, dated 2nd May, 1921, and 5th May, 1921.

This subject had been adjourned from a previous Meeting of the Council, held on the 22nd March, 1921, and it having appeared from Mr. Tobin's letter of the 5th May, 1921, that the proposed Scheme is not to come off, and that there was no need for carrying the matter further, the Council withheld action.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—"Resolved—That we hereby appoint William Colclough Byrne, of Ballykeane House, Redcross, to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the resignation of the Very Rev. J. Breen, P.P., Arklow."

Passed.

To reconsider the terms of a Resolution, passed 15th November, 1920, constituting a Committee of the entire Council to enquire into (a) the administration of the County Surveyor's Office, and (b) the general condition of the Roads in the County.

Noted—No further action to be taken.

To reconsider Paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of the County Surveyor's printed Report, submitted to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on 15th November, 1920, and circulated beforehand to the Members of the Council.

Noted—No further action to be taken.

Letter, dated 1st February, 1921, from Mr. Michael E. Bergin, Slieveroe, Rathdrum, claiming a refund of portion of amount paid by him for hire of an Engine on account of continuous storms from November 23rd to November 30th, 1920 (seven days), and from December 13th to December 21st, 1920 (eight days); total, fifteen days.

Order—Adjourned.

Consider the question of appointing a Public Analyst to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Charles A. Cameron.

Order—Adjourned.

Consider and make an Order upon Accounts received from Receiver of Constabulary, Royal Irish Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle, for Constabulary expenses stated to be chargeable on the County of Wicklow in respect of the half-year ended 31st March, 1920, and amounting to £169 15s. 1d.

Order—Noted.

Consider Notices of intention to serve Writs of Certiorari directed to the County Court Judge to remove into the King's Bench Division Civil Bill Decrees obtained by Hardress E. Waller, Frank Stokes, and Miss Nora Ina Olive Violet Tynte for the following sums:—£26,210 15s. 0d., £218 13s. 3d., and £28 13s. 0d., in connection with Fires at the Mansion House known as Saunder's Grove.

Also similar Notices received in the following cases: Margaret

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Hepenstall, amount £1,261 1s. 10d.; and Bridget Hutton, amount £2,696 5s. 3d.

Order—Noted.

19th April, 1921.—From Gerald Horan, Crown and Hanaper Office, Four Courts, Dublin, asking for a List of County Councillors to be used in putting in force the provisions of the Second Schedule of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, in the composition of the Senate of Southern Ireland.

Order—Noted.

27th April, 1921.—From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, enclosing the following Resolution, which was passed unanimously at an Executive Committee Meeting of that Body:—

“Resolved—That, whereas, we are of opinion that no useful purpose can be served by participating in any way in the election of County Councils' representatives on the so-called Senate of Southern Ireland which the British Government is endeavouring to call into being, we hereby direct our Secretary to give no relevant information to any British official seeking same; and we hereby respectfully submit to Dail Eireann that a Governmental instruction should be issued to County Councils forbidding them to accept any representation on this Senate.”

Order—Adopted.

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.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor F O'Rafferty:—“I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Council that two new Scholarships be offered for Competition in the Scholastic Year 1921-1922, and that any Order to the contrary on the books be rescinded.”

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor M Fleming:—“I, or some Councillor for me, beg to give Notice of Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council—“That the motion fixing an Annuity of £130 as a retiring allowance granted by the Council at their Meeting of 18th June, be rescinded. 1st—on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing, do not allow large pensions, or any pensions to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing to work for the Republican Council. 2nd—that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the rate collectors who have stood loyally by the Council would resent them on the grounds that had these officers as well as others who have been seeking pensions, retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary, and the rates would have been collected and the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations. Owing to their action, they have played into the hands of the English L.G.B., and brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H Greenwood they have paralysed the efforts of this Council.”

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 7 287/1921. Wicklow County. Local Government Board,

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Dublin, 22nd March, 1921.—Enclosing copy of letter addressed by the Board to Collector Patrick Mulligan regarding the collection by him of the Rates in the Delgany Collecting District.

No. 7,849/1921. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st April, 1921.—Enclosing Form of Queries for completion in respect to the person appointed Rate Collector in room of Mr. Richard Lynch, resigned.

No. 6,868/1921. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th April, 1921.—Circular-letter drawing attention to the Council's powers under the terms of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 14th April, 1921.—Sealed Order revoking the Orders of 19th January, 1921 (No. 494), and 11th February, 1921 (No. 496), declaring C. Ruskell's farm at Ballyrichard, Arklow, and R. Sharpe's farm at Johnstown North, Arklow, places infected with Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th March, 1921.—Printed Statement of the considerations and information which have determined the attitude of the Department towards the proposal to repeal the Contagious Diseases of Animals Act, 1896, in order to admit of the importation of Store Cattle from Canada.

I.R.U./33/Wicklow. Ministry of Transport (Ireland), Roads Department, Dublin, 12th May, 1921.—Asking if the Council are agreeable to the Ministry's proposal to allow the County Surveyor an honorarium in respect of services rendered in connection with the Works upon which ex-Servicemen have been employed, and which have now been completed.

Order—No objection.

C.O.761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 21st March, 1921.—Transmitting the names and addresses of the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Shillelagh for the three years commencing 1st April, 1921, as approved by the Commissioners of National Education.

A6755/19. The Irish Land Commission, Dublin, 30th March, 1921.—Enclosing a List of Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants against whom legal proceedings have been directed for the recovery of the Instalments due in respect of advances made under the Acts of 1891-6 and 1903-9, thereby involving a charge upon the Guarantee Fund for the County, and, consequently, upon the County Rates.

23rd April, 1921.—From Darrell Figgis, Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland, American Chambers, 15 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, asking the Council to give a standing order for the publications of the Commission already completed, about to be completed, and projected.

26th April, 1921.—From the Secretaries, East Wicklow Feis

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Committee, Town Hall, Bray, asking the Council to give a Prize or Scholarship for Irish, to be competed for at the coming Feis, to be held in Bray on Sunday, the 10th July, 1921.

Order—Regret no power to comply with this request.

23rd March, 1921.—Notice from the Secretary, Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company, 24A D'Olier Street, Dublin, of the intention of the Company to apply to the Board of Trade for an Order under the Provisions of Section 1 of the Gas Regulations Act, 1920.

21st May, 1921.—From the Surveyor of Taxes, Custom House, Dublin, asking to be furnished with the usual Annual Return of Officers' Salaries, etc., under the Income Tax Acts.

Order—Not to be made.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 18th JUNE, 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2 o'clock, p.m. on Saturday, the 18th June, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors J Campbell, M Fleming, F O'Rafferty, J J Metcalfe, James Byrne, James Everett, E O'Neill, D J McEvoy, Patrick Doyle, A Kinsella, W J Doyle, Patrick Healy, J J Redmond, and J Turner.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To recommend Revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 2—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph Campbell:—

"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move that, in pursuance of the policy enunciated by Sinn Fein at the Local Elections, 1920, all paid offices in the Wicklow County Council be filled by Open Competitive Examination; that Irish be an essential subject for such Examination; and that the Examiner, or Examiners, be not in the employ of the County Council."

- 3—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph Campbell:—

"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move that as the Minister for Local Government, Dail Eireann, considers '£6 per week an extremely high figure' to apportion as expenses to the Paymaster of Wicklow Co. Council, and as the sum 'is not sanctioned,' that (a) the Resolution fixing the said sum be rescinded, and (b) that 'a Sub-Committee of the Council be appointed to go into the matter, preparing a statement for the Minister of Local Government showing the probable out-of-pocket expenses-per week due to locomotion, postage, etc., and the time it would be necessary for the Paymaster to devote to the efficient performance of his duties.'"

- 4—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I beg to give notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council, I, or some Councillor for me, will move that the increase of Two Pence in the £ for Rate lodged by the First of March be extended to the First of June, 1921."

- 5—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I beg hereby to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council, that Mr Joseph Keane be granted an annual Retiring Allowance as Rate Collector."

- 6—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council, with a view to economising the Financial Resources of the Council, that the operation of the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Educa-

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tion Act throughout the entire County be forthwith suspended."

- 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, 31st May, 1921, at 12 o'clock, noon, when the following members attended—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors B Kelly, J Turner, and C M Byrne.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF.

It was reported to the Finance Committee that the cost involved in the preparation of the Rate Books and Collecting Books in connection with the Assessment of Rates for the Financial Year 1921-1922, amounts to £149 16s 8d. The corresponding expenditure for the previous year was £164. £100 having been already advanced to the Secretary for this work, the Committee ordered payment of the balance—namely, £49 16s 8d.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
31st May, 1921.

To the Finance Committee,
Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—The Roads Committee, at its meeting of 20th April, referred the following matter to your Committee: "To give directions to the County Surveyor regarding the continuing of works on which men are at present employed—viz., work in Glen of Downs and Kiltimon quarries, and on various Proposals, including maintenance of Bray-Wicklow road; and, in the event of these works being discontinued, to consider the position of the Clerk and Caretaker of the Plant."

The money available for expenditure on other Proposals being now practically exhausted, I can in future only employ men on the preparation of stone in the Glen of Downs quarry. I have no means of disposing of the stone prepared at this quarry until the Direct Labour Scheme becomes operative, and have already as much stone as I will probably require for the coming season. Also, owing to the coal shortage, it is not possible to keep the engine drivers employed, and the engines being idle I cannot utilise the men's work in the quarry to the best advantage.

Having regard to all the circumstances, I request that you will consider this matter and give me definite instructions.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Pending the meeting of the County Council on the 18th June, 1921, it was ordered as follows—"The County Surveyor is directed to continue work with his existing staff on the Quarry Proposal."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

At the conclusion of the Finance Committee the Special Committee appointed by the Council on the 23rd May, 1921, proceeded to deal with

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the situation that had arisen in connection with the collection of the balance of Rates outstanding in respect of the Financial Year 1920-1921.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor J Turner. Resolved—That the Report from the Finance Committee be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor J Turner. 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 Council postponed consideration of the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor J Campbell:—"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move that, in pursuance of the policy enunciated by Sinn Fein at the Local Elections, 1920, all paid offices in the Wicklow County Council be filled by Open Competitive Examination; that Irish be an essential subject for such Examination; and that the Examiner, or Examiners, be not in the employ of the County Council."

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor J Campbell, was submitted:—"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move that as the Minister for Local Government, Dail Eireann, considers '£6 per week an extremely high figure' to apportion as expenses to the Paymaster of Wicklow Co. Council, and as the sum 'is not sanctioned,' that (a) the Resolution fixing the said sum be rescinded, and (b) that 'a Sub-committee of the Council be appointed to go into the matter, preparing a statement for the Minister of Local Government showing the probable out-of-pocket expenses per week due to locomotion, postage, etc., and the time it would be necessary for the Paymaster to devote to the efficient performance of his duties.'"

Order—Referred to Minister.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe. Resolved—That the increase of Two Pence in the Pound for Rate lodged by the First of March be extended to the First of June, 1921. Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe. Resolved—That Mr Joseph Keane be granted an annual Retiring Allowance as Rate Collector.

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

For—Councillors James Byrne, F O'Rafferty, J J Metcalfe, E O'Neill, C M Byrne, J Everett, and J Turner—7.

Against—Councillors Wm J Doyle, A Kinsella, Patrick Healy, D J McEvoy, Patrick Doyle, and M Fleming—6.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion passed by seven votes to six.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor J J Metcalfe. Resolved—That with a view to economising the Financial Resources of the Council, that the operation of the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act throughout the entire county be forthwith suspended. Passed.

Consideration of Correspondence was adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

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A Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, the 30th June, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors M. Fleming, James Byrne, E. O'Neill, J. Turner, J. J. Redmond, J. Everett, F. O'Rafferty, and J. J. Metcalfe.

BUSINESS.

1—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor F O'Rafferty:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Council that two new Scholarships be offered for Competition in the Scholastic Year 1921-1922, and that any Order to the contrary on the books be rescinded."

2—To further consider the position of the Rate Collection, and to take action thereon.

3—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the forthcoming Special Meeting of the County Council, that the Contractors for Road Maintenance and other Works within the Rathdrum and Shillelagh Rural Districts be now paid the amounts of their claims as certified by the County Surveyor."

4—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor M Fleming:—"I, or some Councillor for me, beg to give Notice of Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council—"That the motion fixing an Annuity of £130 as a retiring allowance granted by the Council at their Meeting of 18th June, be rescinded. 1st—on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing, do not allow large pensions, or any pensions to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing to work for the Republican Council. 2nd—that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the rate collectors who have stood loyally by the Council would resent them on the grounds that had these officers as well as others who have been seeking pensions, retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary, and the rates would have been collected and the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations. Owing to their action, they have played into the hands of the English L.G.B., and brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H Greenwood they have paralysed the efforts of this Council."

5—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph Campbell:—"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move that, in pursuance of the policy enunciated by Sinn Fein at the Local Elections, 1920, all paid offices in the Wicklow County Council be filled by Open Competitive Examination; that Irish be an essential subject for such Examination; and that the Examiner, or Examiners, be not in the employ of the County Council."

6—To fill a vacancy on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee, caused by the resignation of Councillor John J Healy, Ashley, Greystones.

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.

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" Joseph Campbell, Lackandarragh, Enniskerry,
County Wicklow, 28th June, 1921.

" Dear Mr. Doyle,—Thanks for your reply of the 25th inst. I am surprised that the Unions, on whom the necessitous poor are dependent, have not received their instalments for the current quarter. Many Road Contractors have, I understand, not yet been paid. The policy of nepotism, graft, and inefficiency, which the majority of the County Council have, apparently, determined to pursue, wants public exposure, and I have no choice but to resign, and to make a statement to the Ratepayers who elected me to watch their interests. I hereby place my resignation in your hands. I have attended the Meetings regularly, and made protest after protest, but all to no avail. I mean now to try other weapons.

" I enclose cheque for £1,500, which I hold. Very kindly let me have a valid receipt by return.

(Cheque enclosed.)

" Yours very truly,
" JOSEPH CAMPBELL.

" S. J. Doyle, Esq., Secretary,
" Wicklow County Council."

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—" Resolved—That Mr. Joseph Campbell's resignation be accepted; and that the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann be requested to investigate the charges levelled against the Council by him."

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, and " Resolved—That two new Scholarships be offered for competition in the Scholastic Year 1921-1922; and that any Order to the contrary on the Books be rescinded."

Passed.

Eight applications were received by the Council from Candidates for these University Scholarships. After considering the several Certificates and Declarations submitted to them, the Council approved of the following applicants, and decided to sanction their admission to the Special Examination for County Council University Scholarships, to be held on 5th July, 1921, and succeeding days:—

1. Michael J. Clarke, Church Street, Wicklow.
2. Mary Margaret Sheehan, Corballis, Rathdrum.
3. Matthew Hourihane, Mill Street, Baltinglass.
4. Patrick Joseph Fitzsimons, Market Square, Wicklow.
5. Louisa Mary Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.
6. Martin M. Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.
7. Mary Helena Benignus Duffy, 3 Florence Road, Bray.
8. Michael Kelly, Harristown, Hollywood, Naas.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 26th June, 1921, from Miss B. Redmond, Rathdrum, again applying for a renewal, for a fourth year, of the Council's University Scholarship held by her for the past three years.

Order—Refused.

A telegram, dated 23rd June, 1921, was submitted from the

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Registrar, University College, Dublin, stating that entries for Scholarships Examination can be accepted up to Friday, 1st July.

Order—Read.

29th June, 1921.—From the Secretary, Limerick County Scholarship Committee, 82 O'Connell Street, Limerick, enclosing for the Council's information copies of the Scheme of Scholarships in operation in his County, both for University and Secondary Schools.

Order—Read.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—" Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Scheme for Secondary School Scholarships in conjunction with representatives of the Gaelic League and National Teachers."

Passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

			£	s	d
Balance available, 18th June	10597	4	5
Receipts since	228	18	5
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			10826	2	10
Expenditure	401	19	0
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Actual Cash now on hands	10424	3	10

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary.

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The question of appointment of Rate Collector for No. 7 Collecting District—the temporary Collector for which, Mr. Patrick Mulligan, had been arrested—was considered; and, on the proposition of the Acting Chairman (Councillor C. M. Byrne), Mr. Michael J. Hoey, of 33 Duncairn Avenue, Bray, was appointed temporarily; and the Secretary was instructed to issue to him the Collecting Books for that District.

In connection with the general subject of Rate Collection, the Secretary submitted a file of correspondence that had passed between himself and some of the Rate Collectors; but as it had no direct bearing on the matter before the Council, no order was made thereon.

The Secretary pointed out that the Rates in Greystones Area were practically all in arrears, and he suggested that some action should be taken to bring home to them their obligation in this respect. Further, he suggested that he ought to be authorised, if the occasion arose, to take some action in the immediate future to bring pressure to bear on these defaulting Ratepayers to force them to pay their Rates.

Order—The Secretary is directed to write to the Dublin Corporation, and to Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, asking the former to withdraw the water supply from Greystones and District, and the latter to refuse to pay the Electric Light Company for the public lighting of Greystones and District, until such time as the Ratepayers of that District pay the large amount of Rates outstanding in that area.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor M.

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Fleming:—"Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Warrants for the Poor Rate Collections for the current year."

Passed.

The Secretary submitted Correspondence, including letters from the Clerks of Rathdown Union and Rathdrum Union, and other parties, applying for payment—in the case of the Unions, of monies due on demand, and in the other instances, of money due in respect of other liabilities of the Council.

In this connection the following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:—"That the Contractors for Road Maintenance and other Works within the Rathdrum and Shillelagh Rural Districts be now paid the amounts of their claims as certified by the County Surveyor."

Councillor C. M. Byrne moved, as an Amendment, and it was seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond—"That the Paymaster is hereby directed to pay, as soon as he has funds available, the Road Contractors in the areas where the Rate Collections have been closed."

After discussion, both the Amendment and the Substantive Motion were withdrawn, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted in lieu thereof, on the motion of Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That the Unions be paid the balance of the instalments due to them; and that the Paymaster and Secretary be authorized to pay, so far as they can, the poorer Road Contractors on the recommendation of the local Councillors, at the same time reserving funds to carry on the Council's immediate business."

"Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum,
"30th June, 1921.

"To the Secretary, Wicklow, County Council,
"Court House, Wicklow.

"Dear Sir,—I have seen that it is the intention of Councillor M. Fleming to move at the Meeting to-day that no Retiring Allowance be granted to Mr. Joseph Keane, a retired Rate Collector. He goes on to state that the Rate Collectors who have stood loyally by the Council would resent the payment of such Pension. On behalf of these Rate Collectors, and on my own behalf, I wish to state that such is not the case. The Council will remember that they promised to award Pensions to such Collectors as retired in order to save themselves and their Sureties from the obligations of the Local Government Board.

"My colleagues and myself, instead of resenting the proposal to pay Pensions, consider that these Collectors should receive the Pensions to which they are entitled.

"Yours faithfully,

"PETER P. DOYLE."

The subjoined Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor M. Fleming, although moved by him, was not seconded, and consequently fell through:—

"I (or some Councillor for me) beg to give Notice of Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council—That the Motion

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fixing an Annuity of £130, as a Retiring Allowance granted by the Council at their Meeting of 18th June, be rescinded,

- (1) on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing do not allow large pensions, or any pension, to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing, to work for the Republican Council;
- (2) that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the Rate Collectors who have stood loyally by the Council would resent it on the grounds that had these officers as well as others who have been seeking pensions, retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary, and the Rates would have been collected, and the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations; owing to their action they have played into the hands of the English Local Government Board, and have brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H. Greenwood, they have paralysed the efforts of this Council."

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor J. Campbell, was not moved:—

"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move that, in pursuance of the policy enunciated by Sinn Fein at the Local Elections, 1920, all paid offices in the Wicklow County Council be filled by Open Competitive Examination; that Irish be an essential subject for such Examination; and that the Examiner, or Examiners, be not in the employ of the County Council."

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That Councillor John J. Redmond, of Kenmare Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Greystones, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor John J. Healy, of Ashley, Greystones.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

23rd June, 1921.—Letter from W. J. Shannon, Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin—Letter enclosing Documents regarding the working of this undertaking.

28th June, 1921.—From H. J. Clancy, Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking the Council to appoint a small deputation to meet representatives of his Council, on Monday, 4th July, 1921, in his Offices, at 3 p.m., with reference to the above undertaking.

Order—Councillors C. M. Byrne (Presiding Chairman), P. P. O'Reilly, and D. J. McEvoy appointed to attend, together with the Secretary, and the Council's Solicitor.

28th June, 1921.—From County Surveyor, intimating that the Engineer to Bray Urban Council is prepared to purchase ten or twelve

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tons of clippings, accepting delivery of same at Glen of Downs Quarry.

Order—To be given.

30th June, 1921.—From County Surveyor, enclosing a similar application from Urban Council of Killiney and Ballybrack.

Order—To be given.

Proposed by Councillor J Turner, seconded by Councillor J J Redmond; "Resolved—That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the following Cheques and Deposit Receipts drawn in favour of the Council—

Collector.	Description of Payment	Amount.		
		£	s	d
John Cullen	Cheque—Thos Byrne	38	5	0
	do Tobias Halpin	1	10	1
	do James Taylor	15	15	11
	do James Murphy	23	5	0
L McDonnell	Draft—John Cullen	140	2	6
	Draft—National Bank	218	18	6
Jos. Campbell			7	4
	Cheque drawn by Self on the National Land Bank, 68 Lower Leeson street, Dublin	1500	0	0

EAMONN O'NEILL, Chairman.

30th June, 1921.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

From Department:

27th April, 1921. 3,404—3,414/21. Wicklow County.—Sanctioning the appointments of the following Rate Collectors:—

William Burke,
John Cullen,
Michael Halpin,
Luke McDonnell,
Patrick Mulligan,
Patrick Woods,
Garrett Byrne,
John Murphy,
James J. Porter,
John Byrne.

1st June, 1921. 5,807/21. Wicklow County.—Approving of the terms of the Council's Resolution of the 23rd May, 1921, proposing to pay Poundage to Collectors on the terms mentioned.

1st June, 1921. No. 5,806/21. Wicklow County.—Approving of the proposal to allow Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Terence Byrne, late Rate Collector, and declining to sanction the proposal to increase Mr. Joseph Doyle's, late Rate Collector.

8th June, 1921. No. 3,401/21. Wicklow County.—Sanctioning the proposal of the Council to fix the Limits for Road Expenditure

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for the year 1921-1922 at the same figures as those in force for the year 1920-1921.

11th June, 1921.—Approving of Scheme for the Collection of Rate as submitted.

21st April, 1921. (To the Acting Chairman).—Requesting to be supplied with the Minutes of the Council's proceedings at Meetings.

21st April, 1921.—Asking the Council to re-open the question of the Amalgamation of Workhouses.

March, 1921. (Labour).—Re Establishment of Conciliation Boards.

2nd June, 1921.—Re Fisheries.

21st June, 1921. No. V.B.601/21.—From Department of Agriculture, with reference to recoupment claims for expenditure under Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914, and asking the name of the Council's Bank Treasurer.

Order—Noted.

27th June, 1921. No. 39,693/21/WK.—From National Health Insurance Commission, acknowledging Council's approval of Receipts and Expenditure of County Insurance Committee during 1921.

From P. Cunniam, P. W. Sheehan, and James McCrea, Secretaries of School Attendance Committees, acknowledging the Council's Resolution stopping the operation of the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act.

27th April, 1921.—From Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Wicklow, asking the Secretary to obtain authority from the County Council to pay him £800 in connection with the expenses of preparing the forthcoming Registers under the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

Order—The Council will undertake to pay the amount.

Letters from Dr. W. D. O'Kelly, of 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, and B. G. Fagan, B.Sc., of City Laboratory, Chatham Row, Dublin, relative to the appointment of County Analyst, in room of Sir Charles A. Cameron, deceased.

Order—Postponed.

1st February, 1921.—From Michael E. Bergin, Slieveroe, Rathdrum, claiming a refund of portion of amount of hire paid by him for an Engine on account of continuous storms from November 23rd to November 30th (seven days), and from December 13th to December 21st (eight days); total, fifteen days.

County Surveyor's Reports on Engine, dated 27th January and 18th May, 1921.

Order—£5 allowed.

27th June, 1921.—From MacDonagh and Boland, Ltd., Insurance Brokers, 58 Dame Street, Dublin, intimating that they will be able to put into effect the Secretary's suggestion for a Collective Bond for the Rate Collectors.

Order—Approved of. The Council authorises the Secretary to pay for Fidelity Bonds for all Collectors requiring them.

29th June, 1921.—From Secretary, County Joint Technical

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Instruction Committee, enclosing copies of Resolutions passed by his Committee dealing (1) with payment of Quarterly Instalment to Committee; (2) the fairer division as between Agriculture and Technical Instruction of the proceeds of the Rate levied annually by the Council; and (3) asking for the striking of a further Rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to be devoted to Technical Instruction and Irish.

Order—Item No. 1, "To be paid"; Item No. 2, "Notice of Motion handed in"; Item No. 3, "No Order."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:—

"I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move, at the next Meeting of the Council, in August, that the Resolution submitted by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee requesting a readjustment of the system of allocation of the proceeds of the Rates levied under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts, as between the County Committee of Agriculture and the County Technical Instruction Committee, be considered; and, further, that the County Technical Instruction Committee be in future allocated at least one-third of such Rates instead of one-quarter, as at present; and that all Orders to the contrary on the Records of this Council be rescinded."

16th June, 1921.—From Limerick Steamship Company, Ltd., Limerick, asking the Council to extend a welcome to the United States Mail Steamship Company for their enterprise in initiating a line of steamers between Cobh and New York.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, are pleased to learn that the Limerick Steamship Company have become General Passenger Agents for Ireland in connection with the inaugurated services to compete with British Lines in all parts of the world; and we cordially welcome the advent of American enterprise in competing with the old recognised Lines."

Resolved.

22nd June, 1921.—From Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, acknowledging receipt of Annual Estimate and Demand, and intimating that his Council refused to strike a Rate for the Police Malicious Injury Payments therein, amounting to £840 10s. 6d.

Order—Noted.

25th June, 1921.—From J. B. Wynne, Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, relative to the payment of Poor Rates due by him, and the payment of the amount of a Decree awarded him by the County Court Judge.

Order—Noted.

29th June, 1921.—Acknowledgment from Councillor J. Turner of the Council's Resolution of Sympathy.

25th May, 1921.—From the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, enclosing copy of a Resolution from Arklow Branch of the Transport Workers' Union protesting against the proposal to appoint a farmer from outside the district as Road Overseer for Arklow

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District—together with a Resolution of his Council approving of same.
31st May, 1921.—From Secretary, Bray Branch of the Transport Workers' Union: Resolution protesting against the County Council's action in importing men into that district for the purpose of maintaining the roads.

24th May, 1921.—From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, intimating that his Joint Committee have ordered an Appeal to be lodged in the proper quarter against the Council's 1921-1922 Assessment of £13,343 for the Asylum, on the grounds of its inadequacy.

Order—Noted.

30th May, 1921, and 10th June, 1921.—From same, giving the names and addresses of six Patients from the County in the Asylum, and asking that inquiries be made into the financial position of their Parents and Guardians.

Order—To be sent to Clerks of Unions for investigation.

25th May, 1921.—From MacDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 58 Dame Street, Dublin, dealing with Collector John Cullen's Fidelity Bond.

Order—Noted.

May 31st, 1921.—From A. W. Irwin, Secretary to the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary, intimating that, as agreed, the Board of Governors of the Institution had co-opted William O'Grady, Main Street, Wicklow, and William H. Kearney, The Mall, Wicklow, on the Joint Committee, in room of Dr. C. Nolan and Mr. A. Parker Keene, resigned.

Order—Noted.

6th June, 1921.—From Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, relative to the payment of Poundage Fees to certain Collectors.

Order—Noted.

6th June, 1921.—From the Acting Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, Cavendish House, Rutland Square E., Dublin, acknowledging the Council's decision in connection with (1) the proposed increase by the General Council of the Annual Affiliation Fee, and (2) the proposed Annual Contribution towards a Chair of Scientific Agriculture.

Order—Noted.

4th June, 1921.—From the Superioress, Convent of Mercy, Arklow, relative to the Council's decision to award no new University Scholarships for the Scholastic Year 1921-1922.

Letter from the Department on the same subject.

13th June, 1921.—From the Secretary, Shillelagh Rural District School Attendance Committee, Workhouse, Shillelagh, notifying the appointment of Mr. James O'Rourke, Tinahely, as School Attendance Officer for the Rural District, at a salary of £30 per annum.

Order—Noted.

14th June, 1921.—From same, letter stating that his Committee approved of his action in advertising for a new School Attendance Officer for Shillelagh Rural District, notwithstanding the fact that he had been officially forwarded the Notice of Motion to be laid before

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the Council proposing to suspend throughout the County the operation of the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act.

Order—Noted.

15th June, 1921.—From William J. Shannon, Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, relative to the finances of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway when Government control of Irish Railways ceases on the 14th August, 1921.

3rd June, 1921.—From Arthur Hennessy, General Merchant, Blessington, applying for a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

Order—Granted.

27th May, 1921.—From Mr. Terence Byrne, Garryhoe, Tinahely, late Rate Collector, asking the Council to reconsider the basis on which his Superannuation Allowance was calculated.

Order—Refused.

3rd June, 1921.—From S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor, Wicklow, enclosing copies of Forms, duly completed, in connection with the Ministry of Transport's Scheme of Road Classification.

Order—Noted.

31st May, 1921.—From same: Copy of an Inventory of the County Council's Plant and Tools on hands on 31st March, 1921.

Order—Tenders to be invited for Stocktaking of same.

During the progress of the Meeting, a letter, dated 30th June, 1921, was handed in from Mr. F. F. MacCarthy, Secretary to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, in which was given a List of Members of that Committee stated to have been absent from his Meetings for more than six months without an explanation.

Members of the Council having expressed the opinion that it would be advisable that Meetings of the Joint Technical Instruction Committee, and of the Committee of Agriculture, and of the Council, should be held on the same dates, the Secretary was directed to so inform the Secretaries of these Committees, and to request those officers to summon necessary Meetings in Wicklow of those Bodies for 11.30 a.m. on the County Council Meeting days.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 26th JULY, 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 26th July, 1921.

The following members were present:—Councillor C M Byrne, presiding chairman. Councillors E O'Neill, F O'Rafferty, James Byrne, J. Turner, John Fleming, James Everett, W. J. Doyle, Patrick Doyle, B. Kelly, P. P. O'Reilly, D. J. McEvoy, A Kinsella, and M. Fleming

BUSINESS.

1.—To consider Correspondence from the Management Committee of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, and Dublin County Council, and also a Joint Report from the Secretary and Law Agent of Wicklow County Council affecting grave and critical matters that concern the financial position of the Tramway.

(Note.—This is a most important question, and it appears absolutely necessary that the Wicklow County Council should decide immediately whether or not the working of the concern should cease. Control will end on the 14th August, hence the need for this Special Meeting.—S. J. Doyle.)

2.—To declare a Vacancy in the Membership of the Council consequent upon the resignation of Mr. Joseph Campbell, who had been returned at the Elections in 1920 as one of the Representatives of the County Electoral Area of Bray.

3.—To consider and act upon the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:—

"I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Meeting of the Council, in August, that the Resolution submitted by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee requesting a readjustment of the system of allocation of the proceeds of the Rates levied under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts, as between the County Committee of Agriculture and the County Technical Instruction Committee, be considered; and, further, that the County Technical Instruction Committee be in future allocated at least one-third of such Rates instead of one-quarter, as at present; and that all Orders to the contrary on the Records of this Council be rescinded."

4.—To further consider the position of the Rate Collection, and to take action in that connection.

5.—To consider and act upon the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—

"I (or some Councillor for me) beg to give Notice of Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council—That the Motion fixing an Annuity of £130, or £133 as a Retiring Allowance granted by the Council to Rate Collectors at their Meeting of 18th June, be rescinded,

- (1) on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing do not allow large pensions, or any pension, to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing, to work for the Republican Council;
- (2) that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the Rate Collectors who have stood loyally by the Council would resent it on the grounds that had these

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officers as well as others who have been seeking pensions, retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary, and the Rates would have been collected, and the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations; owing to their action they have played into the hands of the English Local Government Board, and have brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H. Greenwood, they have paralysed the efforts of this Council.' ”

6—To consider and act upon the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Turner—

“ I beg to give Notice that, at Special Meeting on July 26th, 1921, I (or some Councillor for me) will move

- (a) That the County Council provide Three Secondary Scholarships confined to pupils attending National Schools in Co. Wicklow, and tenable in any Secondary Schools or Colleges the County Council may select or approve of ;
- (b) that Irish be an essential subject for examination ; and
- (c) That a Committee, consisting of three Members and the Secretary of the Co. Council, 3 representatives of the National Teachers' Association, and 3 representatives of the Gaelic League, be appointed to devise a suitable Scheme.”

7—To consider and act upon the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor James Turner:—

“ I beg to give Notice that at Special Meeting of County Council, on July 26th, 1921, I (or some Councillor for me) will move— That the County Council award a Prize of £10 to any National School in the County having the highest percentage of pupils learning Irish ; and a Prize value £2 to the Teacher of Irish in the winning School.”

- 8—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 9—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 10—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 11—To consider General Correspondence.

The Secretary submitted correspondence that had passed between the Committee of Management of Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, the Dublin County Council and himself, dealing with the critical position that would arise in the working of this undertaking after the termination of Government control on the 15th August next.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor D J McEvoy. Resolved—“ That this Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council hereby appoint the following Deputation, namely :— Councillors C M Byrne, D J McEvoy, and P P O'Reilly, with the Secretary, Law Agent, and County Surveyor, to wait upon the Minister of Dail Eireann to place before him the unfortunate position of the Ratepayers in this county under the terms of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway

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Guarantee, and to ask his advice thereon ; also, that the Secretary in conjunction with the Local Representatives on the Council convene a Public Meeting of the Ratepayers in the locality to consider the situation, and to advise the Council as to what action they should take ; the Secretary and Law Agent to attend said Meeting.

Passed.

Following upon the acceptance of the resignation of Councillor J Campbell, of Lackandarragh, Enniskerry, a vacancy was declared on the Council in the following terms—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN THE WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL.

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

JOSEPH CAMPBELL, Esq.,
Lackandarragh,
Enniskerry,

to be vacant, in consequence of his resignation, and we direct that this vacancy shall be notified by a Circular issued to each Member of this Council, and to the Clerk of each Rural District Council.

A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated this 26th day of July, 1921.

Signed,

C. M. BYRNE, }
MICHAEL FLEMING, } Three Members of
PATRICK DOYLE, } Wicklow County
Council.

Signed,

S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to the said Council.

At the request of Councillor E O'Neill, consideration of the following Notice of Motion, standing in his name, was adjourned—

“ I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move, at the next Meeting of the Council, in August, that the Resolution submitted by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee requesting a readjustment of the system of allocation of the proceeds of the Rates levied under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts, as between the County Committee of Agriculture and the County Technical Instruction Committee, be considered ; and, further, that the County Technical Instruction Committee be in future allocated at least one-third of such Rates instead of one-quarter, as at present ; and that all Orders to the contrary on the Records of this Council be rescinded.”

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ESTIMATE OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL
ON THE 25th JULY, 1921.

1921.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March 31—	Cash balance (if all Cheques issued were passed through Bank)	6,361	1	3			
June 30—	Lodgments to date	19,160	19	4			
July 25—	Do. for current quarter	2,499	13	6			
					£28,021	14	1
EXPENDITURE.							
June 30—	Actual Payments issued to date	15,075	12	5			
July 25—	Do. do.	7,206	17	1	22,282	9	6
	Actual Cash available to date				£5,739	4	7
LIABILITIES.							
	Outstanding Payments (General Account) authorised at the Quarterly Meeting in May— not yet issued ...	11,511	12	9			
	Subsidiary Account Certificates and other liabilities submitted to-day ...	612	14	9			
	Due to Rural Districts (which would have been paid ordinarily in the 1st week of April last) ...	757	5	0	12,881	12	6
	Deficit ...				7,142	7	11
	Outstanding Rates that in ordinary times would have been lodged on or before 31st March last ...				9,388	7	1

Of the sum of £11,511 12s 9d remaining unpaid out of payments passed at your May Quarterly Meeting, £5,771 15s 7d is still due to road contractors, and of the difference (amounting to £5,739 17s 2d) a sum of £3,385 15s 0d.

In preparing these figures I have not taken into account the payments which will require to be met after the next Quarterly Meeting on the 22nd August, prox., amounting to about £9,203 19s 5d, nor to the transfers usually paid to Subsidiary bodies during the first week in July, amounting to £12,847 15s 0d.

I wish once again to emphasise the opinion that the most urgent task before the Council is to promptly arrange for the efficient collection of the rates. At the present moment there are at least five collecting districts in which no effort is being made to collect rates—in three of these the collectors are in prison and no substitutes have been appointed. In the other two, Numbers 5 and 6, the progress of the collection is eminently unsatisfactory. This I have already reported on several occasions. Because of his failure to give greater satisfaction, the Council advised me at its

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last meeting not to issue to the collector the collecting books for the current financial year.

Yours faithfully,

26-7-'21.

S. J. DOYLE.

A letter, dated 25th July, 1921, was submitted from Collector Thos. Fleming, Shillelagh, volunteering, in conjunction with his colleague, Collector Charles Byrne, to collect the outstanding and the current Rates collectable in No. 19 Collecting District."

It having been notified to the Council—by a letter from a member—that Miss Byrne, who was appointed at a recent meeting, Collector for No 19 District, was not at present living in the country, it was

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle, seconded by Councillor E O'Neill. Resolved—"That James O'Rourke, of Tinahely, be hereby appointed temporary Collector for No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District, and that the Collecting Books be forthwith issued to him."

Passed.

A communication was submitted from Mr James O'Neill, the recently appointed Collector for No. 4 (Dunlavin) Collecting District, outlining the circumstances which prevented him from discharging the duties of the position.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly, seconded by D J McEvoy. Resolved—"That Patrick Doyle, of Knockandarragh, Donard, be appointed temporary Rate Collector for No. 4 (Dunlavin) Collecting District, and direct that the Collecting Books be forthwith issued to him."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor B Kelly, seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly. Resolved—"That Mr Anthony Mulligan, of The Paddock, Kilpedder, be hereby appointed temporary Collector for No. 8 (Powerscourt) Collecting District, and that the Collecting Books be forthwith issued to him.

Passed.

Shillelagh, July 22nd, 1921.

To the Chairman and Members of County Council.

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I noticed by report of last meeting of the County Council a memorial was handed in by Mr Peter Doyle, Tomanerrin (relative to the discussion on Collector Keane's pension), purporting to be signed on behalf of the County Wicklow Rate Collectors, as an organisation, in support of Mr Keane's application.

I desire to point out for the information of the Council that Mr Doyle had no authority to use the names of the collectors of Shillelagh Union, and of at least half of the remaining collectors, who are now in prison for no other cause than trying to do the work their renegade colleagues refused to do.

Mr Doyle's memorial was supported by a few collectors in the Rathdrum district, whose loyalty (?) to the Council was the subject of much discussion at the Council's meetings.

Further, we emphatically repudiate Mr Doyle's attempt to use the collectors' names, as a body, in furtherance of his own personal gains. He is using, and continues to use, every influence to obtain Keane's position.

This is some of the "graft" which I hope will be pruned tight.

I regret troubling the Council with this note, but must do so, as the

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cowardly "Wicklow People" refused publication before the Truce, of our protest.

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N.B.—There is no Rate Collectors' Association in Co. Wicklow.—T.F.
In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor M Fleming, seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly—

"That the Motion fixing an Annuity of £130, or £133, as a Retiring Allowance granted by the Council to Rate Collectors at their Meeting of the 18th June, be rescinded,

(1) on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing do not allow large pensions, or any pension, to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing, to work for the Republican Council;

(2) that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the Rate Collectors who have stood loyally by the Council will resent it on the grounds that had this officer (as well as others who have been seeking pensions) retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary; the Rates would have been collected, and the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations; owing to their action they have played into the hands of the English Local Government Board, and have brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H Greenwood, they have paralysed the efforts of this Council."

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows—

For—Councillors Wm J Doyle, Wm Grainger, A Kinsella, D J McEvoy, P P O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle, and M Fleming—7.

Against—Councillors James Byrne, F O'Rafferty, E O'Neill, C M Byrne, J Everett, B Kelly, J Turner, and John Fleming—8.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion lost.

The following Notice of Motion was subsequently handed in by Councillor M Fleming:—I, or some Councillor for me, beg to give Notice of Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council—"That the motion fixing an Annuity of £130, or £133 as a retiring allowance granted by the Council at their Meeting of 18th June, be rescinded. 1st—on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing, do not allow large pensions, or any pensions to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing to work for the Republican Council. 2nd—that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the rate collectors who have stood loyally by the Council would resent them on the grounds that had these officers as well as others who have been seeking pensions, retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary; the rates would have been collected, and the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations. Owing to their action, they have played into the hands of the English L.G.B., and brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H Greenwood they have paralysed the efforts of this Council."

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In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J Turner, seconded by Councillor M Fleming Resolved—

- (a) that the County Council provide Three Secondary Scholarships confined to pupils attending National Schools in County Wicklow, and tenable in any Secondary Schools or Colleges the County Council may select or approve of;
- (b) that Irish be an essential subject for examination; and
- (c) that a Committee, consisting of three Members and the Secretary of the Co. Council, three representatives of the National Teachers' Association, and three representatives of the Gaelic League, be appointed to devise a suitable Scheme."

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J Turner, seconded by Councillor Wm Grainger. Resolved—

"That the County Council award a Prize of £10 to any National School in the County having the highest percentage of pupils learning Irish; and a Prize value £2 to the Teacher of Irish in the winning School, the drafting of the terms of award to be referred to the Committee appointed to draw up the terms of Secondary School Scholarships."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill. Resolved—That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the following cheques drawn in favour of the Council:—

Collector.	Form of Payment and Name of Drawer.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
	Cheque—Bray Urban Council	...	1543	6 11
Edward Lynch ...	" William Heighington	...	20	11 7
John Cullen ...	" Mary S. Cotton	...	84	0 0
Same ...	" Geo. Jas. Hornidge £88 5 4	...		
Same ...	" Isabella Giltrap 13 5 11	...		
Same ...	" P. O'Connor & Son 21 3 1	...	122	14 4
Wm. J. Quinn ...	" Self	...	33	6 9
			<u>£1808</u>	<u>19 7</u>

Passed.

C. M. BYRNE, Chairman.

26th July, 1921.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted—

12th July, 1921—From P. Cunniam, Secretary to School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his Committee, asking the Council to alter its decision to

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suspend the operation of the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act.

Order—Adjourned.

5th July, 1921—From P W Sheehan, Secretary to Avoca Area School Attendance Committee, enclosing copy of a similar Resolution passed by his Committee.

Order—Adjourned.

14th July, 1921—From the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, enclosing copy of a Resolution, passed by his Council, protesting against the County Council's proposal to suspend the operation of the Compulsory Education Act.

Order—Adjourned.

DAIL EIREANN.

L. G. Department,
25th July, 1921.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Δ ΧΑΡΑ,

The Ministry of Local Government has had under consideration the Minutes of the County Council (Wicklow), in which is recorded the resignation of Mr Campbell, who preferred certain charges against the members of the Council.

In this connection the Department realises that charges of the kind made in the present circumstances and in good faith by a former member must be met openly by the Council as a body or its individual members. The Council is therefore advised to invite Mr Campbell to give the members an opportunity of refuting these charges in a court constituted under Dail Eireann. A consultation between the solicitors of Mr Campbell and the members might be held, and, in the event of disagreement, submit to terms being fixed by an umpire, and to have the matter decided definitely by a decision of the Court.

The charges in question reflect upon Republican Administration, and if unrefuted should demand the resignation of the Republican Members of the County Council. On the other hand, if the charges are refuted there should be an apology and withdrawal. In view of the difficulties under which Local Government is at present administered it is particularly advisable to deal promptly with the matter.

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L. T. MACCOSGAIR.

Proposed by Councillor A Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle. Resolved—"That the correspondence dealing with Mr Joseph Campbell's charges against the members of Wicklow County Council be handed to the Law Agent, with instructions to take the necessary action to put in force the suggestion contained in the Minister's letter.

Passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 22nd AUGUST, 1921.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 22nd August, 1921.

The following Members were present:—Councillors E. O'Neill, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Redmond, P. P. O'Reilly, John Fleming, J. J. Metcalfe, James Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, D. J. McEvoy, Michael Fleming, J. Hoey, J. Turner, and J. Everett.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To authorise the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 4—To give authority to make the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by the Council.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 6—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To Sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8—To fill two vacancies existing on the Proposals and Finance Committees.
- 9—To co opt a person to fill the declared vacancy on the County Council caused by the resignation of Mr Joseph Campbell, Laekendarragh, Enniskerry.
- 10—To consider and act upon the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:—
"I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Meeting of the Council, in August, that the Resolution submitted by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee requesting a readjustment of the system of allocation of the proceeds of the Rates levied under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts, as between the County Committee of Agriculture and the County Technical Instruction Committee, be considered; and, further, that the County Technical Instruction Committee be in future allocated at least one-third of such Rates instead of one-quarter, as at present; and that all Orders to the contrary on the Records of this Council be rescinded."
- 11.—To consider and determine the question of the further appointment of Mr. W. C. Byrne, the Junior Clerk in the Secretary's Office, he having been appointed conditionally to this position for a second year, which period has now expired.
- 12.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—
"I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that, inasmuch as there has been only a difference of three marks, out of an aggregate of 6,113, between the second and third highest candidates for our recent County Council Scholarships, and to show our desire to meet the wishes of Dail

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Eireann in educational progression, it is hereby agreed, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, that a Scholarship be awarded to the third highest candidate on the list, who spent six years in College in the anticipation that at least three Scholarships would be offered each year for competition."

13—To consider and act upon the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor M Fleming—

"I, or some Councillor for me, beg to give Notice of Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council, that the Motion fixing an Annuity of £130, or £133, as a Retiring Allowance granted by the Council to Rate Collectors at their Meeting of the 18th June, be rescinded,

- (1) on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing do not allow large pensions, or any pension, to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing, to work for the Republican Council;
- (2) that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the Rate Collectors who have stood loyally by the Council will resent it on the grounds that had this officer (as well as others who have been seeking pensions) retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary; the Rates would have been collected, and the the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations; owing to their action they have played into the hands of the English Local Government Board, and have brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H Greenwood, they have paralysed the efforts of this Council."

14—To appoint the Council's Representatives on the new School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District for the three years commencing 1st October, 1921.

15—To fill vacancies existing on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

16—To fill vacancies existing on the County Committee of Agriculture.

17—To further consider the position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway undertaking.

18—To further consider the position of the Rate Collection, and to take action in that connection.

19—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

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.

In the unavoidable absence, at the Meetings of An Dail, of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor E. O'Neill was moved to the Chair, on the motion of Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Councillor Michael Fleming, at this stage, drew attention to the fact that the latest representative co-opted on the Council, but by no means the least important member of that Body, was now free to come amongst them. Accordingly he asked the Council to extend a

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warm welcome to Councillor James Hoey on the occasion of this, the first, appearance at their Meetings.

The Presiding Chairman (Councillor E. O'Neill) cordially agreed with the proposal, and desired to associate himself with the Council in welcoming Councillor Hoey amongst them.

Councillor Hoey suitably acknowledged the welcome that had been accorded him by his colleagues on the Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th July, 1921.

The following members attended—Councillor J. Everett, chairman; Councillors E O'Neill, J. Turner, James Byrne, B Kelly, and C. M. Byrne.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follow:

	£	s.	d.
County-at-Large	4504	1	2
Baltinglass No. 1—			
District Proposals	950	5	7
Committee's Proposals	535	4	7
	1485	10	2
Rathdown No. 2—			
District Proposals	150	18	1
Committee's Proposals	21	0	0
	171	18	1
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	—	—	—
Committee's Proposals	38	3	5
	38	3	5
Shillelagh—			
District Proposals	299	17	8
Committee's Proposals	4	8	11
	304	6	7

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

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	1219	10	0
Neas	520	10	0
Rathdown	2150	0	0
Rathdrum	5199	10	0
Shillelagh	1522	10	0
Total	£10612	0	0

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TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	310	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	255	10	0
Rathdrum	1072	15	0
Shillelagh	284	0	0
Total	£1922	5	0

Applications were submitted from Michael E Bergin, of Slieveroe, Rathdrum, and John Roberts of Callowhill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, for permission to hire the Council's Engines for the forthcoming Threshing Season.

Order—To be hired at Five Pounds (£5) per week each. Engines to be examined before hiring, and to be re-examined when they are returned. No allowance for wet days.

IRRECOVERABLE RATES.

The following Lists of Irrecoverable Rates were submitted:—

No. 13-15, Collector Wm J Quinn—£3 19s 0d.

Order—To be written off amount of his Warrants.

No. 16, Collector P P Doyle—£3 1s 5d.

Order—To be paid.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Hoey, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That authority be hereby given for payment of the usual Quarterly Transfers to Unions and Rural District Councils for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1921, amounting in all to £12,534 5s. 0d."

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, No. 2.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 9th August, 1921.

The following members attended—Councillor J Everett, chairman; Councillors J Turner and B Kelly.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the County Surveyor, dated 9th August, 1921, asking for a direction as to continuing further work at the Council's Quarries.

Order—Referred to County Council, the County Surveyor to carry on in the meantime.

A further letter was submitted from the County Surveyor, asking for

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instructions as to how Sudden Damages to Roads are to be carried out, in view of the fact that the Direct Labour Scheme is not yet in operation.

Order—Urgent Damage to be attended to.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted."

Passed.

With further reference to the question of the repair of Sudden Damages, the following were submitted by the Secretary:—

"County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow,
"9th day of August, 1921.

"To the Finance Committee,
"Wicklow County Council.

"Gentlemen,—Certain roads throughout the County have been damaged by the recent heavy rains. Luckily these damages have not left the roads in any district absolutely dangerous, but if any further flooding takes place it will be necessary to immediately carry out repairs in order to protect the roads and the interests of the County Council.

"This raises the question as to how such Sudden Damages are to be repaired—especially on roads which are at present out of contract and which would, under normal conditions, be included in the working of the Direct Labour Scheme.

"As the Direct Labour Scheme is not in operation, I do not see how I can employ men under a daily wage.

"If such work becomes necessary, the only way I can suggest for carrying it out is by Sub-Contract, and hold over payment for a little time.

"Yours faithfully,
"S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

"County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow,
"17th August, 1921.

"To Wicklow County Council.

"Gentlemen,—1. Referring to previous Reports on the question of Direct Labour, I now wish to point out that since 1st July there are many roads out of contract; and as the Scheme is not in operation, no ordinary repairs can be carried out on such roads.

"In the circumstances, I am of opinion that through the unchecked growth of weeds in the drains and outlets flooding will occur on a number of roads, and great damage may thus be caused both to the roads and County works thereon.

"I strongly recommend you to arrange, if possible, to have the Direct Labour Scheme put into operation at an early date; or, failing this, to give me power to have repairs carried out by Sub-Contracts, where such repairs may be necessary to protect the roads and bridges.

"Of course, I could only pay for work done under such Sub-

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Contracts from the money ear-marked for the Scheme of Direct Labour.

" 2.—The Report of the Roads Committee adopted at your Meeting of 23rd May recommended that a Committee be appointed by the County Council to act with me in selecting quarries in West Wicklow.

" So far the County Council have not taken any action, and I recommend that the Committee referred to be now appointed.

" Your obedient servant,

" S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—"Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised, until further Order, to make arrangements by Sub-Contract or otherwise—provided Trade Union Labour be employed—for the repair of serious Sudden Damages on the public roads; and that the expenses incurred be charged against the provisions in the Direct Labour Scheme ear-marked for emergencies."

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 22nd August, 1921.

The following Members attended:—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors J. Turner, James Byrne.

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

Additional Proposals	...	...	293 18 10
Rathdrum Rural District—Forms 22	...	...	£2695 11 7

A letter, dated 22nd August, 1921, was submitted from Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, asking for permission to take only the driver of the engine he has hired from the Council for the threshing season, instead of being required to take over a driver and his assistant, as is embodied in the Agreement with the Council, executed by him.

Order—Each hirer to take a driver only.

The following application was submitted by the Secretary:—

" Gentlemen,—Some three months ago an Inspector from the Department directed me to proceed as usual with the preparation of the Voters' and Jurors' Lists. I did so, and had the work practically completed in the month of July, when another Inspector visited the Office and peremptorily told me not to furnish them. This latter direction was confirmed by the Department, and in obedience thereto I have not supplied the Lists.

" This raises the question of payment of fees hitherto received by me annually since my appointment as Secretary.

" For about 15 years prior to the resignation of the late Secretary I acted as Chief Clerk and Accountant in his Office. On his retirement, I was promoted to the Secretaryship, but still required to act as Accountant. Although given the Secretaryship, and retained in the position of Chief Accountant, no additional salary was granted me, the Council being of opinion that the Statutory Fees allowed for the preparation of the Lists and for other purposes constituted a

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sufficient addition to my salary to remunerate me for the increased duties and responsibilities cast upon me.

" From this you will see that clearly these fees, although nominally payment for the preparation of the Voters' and Jurors' Lists, constituted my remuneration for the duties performed as Secretary. I have, therefore, to apply for payment of same, or, if they be withheld, that my salary be increased a corresponding amount.

" I can safely say that no Secretary in Ireland has more faithfully endeavoured to assist his Council in the trying times through which we have passed since your election, and it is inconceivable that this loyalty would be requited by the practical abolition of the salary or emolument attached to the principal of the two capacities in which I serve you. The anomaly of such a result would be all the more apparent when it is remembered that no other member of your permanent staff has suffered any financial loss because of your allegiance to Dail Eireann.

" The fees which I claim (or their equivalent) are, reckoned on last year's figures:—

Voters' Lists	...	...	...	£160 17 9
Jurors' Lists	...	...	...	83 14 9
Fees for carrying out Venereal Disease Scheme (also stopped) to 30th June, 1921	...	...	...	30 0 0
				Total, £274 12 6

" I don't ask you for immediate payment of this sum, owing to the present financial position, but I do ask to have payment authorised, subject, of course, to sanction by the Department.

" Yours faithfully,

" S. J. DOYLE.

" 22nd August, 1921."

Order—We recommend that Mr. Doyle be paid sums equivalent to above fees, subject to the sanction of Dail Eireann.

(Signed) JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—" That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted, subject to the amendment that the Order following upon Mr. Roberts's letter be deleted, and that the original agreements signed by the hirers be adhered to."

Passed.

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

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—" Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,504

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1s. 2d. (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 E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £1,485 10s. 2d. (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 J. Hoey, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £171 18s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,733 15s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £304 6s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Everett:—"Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £293 18s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor M.

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Fleming:—"Resolved—That authority be, and is hereby, given to make the Quarterly Payments as approved by this Council."

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS from the Proposals Committee, and from the Four Rural District Councils, were submitted as follow:—

COUNTY AT LARGE:

COUNTY PRINTING.

To The County Printing Works (Wicklow), Ltd., Main Street, Wicklow, for Printing, Providing, and Supplying, during the year ending 30th September, 1922, the requisite Books, Forms, Notices, Circulars, etc., required for the County Council and their several Offices, as ordered—Irish materials (ink, paper, etc.) to be employed in the execution of all work. Amount of accepted Contract, £598 7s. 6d. Guarantors—Laurence Byrne, Market Square, Wicklow, and Silvester V. Delahunty, Abbey Hill, Wicklow.

COUNTY ADVERTISING.

To provide for the whole of the Advertising in papers circulating in the County Wicklow, required by the County Council for one year, ending 30th September, 1922.

The Council adopted a Proposal sent forward by the Proposals Committee, authorising the insertion of the Council's Advertisements in the "Wicklow People," the "Wicklow News-Letter," the "Leinster Leader," and the "Nationalist and Leinster Times," for the period mentioned above, cost of same not to exceed Sixpence (6d.) per line per insertion.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

No Proposals.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

No Proposals.

RATHDRUM:

No Proposals.

SHILLELAGH:

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—"Resolved—That the Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now Signed and Sealed."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—"Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now Signed and Sealed."

Passed.

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Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor D J McEvoy. Resolved—That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the following Cheques and Drafts drawn in favour of the Council:—

Collector.	Form of Payment and Name of Drawer.	Amount.			
		£	s.	d.	
		£	s	d	
Denis P Byrne ...	Cheque—George Douglas	16	1	5	
" ...	" Patrick Neill	1	0	0	
" ...	" Thomas Phillips	2	19	2	
" ...	" Wm & May Prendergast	4	18	3	
" ...	Draft—No. B 64/7952	131	2	3	
" ...	" No. B/64/7934	35	0	0	
" ...	Cheque—Mary Doyle	21	11	11	
" ...	" John White	39	0	10	
" ...	" Elizabeth Harbourne	2	11	7	254 5 5
John Murphy ...	" Thomas Archer				85 10 8
" ...	" Bray Urban Council				77 12 6
Denis P Byrne ...	" H Jackson	5	11	6	
" ...	" James Thornton	9	5	1	
" ...	Draft—No. B/64/7963	10	15	0	
" ...	" No. B/64/7960	69	11	2	95 2 9
Wm. J. Quinn ...	Cheque—Self	264	17	9	
" ...	" "	82	0	0	296 17 9
John Manley ...	Draft—No. F/31938	1	15	8	
" ...	Cheque—W J Haskins	40	13	9	42 9 5
John Cullen ...	" James E Dunne	20	3	9	20 3 9
Edward Lynch ...	" Wm Heighington	25	6	9	
" ...	" Charles M Drury	5	1	2	
" ...	" D A O'Connor	5	14	6	36 2 5
P P Doyle ...	" Isabel La Touche	9	7	8	9 7 8
Denis P Byrne ...	Draft—No. 005921	61	0	8	61 0 8
Jno. Cullen No. 6	Cheque—E R Turton	—	—	—	82 8 4
John Manley ...	" J P Deegan	—	—	—	11 0 11
	Total ...	1072	2	3	£1072 2 3

Passed.

EAMONN O'NEILL, Chairman.

At this stage of the Meeting, on the motion of Councillor M. Fleming, the Standing Orders were suspended, and the Council resolved itself into Committee to consider the Secretary's Report on the present condition of the Rate Collections, and a Statement prepared by him showing the financial position of the Council.

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ESTIMATE OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL
ON 20th AUGUST, 1921.

1921.	Receipts, etc.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March 31—	Cash balance (if all Cheques issued were passed through Bank)	6,361	1	3			
June 30—	Lodgments to date	19,160	19	4			
August 20—	Do. for current quarter	8,360	19	4	33,882	19	11
	EXPENDITURE.						
June 30—	Actual Payments issued to date	15,075	12	5			
August 20—	Do. do.	15,138	17	5	30,214	9	10
" "	—Actual Cash available				£3,668	10	1

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Payments (General Account) authorised at the May Quarterly Meeting, 1921, (Asylum) ...	3,435	0	0
Subsidiary Account—Sums to be authorised on 22nd Aug., inst. ...	62	7	4
Due to Rural District Councils (General Account) being arrears of Demands which fell due on the 1st April last, in respect of quarter ended 30th June, 1921 ...	757	5	0
Do Second quarter's Demands which fell due on 1st July, in respect of quarter ending 30th Sept. ...	1,735	15	0
Unions — Quarter's Demands which fell due on 1st July, in respect of quarter ending 30th September ...	10,612	0	10
Payments authorised to-day	9,493	9	10
Deficit ...			
			22,427 7 11

RATES OUTSTANDING

Last year's Rates, 1920-21—			
Still outstanding ...	8,328	11	4
Rates outstanding on current Rate, in respect of present half-year, and which should be collected and lodged by end of next month ...	51,406	3	5
Total ...			59,734 14 9

In accordance with my invariable practice since the new Council

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until necessary payments directed to be made by him are discharged; or till further Order."

Passed.

" Dail Éireann.—Department of Local Government,

" Our Ref. E/288.

" 20th August, 1921.

" The Secretary,

" Wicklow County Council.

" A Chara,—It is noted from the recent returns (Forms 66), as well as from the Minutes of your Special Meeting held on the 26th July, that the state of the rate collection in County Wicklow is in a most unsatisfactory condition.

" From disclosures at the Meeting of the 26th ult. I fear that the Councillors cannot be held to be free from blame, as at that Meeting it was disclosed that a recent meeting had appointed a Miss Byrne Collector for No. 19 District, although this lady was not then living in the country, nor apparently had she been for some considerable time.

" The state of affairs disclosed in Collection Districts Nos. 5 and 6 (Collector John Cullin) seems practically hopeless. These remarks would apply with equal force to Nos. 11 and 12 Districts (Collector James Gerrard). In the case of the Collector in District No. 14, as well as in the two preceding it, it is evident that the Council, as a body, as well as the individual Councillors, must take drastic action and make strenuous efforts to see that the rate is collected.

" A reply at an early date, indicating what steps the Council propose taking to improve the rate collection, will be much appreciated.

" Mise le meas,

" L. T. MacCOSGAIR,

" Minister for Local Government."

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—" Resolved—That the names of defaulting Ratepayers be typed and published, a Notice to this effect having been previously published calling upon them to lodge the Rates with the Collectors, or the Council's Treasurer. Further, that defaulting Ratepayers be informed that they will be obliged to pay Six Per Cent. interest on the amount of their defalcations."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—" Resolved—That the following Rate Collectors be informed that if they do not make substantial lodgments within the next fortnight they will be dismissed:—James Byrne, John Cullen, D. P. Byrne, Patrick Doyle, John Manley."

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter which he had received during the progress of the Meeting from Collector James Gerrard, Main Street, Wicklow, intimating that it is not possible for him to continue as Collector for two Districts, and resigning his position as Collector for No. 11 (Glenealy) Collecting District.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor J. Everett:—" Resolved—That we hereby accept Mr. J. Gerrard's resig-

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nation of the position of Rate Collector for Glenealy (No. 11) Collecting District; and that he be directed to return his Collecting Books to the Secretary."

Passed.

An application was submitted from Collector John Manley, Knockraheen, Roundwood, in which he stated that he had collected Rates in his District amounting to £2,000, or thereabouts, and applying for payment of poundage on account.

Order—Noted.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J. Redmond:—

" I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Meeting of the Council that the Direct Labour Scheme on Roads, as passed by the County Council, be put in force on and from the date of that Meeting."

The following Notice of Motion was also handed in by Councillor John J. Redmond:—

" I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Meeting of the Council that the Resolution adopted on the 18th June, 1921, terminating the operation in the County of the Compulsory Clauses of the Education Act be rescinded; and that the operations of the School Attendance Committees as they existed in the Rathdown area previous to that date be resumed."

At this stage the Council made the following Order:—" Meeting adjourned to Monday, 19th September, 1921."

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The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 19th September, 1921.

The following members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. Everett, P. P. O'Reilly, James Byrne, John J. Redmond, John J. Healy, Patrick Healy, D. J. McEvoy, W. J. Doyle, Patrick Doyle, F. O'Rafferty, J. Turner, E. O'Neill, and William Grainger.

The Presiding Chairman read the following telegram which he had received from Councillor Michael Fleming:—"Lost train. Won't compromise Motion standing in my name."

The Council resumed consideration of the Business at the point reached when the adjournment took place on the 22nd August, 1921.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"Resolved—That the following two Councillors be hereby appointed to fill the vacancies existing on the Proposals and Finance Committees:—John J. Redmond, Kenmare Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Greystones; Daniel J. McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington."

Passed.

The following Report was submitted:—

Court House, Wicklow,
22nd August, 1921.

Gentlemen,—I beg to report that Councillor Daniel Condren had not attended any Meeting of the Council since 18th June, 1920. Consequently he has been absent for more than twelve months, and is liable to disqualification failing such reason as may be approved by the Council, or, in the alternative, if his non-attendance be due to illness.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

Order—Councillor Condren to be asked for an explanation.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor J. Everett:—"Resolved—That Mr. Edward Byrne, U.D.C., of Bray, be hereby co-opted to fill the declared vacancy on the County Council caused by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Campbell, of Lackendarragh, Enniskerry."

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor E. O'Neill, was withdrawn with the consent of the Council:

"I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Meeting of the Council, in August, that the Resolution submitted by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee requesting a readjustment of the system of allocation of the proceeds of the Rates levied under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts, as between the County Committee of Agriculture and the County Technical Instruction Committee, be considered; and, further, that the County Technical Instruction Committee be in future allocated at least one-third of such Rates instead of one-quarter, as at present;

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and that all Orders to the contrary on the Records of this Council be rescinded."

In lieu thereof, Councillor E. O'Neill handed in an amended form of Notice of Motion, as follows:—

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the question of the allocation of funds raised by the Wicklow County Council under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Acts be reconsidered, and the matter rearranged so that a greater proportion of the proceeds be devoted to the Technical Instruction Committee; and that all Orders to the contrary on the books of this Council be rescinded."

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow,
22nd August, 1921.

Gentlemen,—At the Meeting of the Council on the 24th August, 1920, the question of confirming the appointment of Mr. W. C. Byrne, Junior Clerk, in the Secretary's Office, was considered. The Council, on hearing that Mr. Byrne had qualified in Typewriting only, decided to re-appoint him temporarily for a further period of twelve months, "on condition that within that time he qualifies in Irish and Shorthand."

On Saturday last I gave him a test in these subjects. His year's progress in Irish seems to me to be satisfactory. He accurately translated several long passages from "Seanchas," by "An Fear Mor," and from "Caint," by Seaghan O Cathain. In Shorthand, too, he has made reasonable progress. Mr. Byrne should, however, be directed to continue his studies in both subjects until he acquires a good working knowledge, which can only be attained by systematic application.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Order—Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Everett:—"Resolved—That Mr. W. C. Byrne be now permanently appointed Junior Clerk, and that he be required, as promised by him, to become more efficient in Irish and in Shorthand."

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, was, in his absence, not moved:—

"I hereby give Notice that I (or some Councillor for me) will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that, inasmuch as there has been only a difference of three marks, out of an aggregate of 6,113, between the second and third highest candidates for our recent County Council Scholarships, and to show our desire to meet the wishes of Dail Eireann in educational progression, it is hereby agreed, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, that a Scholarship be awarded to the third highest candidate on the list, who spent

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six years in College in the anticipation that at least three Scholarships would be offered each year for competition."

In this connection the Secretary read the following letter, dated the 2nd August, 1921, which he had received from the father of the student placed third by the University authorities, following the special examination of candidates for the Council's University Scholarships:—

Stratford-on-Slaney, County Wicklow,
20th August, 1921.

Dear Mr. Doyle,—Having learned something of your Council's financial position, I have asked Mr. Metcalfe not to proceed at present with his Notice of Motion concerning Scholarship.

Thanking you for past favours, and with all good wishes.

I am, yours sincerely,
M. M. GLEESON.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated the 28th July, 1921, from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, notifying the result of the special examination of candidates for the Council's University Scholarships; and also a further letter, dated the 24th August, 1921, from the University authorities, reporting on the Scholarship holders for the past year.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"Resolved—That University Scholarships be awarded to Miss Mary Margaret Sheehan, Corballis, Rathdrum; Miss Louisa Mary Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford; who appear from the return of the University authorities to have qualified for the two Scholarships offered by the Wicklow County Council; and, further, that the Scholarships tenable by Miss Maria Farrington, Newtown, Hollywood, County Wicklow; Miss Josephine Coghlan, 3 Main Street, Bray; Mr. Michael J. Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry; Mr. Patrick J. Murray, Cooladangan House, Arklow; Mr. Gerald M. B. Murtagh, 2 Park View, Dargle Road, Bray; Miss Nora MacDonnell, 1 Sidminton Avenue, Bray, be continued, each of these students having, according to the certificate of the University authorities, qualified for such continuance."

Passed.

An application, dated 2nd August, 1921, was submitted from Miss Margaret Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow, in which she asked the Council for a fourth year of Scholarship to enable her to engage in Industrial Research in the Chemical Department of University College, Dublin.

Order—Not granted.

A similar application, dated 14th September, 1921, was submitted from Miss Bridie Redmond, 69 Adelaide Road, Dublin, in which she asked the Council for a fourth year of Scholarship to enable her to finish the Arts Course by taking her M.A. Degree and Diploma in Education.

Order—Not granted.

A letter was read by the Secretary, dated 25th July, 1921, from Miss Nora MacDonnell, 1 Sidminton Avenue, Bray, in which she

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asked permission, as a University Scholarship holder, to reside at home, instead of in a hostel.

Order—Permission granted.

In the absence of Councillor Michael Fleming, consideration of the following Notice of Motion, standing in his name, was adjourned:

“I, or some Councillor for me, beg to give Notice of Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council, that the Motion fixing an Annuity of £130, or £133, as a Retiring Allowance granted by the Council to Rate Collectors at their Meeting of the 18th June, be rescinded,

- (1) on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing do not allow large pensions, or any pension, to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing, to work for the Republican Council;
- (2) that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the Rate Collectors who have stood loyally by the Council will resent it on the grounds that had this officer (as well as others who have been seeking pensions) retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary; the Rates would have been collected, and the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations; owing to their action they have played into the hands of the English Local Government Board, and have brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H Greenwood, they have paralysed the efforts of this Council.”

In this connection the Secretary submitted the following Resolution received from the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council:—“Resolved—That we, the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, strongly protest against the action of the Wicklow County Council in voting a pension to a retired Rate Collector who funked his job, and played into the hands of the English Local Government Board. We also call on two members of this Council—Messrs. O'Neill and Metcalfe—who voted away the Wicklow County Council's money to this particular shirker, and the matter is still under review. We call on these Councillors to vote against this monstrous proposal.”

The Secretary submitted correspondence and Resolutions dealing with the action of the County Council in suspending the operation of the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act throughout the County, received from Matthew Dunne, N.T., Avoca; the Secretary, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District School Attendance Committee; the Secretary, Avoca Area School Attendance Committee; the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council; and the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:—“Resolved—That the Resolution adopted on the 18th June, 1921, terminating the operation in the County of the Compulsory Clauses of the Education Act be rescinded, and that the operations of the School Attendance Committee as they existed in the Rathdown area previous to that date be resumed.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—“Resolved—That the following be appointed to repre-

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sent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2, for the three years commencing 1st October, 1921:—John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones; Patrick McGuirk, Tonygarrow, Enniskerry; John Maguire, Delgany; Very Rev. P. Flavin, P.P., Greystones; John Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—“Resolved—That the vacancies existing on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee be filled by the appointment of the following gentlemen on that Committee:—John J. Redmond, Kenmare Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Greystones; Rev. W. Lillis, C.C., Greenane; Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh; Daniel Condren, 81 Lower Main Street, Arklow; Peter P. O'Reilly, Ballynastockan, Blessington; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.”

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—“Resolved—That the following gentlemen be hereby appointed to fill the vacancies existing on the County Committee of Agriculture:—Joseph Farrell, Baltyboys, Blessington; John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones; W. J. Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely; William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew; Patrick Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely; Joseph Doyle, Talbotstown, Kiltegan; Matthew Murtagh, Wicklow; Rev. M. A. Newcombe, C.C., Coolafaney, Tinahely; Patrick Healy, Rathdangan, Baltinglass; Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Kilcoole; Very Rev J Manning, P.P., Auhgrim; Rev. W. Lillis, C.C., Greenane; Rev. M. Clarke, C.C., Kilbride, Wicklow; Wallace Hammond, Paulbeg, Shillelagh.”

Passed.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

The Secretary submitted a file of papers dealing with the present position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, including a communication, dated 2nd August, 1921, from W. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin; from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, dated 8th August, 1921; letter and Resolution, dated 5th September, 1921, from the Blessington Farmers' Association; and letters, dated 15th August, 1921, and 16th September, 1921, from Mr. James McGrath, Secretary of a Public Meeting held to consider the subject, together with copy of a Resolution passed thereat.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

Gentlemen,—Following the order of the Council at its Meeting on the 26th ult., a deputation consisting of Councillors C. M. Byrne, D. J. McEvoy and P. P. O'Reilly, accompanied by the Secretary, Law Agent and County Surveyor, waited upon the Minister for Local Government, and discussed at length with him the position that has arisen in connection with finances and management of the above undertaking. The Minister, who was most sympathetic, offered some

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suggestions, which will be laid before you by the members of the deputation.

Also, the Secretary, in conjunction with the local Councillors, convened a public meeting of the ratepayers in the guaranteeing area. This meeting, held in Blessington on Sunday, 7th August, was addressed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, and by your Secretary and Law Agent, who fully and exhaustively explained all the issues along the lines indicated by me in my detailed statement to the Council at its last meeting.

It is advisable that something should be done to-day to determine the attitude of the Council towards the suggestions contained in the correspondence from Dublin County Council, and from the Committee of Management in charge of the Tramway.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

22nd August, 1921.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"Resolved—That a Plebiscite be taken of the Ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area as to whether the Blessington Tramway be closed down or not; and that Voting Papers presenting the issues for determination be prepared by the Secretary and Law Agent, and submitted previous to printing for the approval of Councillors McEvoy and O'Reilly; Voting Papers to be issued to all Ratepayers appearing on the Valuation Lists; Voting Papers to be returned to the Secretary, at his Office, and scrutinised by him and the Law Agent, in the presence of such persons as wish to attend the scrutiny."

Passed.

Further, at his request, the Secretary was authorised to stamp the Voting Papers for return through the Post; and to take such other necessary action as was required to prepare and issue the papers for the Plebiscite.

There were no applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, for submission to the Council.

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.

The Secretary submitted the following correspondence with regard to the charges preferred against the Council by ex-Councillor Joseph Campbell:—

7th August, 1921.—From Joseph Campbell, Lackendarragh, Enniskerry, replying, in connection with his previous letter, to a communication he had received from the Council's Law Agent.

10th August, 1921.—From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing copy of Counsel's Opinion, in connection with the charges levelled against the Council.

17th August, 1921.—From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—further letter on the subject of the charges.

1st September, 1921.—From Joseph Campbell, Lackendarragh,

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Enniskerry, replying to a communication received by him from the Council's Law Agent, dated 10th August, 1921.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:—"Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers (Forms 53) on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:—"Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed; and also an Advice Note in favour of Richmond Lunatic Asylum for the first Payment on Demand for that Institution passed at the Council's May Quarterly Meeting."

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a Statement of the financial position of the Council to date, as follows; also a Return (Form 66) showing the state of the Poor Rate Collection; and a file of correspondence with Collectors in that connection:—

ESTIMATE OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL ON 17th SEPTEMBER, 1921.

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
1921.							
March 31—	Cash balance (if all Cheques were passed through) ...	6,361	1	3			
June 30—	Lodgments to date	19,160	19	4			
Sept. 17—	Do. for current quarter	18,966	9	5	44,488	10	0
EXPENDITURE.							
June 30—	Actual Payments issued to date	15,075	12	5			
Sept. 17—	Do. do.	15,586	2	6	30,661	14	11
	Actual Cash available				...	13,826	15 1

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Payments (General Account) authorised at the May Quarterly Meeting, 1921, (Asylum) ...	3,435	0	0
Payments to be authorised on 19th inst. ...	418	2	3
Due to Rural District Councils (General Account) being arrears of Demands which fell due on the 1st April last, in respect of quarter ended 30th June, 1921 ...	757	5	0
Do Second quarter's Demands which fell due on 1st July, in respect of quarter ending 30th Sept. ...	1,735	15	0
Unions — Quarter's Demands which fell due on 1st July, in			

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respect of quarter ending 30th September	...	10,512	0	0
Payments authorised already on 22nd August, 1921	...	9,493	9	10
				26,351 12 1
Deficit	...			12,524 17 0

RATES OUTSTANDING

Last year's Rates, 1920-21—				
Still outstanding	...	6,580	10	11
Rates outstanding on current Rate, in respect of present half-year, and which should be collected and lodged by end of this month	...	44,383	2	8
Total	...	50,963	13	7

These figures speak for themselves and require no comment from me! You will note that of last year's rates a sum of £6,580 10s. 11d. is still outstanding, and that of the rate for the current half-year a sum of £44,383 2s. 8d. is also outstanding. Total £50,963 13s. 7d. The total current half-year's rates should be lodged by the end of this month while the arrears of last year's rates should have been lodged on or before 31st March last.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

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P.S.—Since writing the foregoing the following lodgments were made this morning—John Cullen, £103; Patrick Doyle, £130 1s. 2d.; and P. P. Doyle, £1,082 11s. 2d.

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Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—"Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to pay to the various Guardians half the amount of the Demands due to them in respect of the Quarter ending 30th September, 1921; and also that he be authorised to pay the Quarter's amount due to the Technical Instruction Committee."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"Resolved—That in consequence of the terms of his letter, and his failure to carry out the instruction of the Council, Collector Denis P. Byrne be called upon to return his collecting books through the Deputy Checker, Mr. J. R. Dagg."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"Resolved—That Councillor E. O'Neill is hereby authorised to furnish the Secretary with the names of two temporary Rate Collectors, to whom the Secretary is authorised to hand the Collecting Books respectively for Nos. 1 and 2 Collecting Districts, on receipt of the Collecting Books from the present temporary Collector,

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Mr. D. P. Byrne; and, further, that the Seal of the Council be attached to the Warrants authorising the said persons to proceed with the collections."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—"Resolved—That the Lists of Defaulting Ratepayers, according as they are supplied to the Secretary by the Rate Collectors, be published in the Local Papers."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"Resolved—That as the delay on the part of certain Ratepayers in paying their Rates will lead to the shutting down of Workhouses and the Asylum; the stoppage of Direct Labour on Roads; and other Public Services; all of which will seriously militate against the interests of the Labouring community, we hereby call upon the Labour Executive to consider the advisability of taking action, through their Organisations to bring pressure upon these Defaulting Ratepayers, by requiring the members of their Organisations not to handle in course of transport or otherwise their Stock or Goods, and thereby assist the County Council in the efforts they are otherwise making to accelerate the Rate Collection."

Passed.

The Secretary submitted applications from the two following for appointment as temporary Rate Collector for No. 11 (Glenealy) Collecting District:—Peter P. Doyle, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum; J. P. O'Neill, Mucklagh, Tinahely.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"Resolved—That Mr. P. P. Doyle, of Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum, be appointed temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 11 (Glenealy) Collecting District for one year, in room of Collector James Gerrard, resigned, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence; that this appointment be subject only to the approval of the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann; that we approve of a Bond on his behalf with the Hibernian Insurance Company for a sum of Five Hundred Pounds (£500), the premium on which will be paid by the County Council."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne:—"Resolved—That the Warrants for the newly appointed Collector for No. 11 (Glenealy) Collecting District be now signed and sealed."

Passed.

The Secretary submitted correspondence and Resolutions received by him from the several Branches of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union at Blessington, Dunlavin and Auhgrim, dealing with the question of the maintenance of roads by Direct Labour.

The Notice of Motion with regard to this matter, standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor J. J. Redmond, after discussion, was withdrawn with the consent of the Council, and the following Resolution was substituted therefor:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor J. Everett:—"Resolved—That the fourteen Overseers be set to work,

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each to employ a number of men temporarily to work mainly on the drainage of roads. The cost not to exceed £1,000, spread over a period of six weeks, commencing on 26th September, 1921."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"Resolved—That the Agreements with Messrs. John Roberts and Michael E. Bergin, in connection with the hire of the Council's engines for threshing purposes, be now signed and sealed."

Passed.

Dail Eireann.—Department of Local Government,
8th September, 1921.

Ref. M/25.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,—In accordance with the findings of the Commission on Local Government held under the auspices of this Department in July and August of last year, most Counties in Ireland have now either completed a scheme of Amalgamation of Unions or have the matter under serious consideration. So far we are not aware that anything definite has been done in this matter by your Council. We therefore request you to bring the matter before the Council at an early date, and ask them to appoint a Committee with full powers to go into the whole matter of Union Amalgamation in the County Wicklow.

Mise, le meas,

1. T. McCOSGAIL,
Minister for Local Government.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"Resolved—That the following Members of the County Council be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with representatives from the five Boards of Guardians in the County, as detailed underneath, a Joint Committee to consider the question of Workhouse Amalgamation; and that the Secretary be directed to take the necessary steps to get this Conference convened, and to make all preliminary arrangements leading up thereto:—Edward O'Neill, Main Street, Baltinglass; C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy; D. J. McEvoy, Ballyknocken, Blessington; James Byrne, Tinnakilly Lower, Aughrim; William J. Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely; James Turner, Ballydoreen, Ashford; James Everett, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow; J. J. Metcalfe, Ballylion, Donard; William Grainger, Tombrean, Carnew; Andrew Kinsella, Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely. And, further, that each of the Boards of Guardians of Baltinglass, Rathdrum, and Shillelagh be requested to appoint two representatives, and each of the Boards of Guardians of Naas and Rathdown be requested to appoint one representative."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. Everett Resolved—
"That Councillors C. M. Byrne, D. J. McEvoy and P.

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P. O'Reilly be appointed delegates to the All-Ireland Industrial Conference to be held in Dublin on the 13th and 14th October, 1921."

Passed unanimously.

Wicklow Urban District Council.

Town Hall, Wicklow,
17th September, 1921.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Wicklow Urban District Council to inform you that the following gentlemen have been appointed a deputation to wait on the County Council, to obtain their sanction to my Council applying to Dail Eireann for a loan of £6,000, to carry out improvements to the Wicklow Waterworks:—Mr. James Everett, Chairman; Mr. William H. Kearney, Mr. James Middleton.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. MacPHAIL,
Town Clerk.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

The deputation was received, and having explained fully the objects for which the proposed Loan was being sought, the County Council unanimously accorded their sanction to the Loan, and, at the suggestion of the Secretary, directed that the matter should be put on the Agenda for the following Meeting, so that the sanction might be formally and regularly ratified.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—"Resolved—That we, the County Council of Wicklow, hereby extend our warmest congratulations to the Most Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne on the occasion of his elevation to the Episcopal charge of the Diocese of Dublin, and assure him that we earnestly pray that he may be long spared to perform the onerous spiritual and temporal duties attaching to that exalted position, and for the performance of which he is so eminently qualified."

Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

7th July, 1921.—From the Department of Local Government—approving of the appointment of Mr. Denis P. Byrne as Poor Rate Collector.

29th July, 1921.—From same—stating that it is an Instruction that no assistance is to be given by Local Officials in the preparation of Jurors' Lists or Electors' Lists.

19th August, 1921.—From same—with reference to the Paymaster and the Treasurer. (N.B.—This letter is given in full on pages 244 and 245 of the printed Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd August, 1921.)

7th September, 1921.—No. 11,573/21.—From same—re question of filling the vacant position of County Analyst.

Order—Adjourned.

14th September, 1921.—No. 11,574/21.—From same—re Council's proposal to award a prize of £10 to National School having

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highest percentage of pupils learning Irish, and £2 to the teacher of such school.

Order—Adjourned.

12th September, 1921.—No. 12,032/21.—From same—approving of the appointment of Anthony Mulligan as Rate Collector.

12th September, 1921.—No. 12,031/21.—From same—approving of the appointment of James O'Rourke as Rate Collector.

12th September, 1921.—No. 12,030/21.—From same—approving of the appointment of Patrick Doyle as Rate Collector.

12th September, 1921.—No. 12,028/21.—From same—approving of the appointment of John Manley as Rate Collector.

12th September, 1921.—No. 12,029/21.—From same—approving of the appointment of Michael J. Hoey as Rate Collector.

1st September, 1921.—No. 11,462/21.—From same—relative to enclosed extract from Richmond District Asylum regarding payment to that Institution of instalments of Demand.

24th August, 1921.—No. 9,401/21.—From same—relative to the Council's proposal to increase their Grant towards upkeep of Wicklow County Infirmary—together with copy of the Secretary's reply thereto dated 29th August, 1921.

9th September, 1921.—From same—Circular No. 51, relative to Rates and Criminal and Malicious Injury Claims.

5th July, 1921. No. 41,288/21/W.K.—From National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland)—conveying the Treasury's sanction to the Estimate for the year 1921, of the Receipts and Expenditure of the County Wicklow Insurance Committee, amounting to £1,634 gross, involving an estimated deficiency of £800, as provided in Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

9th August, 1921. No. V.B. 601/21.—From the Department of Agriculture—requesting the name of the Banking Company acting as the legally appointed Treasurer of the Council, and the forwarding of claims for recoupment in respect of the period since the 30th September, 1920, under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

15th June, 1921.—From the Ministry of Transport (Ireland)—enclosing copy of "The Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1921," dated 19th May, 1921.

6th July, 1921.—From Commissioners of National Education—stating there is no legal provision for discontinuing the operation of the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, in any Rural Area to which the Act has been applied.

29th July, 1921. No. H. 501/2,033/1921.—From Housing Department, Local Government Board, Dublin—relative to the grants to private builders under the Housing (Additional Powers) Acts, 1919 and 1921.

2nd August, 1921.—From the Comptroller of Inland Revenue, Jury's Hotel, Dublin—relative to the failure to furnish the usual Return of the Council's Officers, etc., on Form No. 46, for the year ending 5th April, 1922, required by the Income Tax Acts.

Order—Not to be furnished.

3rd August, 1921.—From the Secretary, Irish County Councils'

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General Council—enclosing, for the guidance of the Council, copies of Resolutions passed by the General Council on the following subjects:—(1) Collection of Rates; (2) Register of Electors and Jurors' Lists; and (3) Schemes for Technical Instruction.

30th July, 1921.—Telegram and letter from the Clerk, Baltin-glass No. 1 Rural District Council—asking that £300 of Instalment of Demand be immediately forwarded to be placed to credit of the District Council.

28th July, 1921.—From the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a Resolution asking that a substantial portion of Instalment of Demand be forwarded at the earliest possible date to be placed to the credit of the District Council.

17th August, 1921.—From the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—asking (1) to have his account for preparing Jurors' Lists passed for payment; and (2) for payment of the Instalments of Demand due to the Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.

18th July, 1921.—From A. Chatterton, Estate Office, Ennis-kerry—calling the Council's immediate attention to the absolutely neglected condition of the Roads in his District.

18th July, 1921.—From Mrs. Mary Burke, Mergans'town, Dun-lavin—relative to her husband, and the Collection of the Rates in his Collecting District.

23rd July, 1921.—From the Manager, Industrial School, Salt-hill, Galway—asking for an increase of Sixpence per week towards the Cost of Maintenance of Children from County Wicklow in that Institution.

March, 1921.—From Dr. W. D. O'Kelly, 26 Upper Mount St., Dublin—relative to the appointment of County Analyst, in room of Sir Charles A. Cameron, deceased.

19th April, 1921.—From B. G. Fagan, Esq., B.Sc., of City Laboratory, Chatham Row, Dublin—relative to the appointment of County Analyst in room of Sir Charles A. Cameron, deceased.

17th September, 1921.—From the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his Council dealing with the urgent necessity for a transfer of funds, and suggesting that the names of all Ratepayers in arrears with the payment of Rates be published.

30th August, 1921.—From the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his Council, requesting the County Council to forthwith pay all monies due to Road Contractors in that District.

1st and 8th September, 1921.—From A. Chatterton, Estate Office, Ennis-kerry—relative to the payment of Rates by him, and to the state of the roads, and the alleged non-payment of Road Contractors—together with copy of the Secretary's letter, dated 7th September, 1921, in reply thereto.

22nd August, 1921.—From Surveyor, Blackrock Urban District Council—asking the Council's price for the sale of road stones, chips, etc., delivered at the Glen of the Downs Quarry.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 14th NOVEMBER, 1921.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 14th November, 1921.

The following members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors J J Redmond, James Byrne, F O'Rafferty, E O'Neill, D J McEvoy, P P O'Reilly, Michael Fleming, W J Doyle, Patrick Doyle, J Turner, James Hoey, James Everett, and B Kelly,

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 Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 4—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposal Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 5—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 6—To Sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 7—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poison and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 8—To appoint the County Council's Representatives on the County Board of Health.
- 9—To consider and act upon the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor M Fleming—

“I or some Councillor for me, beg to give Notice of Motion at the next of the County Council, that the Motion fixing an Annuity of £130 or £133 as a Retiring Allowance granted by the Council to Rate Collectors at their Meeting of 18th June, be rescinded,

(1) on the grounds that the financial conditions as at present existing or prevailing do not allow large pensions, or any pension, to be paid to Collectors who are able, but not willing, to work for the Republican Council.

(2) that such pensions are a menace to the Council, inasmuch as the Rate Collectors who have stood loyally by the Council will resent it on the grounds that had this officer (as well as others who have been seeking pensions) retained their positions no new appointments would have been necessary; the Rates would have been collected, and the Council would have been able to discharge its financial obligations; owing to their action they have played into the hands of the English Local Government Board, and have brought about the present state of things, or, in other words, at the bidding of Sir H Greenwood, they have paralysed the efforts of this Council.”

10—To consider and act upon the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:—“I hereby give Notice that I or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the question of the allocation of Funds raised by the Wicklow County Council under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Acts be re-considered, and the matter re-arranged, so that a greater proportion of the proceeds be devoted to the Technical Instruction Committee, and that all Orders to the contrary on the Books of this Council be rescinded.”

11—To consider [the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—“I give notice that I [or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council, that we hereby formally ratify the sanction already given by the Council to the Proposal of Wicklow Urban District Council

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to borrow a sum £6,000 under the authority of Dail Eireann, for the purpose of carrying out Improvements to Wicklow Waterworks."

12—To con firm the appointments of Messrs Myles McDonnell, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass, and Francis O'Neill, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, as temporary Rate Collectors for Nos 1 and 2 Collecting Districts—

13—To receive a Deputation from the County Wicklow Poor Rate Collector's Association.

14—To receive notification of the result of the Plebiscite taken in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

15—To nominate Representatives of the Council on the Committee set up to draft a Scheme for Secondary School Scholarships.

16—To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government relative to the appointment of a Public Analyst for the County

17—To consider a letter from the Minister for Agriculture relative to the Council's Representation on the Council of Agriculture.

18—To consider and act upon Correspondence connected with the question of Unemployment existing in the County.

19—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

20—To consider Reports from County Officers.

21—To consider Official Correspondence.

22—To consider General Correspondence.

When the Minutes of the previous meeting were about to be confirmed Councillor D J McEvoy stated that in one particular there was not an accurate record of the proceedings. In the Minutes it was recorded that the Secretary had submitted to the meeting a file of papers including a resolution from Baltinglass Rural District Council dealing with the subject of Councillor Fleming's Notice of Motion. Mr McEvoy insisted that the resolution in question was not submitted to the meeting; that it was deliberately suppressed by the Secretary so that it would not appear in the newspapers.

The Secretary strongly repudiated this statement, and mentioned that he had submitted with other documents the resolution in question, and had specially entered it on the Order Book in connection with Mr Fleming's Notice of Motion dealing with the proposal to award a pension to ex-collector Joseph Keane. He added that during the meeting a telegram was received from Councillor Fleming intimating that he would not be able to attend the meeting and accordingly when the meeting reached his Notice of Motion it, and the other correspondence dealing with it were, by the direction of the Council, adjourned to the following meeting. He held that this was a submission not only of the Notice of Motion, but of the accompanying correspondence dealing with it, and that the Minutes were perfectly accurate record of what took place.

The Chairman, on reference to it, stated that the Order Book for the previous meeting unquestionably contained a reference to the Baltinglass resolution and that the subject had been adjourned.

The Minutes were then confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 30th August, 1921, in the Courthouse, Wicklow.

The following members attended—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors J Turner, and C M Byrne.

A letter, dated 22nd August, 1921, was submitted from the Surveyor, Blackrock Urban District Council, asking the Council's price for the sale of Road Stones, Chips, etc, delivered at the Glen of the Downs Quarry.

Order—The County Surveyor is authorised to sell whatever quantity of

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Stone and Chips can be spared, at a price to be fixed by him.

Signed, J

JAMES EVERETT, Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming, seconded by Councillor James Byrne, :—Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and is hereby adopted."

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 27th September, 1921.

The following members attended—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors J J Redmond, J Turner, C M Byrne, and B Kelly.

In consequence of statements brought to the knowledge of the Committee, we recommend the Council to direct the County Surveyor that, in addition to the requirements of the Direct Labour Scheme, to employ none but Trade Union Workers on the roads, he must, when ordering new Plant, or getting repairs made to the existing Plant, place his orders with Firms recognised by the respective Trade Unions, or, in the alternative, employ Trade Unionists where feasible to make new Plant or repair existing Plant.

We further recommend that the County Surveyor be instructed to make it his business to see that the Firms and the Trade Unionists conform to the recognised conditions as to hours of labour and wages in the District.

The information on these headings can be obtained by the County Surveyor, so far as Bray area is concerned, from the Secretary of the Trades Council, Trades Hall, Main Street, Bray; in Greystones area from Mr J J Redmond, Secretary Carpenters and Woodworkers Society; and from the Secretaries of the Transport and General Workers Unions at Wicklow, Arklow, Rathdrum, Shillelagh, Aughrim, Tinahely, Carnew, Baltinglass, Blessington, Dunlavin, and the Representatives of this Organisation in other centres not enumerated above.

The Committee made the following Order :—"The Secretary is hereby instructed to pay the Road Contractors, and, as far as possible, the Rural District Councils.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,

Chairman Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond, seconded by Councillor James Hoey. Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby adopted."

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, the 25th October, 1921.

The following members were present—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors C M Byrne, D J McEvoy, and J Turner.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposal Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follow :

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County-at-Large	51	11
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	19	13
Committee's Proposals	...	19	13	2		

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Rathdown No. 2—			
District Proposals	...	5 19 10	
Committee's Proposals	...	38 19 7	44 19 5
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	...	—	
Committee's Proposals	...	8 0 11	8 0 11
Shillelagh—			
District Proposals	...	156 16 6	
Committee's Proposals	...	33 2 9	189 19 3

Having regard to the fact that the British Government have intimated the withdrawal of Grants hitherto contributed towards the Finance of the County, we have refrained from recommending payments submitted on the Secretary's Schedule under the following headings—Repayment of Loans; Sub-Sheriff's Salary; Rents and Expenses of Courthouses; and such similar services as we refrained from recommending at our previous Quarterly Meeting.

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

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

			£	s	d
Baltinglass	...	...	609	15	0
"	...	...	609	15	0
Naas	...	...	260	5	0
"	...	...	260	5	0
Rathdown	...	...	1075	0	0
"	...	...	1075	0	0
Rathdrum	...	...	2599	15	0
"	...	...	2599	15	0
Shillelagh	...	...	761	5	0
"	...	...	761	5	0
Total	...	...	£10612	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

			£	s	d
Baltinglass No 1	...	...	155	0	0
"	...	...	155	0	0
Rathdown No 2	...	...	127	15	0
"	...	...	127	15	0
Rathdrum	...	...	536	7	6
"	...	...	536	7	6
Shillelagh	...	...	48	15	0
"	...	...	48	15	0
Total	...	...	£1735	15	0

The Secretary having reported to the Finance Committee that the Clerks of Unions and the Rate Collectors engaged on the preparation of the Voters' and Jurors' Lists had practically completed their work under a specific direction from the Department, given verbally to the Secretary of the County Council by one of the Inspectors, and this Order having been subsequently countermanded after all the work in connection with these matters had been completed, we recommend the Council to pass these payments subject to the approval of the Department.

Signed, JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor James

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Everett:—"Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill, seconded by Councillor F O'Rafferty:—"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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th November, 1921.

The following members were present—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors James Byrne, John J Redmond, C M Byrne, B Kelly, and D J McEvoy.

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

		£	s	d
Additional Proposals	...	72	19	8
Baltinglass No 1 R D—Forms 22	...	51	4	6
Rathdrum R D—Forms 22	...	410	13	6
Blessington Tramway	...	409	11	10

28th October, 1921. From W J Shannon, Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, application for the amount certified by the Arbitrators of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway to be due in respect of the half-year ended 30th June, 1921.

Order. Read.

9th November, 1921. From J R Dagg, Clerk of Baltinglass Union, urgent application for remittance of instalments due under demands from his Union and Rural District Councils.

Order. Read.

Signed,

J. EVERETT, Chairman.

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Proposed by Councillor M Fleming, seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—"Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted."

Passed.

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

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming; seconded by Councillor J J Redmond:—

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County at Large, amounting to £5,160 1s 11d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming; seconded by Councillor E O'Neill:—

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No 1 Rural District amounting to £70 17s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chair-