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man), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDOWN No 2.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond; seconded by Councillor James Hoey:—

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £44 19s 5d (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 James Turner:—

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £418 14s 5d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming; seconded by Councillor W J Doyle:—

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £189 19s 3d (any modifications 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 D J McEvoy. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £72 19s 8d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D J McEvoy, seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional Proposal for Payment amounting to £409 11s 10d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming, seconded by Councillor E O'Neil. 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:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

No Proposals.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
8th day of November, 1921.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting, 14th November, 1921.

Gentlemen—

1—I recommend that the Council appoint the Committee to act with me

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in selecting Quarries in West Wicklow.

On 23rd May last the Council decided to appoint such a Committee.

2—The roads leading to Kilbride Camp are very badly damaged by Military traffic, as are also other roads leading to Glen Imaal Camp. I recommend that steps be taken to obtain from the Military Authorities the money required for the repair of these roads. To make even a part repair from the rates would so deplete the amount fixed for road expenditure in the Sections in which these damaged roads are situate that no other road would be possible during the present Financial Year.

3—The sum you found it possible to authorise for expenditure in repairing roads under Direct Labour Scheme is now exhausted.

I recommend that, if you consider it feasible to do so, you authorise me to put the full Scheme of Direct Labour into operation. Should you not find it expedient to do this, I request that you authorise for expenditure of as large a sum as you may find possible.

4—The undermentioned roads, which are still under contract, are persistently neglected by the Contractors. I recommend you to cancel the Contracts and place these roads in my charge up to 31st March, 1922.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

Index	Reg.	Taken	Amount available for Expenditure to 31st March, 1922.
2N	13	Winter, 1919	£48 3 0
7N	15	"	20 5 0
42N	16	"	8 1 3
21N	60	Winter, 1917.	20 5 0
27N	65	"	7 16 0
28N	66	"	51 15 0
65	24	"	75 0 0
69	27	"	23 12 6
73	31	"	15 15 0
74	32	"	12 11 3
99	39	"	15 3 9

All these roads fall into the Direct Labour Scheme on 1st April, 1922, with the exception of Index Nos. 2N, 7N, and 42N. These latter three roads can, if you cancel the Contracts be brought into the Scheme on 1st April, 1922.

Your obedient Servant,
S G GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

Orders:—Paragraph 1—See Resolution subjoined.

Paragraph 2—No Order.

Paragraph 3—At a subsequent stage of the meeting and arising out of the Secretary's Report of the Financial position of the Council, it was agreed the sum of £5,000 should be devoted to the carrying out of the Direct Labour Scheme between that and the next meeting of the County Council.

Paragraph 4—Eleven Road Contracts indicated cancelled, and the roads given in charge of the County Surveyor to 31st March, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne, Resolved—That Councillors O'Neill, McEvoy, O'Reilly, Metcalfe, and Healy be, and are hereby, appointed a Committee to act in connection with the County Surveyor in selecting Quarries, and that two form a Quorum. Passed.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

The following Resolution, passed by the Rural District Council on the 2nd November, 1921, was submitted:—

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" Resolved—The attention of the County Council is drawn to the very bad condition of the ' The Lamb ' Road, and also other roads used by the Military in the vicinity, which are at present all but impassable.

A letter, dated 5th October, 1921, was also submitted from Colonel W H Daniel, Glen Heste, Manor Kilbride, via Dublin, dealing with the question of the payment of Poor Rates, and the necessity for urgent repairs to the Roads in his district.

RATHDOWN NO. 2 RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming, Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the Application for Refund of Expenses and the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

No Applications were received or submitted, for Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I am submitting a copy of the Workhouse Amalgamation Scheme as finally approved on the 26th October, 1921, by the Joint Conference set up for the purpose. You will, in pursuance of its provisions, appoint to-day, from members of the County Council, eleven representatives on the County Board of Health, the authority established to administer the Scheme.

The Joint Conference unanimously recommend the Council, when making these appointments, to select at least one representative from each of the four Rural and three Urban Districts.

I am also submitting the result of the plebiscite in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway, which I was directed at last meeting of the Council to carry out. In this connection I have to report that on the 10th October, 1921, a Joint Conference on the subject of the Tramway was held in the Council Chamber of the Dublin County Council, at whose request the Conference took place. This Council was represented by Councillors McEvoy and O'Reilly, the Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, and myself. The entire question having been considered, it appeared that no action could be taken to close down the working of the Tramway until the Wicklow County Council moved in the matter, and that this would have to be done by some form of legal process.

The Chairman of Dublin County Council, Mr Friel, suggested that before such a course was embarked upon a further Conference, at which the Department of Local Government might be represented, should take place between representatives of the two Councils to see if it be possible to have a more equitable distribution of the liabilities under the Guarantees as between the two Counties.

A sworn inquiry was conducted in the Council Chamber here on the 1st and 2nd November inst, by an Inspector appointed by the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann into the charges made by ex-Councillor Joseph Campbell against the majority of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

S J DOYLE, Secretary.

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The Secretary submitted a printed copy of the Scheme for the Amalgamation of the Workhouse, in the County, which had been drawn up by the Joint Committee appointed for this purpose, and approved of by the Department.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor James Turner. Resolved—That the following Eleven Councillors be hereby appointed to represent the County Council on the Board of Health, pursuant to the Workhouse Amalgamation Scheme drawn up and approved by the Special Committee appointed for the purpose :—

Edward Byrne, Florence Road, Bray.

James Everett, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.

Felix O'Rafferty, 31 Ferrybank, Arklow.

James Byrne, Tinakilly Lower, Aghrim.

W J Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely.

Edward O'Neill, Main Street, Baltinglass.

J J Redmond, Kenmare Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Greystones.

Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

Patrick Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely.

D J McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor D J McEvoy: That the Motion fixing an Annuity of £130, or £133, as a Retiring Allowance granted by the Council to Rate Collectors at their Meeting on 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 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 read 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 funk'd 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."

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the members present voted as follow :—

FOR THE MOTION :—Councillors W J Doyle, D J McEvoy, P P O'Reilly, Patrick Doyle, and Michael Fleming—5.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillor James Byrne, F O'Rafferty, E O'Neill, J J Redmond, C M Byrne, J Everett, B Kelly, and J Turner—8.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion lost.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming :—

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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 accordance with the Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly—"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."

In this connection the Secretary submitted a letter dated 17th September, 1921, from the Hon. Secretary, Representative Council of Associations of Officers of Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committees in Ireland, 9 Annesley Terrace, Cavan, supporting the motion; and a further letter, dated 8th October, 1921, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, forwarding the following Resolution passed by that body:—

"Resolved—That any attempt to reduce the proceeds of the Rate allocated to the County Committee of Agriculture would seriously militate against the Committee's Scheme, as, owing to their finances, the Committee were obliged to reduce their Schemes by £618 over last year's allocation. That next year we estimate a further reduction of at least £730, and, in fact, it is further funds this Committee would require to carry out necessary Schemes for the benefit of Agriculture.

After considerable discussion, Councillor E. O'Neill, with the consent of the Council, withdrew his motion, and handed in the following Notice of Motion in substitution therefor—

"I hereby give Notice that, I or some Councillor for me, will move at next Meeting that the Secretary be instructed to include in his next Estimate one halfpenny extra in the Pound for the purpose of Technical Instruction in the County."

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby formally ratify the sanction already given by the Council to the proposal of Wicklow Urban District Council to borrow a sum of £6,000, under the authority of Dail Eireann, for the purpose of carrying out Im-

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provements to Wicklow Waterworks. Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

Baltinglass,

27th September, 1921.

A Chara—In accordance with the decision of the Council at its Meeting, on 19th inst, I now submit the names of the two persons who are prepared to take up the collection of the Rates in Nos. 1 and 2 Districts, viz:—Myles McDonnell, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass, for Luke McDonnell's District; and Francis O'Neill, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, for Mr Halpin's District. Mise,

do Chara,

EAMON O'NEILL.

S J Doyle, Esq.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly. Resolved—That Messrs Myles McDonnell, of Coolnarrig, Baltinglass, and Francis O'Neill, of Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, having been appointed temporary Poor Rate Collectors for Nos. 1 and 2 Collecting Districts, respectively, on the nomination of Councillor Eamon O'Neill, pursuant to a Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council, we hereby formally approve and confirm these temporary appointments. Passed.

ESTIMATE OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL ON 12th NOVEMBER, 1921.

1921.	£	s	d	£	s	d
March 31—Cash Balance (if all Cheques actually issued were passed through) ...	6,361	1	3			
June 30—Lodged to date	19,160	19	4			
Sept 30—Lodged through Office to date	21,966	2	4			
" "—Lodged through Bank to date	10,002	15	5			
Nov. 12—Lodged through Office this half-year to date	6,977	7	10			
" "—Lodgments through Bank this half-year to date	9,912	13	2	74,410	19	4
EXPENDITURE.						
June 30—Actual Payments issued to date	15,075	12	5			
Sept 30—Do. do.	21,392	3	9			
Nov. 12—Do. do.	19,288	4	1	55,756	0	3
" "—Actual Cash available to date				18,654	19	1

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Payments (General Account) authorised at August Quarterly Meeting, but not yet issued—Asylum	3,333	15	0			
Tramway dividend	500	0	0	3,833	15	0
Transfers for Unions, current quarter ending 31st December, which fell due on 1st						

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October, 1921	10,612	0	0
Transfers for R D. Councils, current quarter, ending 31st December, which fell due on 1st October, 1921	1,922	5	0
Payments (General Account) to be authorised to-day	5,884	12	8
Do. (do) do.	482	11	6
Do. (Subsidiary Account) do.	481	4	6
			19,382 13 8
Total Liabilities ...	23,216	8	8
Total Liabilities (forward) ...	23,216	8	8
Total Cash available (forward)	18,654	19	1

DEFICIT. ... 4,561 9 7

RATES OUTSTANDING.

Last year's Rates, 1920-21—			
Still outstanding ...	3,333	10	11
Rates outstanding in respect of current financial year, which should have been collected and lodged by 30th September, 1921.	18,731	16	0
			22,065 6 11

Herewith, as usual, I am submitting a detailed statement showing the arrears in each collecting district. You can judge for yourselves the collectors whose districts are most backward. From statements in the Press, from letters in my possession, and from what I hear, I am convinced that there is in certain parts of the County an organised attempt to withhold payment of rates. The reason generally put forward for this hostile attitude is the alleged unsatisfactory condition of the roads. This is not only a childish but an amusing argument, as it is notorious that the Council are only too anxious to extend their operations on the roads but cannot do so because of the large arrears in rates, due mainly to the propaganda of the very people who complain of their condition.

But this is not the real reason at the back of the movement. The present may be described as a Republican Labour Council. Politicians, disappointed and otherwise, not in sympathy with Sinn Fein desire to hamper the Council for political reasons, and the hostile Farmers' Association and hostile employers desire to bring discredit on Labour administration, with special reference to the Direct Labour Scheme, in which they are assisted by many of the old road contractors.

The dangers lurking in these hostile elements of opposition ought not to be ignored or lightly passed over, but, on the contrary, it should be promptly and effectively grappled with. To this end the Council should, in my opinion, immediately resort to every legitimate means to assert their legal authority and to demonstrate that they will not allow themselves to be dictated to by either individual or organised ratepayers who refuse to pay their rates.

The arrears of last year's rates assessed by the old Council are now seven months overdue, and ought, I respectfully suggest, to be seized

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for, or sued for, forthwith. The estimate for the year 1922-23 will be considered at the next Quarterly meeting. If these arrears are not collected before then, what is to be done with them? Are they to be struck off and thus become a liability on the ratepayers who are paying? If not, the only alternative is to collect them in the meantime. I have written thus strongly on the subject because I see clearly that in some quarters there is a tendency to ignore the Council and to challenge its authority.

Yours faithfully,
S J DOYLE, Secretary.

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Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor B Kelly. Resolved—That the Collectors be, and are hereby directed to forthwith seize in all cases where rates are outstanding in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1921, and they are assured that the necessary support in the carrying out of seizures will be supplied on their application to the members of the Republican Police Force; and, further, the Collectors are hereby directed to use every effort to get in immediately the balance of last half year's Rates, and to take steps similar to the foregoing against all Ratepayers who have not before 21st December, 1921, paid their Rates in respect of the Half-year ending 30th September, 1921. Passed.

Ballincarrig, Rathrum, 24th October, 1921.

S J Doyle, Esq, Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting recently held of the Co Wicklow Poor Rate Collectors' Association, it was unanimously decided that an application be made, on behalf of the members, to the County Council for a permanent increase of the Rate of Poundage, as from the 1st June, 1921, from the present figure—sixpence—to eightpence.

The members of the Association feel that they may confidently appeal to the Council for this increase in view of the tremendous difficulties that have been successfully faced by the Collectors in their efforts to loyally and faithfully serve the Council in the critical financial crisis now, we hope, happily passed.

Members of the Association were deputed to wait on the Council at their Quarterly Meeting, to be held 14th November, 1921, and to place the views of the Collectors before the Council.

I am to express the hope that they may be received by the Council, and the Association's request for an increase poundage be granted by the Council as a recognition of their continuous efforts on the Council's behalf, under the most difficult conditions.

Yours faithfully,
PETER P DOYLE.

A similar letter, dated 7th October, 1921, was submitted from Councillor John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood.

The Council having heard the views of the Collectors, as expressed by members of a deputation received from their Association, 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

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at the next Meeting that the present Poundage of Sixpence being paid to our Rate Collectors be increased to Eightpence, this increase to date from the 1st June, 1921."

Following a Meeting of the County Wicklow Rate Collectors' Association, the sub-joined Resolution was handed in for submission to the Council:—

Wicklow, 14th November, 1921.

A Chara,—At a Meeting of the County Wicklow Rate Collectors' Association it was unanimously resolved:—

"That the Rate Collectors for the County, in view of the generous manner in which our demand for an extra 2d. in the £ in our remuneration was received, are hereby instructed to give of their best efforts in the collection of the Poor Rates due to the County Council.

A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to each Collector.

Mire oo Capa,

President—TOMAS PLÉIMIONN.

Secretary,—PETER P DOYLE,

Treasurer,—JOHN MURPHY.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY:

RESULT OF PLEBISCITE.

No. of Voting Papers Issued.	...	...	702
(Representing a total Valuation of £14,930 6s 0d.)			
No. of Voting Papers Returned	...	...	580
No. of Papers Marked "No" (for closing)	...	...	495
(Representing a Total Valuation of £8,676 4s 0d.)			
No. of Papers Marked "Yes" (against closing)	...	...	83
(Representing a Total Valuation of £3,049 3s 0d.)			
No. of Papers Returned bearing neither "Yes" or "No"	...	...	2
(Representing a Total Valuation of £4 5s 0d.)			
Total Valuation of Ratepayers who Returned Voting Papers,			
£11,729 12s 0d.			
Total Valuation of Ratepayers from whom Voting Papers were Not			
Received, £3,200 14s 0d.)			

SIMON J DOYLE,

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

26th October, 1921.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 3rd November, 1921, from William J Henry, Burgage, Blessington, Hon Secretary, Blessington, Farmers' Association, intimating that a large number of Ratepayers have determined to pay no Rates until their liability regarding the Tramway has been ended, and requesting that the Council at once make effective the Plebiscite which has been taken.

The following telegram from Mr John Cullen, the Rate Collector for Blessington district, was also submitted:—

"Doyle, Court House, Wicklow—Kindly bring before Meeting Ratepayers in guaranteeing area refuse to pay while Tram is included Unaware of Meeting—Cullen.

Proposed by Councillor D J McEvoy, seconded by Councillor P P

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O'Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby resolve to give effect to the Plebiscite taken relative to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway by closing the Line, and that the Law Agent be instructed to obtain the opinion of Senior Counsel, and institute whatever proceedings are requisite to have the Line discontinued without awaiting further instructions from the Council.

Passed. Councillors F O'Rafferty, E O'Neill, and James Everett dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor J Turner, seconded by Councillor J J Redmond. Resolved—That the following three members:—Councillors J Turner, J J Redmond, and C M Byrne, together with the Secretary, be hereby appointed to represent the County Council on the Committee set up to draft a Scheme of Secondary School Scholarships. Passed.

In this connection the following letter from the Minister for Local Government was submitted:—

DAIL EIREANN.

Department of Local Government,

14th September, 1921.

No. 11,574.21.

Wicklow County.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow,

A Chara—The Ministry for Local Government have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wicklow County Council on the 26th July, last, containing an entry of a proposal to award a prize of £10 to the National School in the County having the highest percentage of pupils learning Irish, and £2 to the teacher of the School, and while the Ministry appreciate the intentions of the Council in endeavouring to encourage the teaching of the Irish Language, they would point out that the Council's funds have been levied off the Ratepayers of the County for certain specific purposes, and that for some time past there has been difficulty in maintaining local services for which the money is raised owing to shortage of funds. The Council should not vote away money for any object, no matter how deserving, while any of their ordinary debts remain outstanding, or as long as their liabilities to the Subsidiary Bodies of the County are not fully discharged.

Is mise le meas,

L. T. MACCOSAIR,

Minister for Local Government.

Order—Noted.

This Council again adjourned consideration of a letter from the Minister for Local Government, No. 11573/21, dated 7th September, 1921, relative to the question of filling the vacant office of Public Analyst for the County, and pointing out that it is essential that the Council should continue to administer the Food and Drugs Acts.

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The following letter was submitted from the Minister for Agriculture :—

DAIL EIREANN.

Agricultural Department,
4th November, 1921.

To the Secretary Each County Council.
and

To Each Representative on the Council
of Agriculture.

A Chara—Many County Councils have recently asked the Ministry of Agriculture of Dail Eireann for a direction on the policy to be pursued by their Members who have been summoned to a Meeting of the Council of Agriculture at Merrion Street on the 8th inst.

The Government has given the matter careful consideration and direct that Representatives of County Councils should not attend, since the close co-operation which acting on the Council would entail is incompatible with true allegiance to the Republic.

This Council is an appendage of an Alien Government seeking to impose its will upon the Irish people and the people should not support or lend countenance to it.

Mise, le meas mór,

ART Ó CONCÚBÁIR,
Minister for Agriculture.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN COUNTY WICKLOW.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 12th October, 1921, received from the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, together with copy of a Resolution suggesting the calling of a Conference representative of all the Public Boards, with a view to taking such united action as may be necessary to deal with the widespread unemployment at present existing in the County.

A further letter, dated 28th October, 1921, was submitted from the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, together with the following copy of a Resolution passed on the 27th October, 1921, at a Conference of the Public Bodies of the County, held in the Board Room, Rathdrum :—

“ Resolved—That the different local bodies in County Wicklow be asked to promote Schemes of public utility in their respective districts with a view to relieving unemployment in their areas, and that they pledge their credit for the repayment of the loans necessary for the carrying out of the works.

“ That a Deputation be appointed from this Meeting to interview the Irish White Cross Association and other bodies from whom advances of money are likely to be obtained. Order—Adopted.

A letter dated 7th October, 1921, was submitted from the Minister for Home Affairs, relative to the proposal to set up a County Local Administrative Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J Turner, seconded by Councillor M Fleming. Resolved—That whilst this Council has every confidence in the four members suggested by the Minister for Home Affairs on the County Local Administrative Committee, we suggest that the Urban Dis-

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trict Areas and Labour be represented thereon, by the addition of the following members of this Council :—Felix O'Rafferty, 31 Ferrybank, Arklow ; James Everett, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow ; and J J Redmond, Kenmare Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Greystones. Passed.

The following letter from Councillor D Condren was submitted :
Arklow, 7-10-'21.

Dear Mr Doyle—I received your letter re my disqualification as a member of the County Council owing to non-attendance. I am grateful to the members of the Staff and Council for over-looking the matter so long. I am suffering from Rheumatism, and though in good general health it leaves me so stiff that I find it very inconvenient to attend any meetings. However, as it is scarcely worth the expense or having an appointment made in my place, if the Council are satisfied I will try to attend future meeting—Yours sincerely,
DANIEL CONDREN,
S J Doyle, Esq, Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor F O'Rafferty. Resolved—That we hereby accept the explanation given by Councillor Daniel Condren for his absence from meetings of this Council, and we trust his health will allow him to attend at future meetings. Passed,
Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,

Main Street, Arklow, 28-10-'21.

Dear Mr Doyle—I have been informed that the men employed on Roads are only being paid 36s weekly. As the wage fixed by County Council is £2 weekly, I trust you will pay balance to men in this District as soon as possible.

I would be glad if you could let the men have their Insurance Cards as soon as you can, as they cannot make a claim for out-of-work money until they get their cards.

Thanking you in anticipation, Yours sincerely,

CHARLES GAULE, Secretary.

Order—The wages current in the district, viz., Arklow, to be paid, The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor D J

McEvoy :—

That I, or some one for me, will move at next meeting of County Council that the Secretary be instructed to have report books printed of this County Council, and that each County Councillor and also District Councillors of this County be supplied with copy of same.

The above report books to be written up from the first meeting of the present Co. Council, showing the balance of money in hands when this Council took over control, and also giving the amount of money spent on each particular road in each division, and the dates thereof ; also giving officials salary and bonus separately ; also amount of money spent in advertising, printing, postage, motor car hire, etc., etc., all to be written up separately in detail and not bulked, and that in future such report books be printed and sent out half-yearly.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted :—

6th October, 1921,—From the Minister for Local Government—

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circular-letter relative to the question of holding Inquiries into the cause of death where the circumstances connected therewith appear to require investigation.

6th October, 1921. Reference, C.O. 761.—From the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin—giving the names and addresses of the newly-appointed School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, for the three years commencing 1st October, 1921, as approved by the Commissioners of National Education.

29th October, 1921.—From the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Resolution passed by his Council requesting An Dail to put in force a Compulsory Tillage Act.

25th October, 1921.—From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, Cavendish House, Parnell Square E., Dublin—circular-letter with reference to (1) Ambulances for County Hospitals; (2) County Contributions to Chair of Agriculture in University College, Dublin; and, (3) the Annual Meeting of the General Council.

26th September, 1921, and 26th October, 1921.—From the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin—pressing for immediate payment of the monies due on foot of the Asylum's Estimates and Demand up to 30th September, 1921.

10th October, 1921, From William O'Brien, the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Head Office, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin—intimating that an Instruction has been issued to the members of Branches of his Union in County Wicklow that the County Council is to be facilitated in every possible way in collecting the Rates.

11th October, 1921.—From Rev J M Robinson, M.A., Avoca Manor, Avoca—conveying a Memorial, signed by the several Managers of Schools in Avoca District, urging the Council to again put in force the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act in the primary Schools in that District.

Order—A Notice of Motion to be handed in.

29th October, 1921.—From ex-Collector Michael McGrath, Broadleas, Ballymore-Eutace—asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to grant him a Superannuation Allowance.

8th November, 1921.—From the Most Rev Dr Edward J Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin, Archbishop's House, Dublin—conveying to the Members of the Wicklow County Council his grateful acknowledgment of good wishes.

26th September, 1921.—From the Manager, "Wicklow People," A1 North Main Street, Wexford—outlining his position with regard to the publication of Lists of Defaulting Ratepayers supplied by the Council.

7th November, 1921.—From Collector Edward Lynch, Kilbeylet, Donard—enclosing correspondence received by him from Messrs Norris Goddard and Davidson, Solicitors, 1 Upper Mount Street, Dublin—in which Mr Goddard intimated he would pay no Rates whilst the County Council, as alleged, owed him larger amounts awarded him and his wife for Malicious Injury Claims.

20th October, 1921.—From Hon Secretary, the Irish Nurses and Midwives' Union, 29 South Anne Street, Dublin—urging the claims of Nursing Associations to representation on all Boards and Committees dealing with Public Health, and with matters affecting women and children.

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The Winter 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 20th February, 1922.

The following Members were present—Councillor C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors D. J. McEvoy, J. J. Metcalfe, F. O'Rafferty, J. Everett, James Byrne, Martin Langton, James Turner, William Byrne, Patrick Murphy, Edward Byrne, J. J. Redmond, John Fleming, Andrew Kinsella, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, P. P. O'Reilly, E. O'Neill, and William Grainger.

A letter, dated 19th February, 1922, was read from Councillor J. J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones, in which he regretted that, owing to illness, he was unable to be present at the Meeting.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural Districts 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, 1923.
- 7—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 next Meeting that the Secretary be instructed to include in his next Estimate one half-penny extra in the Pound for the purpose of Technical Instruction in the County."

- 8—To consider Applications from the County Wicklow Committee of the Gaelic League, and from the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, to have a Special Rate of not less than One Farthing in the £ levied in the ensuing Financial Year—the proceeds to be administered by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee in teaching the Irish Language in the County.
- 9—To consider the Scheme of Scholarships from the Primary to Secondary Schools, drafted by the Joint Committee appointed by the Council for the purpose.

- 10—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 next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that a Levy not exceeding Threepence in the £ be included in the Estimate of Rate for the coming year for the purpose of a Scheme of Afforestation for the County Wicklow."

- 11—To consider communications from the Secretary to the County Wicklow Farmers' Association on the subject of Pensions and Gratuities awarded officials whose positions have been abolished

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under the Scheme for Amalgamation of Unions, and the Scale of Wages paid to men employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

12—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 next Meeting that the present Poundage of Sixpence being paid to our Rate Collectors be increased to Eightpence, this increase to date from the 1st June, 1921.”

13—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 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.”

13a—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—

“ I beg to give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of the Co Council--“That every effort be made by the Wicklow County Council to withdraw or sever their connection with the Richmond Asylum; that the 266 patients chargeable to the County Wicklow be provided with an Asylum in their own County; that by turning one of the Workhouses (now available through the Scheme of Amalgamation) into an Asylum, it would be an enormous relief to the already overtaxed Ratepayers of the County.”

14—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—

That I, or some one for me, will move at next meeting of County Council that the Secretary be instructed to have report books printed of this County Council, and that each County Councillor and also District Councillors of this County be supplied with a copy of same.

The above report books to be written up from the first meeting of the present Co. Council, showing the balance of money in

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hands when this Council took over control, and also giving the amount of money spent on each particular road in each division, and the dates thereof; also giving officials salary and bonus separately; also amount of money spent in advertising, printing, postage, motor car hire, etc., etc., all to be written up separately in detail and not bulked, and that in future such report books be printed and sent out half-yearly.

15—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 next Meeting of the County Council that the operations of the School Attendance Committee in Avoca area be resumed on 1st April, 1922, and that the terms of the Council's Resolution of the 18th June, 1921, in so far as they affect that area, be rescinded.”

16—To execute Deed of Indemnity required by the Wicklow Fever Hospital Joint Committee of Management on their handing over that institution.

17—To execute Deed of Conveyance and Indemnity required in connection with the handing over of the Wicklow County Infirmary to the County Council by the Board of Governors of that Institution.

18—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 February Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the County Surveyor be directed to forthwith make arrangements to expend, before the 31st March, 1922, on the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, the entire unexpended amount of the monies struck for Road Maintenance for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.”

19—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 February Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that such arrangements as will ensure the Payment of Wages Weekly to the Men Employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads be forthwith perfected and put into operation.”

20—To consider Applications received for Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

21—To consider a further Application from Miss B. Redmond, Rathdrum, to have her three years of University Scholarship extended to a fourth year.

22—To consider the question of appointing a County Analyst to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Charles A Cameron.

23—To Receive and Consider Reports from Committees.

24—To consider Reports from County Officers.

25—To consider Official Correspondence.

26—To consider General Correspondence.

When the Minutes of the previous Meeting were about to be confirmed, Councillor D. J. McEvoy made a statement with reference

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to the record in the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th November, 1921, recording his objection to the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 19th September, 1921, in connection with the Resolution from the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council.

Having given his recollection of what took place at the November Meeting, and of his statement thereat, Councillor McEvoy stated if he accused the Secretary of deliberately suppressing a Resolution he apologised, but he had no recollection of the words having been spoken.

The Minutes were then confirmed and signed.

Mr. P. T. Healy, the Council's Chief Clerk, read the following letter from the Secretary:—

Court House, Wicklow,
18th February, 1922.

To the Chairman
and Members of the Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

Since the last Meeting of the Council I have passed through a severe illness, from which I am not yet convalescent. I regret, therefore, that I shall be unable to attend Monday's Meeting.

I may mention that this will be the first Meeting, during the twenty-two years I have been connected with your office, from which I was absent.

I am enclosing a medical certificate.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.
Secretary.

P.S.—I hope to be able to attend the Special Meeting to explain the Estimates that will be submitted for the ensuing Financial Year.

Wentworth Villa,
Wicklow.

Mr. Simon J. Doyle has been under my care since 17th November, 1921, suffering from congestion of the lungs. He has made slow but steady progress since. At present his condition is one of general debility following on the above condition. I have permitted him to attend his office for light work but I am totally against strain of any kind such as would be entailed by his attendance at County Council Meetings. In my opinion, Mr. Doyle's breakdown was largely due to over anxiety where his duties lay, and the fact of his trying to stay on his feet when most men would have taken to bed is now responsible for his prolonged convalescence.

WILLIAM J. MCCORMACK,
L.R.C.P and S.I.

17th February, 1922.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 20th December, 1921.

The following Members attended—Councillor James Everett,

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Chairman; Councillors B. Kelly and J. J. Redmond.

The Committee was informed that the Forces of the Crown had released Collectors Garrett Byrne and John Byrne, and that on the 14th June, 1921, the Paymaster was authorized by the Committee to pay to these two Collectors, on account, Poundage Fees amounting to £80 ls. 1d. and £27 13s. 3d., respectively. Following communications with these Collectors, however, the Cheques for these two amounts were not issued, and could not now be issued, inasmuch as the Council in the meantime had re-appointed the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, as Treasurer, and the Council were now operating their Account therein by Paying Orders and Advice Notes.

The Committee signed a Treasurer's Advice Note authorising payment of £80 ls. 1d. to Garrett Byrne, and £27 13s. 3d. to John Byrne, and directed that Paying Orders for these amounts be now issued to them.

(Signed),

JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—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 was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 3rd January, 1922.

The following Members attended—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors James Turner and B. Kelly.

A letter, dated 2nd January, 1922, was submitted from S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.El., County Surveyor, in which he asked for a direction as to what payments should be made to men who worked on the two recent Bank Holidays, under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, and to the men who did not work on these two days, or who worked on only one of these days.

ORDER:—Referred to Roads Committee.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

28th December, 1921, from A. W. Irwin, Esq., Secretary to the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary, enclosing copy of a Resolution conveying the consent of the Governors to the vesting of their interests in that Institution in the County Council.

ORDER—Submitted.

2nd January, 1922, from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, intimating that the County Board of Health has instructed him to prepare the necessary Conveyance referred to in Mr. Irwin's letter of the 28th December, ult.

ORDER—Submitted.

29th December, 1921, from P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Acting Secre-

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tary, County Board of Health, Rathdrum, pointing out the urgent necessity for a Transfer of Funds to the County Board of Health to meet Home Help payments now due.

ORDER—Authority is hereby given for payment out of the Subsidiary Account to the County Board of Health of three sums of £1,000 each, the Treasurer's Advice Notes for these three payments to be now signed on behalf of this Committee.

2nd January, 1922, from P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Acting Secretary, County Board of Health, Rathdrum, intimating that the County Board of Health has appointed the Wicklow Branch of the National Bank, Ltd, as their Treasurer.

ORDER—Read and noted.

(Signed),

JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James Turner, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:—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 the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 p.m. o'clock, on Tuesday, the 31st January, 1922.

The following Members attended—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors J. J. Redmond 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.
County-at-Large	4925	2	1
Baltinglass No. 1—			
District Proposals	171	4	6
Committee's Proposals	537	8	3
Rathdown No. 2—			
District Proposals	4	19	10
Committee's Proposals	59	19	7
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	572	12	4
Committee's Proposals	8	0	11
Shillelagh—			
District Proposals	116	10	3
Committee's Proposals	8	5	8

The Committee recommended for cancellation the Advice Note sent forward to the Council by the Committee on 25th October, 1921, containing Transfers to Unions, amounting to £10,612 0s. 0d, and to Rural District Councils, amounting to £1,735 15s. 0d., in respect to the Quarter ending 31st March, 1922, this cancellation being

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rendered necessary by reason of the abolition of the several Boards of Guardians, and the setting up of the County Board of Health to take their place.

In this connection the Committee signed a Treasurer's Advice Note authorising the following payments through the Subsidiary Account:—

TRANSFER TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

	£	s.	d.
To Treasurer, County Wicklow Board of Health (A) ...	209	10	0
Do. Do. (B) ...	260	5	0
Do. Do. (C) ...	1075	0	0
Do. Do. (E) ...	761	0	0
Total, ...	£2305	15	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 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

TRANSFERS TO BOARD OF HEALTH.

	£	s.	d.
County Board of Health A.	609	15	0
Do B.	260	5	0
Do C.	1075	0	0
Do D.	2599	15	0
Do E.	761	5	0
Do A.	609	15	0
Do B.	260	5	0
Do C.	1075	0	0
Do D.	2599	15	0
Do E.	761	10	0
Total	£10612	5	0

The Committee had under consideration a File of Correspondence from A. W. Irwin, Esq., Secretary to Wicklow County Infirmary Joint Committee of Management, and from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, relative to the

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handing over the County Infirmary to the County Board of Health, in accordance with the provisions of the approved Scheme of Work-house Amalgamation.

The Law Agent, who was present, explained the terms of the Draft Deed submitted, which would vest the interests of the Board of Governors of the Institution in the County Council, and of Council's Opinion, which had been obtained in connection with the matter. He further explained the effect of the indemnifying Clause which the Governors required to be inserted in the Deed.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the Draft Deed be approved of by the County Council, and executed in its amended form, as submitted to this Meeting to-day.

(Signed),

JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—Resolved—“That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle.—Resolved—“That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, recommended by the Finance Committee in Report No. 3, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 4.

The Adjourned Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following Members attended—Councillor E. O'Neill, Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. J. Redmond, J. Turner, James Byrne, C. M. Byrne, and J. Everett.

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

Additional Proposals £732 19s. 1d.

Signed:—EAMONN O'NEILL, Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor William Grainger:—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 Rural District Councils, were Passed as follows:—

COUNTY AT LARGE.—

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Martin Langton:—Resolved—“That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,925 2s. 1d. (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 C. M.

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Byrne:—Resolved—“That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £708 12s. 9d (any modifications 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 Edward Byrne:—Resolved—“That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £64 19s. 5d (any modification made therein having first been initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Turner:—Resolved—“That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £580 13s. 3d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:—

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle, seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella:—Resolved—“That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £124 15s. 11d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:—

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—Resolved—“That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment, amounting to £732 19s. 1d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—Resolved—“That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed.

Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow,
18th February, 1922.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the many changes, involving vastly increased work on your staff, introduced during the past year or so, it has become necessary that an additional clerk should be appointed to enable this work to be carried on efficiently and promptly. The introduction of Direct Labour alone involves the issue of about 600 paying orders and corresponding advice notes, fortnightly, as against about that number quarterly under the contract system. The accountancy work in this connection is also correspondingly increased. Further, the system that has grown up under which many ratepayers now lodge their rates in

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the office, or with the Treasurer, has added very considerably to the responsibilities and duties cast upon the staff. In other directions also innovations have been introduced, all of which tend to render an additional appointment necessary.

At present the clerical staff consists of only two senior clerks, and one junior—the number originally appointed in 1899, when neither the amount of correspondence nor accountancy to be transacted, was more than half what it is at present.

A properly qualified typist and and shorthandwriter, with an expert knowledge of Irish, is badly needed.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Order—Referred to Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 28th February, 1922.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
14th day of February, 1922.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting 20th February, 1922.

GENTLEMEN—The undermentioned Contract Roads have not been reasonably attended to, and I recommend that the Contracts be cancelled and the roads given into my charge until the 31st March next.

IN BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

Index	Reg. No	Contract taken	Wr.	Amount available.		
				£	s	d
23N.	61.		Wr. 1917	3	3	0
" 29N.	" 67.	"	"	14	5	0
" 32N.	" 70.	"	"	12	12	6
" 33N.	" 76.	"	Wr. 1918	4	11	0
" 80	" 35.	"	Wr. 1917	5	12	6

IN RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT.

Index 85	Reg. No. 353.	Contract taken	Wr. 1920	34	15	0
" 121	" 356.	"	"	44	1	11

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—Resolved—"That the recommendations in the County Surveyor's Printed Report, as now submitted, be, and they are hereby, adopted.

Passed.

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County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
14th day of February, 1922.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir.

Re attached application from Messrs. Griffin, Bros., for permission to build a Garage and Shop near Tinahely Bridge.

The front of the proposed building would be only five feet from the County Road, but as the site is practically within the town of Tinahely, which is a market town, I see no objection to the erection of the building.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J.

Proposed by Councillor M Langton, seconded by Councillor J Turner : Resolved—"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government to fix the Limits of Road Expenditure in the four Rural Districts at the same figures as were sanctioned for the year 1921-1922.

Passed unanimously.

20th day of February, 1922.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

A Meeting of the Roads Committee was held this morning, when the following Members attended—Councillors James Everett (Presiding), J. J. Redmond, William Grainger, Eamonn O'Neill, James Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, and James Turner.

The first item on the agenda was the consideration of a letter from Secretary, I. T. W. Union, Arklow Branch, in reference to wages of men employed in the Arklow district (namely, Arklow Road Section and a portion of Aughrim Road Section).

The following Order was made—"We approve of Co. Surveyor's action in paying men £2 per week, and we recommend that the difference between the wage the men received up to 23/11/'21 and what they at present receive (namely, 8d. per day for each day worked) be paid to the men as back time.

Passed, Mr. James Byrne dissenting.

Item No. 2—To consider the substituting of Church Holydays for Bank Holidays, in respect of which the men are at present allowed a day's pay.

Order—Resolution proposed by Councillor Grainger, seconded by Councillor James Byrne—"Resolved—That we recommend the Co. Council to rescind that portion of the report of Roads' Committee Meeting of the 8th March, 1921, in which it is stated that 'Bank and Public Holidays be paid for and reasonable time allowed for attendance at Divine Service on Church Holydays.' We further recommend the Co Council to, in future, allow each man engaged on road work a day's pay in respect of each Church Holyday provided the man works on the day before and the day after such Holyday. Payment in respect

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the office, or with the Treasurer, has added very considerably to the responsibilities and duties cast upon the staff. In other directions also innovations have been introduced, all of which tend to render an additional appointment necessary.

At present the clerical staff consists of only two senior clerks, and one junior—the number originally appointed in 1899, when neither the amount of correspondence nor accountancy to be transacted, was more than half what it is at present.

A properly qualified typist and and shorthandwriter, with an expert knowledge of Irish, is badly needed.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Order—Referred to Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 28th February, 1922.

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GENTLEMEN—The undermentioned Contract Roads have not been reasonably attended to, and I recommend that the Contracts be cancelled and the roads given into my charge until the 31st March next.

IN BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

Index	Reg. No	Contract taken	Wr.	Amount available.		
				£	s	d
23N.	61.	Contract taken	Wr. 1917	3	3	0
" 29N.	" 67.	"	"	14	5	0
" 32N.	" 70.	"	"	12	12	6
" 33N.	" 76.	"	Wr. 1918	4	11	0
" 80	" 35.	"	Wr. 1917	5	12	6

IN RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT.

Index 85	Reg. No. 353.	Contract taken	Wr. 1920	34	15	0
" 121	" 356.	"	"	44	1	11

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—Resolved—" That the recommendations in the County Surveyor's Printed Report, as now submitted, be, and they are hereby, adopted.

Passed.

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County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
14th day of February, 1922.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir.

Re attached application from Messrs. Griffin, Bros., for permission to build a Garage and Shop near Tinahely Bridge.

The front of the proposed building would be only five feet from the County Road, but as the site is practically within the town of Tinahely, which is a market town, I see no objection to the erection of the building.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Fleming:—Resolved—" That permission be granted to Messrs. Griffin, Bros., to build a Garage and Shop near Tinahely Bridge.
Passed.

REPORT OF THE ROADS COMMITTEE.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
20th day of February, 1922.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

A Meeting of the Roads Committee was held this morning, when the following Members attended—Councillors James Everett (Presiding), J. J. Redmond, William Grainger, Eamonn O'Neill, James Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, and James Turner.

The first item on the agenda was the consideration of a letter from Secretary, I. T. W. Union, Arklow Branch, in reference to wages of men employed in the Arklow district (namely, Arklow Road Section and a portion of Aughrim Road Section).

The following Order was made—" We approve of Co. Surveyor's action in paying men £2 per week, and we recommend that the difference between the wage the men received up to 23/11/'21 and what they at present receive (namely, 8d. per day for each day worked) be paid to the men as back time.

Passed, Mr. James Byrne dissenting.

Item No. 2—To consider the substituting of Church Holydays for Bank Holidays, in respect of which the men are at present allowed a day's pay.

Order—Resolution proposed by Councillor Grainger, seconded by Councillor James Byrne—" Resolved—That we recommend the Co. Council to rescind that portion of the report of Roads' Committee Meeting of the 8th March, 1921, in which it is stated that ' Bank and Public Holidays be paid for and reasonable time allowed for attendance at Divine Service on Church Holydays.' We further recommend the Co. Council to, in future, allow each man engaged on road work a day's pay in respect of each Church Holyday provided the man works on the day before and the day after such Holyday. Payment in respect

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of bank and public holidays to be in future made only in cases where the men work on the actual holiday."

Passed.

Item No. 3.—Working of Quarries.

Resolution passed as follows:—Proposed by James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill—"Resolved—That the working of Glen of Downs Quarry and Kiltimon Quarry will cease on 31st March, 1922, and that all Quarry Accounts be closed on that date, and we further recommend that Mr. Patrick Short, at present employed in the Office at Newtown, be transferred to the County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow, to assist generally in the clerical work of the Office, such transfer to take place as from 1st April, 1922.

Item No. 4 (A)—Necessity of providing Offices for Assistant Surveyors.

No Order.

4 (b)—Stores for Tools and Plant.

Order—Local Councillors to assist the County Surveyor in procuring suitable stores in the various Sections.

OVERTIME ON ROAD WORK.

Resolution passed as follows:—Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond seconded by Councillor Grainger—"Resolved—That where it is necessary to employ men on overtime in repairing sudden damages, etc., the men to be paid at the rate of Time-and-a-Half of the existing rate of wages. Where, however, such work is done on a Sunday Double Time rate to be paid.

PROPOSED GRANT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

Resolution as follows:—Proposed by Councillor James Turner, seconded by Councillor Grainger—"Resolved—That we recommend that the Grant of £6,000 given to County Wicklow by the Local Government Department be divided in equal parts between each of the fourteen Sections of roads and the three Urban areas—namely, on the basis of an equal division into seventeen parts, and that the County Surveyor base the details of his Scheme on this division."

Passed.

An application from the Rev. Manager, St. Kevin's Reformatory, Glencree, asking to be recouped outlay in repair of roads leading to Reformatory, was read.

The amount of this claim is £48 10s.

Order—Noted.

(Signed),

JAMES EVERETT,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—"Resolved—That the Report from the Roads Committee, as now read, be, and it is hereby, adopted.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"That the entire paragraph dealing with the transfer of Mr. P. Short in to the County Surveyor's Office from his present place of work be deleted."

On a show of hands being taken of the Councillors present this

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amendment was declared lost, only Councillors James Fleming, D. J. McEvoy and P. P. O'Reilly voting for the Motion.

Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy, seconded by Councillor James Everett:—"That the sum of £1,500 out of the grant of £6,000 be allocated between the three Urban Areas according to the wishes of the Representatives of such Urban Areas.

On a show of hands being taken of the Councillors present this amendment was declared lost.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Everett:—"That the sum of £3,000 out of the Grant of £6,000 be allocated for distribution between the three Urban Areas."

On a show of hands being taken of the Councillors present this amendment was also declared lost.

Councillor James Everett proposed as an amendment to the Roads Committee's Report, and it was seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, that the sum of £500 be allocated to each of the three Urban Areas out of the Grant of £6,000 received from the Provisional Government, making a total sum of £1,500 to be expended in Urban Areas.

After some discussion this Motion was withdrawn with the consent of the Council.

The original Motion that the Report as read be adopted was thereupon put to the Meeting by the Chairman, and declared to be passed.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

No Proposals.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1. RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

The Chief Clerk read a letter, dated 29th November, 1921, from Mr. John Carroll, Secretary to the Dunlavin Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, in which he intimated that he had received reports to the effect that Non-Union men are being engaged to work under the Direct Labour Scheme by the Overseer in the Vallemount Section.

Order:—Resolution of the Council to be adhered to.

RATHDOWN NO. 2 RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

A letter, dated 17th January, 1922, was submitted from Mr. Laurence Murphy, Secretary to the Roundwood Agricultural and Industries Committee, in which he drew attention to the very bad condition of the main road from Kilmacanogue via Togher to Glendalough.

Order:—Referred to County Surveyor.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor D. J.

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McEvoy:—"Resolved—That we now sign and seal the applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

The Chief Clerk pointed out that it was found to be impossible to have the Estimates prepared and ready to lay before the Council at their Meeting on that day, inasmuch as the Estimate from the County Board of Health had only reached the Council's Office on Saturday, the 18th February, and, further, a number of the Notices of Motion on the Agenda for consideration at this Meeting would, if passed, require to be embodied in the Estimates for the ensuing Financial Year, 1922-1923.

Accordingly, the question of considering the Estimates was deferred to the adjourned Quarterly Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 28th February, 1922.

ESTIMATE OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL
ON 18th FEBRUARY, 1922.

1921.		£	s.	£	s.	d.
March 31—	Cash balance (if all Cheques actually issued were passed through)	...	6,361	1	3	
June 30—	Lodged to date	19,160	19	4		
Sept. 30—	Lodged through Office to date	21,966	2	4		
" "	—Lodged through Bank to date	10,002	15	5		
Dec. 31—	Lodged through Office to date	10,788	5	11		
" "	—Lodged through Bank to date	17,252	2	11		
1922.						
Feb. 18—	Lodged through Office to date	4,608	12	11		
" "	—Lodged through Bank to date	6,088	10	2	—96,228	10 3
1921.	EXPENDITURE.					
June 30—	Actual Payments issued to date	15,075	12	5		
Sept. 30—	Do. do.	21,392	3	9		
Dec. 31—	Do. do.	35,396	19	7		
1922.						
Feb. 16--	Do. do.	15,896	3	6	—87,760	19 3
" "	—Actual Cash available to date	...			8,467	11 0
	LIABILITIES.					
	Outstanding Payments authorised, but not yet issued	711	8	7		
	Transfer to County Board of Health (formerly Unions)	10,612	5	0		
	Transfer for R.D. Councils, current quarter ending March 31st, which fell due 1st January	1,735	15	0		
	Payments (General Account) to be authorised to-day	7,137	2	6		
	Do. (Subsidiary) do.	110	0	0	—20,306	11 1
	Total Liabilities (forward) ...		20,806	11	1	
	Total Cash available (forward)		8,467	11	0	
	DEFICIT ...		11,839	0	1	

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RATES OUTSTANDING

Last year's Rates, 1920-21—			
Still outstanding ...	2,245	16	11
Rates outstanding in respect of Current Financial Year	55,366	6	0 57,612 2 11
Deficit Forward ...	11,839	0	1
{ Payments Direct Labour	} 24,491	15	0
{ Being Direct Labour un- expended Balance			
Payments up to March 31st	2,704	0	0
Payments; Subsidiary Poundage, Etc. ...	2,455	0	0 —41,489 15 1
Credit Balance—If all Rates were received and all Payments were made to 31st March, 1922 ...			
			16,122 7 10

Herewith, as usual, I am submitting a detailed Statement showing the arrears in each Collecting District.

I agree with the terms of the Minister's letter, to be submitted, that the condition of the Collection, generally, is most unsatisfactory. It is for the Council, however, to deal with the situation, and I have nothing to add to the remarks contained in my report to the November Quarterly Meeting.

SIMON J. DOYLE, Secretary.

18th February, 1922.

In this connection the following letter from the Minister for Local Government was read:—

Dail Eireann,
Local Government Department,
Dublin,
13th February, 1922.

THE Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,
With reference to the Forms 66, recently submitted by you, and examined by this Department, I find it necessary to point out that the state of rate collection in County Wicklow is on the whole very unsatisfactory.

I desire to impress upon you the necessity of having the books closed by all Rate Collectors on the 31st March, and your Council is hereby instructed to refuse payment of poundage to any Collectors who fail to comply with this order.

The attention of the Council is especially required in the case of Cullen, Nos. 5 and 6 Districts; Byrne, No. 14; and Gerrard, No. 12. The Department hereby direct that these three Collectors be dismissed if they do not perform their duties more satisfactorily.

Is Mise,

L. T. MacCOSAIR.

Order:—Collectors John Cullen, James Byrne, and James Gerrard

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to be sent copy of the Minister's letter; the remaining Collectors to be sent copy of the first two paragraphs of the Minister's letter.

A letter was read, dated 23rd January, 1922, from the Rev. William Lillis, C.C., Greenane, Rathdrum, Secretary of the Wicklow County Committee of the Gaelic League, in which the Council was asked to levy a rate of not less than one farthing in the pound, to be administered through the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the teaching of Irish.

A letter, dated 27th January, 1922, was submitted from the Secretary, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, conveying the following Resolution passed by that Body:—"Resolved—That we ask the County Council to levy a rate of not less than one farthing in the pound, to be administered through the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the teaching of Irish in the County.

The Council having heard the Rev. W. Lillis, C.C., who attended on behalf of the Gaelic League in support of the application, it was proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor D. J. McEvoy:—"Resolved—That a special rate of one half-penny in the pound be included in the Estimate of Rates for the service of the Financial Year, ending 31st March, 1923, and that the proceeds of same be administered by the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, exclusively for the teaching of the Irish Language in the County.

Carried, Councillor James Byrne dissenting.

At this stage of the Council's business a Deputation from the County Wicklow Farmers' Association waited upon the Council, to discuss with the Members the subject of pension and gratuities recently awarded officials whose positions have been abolished under the Scheme for Amalgamation of Unions, and the scale of weekly wage paid to men employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on roads.

Having heard the suggestions put forward by Mr. M. Murtagh, Secretary to the Farmers' Association, Mr. David Haskins, and other members of the Deputation, which the Association believed would lead to the reduction of the current rates throughout the County, it was pointed out by Councillors, in a protracted discussion, that the Council as a Body had made every effort to meet the Farmers' Association in this respect. As, however, it was impossible to efficiently carry on the administration of the County in the ensuing year with lower rates than now in process of calculation, and, further, as many of the proposals from the Farmers' Association had already been favourably considered by the Council, the Deputation, having expressed their thanks for their courteous reception, withdrew.

An application to the Council was submitted from the Secretaries of the Wicklow Feis Committee for the grant of a Scholarship, value £10, tenable at an Irish College, to be offered for competition in Irish at the forthcoming Feis.

Proposed by Councillor James Turner, seconded by Councillor William Grainger: "Resolved—That, in accordance with the application of the County Feis Committee, we hereby offer for competition a Scholarship, tenable at an Irish College, the cost of same not to

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exceed £10, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"Resolved—That the Secretary be instructed to include in his next Estimate an additional three-eighths of a penny in the pound for the purpose of Technical Instruction in the County.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"Resolved—That, subject to the qualification of £20 Valuation thereon (part 4 of Scheme) being increased to £30, this Council hereby approve and adopt the Scheme of Scholarships from the Primary and Secondary Schools, as drafted by the Joint Committee appointed by the Council for the purpose, and as now submitted, and we direct that a sufficient Rate be included in the Estimates for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923, to meet the cost of administering the Scheme."

Passed.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS. APPROVED SCHEME.

The Committee set up by the County Council, pursuant to Councillor Turner's proposal, to draft, for approval, a Scheme for the award of Secondary School Scholarships, met in the Council Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, on the 14th January, 1922. The members in attendance were—Father Lillis, Greenane; Councillor J. Turner, and Mr William Kelly, Rathdrum.

The Secretary to the Council, owing to illness, was unable to be present, but was represented by the Chief Clerk. The latter submitted a programme or agenda, drawn up by the Secretary, outlining the various considerations, which, in his opinion, should receive the special attention of the Meeting. After some general examination of the position, the Committee adjourned, having first directed that quotations as to pensions, cost of outfit, and other necessary expenses be obtained from certain Male and Female Secondary Schools.

On Monday, 23rd January, a second Meeting of the Committee was held, over which Father Lillis presided. The other Members present were—Miss Lynch, Ashford; Mr Costello, do.; Mr William Kelly, Rathdrum, and Councillor Turner.

The Secretary to the County Council was present at this Meeting and submitted the replies received from a number of Secondary Schools in answer to the queries that had been addressed to them touching the probable gross cost of a Residential Scholarship. He further submitted for the guidance of the Committee memoranda that he had drawn up dealing with the peculiarly backward position of County Wicklow educationally when compared with other Counties where Secondary Schools are more numerous and offer greater opportunities to pupils anxious to avail of an Intermediate Course. He suggested that while

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Irish should be the most prominent subject in the Secondary School Course it might, owing to the want of facilities for the study of the language in many of the rural areas, be unfair to brilliant children from such areas to make it a compulsory item in the qualifying test for entrance upon a Scholarship.

After a careful survey of the whole problem, containing as it does many difficulties, the Committee agreed to the following draft Scheme, which they present to the County Council for adoption and ratification:—

1. That having regard to the changes now taking place in the systems of primary, secondary, and Technical education, hitherto in force, this Scheme form the basis upon which Secondary School Scholarships be awarded by the County Council in the present year only. Next year, when the new programmes will be, it is hoped, in full operation, a revised Scheme to be approved to meet the altered situation as it will then exist.
2. That Six Residential Scholarships be awarded and come into operation in the forthcoming Scholastic Year. Each Scholarship to be renewable annually but tenable, if all the conditions herein be fulfilled, for a period of four years.
3. That the value of each Scholarship be £65 in the first year and £55 in the second and each subsequent year.

(The total value of the proposed Six Scholarships for the four years will therefore be, £390 in the first year and £330 in the second and each succeeding year. Total for four years, £1380).

4. Scholarships to be open to boys or girls, the children of bona fide tradesmen, and labourers, and of small farmers, the total valuation of whose holding does not exceed £30 per annum. Parents must have resided within the County Wicklow for a period of three years immediately prior to the 1st June in the year of the award.
5. Candidates for the Scholarships must not be more than fifteen years of age on the 1st day of June preceding the qualifying examination.
6. Secondary Schools at which the Scholarships may be tenable shall satisfy the County Council and the Department of Education that due time and zeal are devoted to the study of the Irish Language and of Irish History, and, generally, shall satisfy them in every respect.
7. Candidates applying for Scholarships shall submit to an examination, to be held in the Town of Wicklow, and conducted by an examiner appointed by the Minister of Education. The cost of such examination and the travelling expenses of the Candidates attending to be paid by the County Council.
8. The subjects of examination and the maximum marks allotted to each shall be as follows:—

- (a) Irish—Reading Conversation, and Composition (Text books—Aistide Gaedilge, or Seadna I), 200 marks. 100 marks being for Conversation.

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- (b) Arithmetic and Mensuration—National Board's sixth Standard programme, 200 marks.
- (c) English—Grammar, Reading, Composition. (Text book—"A Story of a Success"—Pearse), 200 marks.
- (d) Irish History. (Text book—Story of Ireland), 100 marks.
- (e) Geography of Ireland, 100 marks.
9. Candidates may present themselves in any or all of the above subjects but the Scholarships will be awarded on the maximum marks obtained.
10. Every Candidate for a Scholarship shall, before being admitted for examination, produce a satisfactory reference from the Teacher or School Manager of his or her School, together with a Medical Certificate as to fitness and a recommendation from a Clergyman of his or her parish as to character.
11. Renewal of a Scholarship will not be made by the Council until they are satisfied by a report from an Inspector of the Educational Department that the student has made satisfactory progress during the preceding Scholastic Year.

(Signed),

LIAM O LAOIRIOLÉIS, SAGART, Presiding Chairman,
Secondary Schools Scholarships Committee.

With the Council's consent, Councillor James Byrne varied the terms of the Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda, and substituted therefor the following:—Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by J. J. Redmond—"That a levy of one penny in the pound be included in the Estimate of Rate for the coming Year, to form a nucleus of a fund to be applied to the tree planting of waste lands of County Wicklow, and that the Secretary be instructed to fix a day for a Special Meeting of the County Council, to consider and think out a scheme for the Afforestation of the dry waste lands in the County, to which expert opinion on the matter be invited.

After considerable discussion, this Motion was, with the Council's consent, also withdrawn, Councillor James Byrne having expressed his intention of moving, at the May Quarterly Meeting of the Council, a Motion appointing a Deputation to wait upon the Forestry Department of Dail Eireann to discuss the entire subject.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:—"Resolved—"That the present poundage of sixpence, being paid to our Rate Collectors, be increased to eightpence, this increase to date from 1st June, 1921, to 31st March, 1922."

A show of hands being taken of the Councillors present, the Motion was declared carried by ten votes to six.

In this connection the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I hereby give notice that I will move that the question of increased poundage payable to the Rate Collectors be reconsidered at the Quarterly Meeting in May next.

On the Notice of Motion on the Agenda paper standing in the name of Councillor Michael Fleming, relative to the Rate Collectors'

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pension, being read, Councillor Fleming asked permission to vary the terms of same, and to move, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, that the subject matter of the Notice be sent to Dail Eireann for consideration.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was 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 this Council that the question of remunerating the Rate Collectors who suffered from enemy action in the discharge of their duties to this Council be considered, and reasonable compensation granted them, as promised by Resolution issued by An Dail.

In accordance with the Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle, and—"Resolved—That every effort be made by the Wicklow County Council to withdraw, or sever, their connection with the Richmond Asylum; that the two hundred and sixty six patients chargeable to the County Wicklow be provided with an Asylum in their own County; that by turning one of the Workhouses (now available through the Scheme of Amalgamation) into an Asylum it would be an enormous relief to the already over-taxed ratepayers of the County, and that the County Secretary and Law Agent attend before the Minister of Local Government to place the subject before him and ascertain his views."

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor D. J. McEvoy, seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:—"That the Secretary be instructed to have report books printed of this County Council, and that each County Councillor, and also District Councillors, of this County be supplied with a copy of same.

"The above report books to be written up from the first Meeting of the present Co. Council, showing the balance of money in hands when the Council took over control, and also giving the amount of money spent on each particular road in each division, and the dates thereof; also giving officials salary and bonus separately; also amount of money spent in advertising, printing, postage, motor car hire, etc., etc., all to be written up separately in detail and not bulked, and that in future such report books be printed and sent out half-yearly.

The Chief Clerk read to the Meeting the following report from the Secretary in connection with this motion:—

Court House, Wicklow,
18th February, 1922.

Gentlemen,

If the foregoing Notice of Motion be adopted by the Council, I shall, of course, see that the half-yearly publications desired shall be produced under my direction, but before the Council adopts same, I desire to offer a few observations, namely:—

1. The Accounts of the County Council are kept in the forms prescribed by the Public Bodies' Order, and the receipts and expenditure on behalf of the Council are classified in accordance with the requirements of that Order. These books and records are available at all times for the inspection of every Member of the County Council, and no item of expenditure recorded therein has been made without

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the authority of the Finance Committee, or the County Council, or both.

2. To give effect to Councillor McEvoy's proposal, it will be necessary to engage at least two competent clerks, solely to write up "copy" for the four volumes that will be due up to 31st March next. This, in my opinion, will involve at least six months' work for these two clerks. Further, the printing of an addition of each volume will cost not less than £200. Therefore the cost of the preparation and printing of four volumes to the 31st March next, and two volumes to the 31st March, 1923, will involve an outlay of approximately £1,000, which must be provided for in the forthcoming estimate.

3. There is no data available in my Office to enable me to show the amount of money being spent on each particular road in each Division of the County under the Direct Labour Scheme, as the unit of expenditure is the section, not the individual roads constituting the section.

The old statement of Resolutions was a comparatively simple publication, inasmuch as all the roads in the County were then under contract, and these contracts remained in force for periods of three or five years. They involved the issue of about 2,400 payments per annum; under the Direct Labour Scheme at present there are being issued from the Office about 600 Paying Orders per fortnight, which means 30,000 per annum, and to set out these payments against each road individually will involve an enormous amount of clerical work. If Councillor Everett's Motion to make these payments weekly be adopted, the number of Paying Orders to be issued will be doubled and amount to about 60,000 per annum.

4. I should add that the publication of the old Statement ceased some years ago, when it became fashionable for the British Local Government to preach economy in the use of paper. However, both the County Council and the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann, gave me directions to economise as far as possible in the expenditure on printing and advertising, and this I did to the best of my judgment. Hence the publication of this particular book was not resumed under the new Authority.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

A show of hands being taken, it was found that of the members present five voted for the motion, and eight voted against it. The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion lost by eight votes to five.

At this stage the Council made the following order:—"Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 28th February, 1922."

MINUTES OF MEETING, 28th FEBRUARY, 1922.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at twelve o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 28th of February, 1922.

The following Members were present—Councillors E. O'Neill, John J. Redmond, W. J. Doyle, J. Turner, F. O'Rafferty, James Byrne, James Everett, and William Byrne.

A telegram was submitted from Councillor John J. Healy, "Ashley," Greystones, in which he regretted that, being under the doctor's care, he was unable to be present at the Meeting.

Court House, Wicklow,
21st February, 1922.

To each Member
of the Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I hereby beg to inform you that the Quarterly Meeting of the Co. Council, held on the 20th inst., was adjourned until 12 o'clock, noon, in the Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 28th February, 1922. The first, and most important, business to be transacted at this Adjourned Meeting is to consider the Secretary's Annual Budget, and to agree upon the Rates to be made for the Services of the Financial Year 1922-1923. When this is disposed of, the Meeting will proceed to transact the business remaining over from Monday last.

You are hereby requested to attend at the time and place mentioned.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary.

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. Turner.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, and—Resolved—That we have heard of the death of Mr. Robert Doyle, of Greystones, with much regret, and we hereby extend to our esteemed colleague, Councillor John J. Redmond, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 28th February, 1922, when the following Members attended—Councillor James Everett; Chairman; Councillors James Byrne, J. J. Redmond, E. O'Neill, J. Turner.

RATE ESTIMATES.

The Committee proceeded to consider the Secretary's Estimates of the General and Separate Charge Rates needed to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council for the ensuing Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

In addition to the prescribed Forms and Tables, the Secretary submitted the following Report:—

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL BUDGET (RATE ESTIMATES) 1922-'23.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting to you my Annual Estimate of the General Rate, which, in my opinion, will be required during the next Financial Year to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the monies to be supplied to the other Public Bodies, I desire to offer a few remarks explanatory thereof.

In order to arrive at a proper understanding of the present position of the Council's finances it is necessary to refer back to the estimates adopted for the service of the year 1920-'21. When preparing my budget and estimates in January, 1920, I naturally assumed that the County Council would receive, during the financial year, the usual Agricultural, Estate Duty, and Licence Duty Grants normally payable to them, and that, on the other hand, they would make the usual repayments of Loans for which they were responsible to the British Government Departments. As events subsequently decided, neither of these purposes was carried out, and on the Contra Account the County lost the difference, a sum of about £13,773, during the year ending 31st March, 1921. This loss represented a rate of about 1s. 2d. in the pound if levied over the entire County. When preparing my estimates and budget for the following year, namely, in January, 1921, I did not charge the levy with this loss, nor have I charged it in the estimates now submitted. The old Council, in common with all other County Councils, had gradually accumulated a permanent credit balance which enabled them to finance, annually, the subsidiary bodies during the lean periods, and especially for the period between the 1st April (the commencement of the financial year) and the end of July, or beginning of August, when the newly assessed rates began to come in. As a matter of fact, the first two transfers to the Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils, and the first quarterly transfer to the Asylum, annually, were made out of this balance, or reserve, fund long prior to the receipt of any rates assessed to provide for them, the first set of such transfers being made in the very first week of the financial year, namely, in April, and the second in the first week in July. Experience had taught that this was the only satisfactory way to carry on local administration, as the County Council possess no legal power to pay interest for even a temporary overdraft. The aforementioned loss of £13,773 in the year ended 31st March, '21, fell upon this reserve fund which was depleted to that extent, and has since been still further depleted, if, indeed, it can now be said to be in existence at all. Owing to the adverse conditions upon which we started the current year I did not consider it advisable to attempt to restore the fund then, and I have not attempted to do so on the present occasion. The Council can, of course, if they wish, direct that something be done in that direction. Until it is done, and until the rates are, as in the

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past, promptly paid within the half-year to which they apply, it is useless for the County Council to hope to carry out their own services or to finance the subsidiary bodies dependent on them in a satisfactory manner. No big business can be carried on efficiently without capital. The County Council carries on a big business, and it requires more than paper balances to finance that business, which involves a turnover approximating £130,000 per annum.

Having said so much by way of preface, I desire to mention that the estimates are framed in strict accordance with the terms of the recent circular issued by the Minister for Local Government—rather in accordance with my interpretation of the following instruction contained in the circular, viz:—

“ Each Local Authority must include in the Estimate for the coming year all sums due to the British Government which were withheld, and in striking the rate for the year 1922-'23, you should assume an Agricultural Grant equivalent to that of the normal year, together with the balance of Grants due to your Council from the war period after discharging all liabilities in respect of Government Loans. Where the Agricultural Land in the year 1921-'22 received the benefits of the differentiation of rates based on the assumption that the Grants should be credited, whether received or not, the above should not be construed to give to Agricultural Land greater relief than usual.”

At the end of this financial year, namely, on the 31st March next, Agricultural Grant for the full period of two years will be due to the Council, and, generally speaking, this remark also applies to Estate Duty and Licence Duty. I have, in the tables accompanying this report, credited all these two years' grants IN FULL, to the different areas and services to which they are applicable, and I am, hereunder, setting them out in detail.

Further, I have assumed that the normal grants—Agricultural, Estate and Licence Duty—applicable to the ensuing financial year (1922-'23), will be received, and, accordingly, I have credited them also, but separately, in the manner followed in past years.

I should mention here, perhaps, that the British Government have notified the office, from time to time, of the payment by them, out of withheld grants, of certain sums, the total of which amounts to £9,445 7s 8d. Of this total, £8,378 7s 8d appears to have been paid by way of compensation for criminal injuries, and £1,067 for the payment of such services as the administration of the Food and Drugs Acts; Weights and Measures Acts; for the preparation of Jurors' Lists, etc. I have taken no cognisance of the payments in respect of Criminal Injuries, but I have, by way of set off, debited against the total grants withheld the sum of £1,067, stated to have been paid for these other services. I am not quite satisfied if I be right in this, but I reasoned that if Loans due by the Council are to be paid these other services may ultimately be dealt with in the same way.

All sums due for loan repayments, to the British Government, both by the County Council itself and by subsidiary bodies, payment

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of which has been withheld during the past two years, are, in like manner, brought to charge, in the estimates, against the appropriate areas. I am also making provision for repayment of all loans which will fall due during the ensuing financial year.

GRANTS CREDITED.

The grants which will have become due to the Council by the 31st March next, and which I have brought to credit, are:—

COUNTY ACCOUNT—Licence Duty (Asylum Capitation Grant), one year, £2,452; Agricultural Grant, two years, £5,280; total, £7,732.

UNIONS—For credit of Baltinglass Union—Estate Duty, two years, £986; Licence Duty, two years, £454; Agricultural Grant, £3,090; total, £4,530. Naas Union—Estate Duty, two years, £262; Licence Duty, two years, £146; Agricultural Grant, two years, £648; total, £1,056. Rathdown Union—Estate Duty, two years, £866; Licence Duty, two years, £456; Agricultural Grant, two years, £660; total, £1,982. Rathdrum Union—Estate Duty, two years, £2,356; Licence Duty, two years, £1,412; Agricultural Grant, two years, £6,122; total, £9,890. Shillelagh Union—Estate Duty, £820; Licence Duty, £496; Agricultural Grant, £2,180; total, £3,496.

RURAL DISTRICTS—Baltinglass Rural District (amalgamated with Naas No. 2)—Estate Duty, two years, £1,134; Licence Duty, two years, £76; Agricultural Grant, £3,252; total, £4,462. Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—Estate Duty, two years, £400; Licence Duty, two years, £56; Agricultural Grant, two years, £505; total, £961. Rathdrum Rural District—Estate Duty, two years, £1,858; Licence Duty, two years, £250; Agricultural Grant, two years, £4,040; total, £6,148. Shillelagh Rural District—Estate Duty, two years, £684; Licence Duty, two years, £58; Agricultural Grant, £1,336; total, £2,078.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS DEBITED.

The Loans, repayment of which will have been withheld by the Council on the 31st March next, and which are now debited in the estimates:—

COUNTY CHARGES—Arrears due to Grangegorman Mental Hospital in respect of 1920-'21 demand, £1,836; Do. do. for year 1921-'22, £1,780. The total of these, £3,616, has been debited to the "County Urban." Repayment loan obtained for purchase of Steam Rolling Plant, two years, £1,600; Technical School Loan, two years, £260. The total of these two items, £1,860, has been debited to "County Rural."

UNION CHARGES.

Baltinglass Union.—Repayment Loans struck out of last year's demand, £95. Naas Union—Do. do., £33. Rathdown Union—£156. Rathdrum Union—Nil. Shillelagh Union—Struck out last year, £36.

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RURAL DISTRICT CHARGES—Baltinglass Rural District (amalgamated with Naas No. 2)—Struck out of last year's demand, £1,017, and withheld by the Council, £45; total, £1,062. Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—Struck out of last year's demand, £610. Rathdrum Rural District—Struck out last year's demand, £794; not provided for in present demand, which was prepared before the Minister's circular was issued, £564; total, £1,358. Shillelagh Rural District—Struck out of last year's demand, £1,141.

The total Grants credited amount for two years to £42,335, while the Loans debited amount to only £10,761. Gain to present levy, £31,574.

BALANCES.

In order to bring the ledger balances on the various accounts into proper relationship, I have entered the following debits in the estimates—Baltinglass Union, £800; Naas Union, £600; Rathdrum Rural District, £3,000; total debit balances, £4,400. On the other hand I have credited Rathdown Union with £850 and Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council with £3,384; total credit balances, £4,234. This amounts in effect to a trifling addition of only £166 to the total requirements.

CONDITION OF RATE COLLECTION.

As I have pointed out on several occasions, the position of the Rate Collection is far from satisfactory. Prior to the war it was the universal practice to require the Collectors to lodge the full amount of their warrants within the half-year for which it was assessed and payable. At the present time, in point of fact, there are large sums outstanding in respect of the rates assessed for the year ending March, 1921, while the enormous sums outstanding for the present year (1921-'22) portend possible financial embarrassment for the Council at an early date if the collection be not expedited. Of last year's rates there are outstanding—Baltinglass area—First moiety, £56 19s 4d; second moiety, £419 11s 3d. Naas No. 2 area (No. 6 collecting district)—First moiety, nil; second moiety, £512 13s 7d. Rathdown No. 2 area—First moiety, £101 0s 4d; second moiety, £107 1s 9d. Rathdrum area—First moiety, £70 17s 11d; second moiety, £578 18s 3d. Shillelagh area—Second moiety, £388 14s 6d.

Of the current year's rates, all of which should in the normal way be lodged within the next month, there are still outstanding the following amounts—Baltinglass area—First moiety, £1,858 10s 5d; second moiety, £880s 6s 4d. Naas No. 2 area (No. 6 Collecting District)—First moiety, £3,044 3s 9d; second moiety, £3,681 5s 0d. Rathdown No. 2 area—First moiety, £636 0s 10d; second moiety, £5,675 12s 11d. Rathdrum area—First moiety, £1,828 17s 7d; second moiety, £21,983 19s 2d. Shillelagh area—First moiety, £660 9s 5d; second moiety, £7,182 0s 10d.

An examination of the foregoing discloses the fact that there are arrears of last year's rates outstanding amounting to £2,245 16s 11d, and of this year's rates sums outstanding amounting to £55,356 6s 2d.

I have dealt with these outstanding rates as collectable assets, having written off nothing as irrecoverable but small amounts cor-

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responding with those usually struck out in past normal years. Paper assets and favourable paper balances resulting from their inclusion in the accounts will not suffice, however, to finance the Council's services, which require for their maintenance Cash expenditure.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

The County Board of Health, acting in lieu of the five Boards of Guardians abolished under the Amalgamation Scheme, has sent in a demand amounting to £42,834 for the service of the County, as against a corresponding total demand last year for the five Unions amounting to £42,768. It is not correct to say, as stated at a recent meeting of the Board of Health, that "substantial debit balances" were included by the County Council in the rates for the current year—1921-'22, and that a sum of £48,798 was assessed on the County Wicklow in respect of Poor Law Expenditure. The County Council raised in the rates the amount demanded, reduced by the amount of the provision made in the demands for Loan Repayment, and nothing more. The misleading statement was probably due to the cross entries, in the tables attached to the estimates, which became necessary last January in order to give to Land the benefit of differential rating. The following sentence occurs in my report of the 25th January, 1921:—

"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."

In giving effect to the foregoing, I was obliged; in the first instance, to debit each account with the normal amount of Agricultural Grant applicable to that account, but subsequently when making the necessary calculations for "General Estimates of Rates, Form 45," this sum, so debited, was fully credited to "agricultural land." The result of this was to produce the differential rating aimed at, but the cross entries did not modify in any way the actual total amount to be raised for the particular account. The total amount of Agricultural Grant, applicable to Unions, so dealt with, amounted to £6,350.

In the demand from the County Board of Health is included provision for the payment of £6,340, gratuities to Poor Law and other officials retired under the Amalgamation Scheme. The Minister for Local Government favours the raising of this sum in the ensuing rate, and, since the issue of this circular, but not previously, I am in accord with him in this matter.

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 1922-'23 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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Baltinglass and Naas R. D.	1921-1922.				
	Naas Union Charge.	Rathdown No. 2 R.D.	Rathdrum R.D.	Shillelagh R.D.	
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Co. 2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Union 2 8	3 4	2 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 7	4 0	4 0
District 4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	4 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 6	3 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total 8 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 4	9 8	10 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 8 $\frac{3}{4}$
(Suggested Rates as per Budget submitted).					
1922-1923.					
Co. 2 2	—	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2
Union 0 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 2	1 2
District 2 6	—	2 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 7	3 7
Total 5 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 11	6 11
Decrease in the Current Rates for 1922-1923.					
8 2	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 9 $\frac{1}{4}$

FINAL SUGGESTION.

I would strongly recommend the Council to add at least Sixpence to the "County Rural" Rate so as to assist in restoring the old reserve balance referred to in the earlier portion of this report. This addition would produce about £6,000, and is absolutely necessary if the Council hope to recover the satisfactory financial position they inherited from their predecessors.

S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to the County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow,
23rd February, 1922.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Secretary submitted the Annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate during the next ensuing Financial Year, 1922-1923, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the 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.

With reference to the last paragraph in his Report, in which the Secretary recommended the adding of Sixpence to the County Rural Estimate, the Committee are unable to recommend the adoption of this course.

The Secretary pointed out that on a more mature consideration of the Law bearing on the subject, he recommended that £5,280 Agricultural Grant credited in his Estimate to the County Urban be

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credited to County Rural; that £660 Agricultural Grant credited to the entire Union of Rathdown be credited to the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2; that the £6,122 Agricultural Grant credited to the Rathdrum Union be credited to the Rural District of Rathdrum, and that the Estimates be modified accordingly.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt the Estimates, as submitted, subject to the modifications suggested by the Secretary.

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 Other Hereditaments as follows:—

1922—1923.				
Baltinglass and Naas R. D.	Naas Area Charge.	Rathdown No. 2 R. D.	Rathdrum R. D.	Shillelagh R. D.
s d	s d	s d	s d	s d
County 2 1½	2 1½	2 1½	2 1½	2 1½
Union 0 11½	1 2½	0 11½	1 2½	1 2
District 2 6	2 6	2 3½	3 3½	3 7
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5 7	5 9½	5 3½	6 7½	6 10½

Decrease in the Current Rates for 1922-1923.

3 2½	3 8½	3 11½	3 7	2 10½
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The Gross General Rate on Agricultural Land, after crediting sums equal to Agricultural Grant, will be—

3 11	4 4½	4 2½	5 3	5 4½
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The Committee recommend the Council to sign an Advice Note for the following Transfers to the County Board of Health in respect of the Quarter ending 30th June, 1922:—

CO. WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH.

County Board of Health	A	B	C	D	E	£	s	d
County Board of Health	A					874	7	6
do	B					201	7	6
do	C					1049	15	0
do	D					2589	2	6
do	E					791	0	0
do	A					874	7	6
do	B					201	7	6
do	C					1049	15	0
do	D					2589	2	6
do	E					791	0	0
Total	...					£11,011	5	0

An Application was submitted from the Members of the Temporary Clerical Staff employed annually in the preparation of the Rate Books, Demand Notes, etc., for an increase in their remuneration for that work.

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The Committee recommend the Council to increase by twenty (20 per cent.) per cent. the weekly wage paid them, last year.

Signed,

JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Mr. David Haskins appeared before the Council as Representative of the County Wicklow Farmers' Association, and stated that the majority of the Members of the Deputation from that Body which had been appointed to interview the Council that day, found themselves unable to wait, and he was deputed to place their views before the Council, on the necessity for the greatest possible reduction in the rates to be struck for the ensuing financial year, 1922-1923.

Having heard Mr. Haskins at length, he was informed that the Council had already taken every step possible to meet the views of the Farmers' Association, and that no further reduction could be made consistent with the efficient carrying on of the Council's Administration in the coming financial year,

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report be, and it is hereby, adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—Resolved—That we hereby confirm the Estimates, Forms 45 and 46, now submitted, and adopt same with the amendments suggested in the Report of the Finance Committee, and determine that the resulting rates in the £1 be levied by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—Resolved—That we hereby direct the Secretary, in accordance with the Provisions of Article 70 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, to furnish to the Clerk of each Urban District Council in the County, a statement showing the amount which will be demanded from such Council for the service of the ensuing Financial Year, 1922-1923.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—Resolved—That, having at our last Meeting heard Councillor D. J. MacEvoy's statement, and his apology for the words used by him to which the Secretary took exception, and having now heard the Secretary's statement in that connection, we are of opinion that the entire question might now be considered closed.

Passed.

The Secretary's Report on the necessity for an additional Clerk in the Council's Offices, consideration of which was adjourned from the Meeting held on the 20th February, 1922, was read as follows:—

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Court House, Wicklow,
18th February, 1922.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the many changes, involving vastly increased work on your staff, introduced during the past year or so, it has become necessary that an additional clerk should be appointed to enable this work to be carried on efficiently and promptly. The introduction of

Direct Labour alone involves the issue of about 600 paying orders and corresponding advice notes, fortnightly, as against about that number quarterly under the contract system. The accountancy work in this connection is also correspondingly increased. Further, the system that has grown up under which many ratepayers now lodge their rates in the Office, or with the Treasurer, has added very considerably to the responsibilities and duties cast upon the staff. In other directions also innovations have been introduced, all of which tend to render an additional appointment necessary.

At present the clerical staff consists of only two senior clerks, and one junior—the number originally appointed in 1899, when neither the amount of correspondence nor accountancy to be transacted, was more than half what it is at present.

A properly qualified typist and shorthand writer, with an expert knowledge of Irish, is badly needed.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Order:—Consideration adjourned to May Quarterly Meeting; meantime Secretary to employ temporary clerk.

Councillor C. M. Byrne being unable to be present at the Meeting owing to his being in attendance at the Meeting of An Dail, his Notice of Motion was, in his absence, proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, and—Resolved—That the operations of the School Attendance Committee in Avoca Area be resumed on the 1st of April, 1922, and that the terms of the Council's Resolution of the 18th June, 1921, in so far as they affect that Area, be rescinded.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner, seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:—Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Deed of Indemnity required by the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital, on their handing over that Institution to the County Board of Health, and that the same be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we hereby approve of the Deed of Conveyance and Indemnity required by the Board of Governors of Wicklow County Infirmary, on their handing over that Institution to the County Board of Health, and that the same be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

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A letter dated 17th February, 1922, was submitted from Mr. P. W. Sheehan, Acting Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health, Rathdrum, with which was enclosed a Resolution passed by that Body, requesting the County Council to apply to the Urban District Council, Wicklow, for a Renewal of the Lease of the County Infirmary at Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill, and—Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the Resolution submitted by the County Board of Health, we hereby apply to the Urban District Council of Wicklow for a Renewal of the Lease of the County Infirmary at Wicklow for a term of 999 years, computed from the 29th September, 1901.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, and—Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to forthwith make arrangements to expend, before the 31st May, 1922, on the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, the entire unexpended amount of the monies struck for Road Maintenance for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Passed.

Court House, Wicklow,
18th February, 1922.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the foregoing Notice of Motion I am inclined to think that at the time that Councillor Everett handed it in he was under the impression that any monies provided for road maintenance in the current Estimate that had not been expended prior to the 31st March could not be subsequently expended. I never shared in this view which I have seen expressed in other quarters, and to satisfy myself on the point I put the matter before the Minister for Local Government, whose letter on the subject confirming my view will be placed before you at this Meeting.

I may mention that there are several communications from the Department dealing with expenditure on roads which probably meet the purpose which Councillor Everett had in view.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

The Secretary mentioned that Councillor Everett, when handing in his Notice of Motion, would appear to have had in mind certain statements made at Meetings of District Councils to the effect that all monies raised in a Financial Year for Road Maintenance must be expended within such Financial Year.

The Secretary himself, however, had always held that such was not contemplated by the appropriate Section of the Act, but in order that there should be no misapprehension on the point, he had written to the Minister for Local Government, who, in his reply, dated 15th February, 1922, Reference No. A/179, stated in connection with money

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levied for Road Maintenance, the Ruling is, simply, that such money must be expended on Road Maintenance without reference to particular dates.

In this connection the following letter from the Secretary of the Arklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union was read:—

Main Street, Arklow,
11.2., 1922.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by my Committee to request that the County Council proceed with all possible road work in order to relieve some of the distress caused by the great amount of unemployment prevailing.

My Committee believe that the present number of men employed is totally inadequate to restore the roads to their former state.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES GAULE.

The following letter was submitted:—

Refce. E.1528. Dail Eireann,
Local Government Department,
3rd February, 1922.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.
A Chara,

With reference to our Circular A/129 and our recent conference with County Surveyors, I have to inform you that the Department suggests, if your County is not in a position to meet the wages bill for road work, owing to the difficulties of Rate Collection, that you approach your Treasurer with a view to obtaining an Overdraft sufficient to keep road work going pending the receipt of arrears of Grants due.

Mise, le meas,

L. T. MacCOSGAIR,
Minister for Local Government.

In this connection the Secretary read the following letters, which, following the receipt of the Minister's letter, had passed between himself and the Council's Treasurer:—

Court House, Wicklow,
7th February, 1922.

H. R. Bradshaw, Esq.,
Manager, National Bank, Ltd.,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Owing to the interference of the British Government, and the arrest and detention of a number of the Council's best Collectors during the past year, the Rates levied by the County Council for the service of the current Financial Year were not collected with the usual punctuality. There is, consequently, at present a very large sum still outstanding, and it is scarcely possible that it can all be collected and

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lodged within the Financial Year, which will end on the 31st March next. The Council will, however, be obliged to meet very considerable liabilities for Road Maintenance and for Public Services between now and, say, the middle of July. In order that it may be able to discharge these liabilities, the Local Government Department has directed the County Council to apply to their Treasurer for a temporary Overdraft to meet the situation until such time as the Rates are collected.

It is not easy at the moment to estimate the amount that they might require by way of Overdraft, as this will depend upon the progress made in the Rate Collection, but at all events I have been directed to ask if your Directors would be prepared to make an Overdraft of £10,000, if required. This sum, if needed at all, should not be required for more than a few months, because if the outstanding Rate be all Collected within the next couple of months it would suffice to meet all the probable liabilities of the Council up to that point, and the new Rate to be assessed for the ensuing Financial Year should be in course of Collection before the 1st June, and available to meet subsequent liabilities.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

National Bank, Ltd.,
Wicklow,
28th February, 1922.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 8th inst., re proposed Temporary Loan for £10,000 on account of Wicklow County Council.

I placed the matter before my Directors, and had a reply from them saying when the proposed Loan was really required (in your application you mentioned if required at all), you were to make a further and definite application, saying how much you would require, when your Council would require it, and for how long.

When foregoing particulars are furnished by you my Directors will give the matter their sympathetic consideration.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. R. BRADSHAW, Manager,

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Turner:—Resolved—That Application be, and is hereby made to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for an Overdraft of £20,000, for a period of four months, namely, from the 13th March, 1922, to the 13th July, 1922, and that a Deputation consisting of Councillors E. O'Neill, J. Everett, and J. Turner, with the Secretary, wait, if necessary, upon the Directors to support the Application.

Passed.

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Letters from three of his brother officers were submitted in support of the Candidature of Thomas Mackey for the position of Road Overseer in the Blessington Section.

Order—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter, dated 27th February, 1922, was submitted from Mr. John Carroll, Secretary to the Dunlavin Branch, of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, calling upon the Council and the County Surveyor to dismiss Patrick Rogers from the position of Overseer in the Kiltegan Section under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, on the grounds that he is a Non-Union man, and that he refuses to employ genuine Union Labour, etc., etc.

Order—Refer to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 26th February, 1922, was submitted from Mr. John Swan, Secretary to the Delgany Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, with which was enclosed the following Resolution:—"Resolved—That the Members of this Branch emphatically protest against the proposed closing of Quarries in the Glen of the Downs, as they are one of the main sources of employment in this District, and we would respectfully ask that the County Council undertake the starting of new works instead of closing down the said Quarries, and would suggest rolling the main road from Glen of the Downs to Greystones, also streets of same, and quarry stones to do same in the Glen Quarry, as unemployment is very rife in Delgany, Greystones, and Kilcoole District at present."

No Order.

The Mall, Wicklow,
28th February, 1922.

To the Presiding Chairman and Members
of The Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

My appointment under your Council, as temporary Rate Collector for No. 12 (Dunganstown) Collecting District, expires with the closing of the Collection for that District on the 31st March, proximo.

In view of the fact that a permanent appointment has recently been offered me elsewhere, I would respectfully ask the Council to accept my Resignation of the above position, to take effect at the earliest date possible. Further, I would ask that the poundage due in respect of Rates lodged by me be paid to me at as early a date as it can conveniently be arranged.

Mr. Garrett Byrne, the released Permanent Collector for the District, with whom I have had an interview on the subject, is prepared to take over my Collection on whatever date the Council may decide upon.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES GERRARD.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor J. Everett:—Resolved—That the Council do now sign and seal the Warrants necessary to allow of the released permanent Collector for No. 12 (Dunganstown) Collecting District, Mr. Garrett Byrne, taking over and completing the current year's Collection in the above

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District, from Mr. James Gerrard, whose Resignation is hereby accepted by the Council; Mr. James Gerrard to forthwith submit all his books to the Deputy Checker in order that they may be checked and retained by him.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—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. Toomey, 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.
Arthur Hennessy, Blessington.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond, seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—Resolved—That with reference to the recommendation of the President of the Court of Inquiry held on the 1st and 2nd November, 1921, that Mr. William J. Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely, a Member of the Council, be called upon to resign, we are of opinion that this recommendation was made under a misapprehension of the conditions existing at the time, and the motive that actuated Mr. Doyle when sending in the application referred to. At that time the British Authorities were arresting and detaining in custody Rate Collectors appointed by the County Council, not sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and, owing to the enemy's action in the

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matter, the Council found it almost impossible to obtain suitable Collectors, with the result that the Rate Collection was brought more or less to a standstill in different portions of the County. It was, in our opinion, with the honest intention of offering to assist the Council out of the difficulty in which they were placed that Mr. Doyle volunteered his services, as a reference to his application will disclose. It so happened, however, that two other persons did on this occasion also offer themselves for the position, and hence the Council took no cognizance whatever of Mr. Doyle's application.

Under these circumstances the Council unanimously exonerate Mr. Doyle, whose motive they believe to be as stated, and request the Department to acquiesce in this decision.

Passed.

At this stage, Councillor F. O'Rafferty asked the Council to hear Deputation from Arklow Urban District Council, who had come to place their views before the County Council in connection with the allocation of the £6,000 Grant to be given by the Provisional Government, to be expended on relieving unemployment throughout the County.

Having heard Mr. Charles Gaule, Mr. Thomas Tancred, and Mr. Laurence O'Toole, Surveyor to the Urban District Council, Members of the Deputation, it was proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, and—Resolved—That £4,000, out of the £6,000 Grant to be given by the Provisional Government, be allocated to the three Urban Areas, the allocation of the £4,000 between the three Urban Areas to be as follows:

£2,000 to Arklow, and
£1,000 each to Wicklow and Bray.

Passed.

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A Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at Twelve O'Clock, Noon, on Friday, the 21st of April, 1922.

The following Members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors J. J. Healy; Patrick Doyle; J. Turner; F. O'Rafferty; M. Langton; James Everett; J. J. Metcalfe; E. O'Neill, and Andrew Kinsella.

Letters regretting their inability to be present were read from Councillors D. J. McEvoy and P. P. O'Reilly.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider, and take such action in that connection as the Council may deem desirable, correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, as to whether, in view of the forthcoming Elections, any necessity exists in County Wicklow, for re-arranging the Polling Districts and Polling Places, with a view to providing the fullest facilities for Voters to vote as conveniently as possible, without having to travel unduly long distances.
2. To formally ratify the following Resolution, passed by the County Council, at their Meeting held on the 28th of February, 1922:—
“Resolved, that £4,000, out of the £6,000 Grant to be given by the Provisional Government, be allocated to the three Urban Areas, the allocation of the £4,000 between the three Urban Areas to be as follows:— £2,000 to Arklow, and a £1,000 each to Wicklow and Bray.”
3. To transact the items of business remaining over from the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on the 28th February, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor James Turner, and Resolved:—

“That at this first Meeting of the Co. Council following the death of the late Councillor James Hoey, an esteemed and valued Colleague on this Council, we hereby tender to the Members of his Family the assurance of our deepest sympathy in the bereavement that has befallen them.”

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, and Resolved:—

“That the assurance of the deepest sympathy of the Members of this County Council, of the County of Wicklow, be extended to the Members of the Family of the late Mr. Frank Lawless, in the sad bereavement that has befallen them.”

Passed unanimously.

The Chief Clerk, Mr. P. T. Healy, read the correspondence, (including the following letter) which had been received from the Minister for Local Government, touching the question whether, in view of the forthcoming Elections, any necessity exists in County Wicklow for re-arranging the Polling Districts and Polling Places, with a view to providing

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fuller facilities for Voters to vote as conveniently as possible, without having to travel unduly long distances.

RIALTAS SEALADACH NA h-EIREANN,

(Irish Provisional Government),

Halla na Cathrach,

Baile Atha Cliath.

15th March, 1922.

The Chairman,
County Council.

A Chara,

The Provisional Government desire to bring under the notice of County and County Borough Councils the question of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places in view of the forthcoming Elections. It is essential that the fullest facilities should be given to Voters to vote as conveniently as possible without having to travel an unduly long distance. It is further necessary that any such arrangements should be made at the earliest moment so that the Returning Officer may have time to carry them into effect. The Secretary of the Council should, accordingly, be instructed to prepare a statement of the existing polling districts and places in the County setting out the registration units in each polling district. A copy of this Scheme should be sent to each member of the Council for consideration, and, unless a meeting of the Council will be held before 15th April, a special meeting should be summoned to consider the representations made by each Councillor in reference to the Scheme. It would also be convenient if the Registration and Returning Officers were summoned to this meeting for consultation.

With regard to the re-arrangement it is desired that no registration unit, except for very grave reasons, should be divided, as the Register is made up according to registration units. A copy of the Scheme as finally approved by the Council should be transmitted to this Department, if possible accompanied by a coloured map, and it should be published in the manner and for the time directed by the Polling Districts and Places Rules, 1919.

Mise le meas,

L. T. MacCOSAIR.

The views of Councillors D. J. MacEvoy and P. P. O'Reilly as expressed in their communication dated the 19th April, 1922 to the Presiding Chairman, were read as follows:—

Ballynockan.

19th April, 1922.

The Presiding Chairman,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

Sorry we are unable to attend meeting to-day.

With regard to selecting polling stations for the forthcoming Elections, we would strongly be in favour of the 1920 Scheme, as it suits this mountainous district of Blessington best.

A. S. MacAODBUIDE, M.C.C.,
PEADAR P. O'RAILLEIG, Co. C.

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Having heard the Registration Officer for County Wicklow, Wm. Deverell, Esq., Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Court House, Wicklow, and the Deputy Returning Officer for County Wicklow, William Toomey, Esq., B.L., Sub-Sheriff, Annacrevy, Enniskerry, on the subject, and having compared and discussed the facilities for voting afforded at the Local Government Elections in 1920 with the facilities afforded at the last contested Parliamentary Election in the County, as disclosed in the printed Lists circulated to each Member of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor James Elverett; Seconded by Councillor John J. Healy, and Resolved:—

That the Resolution passed by the County Council on the 6th March, 1918, be rescinded in so far as it fixed Polling Places, and that, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by the Provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and by the Provisions of the Re-Distribution of Seats (Ireland) Act, 1918, and with a view to providing the fullest facilities for Voters to vote as conveniently as possible, without having to travel unduly long distances, WE, THE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL, hereby decide that, as and from this date, the Registration Units and POLLING PLACES, for the purpose of Election; in County Wicklow, be those indicated in the subjoined Schedule.

REGISTRATION UNITS

POLLING PLACES.

Baltinglass and Hartstown	...	Baltinglass
Talbotstown and Eadestown	...	Talbotstown
Stratford, Tuckmill and The Grange	...	Stratford
Blessington and Kilbride	...	Blessington
Lackan and Burgage	...	Lackan
Dunlavin, Rathallagh and Tober	...	Dunlavin
Donard and Donaghmore	...	Donard
Hollywood, Lugglass and Togher	...	Hollywood
Rathdangan, Ballingule and Humewood	...	Rathdangan
Knockenarrigan, Imaal North and Imaal South	...	Knockenarrigan
◆		
Calary and Togher	...	Roundwood
Delgany	...	Delgany
Enniskerry	...	Enniskerry
Greystones	...	Greystones
Kilcoole	...	Kilcoole
Kilmacanogue	...	Kilmacanogue
Powerscourt	...	Enniskerry
Bray Urban District	...	Bray
◆		
Altidore	...	Carrigower
Ballinderry and Trooperstown	...	Clara
Ballycullen and Moneystown	...	Moneystown
Brockagh	...	The Churches
Cronebane	...	Kilmacoo
Dunganstown East	...	Dunganstown
Dunganstown South	...	Barndarrig

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REGISTRATION UNITS.

Dunganstown West ...
 Ennereilly ...
 Glendalough and Oldtown ...
 Glenealy ...
 Killiskey ...
 Newcastle Lower ...
 Newcastle Upper ...
 Rathdrum ...
 Wicklow Rural ...
 Wicklow Urban District—

POLLING PLACES.

Newbawn
 Ballymoyle
 Annamoe
 Glenealy
 Ashford
 Newcastle
 Newtownmountkennedy
 Rathdrum
 Rathnew
 Wicklow

Aghowle and Money ...
 Arklow Rural ...
 Aughrim ...
 Avoca ...
 Ballinaclesh and Ballinacor ...
 Ballingate ...
 Ballinglen and Kilballyowen ...
 Ballyarthur ...
 Ballybeg and Coolballintaggart ...
 Carnew ...
 Coollattan and Shillelagh ..
 Coolboy ...
 Cronelea ...
 Kilbride ...
 Killinure and Rath ...
 Kilpipe ...
 Knockrath ...
 Tinahely ...
 Arklow Urban District ...

Coolkenno
 Johnstown
 Aughrim
 Castlemacadam
 Ballinatore
 Ballisland, Carnew
 Ballinglen
 Avoca
 Rathmeague
 Carnew
 Shillelagh
 Coolroe
 Mullinacuffe
 Templeraíney
 Ballyconnell
 Tallyho or Toberpatrick
 Kirakee
 Tinahely
 Arklow

Passed unanimously.

The Chief Clerk read the following communication from Councillors D. J. MacEvoy and P. P. O'Reilly, in connection with the proposal to formally ratify the Resolution passed by the Council at their Meeting held on the 28th of February, 1922, relative to the Allocation of the Special Grant of £6,000 made by the Provisional Government for the Relief of Unemployment in County Wicklow:—

Ballynockan,

19th April, 1922.

The Presiding Chairman,
 Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

We see by the Agenda for to-day's Meeting of Wicklow County Council where it is intended to give Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow Urban Councils £4,000 out of the Grant of £6,000 given to the County Council.

At the last Meeting of the Co. Council which we attended, this £6,000 was evenly divided all over the County and passed by the Council.

At a later date the Council met again to finish the Agenda of the said Meeting, a small number of Members attended which took on themselves to upset the arrangements come to at first part of Meeting, and

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again set about dividing this £6,000, giving to Arklow £2,000, Wicklow £1,000, and Bray £1,000, leaving only a paltry sum of £2,000 to be divided all over the whole County.

We strongly repudiate this way of doing business behind our backs.

We see by the Agenda for to-day's Meeting where this illegal business is to be ratified.

As Co. Councillors representing the people of our Area we hold that the "Original" Resolution which stands on the books must be rescinded by a proper "Notice of Motion" which was never given.

If the County Council continues to do business in this manner there is very little use of us losing our time and expenses in travelling to Wicklow, to try and represent the people.

Signed,

A S MacAodbuide
 (D J MacEvoy), M.C.C.
 P P O'Railleigh, Co. Co.

19th April, 1922.

Order—Read and Noted.

Proposed by Councillor E O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J Everett. And Resolved. That we hereby ratify, approve, and adopt the Resolution passed by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 28th February, 1922, as follows—That £4,000, out of the £6,000 Grant to be given by the Provisional Government, be allocated to the three Urban Areas, the Allocation of the £4,000 between the three Urban Areas to be as follows—£2,000 to Arklow, and £1,000 each to Wicklow and Bray. Passed, Councillor J J Metcalfe dissenting, and Councillor A Kinsella not voting.

Proposed by Councillor F O'Rafferty, seconded by Councillor M Langton. And Resolved. That we hereby authorise and direct the Finance Committee of this County Council to pay, out of the Subsidiary Account, to the Three Urban District Councils in the County, the following sums allocated to them out of the Special Grant made to the County Council by the Provisional Government for the relief of unemployment, namely—

To Arklow Urban District Council .. £2,000
 To Bray Urban District Council ... 1,000
 To Wicklow Urban District Council ... 1,000

the Finance Committee to satisfy themselves beforehand, that the Schemes for the Expenditure of such allocated sums have been sanctioned.

The following letter was submitted:—

DAIL EIREANN,
 Local Government Department
 8th April, 1922.

No. 8836/22, Wicklow County.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 5th instant relating to the Special Grant allocated to your County by the Provisional Government, I now enclose cheque for £5,500, and I desire to inform you that no transfers of

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this money may be made to Urban District Councils until they forward schemes for its expenditure.

Mise le meas,

L. T. MacCOSAIR,
Minister for Local Government.

At this stage the Council proceeded to transact the business remaining over from their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held on the 28th February, 1922.

The Council adjourned consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the February Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, that such arrangements as will ensure the payment of wages weekly to the men employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, be forthwith perfected and put into operation."

Proposed by Councillor J J Healy, seconded Councillor P Doyle. Resolved.

That we hereby direct our County Surveyor to expend still further sums in the Greystones portion of the Rathdown Section, in the improvement of the Streets and Footpaths Passed.

A further application dated 2nd February, 1922, was submitted from Miss Bridie Redmond, 9 Rathmines Road, Dublin, to have her three years of University Scholarship extended to a fourth year.

The following letter in support of the Application was read.

Dail Eireann,
Department of Education,
Mansion House,
Dublin, 6/12/21.

To the Secretary Wicklow Co. Council.

A Chara

Miss B Redmond, of Rathdrum, has appealed to us in the matter of a Scholarship under your Council. She states—

1—That she has held a Scholarship from your Council, in the N.U.I. for the past three years.

2—That she has obtained honours all through her course.

3—That she has recently secured her B.A. degree with first class honours.

4—That she desires to do as a post-graduate course the M.A. and Higher Diploma in Education.

5—That she guarantees, if granted a year's extension of the Scholarship, to take up teaching in Ireland as her profession.

While not desiring in any way to dictate to you in this matter we consider that you might give favourable consideration to Miss Redmond's application for an extension of the Scholarship.

We fully appreciate your desire for economising at the present juncture, but the £70 in question would be a very small saving.

Moreover it is difficult for any graduate to secure a position as Secondary Teacher nowadays without a Higher Diploma in Education.

Beir beannacht,
Sean Ua Ceallaigh,
Aire an Oideachais
(per P O'Fatiug.)

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Applications to have their three years of University Scholarship extended to a fourth year, dated 3rd of April, 1922, and 10th of April, 1922, respectively, were also submitted from Miss Josephine Coghlan, 3 Main Street, Bray, and Miss Maria P Farrington, Newtown, Hollywood, Co Wicklow.

Order—The Council refuse, with regret, the Applications from these three Scholarship-holders, but they are of opinion that as each has already received three years' Scholarship, the available funds raised for this purpose would be more equitably distributed by awarding Scholarships this year to new Students, who would otherwise be deprived of them.

A letter dated 7th September, 1921, No. 11573/21, was submitted from the Minister for Local Government, in which he observed that the Council have postponed the question of making an appointment to the Office of Public Analyst to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Charles A Cameron, and he trusted that the Council do not intend to let this Office lapse. It was essential, he stated, that the Council should continue to administer the Food and Drugs Acts, so as to protect the Public against fraudulent traders.

A further letter dated 23rd January, 1922, Ref. No. B.11, was submitted from the Minister for Local Government, outlining the qualifications required in the case of appointments of Public Analyst, and pointing out that such appointments must be temporary.

The Council also had before them a letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, dated 3rd December, 1921, No. G.5282/21 drawing attention to the necessity for more vigorous action under the sale of Foods and Drugs Acts by Local Authorities, with a view to ensuring that the proportion of water in Irish Butter, is kept within the limit prescribed, namely 16 per cent, and pointing out that the interests of one of the principal of Irish Rural Industries are involved in this question.

The Council made the following Order—A Temporary Analyst to be advertised for at a salary of Thirty Pounds (£30) per annum, to perform the duties outlined in the Circular letter from the Local Government Department now read, the appointment to be made at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council on the 22nd May, 1922.

The Council had before them the following letters received in connection with this subject:—

16th December, 1921—From Clerk, Urban District Council, Arklow, enclosing copy of a letter dated 19th October, 1921, received from B G Fagan, City Analyst, Dublin, claiming £1 1s for Analysis of Pump Water sent in.

12th January, 1922—From same—suggesting, in consequence of numerous complaints that had been received, the appointment by the County Council of a Food and Drugs Inspector.

17th January, 1922—From same—intimating that he had been directed by his Urban District Council, to respectfully ask the County Council to appoint a successor to the late Sir Charles A Cameron, County Analyst.

The following letters were submitted in connection with the Inquiry held on the 1st and 2nd November, 1921, by the Inspector appointed by the Department of Local Government, to investigate the charges made by Joseph Campbell, Esq, against the majority of the members of the Council:—

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DAIL EIREANN,
Department of Local Government,
1st December, 1921.

Ref. M/282.

SIMON DOYLE, Esq, Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith copy of Report furnished by the President of the Court of Inquiry which investigated charges made by Joseph Campbell, Esq. against the majority of the members of your Council. I have merely to add that on careful consideration of the evidence tendered at that Inquiry the Department considers the findings of the President of the Court fully justified.

Le meas mor,
L. T. MacCOSGAIR,
Minister for Local Government.

DAIL EIREANN,
Department of Local Government,
November 30th, 1921.

To Minister for Local Government.

A Chara,

In accordance with your instructions, I presided over the Sworn Inquiry convened by the Local Government Department in connection with certain charges, viz.—Nepotism, Graft and Inefficiency, and, further, manœuvring majorities for pecuniary and political gain, made by Joseph Campbell, Esq., Lackandarragh, Enniskerry, County Wicklow, against "the majority of the Members of the Wicklow County Council."

The Inquiry opened at 12 noon in the County Council Offices, Wicklow, on November 1st, 1921, and closed on November 2nd, 1921.

I heard all the evidence submitted, and have since carefully examined the Official Notes. Having conscientiously weighed all the evidence produced before me, I find:

"That the charges of Nepotism, Graft and Inefficiency, and, further, that of manœuvring majorities for pecuniary and political gain alleged against the majority of the Members of the Wicklow County Council have not been substantiated.

Arising out of the evidence produced there follow matters on which I wish to make certain recommendations:

- (a) Mr W. J. Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely, a Member of the Wicklow County Council, sought to be appointed to the position of Rate Collector. This man's application was not considered by the Members of the Wicklow County Council. I recommend that the Wicklow County Council be instructed to call upon him to resign.
- (b) The charge of Inefficiency centred round the County Surveyor's system of administration. I recommend that when enquiries are being conducted into the work of County Surveyors in connection with the All Ireland Scheme for Direct Labour at present being considered by your Department, the Chief of the Engineering Inspection Staff be requested to consider the

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evidence produced at the Inquiry touching the Wicklow County Surveyor's Office.

Beir Beannacht,
(Signed), S. O'MURCHADA,
President of Court.

DAIL EIREANN,
Local Government Department,
76, Sraid Fhearchair,
Baile Atha Cliath,

10th April, 1922.

No. 5281/22, Wicklow County Council.

The Clerk, Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

In reply to your communication of the 3rd ultimo, I desire to inform you that the Ministry for Local Government have nothing to add to the report furnished by their Inspector in regard to Mr W. J. Doyle's application for a Rate Collectorship.

Mise, le meas,
L. T. MacCOSGAIR,
Minister for Local Government.

Order—The Council consider the incident now closed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
30th day of November, 1921.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

It is proposed to purchase a piece of land in the townland of Carrig, near Blessington, for use as a quarry.

Councillors McEvoy and Reilly (a Quorum of the Committee appointed by the County Council on 14th inst., to act with me in these matters) inspected the place and fixed the price at £30 which the owners accepted.

Kindly instruct the County Solicitor to take such steps as may be necessary to acquire the land, so that the deal may be closed immediately after the County Council approve of the transaction.

The land consists of an area of two roods and twenty-eight perches (Statute), situate on the townland of Carrig, Barony of Lower Talbotstown, forming part of the lands now held by Mr Philip Murphy, of Carrig. These lands formed part of the Cullinan Estate and bought out through the Land Commission in 1908 by Bridget Cullen.

The County Council are to acquire all right to stone, etc., and water rising on the plot, and I consider, as the plot is immediately over Mr Murphy's house, that the Council should be relieved from all liability for damage or nuisance caused by the working of the machinery or by blasting operations.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

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The Council's Law Agent pointed out in his letter, dated 20th January, 1922, that Mr Philip Murphy was not in a position to make Legal Title to Quarry, and that, even if he could, the difficulty of acquiring the Landlord's Interest would still exist; and further, he reported in his letter, dated 30th March, that the Owners in Fee Simple declined to sell their interest in the Lands of Carrig, required for the Quarry, for less than Fifty Pounds (£50). They also insist that the costs of their solicitor should be paid.

The following Resolution, dated 14th February, 1922, received from Mr Sean Carroll, District Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Dunlavin, was submitted:—

“Resolved—That we the members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, representing the workers in the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural Council District, protest in the strongest manner against the proposed working of a Stone-crushing Plant in the Districts in West Wicklow, at the present time. We fail to see the advantages that the plant would have, and we wish to point out to the members of the County Council, that the present existing system of securing material for the roads in our districts is much cheaper than it would be if a plant was introduced. Gravel pits, suitable for supplying material for the up-keep of roads, abound in numbers, and if these are properly worked the cost of raising and preparing material will be considerably reduced, and at the same time enable the County Council to give more much-needed employment to the workers, than would otherwise be if a Plant was introduced. We hereby call upon the County Council to defer the working of the Plant in our districts for the present.

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Courthouse, Wicklow,

18th February, 1922.

Gentlemen,

In this connection I would especially draw your attention to Mr McCarroll's letter of the 20th January, ult., in which he states that Mr Murphy cannot make Legal Title to the Quarry. If this be so, Mr Murphy has no Quarry to sell or let to the County Council, and they, consequently have no power to incur an expenditure in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. FOYLE.

Order—In the absence of Legal Title, Quarry not to be acquired.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow,

14th day of February, 1922.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—On the 9th and 13th inst. I inspected the Permanent Way and Works of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

The general appearance of the line is a little improved.

On the part from the County Bounds to the Lamb much cleaning and re-ballasting have been done, and also on a portion of the Line from the Lamb to Blessington. However, considerable lengths yet require attention.

The alignment of the Rails is very poor, and much requires to be done

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in bending the rails on curves, especially at the rail joints. The fastenings are better attended to.

Some re-sleeping has been carried out by removing the old and very bad sleepers and re-placing them with new, creosote steeped timbers.

The Depot at Terenure is fairly well kept up. Two engines are under repair, namely—No. 6, and “The Cambria”—these are undergoing a complete overhaul. Engine No. 9, overhauled last year, is working satisfactorily.

Of the two Petrol Electric Coaches, No. 1 is laid up, and No. 2 is having the engine replaced after overhaul.

One all-steel bogey Timber Wagon is in progress of construction, and 4 passenger coaches are in for overhaul and re-painting.

One completely re-built Wagon is nearly ready for the road, and the new frame is completed for a closed truck which was destroyed by fire.

Generally the Buildings are in fair repair, but the roofs should be re-painted at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

A file of Correspondence was submitted from the Council's Law Agent, Mr J. H. McCarroll, Church Street, Wicklow, and from Mr W. J. Shannon, Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, relative to the Council's position at present with regard to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company. The following letter was also submitted:—

DAIL EIREANN,

Department of Local Government,

27th January, 1922.

No. 1416, The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

Arising out of an Extract from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Wicklow County Council, of the 14th November, 1921, Ref. 467/21, the Council must accept liability for any debts incurred in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway prior to the date of the Plebiscite. Matters arising out of the result of the Plebiscite will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Le meas mor,

L. T. MacCOSGAIR.

The Law Agent submitted Senior Counsel's opinion, which he had obtained from Mr S. L. Brown, K.C., 63 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, and explained same to the meeting.

Order—The whole question of the Tramway to be referred to the Minister for Local Government, including copies of Counsel's opinion now read, and the two draft Resolutions submitted to this Meeting by the Law Agent for the Council's approval.

A letter, dated 2nd February, 1922, was read from Mr Hugh C. Doyle, Secretary to Baltinglass Ratepayers' Association, in which he asked for copies of the Council's Abstract of Accounts for the financial years 1913-14, and 1920-21. A letter, dated the 11th February, 1922, from the Audit

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Office of the Minister for Local Government was also submitted, in which a direction was given that Mr Doyle be sent the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the half-year ending 30th September, 1921.

Order—Printed copy to be sent as soon as possible after Audited Accounts are received from Minister for Local Government.

A file of Correspondence was submitted from Terence Doyle, Esq., Solicitor, Tullow; Patrick Timmons, Killinure, Coolkenno; James Healy, Killinure, Coolkenno; and the Council's Law Agent, relative to incidents alleged to have taken place during the collection of Rates from Messrs Timmons and Healy.

Order—To be left in the Law Agent's hands for attention.

A file of Correspondence of a similar nature was submitted from Samuel Roche, Esq., Solicitor, Tullow, acting for the Representatives of the late R. D. Lawrenson, Munny, Coolkenno, Co. Wicklow, and Mr Charles Fenton, Knockloe, Tullow. Three letters (two dated 18th February, and one dated 27th February, 1922), were submitted in this connection from the Council's Law Agent, Mr J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, who also enclosed a letter of explanation received by him from Collector James O'Rourke, Tinahely, dated 23rd February, 1922.

Order—To be left in the Law Agent's hands for attention.

The Council had before them a communication, dated 25th January, 1922, No. 3142/22, from the Secretary, National Health Insurance Commission, Ireland, Pembroke House, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, forwarding, in pursuance of Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, copy of an Estimate of the Receipts and Expenditure of the County Wicklow Insurance Committee, in connection with the Administration of Sanatorium Benefit during the year 1922, which was adopted by that Committee at their Meeting on the 18th instant.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, seconded by Councillor M. Langton.

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 1922-1923, be, and it is hereby, adopted.

Passed unanimously.

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH.

2nd November, 1921—From the Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, intimating that his Council declined to appoint a Representative on the Board of Health until they are allowed the Representation to which their Urban District's Valuation entitles them.

Order—Read and noted.

4th January, 1922—Ref. No. E. 916—From the Minister for Local Government, with regard to—(1) The absence of provision in the Scheme of Workhouse Amalgamation for dealing with the Tramp question; (2) The establishment of a District Hospital at Baltinglass; and (3) Bray Urban Council's request for increased Representation on the Board.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Courthouse, Wicklow,
18th February, 1922.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the last paragraph of the Minister's letter, I beg to inform you that I observe from the public Press that Bray Urban Council sent some time ago a deputation to the Minister for Local Government, in which they sought permission to have not only Bray Urban District, but Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, partitioned from the County Wicklow, and incorporated in the forthcoming Amalgamation Scheme to be put in force in County Dublin. They based their claim on the distances between Bray and the County Home and the County Hospital set up in this County under the Amalgamation Scheme approved of by this Council and sanctioned by the Department. The very first paragraph in this Scheme provides that "County Wicklow be a unit for the purpose of administering the duties hitherto performed by the Boards of Guardians and kindred services in the "County," etc., etc. Bray is far more adjacent to both the County Home and the County Hospital than any portion of Shillelagh, Baltinglass, or Naas Rural Districts in this County. Further, any successful attempt at secession from this Scheme by Bray Urban District Council and Rathdown No. 2 Urban District Council, would, in a great measure, frustrate the objects aimed at by the Scheme now in force in County Wicklow. The valuation of the entire County is £299,380 14s. 0d.; the valuation of Bray Urban District is £32,862 15s. 0d.; and the valuation of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District is £33,844 10s. 0d. The abstraction of the latter two areas from the County would reduce the valuation of the remaining portions of the County to £232,673 9s. 0d. Upon this reduced valuation would fall the establishment charges for the three Institutions set up under the Scheme, and this of course, will involve a considerably increased rate in the £1 on the reduced area, for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Order—Read and noted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

28th February, 1922.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

1. An application has been made on behalf of Mr Bradshaw, of Shillelagh, to get permission to place a Weigh Bridge opposite his house in Shillelagh. The proposed weigh bridge would not cause inconvenience.

2. I enclose letter from the Tinahely Branch I.T.W. Union, regarding rate of wages in that district. In Tinahely Section the present rate of wage being paid to men in your employment is £1 16s. per week, and in Carnew Shillelagh Section the rate is £1 18s. per week. The men now ask to be brought to a flat rate of £2 per week. It is also asked in this letter that the Council "give the Overseers of Tinahely and Carnew a fair amount of money to expend on road work."

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3. I enclose a letter from the Overseers of Rathdrum Rural District asking to be allowed a Sub-ganger in each Section. In connection with this matter, I have already had to appoint a Sub-ganger for Rathdown Section, and, considering the mileage, I think it very necessary to have a Sub-ganger in every Section.

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

Order:—Paragraph (1) Permission granted for the erection of the proposed Weigh Bridge opposite Mr. Bradshaw's House, Shillelagh. Further to Paragraphs (2) and (3) in the County Surveyor's Report, the Council had before them the following letter addressed to the Chairman:—

Barton Street,
Tinahely.
27th February, 1922.

To the Presiding Chairman,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

At a largely attended District Meeting representing nearly all workers in the Shillelagh Union area, it was unanimously proposed that the Overseers in the Tinahely and Carnew District be allowed the same amount of money to spend on the Improvement of the Roads as allowed in other parts of the County, according to the Mileage, as we believe that the Overseers here have more work to do, and longer distances to superintend, than the other Overseers in the other parts of County Wicklow.

It was also unanimously proposed to ask Wicklow County Council to grant the Road Workers a Half Day on Saturday, as some of those men had a long distance to travel from their work. It would also give them a chance, now that the Spring is in, of doing a bit of Gardening, planting a few potatoes, etc. for their families.

It was also unanimously proposed that the County Council increase the wages to £2 0s. 0d. per week, the same as elsewhere, as the workers here believe they have done, and are doing, as good work on the Roads as any other body of men in Ireland.

Signed on behalf of the District Meeting :

MICHAEL BYRNE,
Secretary,
Tinahely Branch, Irish Transport and General
Workers' Union.

Order:—The Council referred this letter, together with Paragraphs (2) and (3) of the County Surveyor's Report, to a Meeting of the Roads Committee, to be convened for Tuesday, the 9th of May, 1922, a copy of the Report of the proceedings at that Meeting to be circulated to each Member of the Council and to come up for consideration at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body on the 22nd May, 1922.

A letter dated 21st March, 1922, from the Clerk, Rathdrum District Council, and containing the following Resolution, was submitted:—

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“Resolved:—That the attention of the County Council be called to the number of Applications for Compensation for Criminal Injuries now pending, and we suggest that same be defended.

The following letter was also read:—

Local Government Department,
76 Sraid Fhearchair,
Baile Atha Cliath.
5adh Aibreain, 1922.

No. 8, 051-22.
Conndae Chille Manntain.

An Runai,
Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain,
Oifig an Runai,
Tigh na Cuirte,
Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

In reply to your communication of the 30th ultimo, enclosing a communication from Rathdrum Rural District Council, relative to Malicious Injury Claims, I desire to inform you that if the Injuries in respect of which claims are lodged occurred prior to the 14th January, last they need not be defended, but if subsequent to that date the Council is advised to defend.

Is mise, le meas,
L. T. MacCOSGAIR,
Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhla.

Mr. Healy mentioned that the terms of the Minister's letter had been carried into effect, and he had already forwarded to the Council's Law Agent the Applications for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to property, received since the date referred to.

Order:—The Chief Clerk's action approved.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Local Government Department,
8th March, 1922.

S.31.

Simon Doyle, Esq.
Secretary County Council,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst., re Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, and to inform you that if the approval of the Ministry of Education is granted to this Scheme, we shall sanction a rate for the purpose.

Mise, le meas,
L. T. MacCOSGAIR,
Minister for Local Government.

The following is a translation of a communication submitted from the Minister for Education:—

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DAIL EIREANN.

Department of Education,
Mansion House, Dublin,
16th March, 1922

(F-O).

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

The Scholarship Scheme has been before the Minister for Education, and he is willing to accept it for the first year.

It is not clear to him that the Irish Language is necessary in the examination, but he understands that it would be very hard for anyone to win a Scholarship without a knowledge of Irish. A notice must be published without delay, that Irish will be an essential subject in the coming year for every sort of Scholarship.

You should let us know the date of the proposed examination in case we might make a change in it.

There will be one examination for all Candidates in the centre of the County and we would like them to be all there on the same day and at the same hour.

With a Blessing,
MICEAL O'h-AODA,
Aire An Oideachais.

Order:—The Minister for Education to be asked to fix a suitable date towards the end of July, or beginning of August, on which to hold the Special Examination.

The Council had before them the following letters in connection with the Council's Resolution passed at their Quarterly Meeting on the 20th February, 1922, granting a Scholarship value Ten Pounds tenable at an Irish College, to be offered for competition in Irish at the forthcoming Feis in Wicklow:—

DAIL EIREANN.

Local Government Department,
9th March, 1922.

No. S. 39.

Simon J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Re Application for Grant of Ten Pounds for Competition in Irish at Feis in Wicklow.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst, re above, I have to inform you that a Direct Grant from the County Council cannot be sanctioned.

I would suggest that the County Committee of Agriculture make the Grant.

Mise, le meas,

L. T. MacCOSGATR,
Minister for Local Government.

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Cill Mhanntain.
22-3-1922.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.,
Secretary Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I have been directed by Coiste Feise Chille Mhanntain to thank the County Council for the grant of £10 offered by them for competition at the coming Feis, and beg to enclose a resolution passed by Coiste na Feise in connection with the refusal of the Minister for Local Government to sanction the Grant.

The Committee hopes that it will have the support of the County Council in this matter, so important in the interests of the language, as the resolution points out. The result of this decision is that the funds available for scholarship to the Irish Colleges are reduced by about £50.

Mise, le Meas.

BRATHAIR JARLAITH,
Runaidhe Choiste na Feise.

COISTE FEIS CHILLE MHANTAINN, 1922.

Proposed by Mr James Turner, M.C.C., seconded by Mr P J Noonan. Resolved—We, the Members of the Coiste Feise Chille Mhanntain, beg respectfully but emphatically to direct the attention of the Minister for Local Government, urgently, to the hardship inflicted upon our Fixture, and the incongruity occasioned by a recent decision of the Department, and to request most earnestly, in the interests of, not merely our Feis, but the Gaelic Movement generally, in our County, for a revision of same.

Wicklow County Council recently granted a Scholarship £10, for Irish at our Feis, but the Department has refused to sanction same, and directed that the application should come through the County Committee of Agriculture. Last year the latter body (as not being an educative body) was refused sanction to expend money on propagating certain home industries, and was referred to the County Joint Technical Committee. Now we are referred to them. This Committee draws up its Scheme in September of each year and puts it into force in the ensuing April, so that we would, if this direction was complied with, have to wait until April, 1923, for the money. Besides the County Council have drafted a Scheme of Scholarships for National and Secondary Schools, in which Irish is prominent, and your Department has intimated approval of the expenditure if the Minister for Education is satisfied with the details.

Furthermore, Bray, Wicklow, and Arklow Urban Councils; Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum District Councils have agreed to similar grants, and we fear the Department's decision must apply inevitably to them also. On receipt of their resolutions we included the announcements of the Scholarships in our Clar Iomaidhe, and now we have been obliged to delete them again, leaving our Feis programme barren of Scholarships except one provided by our own Committee.

The Provisional Government and your Department have consistently emphasised the need for encouraging the movement, the necessity for learning the Language, and the loss ignorance will entail in the future; and it was our desire and wish, in furtherance of your own appeals and advice, and to make the Feis this year more beneficial and

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successful, with more genuine results, that we approached the Public Bodies for Grants. The position of County Wicklow and its peculiar composition rendered the step all the more necessary, and therefore your decision—tantamount in result to a point-blank refusal—hurts and injures our Scheme infinitely, and throws us back considerably in our aims.

Accordingly we would press on you, with all the force in our power, respectfully, to alter the decision of the Department, and that you notify the Public Bodies in question of your agreement to the expenditure set out, so that we may be enabled to advertise the Scholarships in good time for our Feis, as they have now been deleted from our Clar."

DAIL EIREANN.

Local Government Department,
76 Sraid Fhearchair,
Baile Atha Cliath.
5adh Aibreain, 1922.

No. 8. 048-22.

Conndae Chille Manntain.

An Runai,

Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain,

Oifig an Runai,

Tigh na Cuirte,

Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

Your communication of the 30th ultimo enclosing a letter from the Secretary of County Wicklow Feis Committee, relating to the £10 Scholarship Grant, has been received in this Department, and I desire to inform you that this matter will receive the attention of the Ministry for Local Government.

Is mise, le meas,

L. T. MacCOSAIR,
Aire Ríaghaltais Aiteamhla.

The following (2) letters were considered:—

5th April, 1922, No. S.S.67-22, from Department of Agriculture, Dublin, asking if the Council propose to prosecute Mr. John Kavanagh of Killegar, Enniskerry, for breach of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order, 1905, in the circumstances disclosed therein.

14th April, 1922, from W. J. Richardson, Esq., V.S., Leabeg House, Newcastle, enclosing the appropriate Notices in connection with his visit to the lands of Mr. John Kavanagh, Killegar, Enniskerry, on which the outbreak of Sheep Scab took place.

Order:—Submitted, and referred to the Council's Law Agent to institute Legal Proceedings.

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:—

FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

K. 143.—16th November, 1921. Sanctioning the Workhouse

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K. 380.—19th December, 1921. Sanctioning the payment of Fees to Clerks of Unions and Poor Rate Collectors for preparation of Voters and Jurors Lists.

No. 17,277-1921.—21st December, 1921. Approving of Direct Labour Scheme in County Wicklow provisionally for a period of twelve months.

E. 1,050.—12th January, 1922. Requesting that the work of completing the Voters Lists be pushed through as rapidly as possible.

E. 1,533. 3rd February, 1922. Stating that these Voters Lists, when completed by the Council's officials, will be used for revising the Lists published by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

E.1,062.—12th January, 1922. Stating that monies hitherto transferred to Boards of Guardians in the County should henceforth be transferred to the County Board of Health.

E. 1,281.—24th January, 1922. With reference to a Public Notice to be inserted in the local Newspapers in connection with Malicious Injury Claims.

No. 1,478-1922.—31st January, 1922. Re the necessity for adjustment of payment of certain Fees sanctioned by Department to officers of Bray Urban Council for work of preparing Franchise and Jurors Lists.

No. 19,202-'21.—31st January, 1922. Sanctioning the appointment of Mr. P. P. Doyle as temporary Collector for No 11 District.

No. 19,201-'21.—31st January, 1922.—Sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Francis O'Neill as temporary Collector for No. 2 District.

No. 19,200-'21.—31st January, 1922. Sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Myles McDonnell as temporary Collector for No. 1 District.

No. A. 129.—2nd February, 1922. Circular letter relative to the Government Grants withheld from County Councils and the necessity for immediate action to be taken to have all the roads in the County put into proper repair.

E. 1,528. 3rd February, 1922. Letter, further to Circular A. 129, dated 2nd inst., suggesting that an overdraft might be obtained by the Council, from their Treasurer, to meet Road Expenditure.

A. 179 (Engineering Section).—15th February, 1922. Further letter with regard to Road Maintenance.

Fisheries' Department, Dail Eireann, 18th November, 1921. From the Director. Circular letter regarding the future of the Irish Inland Fisheries.

28th November, 1921.—From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow,—re rates due by Norris Goddard, Esq., Donard, Crown Solicitor for County Carlow.

9th January, 1922. From Collector E. Lynch, Kilbeylet, Donard—re same.

28th January, 1922 and 18th February, 1922.—From Collector F. O'Neill, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney—relative to the Collection of Rates at present unpaid in his District.

19th December, 1922, and 19th February, 1922. From Collector John Cullen, Donard, letter explaining the difficulties he experiences in Collecting Rates in his Districts.

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14th February, 1922.—From Collector John Murphy, Mullina-veigue, Roundwood,—relative to Poor Rates amounting to £37 taken by Police from his house on 17th May, 1921.

19th January, 1922.—From Mr. Terence O'Neill, Clonpadden, Ballymoyle, Arklow—complaining of being harrassed in connection with the payment of his rates.

10th February, 1922.—From Edward Nichols, Esq., V.S., 33 Lr. Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin—relative to his duties as Veterinary Inspector in the portion of the County hitherto known as Naas No. 2 Rural District.

19th November, 1921.—From Rev. P. Kavanagh, C.C., Bella Vista Hollywood, Naas—relative to the necessity for resuming the operations of Dunlavin School Attendance Committee.

15th February, 1922.—From James A. Scott, Esq., Solicitor, 22 Chancery Street, Dublin—Notice of legal proceedings about to be instituted by Mr. Patrick McEnroe, for damage for two fingers lost by his son, Joseph, whilst working in a Bakery at Grangegorman Mental Hospital in which he is an inmate.

15th February, 1922.—From Mrs. W. Breheny, Secretary, Spinning Class, Enniskerry—relative to a grant of £20 towards the expenses of the Spinning Class, and the administration of such Grant.

25th November, 1921.—From Secretary to the Gas Referees, 66 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1—Enclosing a memorandum outlining the Provisions of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920,—as drawn up for the information of Local Authorities.

14th December, 1921.—From Clerk, Urban District of Rathmines and Rathgar, Town Hall, Rathmines—asking if the Council would be willing to co-operate in appointing, as allowed by the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, a suitable person to discharge the duties of Gas Examiner for the whole area served by the Company.

6th December, 1921.—From Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Parnell Square, Dublin—Resolution calling on Dail Eireann to introduce legislation empowering County Council to pension their road men and all others at present non-pensionable employees upon the same basis as other pensionable officers of the Council.

31st January, 1922.—From Secretary, North Wexford Employers' and Trades Federation, 25 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy—Resolution calling for legislation to standardize the weekly half-holiday throughout the Country.

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The Spring 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 May, 1922.

The following Members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne Presiding Chairman; Councillors John J. Healy; Patrick Doyle; J. J. Redmond; E. O'Neill; M. Langton; Patrick Healy; A. Kinsella; W. J. Doyle; J. Everett; Edward Byrne; J. Turner; F. O'Rafferty; J. Fleming; J. J. Metcalfe; M. Fleming; Jas. Byrne; and William Byrne.

BUSINESS.

1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.

1a—To receive and accept Mr. S. J. Doyle's resignation of his position as Secretary to the Wicklow County Council; to arrange for the future discharge of the duties of that position; and with this object in view, to take any and every action in that connection that the County Council may deem necessary.

2—To consider the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.

3—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.

4—To consider the Proposals (if any) for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.

5—To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.

6—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

7—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

8—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1923, and sign and Seal the Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Warrants.

9—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Collection Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.

10—To sign and seal Demands (Forms 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.

11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I hereby give notice that I will move that the question of increased Poundage payable to the Rate Collectors be reconsidered at the Quarterly Meeting in May next."

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- 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 this Council that the question of remunerating the Rate Collectors who suffered from enemy action in the discharge of their duties to this Council be considered, and reasonable compensation granted them, as promised by Resolution issued by An Dail."
- 13—To consider a Report from the Roads Committee.
- 14—To declare a Vacancy on the Council in room of Mr. James Hoey, 33 Duncairn Avenue, Bray, deceased.
- 15—To appoint a temporary County Analyst.
- 16—To make arrangements for the publication of an Advertisement for Candidate^s for the position of Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Act^s for the portion of Naas Union within the County of Wicklow, rendered necessary by the death of Mr. E. R. Nichols, V.S.
- 17—To appoint the Council's Representatives on the new School Attendance Committee for the Avoca Area of Rathdrum Rural District for the three years commencing 1st July, 1922.
- 18—To fill the two vacancies existing on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee by reason of the resignation of Miss D. Barton, and the disqualification of Mr. Patrick Healy.
- 19—To arrange for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1923; and to pass a Resolution restoring to their respective positions the Council's several permanent Collectors who were interned or imprisoned, and who are now free to take up duty again.
- 20—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, 1923.
- 21—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Rural District Councils and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year.
- 22—To consider the Secretary's Report on the necessity for an additional Clerk in the Council's Office—which was adjourned to this Meeting.
- 23—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 24—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 25—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 26—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held at 12 o'clock, noon, in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1922.

The following Members attended:—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors B. Kelly, and James Turner.

In addition to the usual Fortnightly Wages Sheets in respect to men employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, the Committee had before them an Account, amounting to £1 5s. 0d., from Mr. Francis Murphy, Church Street, Wicklow, for Hire of his Motor Car on the 28th February, 1922, to convey Councillor William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, in to complete a Quorum at the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council convened for that date, to approve and adopt the Estimates of Rates for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Order—To be paid, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Signed,

JAMES EVERETT,

Chairman Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle; 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 Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 11th April, 1922, at 12 o'clock, noon, in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow.

The following Members attended:—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne; James Turner, and John J. Redmond.

Having considered a File of Correspondence between the Minister for Local Government, the Vice-Chairman, and the Council's Chief Clerk, relative to the necessity for re-arranging the present Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places, so as to provide at the forthcoming Elections the fullest facilities for Voters to vote without having to travel unduly long distances, the Committee directed that a Special Meeting of the County Council be convened for Friday, the 21st April, 1922, to consider this subject.

The Committee authorised and directed the Chief Clerk, Mr. P. T. Healy—in the regrettable absence of the Secretary through serious illness—to Sign on behalf of the Council, the Treasurer's Advice Notes for making Payments, and the Treasurer's Advice Notes for making Transfers, until such time as Mr. Doyle may be able to resume these duties.

Signed,

JAMES EVERETT,

Chairman Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton; Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond; Resolved: That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2, be, and it is hereby adopted.

Passed.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1922.

The following Members were present—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors C M Byrne and Bernard Kelly.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommended them for payment as follow:

	£	s.	d.
County-at-Large	6428	0	2
Baltinglass No. 1—	£	s	d
District Proposals	186	18	3
Committee's Proposals	19	13	2
	206	11	5
Rathdown No. 2—			
District Proposals	59	19	7
Committee's Proposals	59	19	7
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	8	0	10
Committee's Proposals	8	0	10
Shillelagh—			
District Proposals	123	10	3
Committee's Proposals	8	5	8
	131	15	1

The Committee considered it advisable to refrain 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 previous Quarterly Meetings, until such time as the several accounts in this connection are adjusted, and the withheld Grants may become available for their payment.

The Committee examined the annual Demands received from the County Board of Health, and the Rural District Councils, submitted to

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

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	647	10	0
"	647	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	984	10	0
"	984	10	0
Rathdrum	775	0	0
"	775	0	0
Shillelagh	789	5	0
"	789	5	0
Total	£6,392	10	0

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

	£	s.	d.
County Board of Health	A.	828	2 6
Do	B.	177	7 6
Do	C.	965	15 0
Do	D.	2534	2 6
Do	E.	777	10 0
Do	A.	828	2 6
Do	B.	177	7 6
Do	C.	965	15 0
Do	D.	2534	2 6
Do	E.	777	10 0
Total	£10,565	15	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	250	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	269	0	0
Rathdrum	486	10	0
Shillelagh	215	0	0
Total	£1,220	10	0

The Committee considered, and formulated a Scheme governing the County University Scholarships for the Scholastic Year 1922-1923, copy of which is as follows:—

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1922.

The Wicklow County Council offers for competition at the Special Examination to be conducted by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, on 4th July, 1922, and following days:—

- 3 Scholarships of £70 per annum each for three years, and
- 1 Bursary of £35 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 age on the first day of the Special Examination, must be the children of parents,

Who have continuously 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, having regard 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 the same 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 the highest 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 a Bursary 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 Authorized Officer thereof, of good 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 15th June, 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 Justice. 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 on

25th April, 1922.

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary,
Wicklow County Council

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In this connection, the Committee had before them the following Resolution, dated 21st February, 1922, from the Honorary Secretary, Students' Representative Council, University College, Dublin:—

Resolved—That this Council is of opinion that the Scholarships awarded to Students in this College by Corporations and County Councils are grossly inadequate, and urges an immediate and substantial increase.

Order—The Committee regret they are unable to recommend an increase in the annual value of University Scholarships beyond the figure it had already been raised to.

Letters dated 25th February and 9th March, 1922, were submitted from the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, asking the Council to make a contribution of £20 per annum towards the expenses of the Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin.

The Committee recommend the Council to make a contribution of £20, for this year only, towards such expenses.

A letter, dated 10th March, 1922, was submitted from Mr Andrew Martin, Bolarney Cottage, Wicklow, in which he applied for permission, in the exceptional circumstances outlined, for his boy to compete for one of the Secondary School Scholarships now offered by the Council, notwithstanding that the boy has already been attending the Christian Brothers' Secondary School, Wicklow.

Order—Whilst having every sympathy with Mr Martin's position, we regret we cannot recommend the Council to accede to his request, as these Secondary School Scholarships must be confined to pupils attending National Schools, in accordance with the terms of the Council's Resolution in that connection.

A letter, dated 12th April, 1922, was read from the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, in which application was made for payment of £10, stated to be arrears of Affiliation Fee due by the County Council for the year 1921-1922, and applying for payment of £20, being the amount of Affiliation Fee claimed for the year 1922-1923.

The Chief Clerk—Mr P T Healy—mentioned that the Council had already paid £10 in respect of the year 1921-1922, this being the maximum sum allowed by Section 16 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act of 1902.

Order—Both sums to be paid if sanctioned by Minister for Local Government.

Correspondence from the Council's Insurance Brokers, Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, Ltd., 16 College Green, Dublin, was submitted, in which was pointed out the advantages to be gained by the Council including all the Poor Rate Collectors in one Collective Bond with the Insurance Company, instead of the present system of a Bond for each individual Collector.

The Committee recommend the Council to take out a Collective Bond to cover all the Rate Collectors, such Bond to come into operation with the issue of the Books for the new Poor Rate Collection.

Claims, and supporting vouchers, were submitted to the Committee from the Officer Commanding, I.R.A., Togher, and from the Officer Commanding, I.R.A., Baltinglass, for £6 and £20 14s, respectively, in respect to the conveyance of prisoners, and the guarding and removal of patients to Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

Order—Referred to Minister for Local Government.

A letter dated 29th March, 1922 (T.R.V./1/22), from the Chief

Officer, Ministry of Transport, Roads Department, 6 Hume Street, Dublin, was submitted to the Committee, in which it was intimated that arrangements are now being made by which the Powers and Duties recently vested in the Police and Post Office Authorities, in connection with the Registration and Licensing of mechanically propelled road vehicles (including the collection of arrears of Licence Duty), will revert to the County Council as from 1st April, 1922; and further stating that the Department hoped to be in a position, in the course of a few days, to issue detailed instructions as to the procedure to be adopted in dealing with the matter.

Order—The Administration of the Motor Car Acts, and the Collection of Motor Car Licence Duties, to be attended to when centred in the Council's Office; the question of the Remuneration of the Officials concerned for these duties to be considered later by the Committee.

Signed,

JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett; Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle; 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 J. J. Healy; Resolved: That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the transfers to the County Board of Health and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended by the Finance Committee in Report No. 3, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 4.

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on Monday, the 22nd May, 1922.

The following Members attended:—Councillors James Everett, Chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne, and J. J. Redmond.

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

	£	s.	d.
Additional Proposals	144	15	8
Rathdrum Rural District			
Forms 22	389	8	9

Signed,

JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett; Seconded by Councillor M. Langton; Resolved: That the Finance Committee's Report, No. 4, be, and it is hereby adopted.

Passed.

The following letters from the Secretary, Mr. S. J. Doyle, were read to the Council:—

3 Wentworth Place,
Wicklow.

18th May, 1922.

To the Presiding Chairman,
and Members of the Wicklow Co. Council.
Gentlemen,

In consequence of my continued ill-health I hereby beg to tender you my resignation of the position of Secretary to the County Council.

I do so with very much regret, and I gladly avail of this opportunity to express my warm thanks to the Members for the many courtesies and kindnesses they have shown me during the years we have been together.

As the Members of the Council are doubtless aware, my present condition is directly due to the strain of the critical years through which the Council has now happily passed, and I therefore confidently express the hope that they will now mark their recognition of my efforts on their behalf during that strenuous time by awarding me the maximum Pension, or Commutation of same, to which it may be found I am entitled.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,

Wentworth Place,

Wicklow.

22nd May, 1922.

Gentlemen,

Having reconsidered the question of my resignation of the County Secretaryship I have come to the conclusion not to sever my connection with the County Council for the present, and I therefore beg to withdraw my letter of resignation, and trust I have not caused the Council any inconvenience.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,

The Chairman,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor M. Langton; Resolved: That we hereby appoint our Chief Clerk, Mr. P. T. Healy, Acting Secretary to this Council, with full powers and authority to exercise on our behalf all duties which would otherwise be discharged by the Secretary, until such time as the Secretary may have recovered sufficiently from his protracted illness to take up his duties again; and that the Seal of the Council be now attached to this Resolution.

(L.S.)

Passed unanimously.

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

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COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett; Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill; Resolved: That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £6,428 0s. 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 P. Healy; Resolved: That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £206 11s. 5d. (any modifications 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 J. J. Redmond; Resolved: That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £59 19s. 7d. (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 James Turner; Resolved: That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £397 9s. 7d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle; Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle; Resolved: That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £131 15s. 11d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella; Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne; Resolved: That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment, amounting to £144 15s. 8d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy; Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill; Resolved: That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed.

Passed.

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A file of correspondence was submitted from the Minister for Economic Affairs, Roads Section, Transport Department, 6 Hume Street, Dublin, dealing with the Registration and Licensing of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles, including a letter dated 9th May, 1922, Ref. Circular M.-T.-2, drawing the Council's attention to the Road Vehicles (Defaulting Councils) (Ireland) Revocation Order, 1922, in consequence of which the powers and duties recently vested in the Royal Irish Constabulary in connection with the above matter revert to County Councils as from the 1st April, 1922. This letter pointed out, further, that a new Scheme for the Taxation and Registration of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles has been in force since 1st January, 1921, information concerning which is contained in the following documents (which will now of course have to be read in the light of the changes consequent on the Enactment of the Irish Free State and Agreement Act, 1922), copies of which were enclosed:—

- (1) The Finance Act, 1920 (Vide Sec. 13 and Second Schedule).
- (2) The Roads Act, 1920.
- (3) The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Order, 1921.
- (4) The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1921.
- (5) Section 22 of the Vehicles Act, 1921.
- (6) The Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) Order, 1921.
- (7) The Road Vehicles (Defaulting Councils) (Ireland) Regulation Order, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle; Resolved: That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, in exercise of the powers conferred upon us by Section 13 and Second Schedule of the Finance Act, 1920; the Roads Act, 1920; the Finance Act, 1921, and the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Order, 1921, and of all other powers in that behalf, do hereby select, appoint, and authorise our officer, Mr. Patrick T. Healy, to exercise and perform for the County of Wicklow any powers and duties now vested in Officers of Customs and Excise in relation to the duties as defined by the said Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Order 1921; further, that we hereby select, appoint, and authorise him to exercise and perform for the County of Wicklow any powers and duties vested in this Council under the Motor Car Acts, and the several Order issued from time to time thereunder; and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this Resolution, and to his form of Authority and the latter signed by the Presiding Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

L.S.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle; Seconded by Councillor Patk Doyle; Resolved: That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to three copies of the Council's Resolution passed on the 21st day of April 1922, fixing for the forthcoming Elections the Polling Places in County Wicklow in respect of the several Registration Units in order that two sealed copies of same may be forwarded to the Minister of Local Govern

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ment in compliance with the provisions of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Rules, 1919.

Passed.

The Acting Secretary submitted a file of correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, relative to the Compensation Commission now appointed to investigate all claims in respect of damage to property under the Malicious Injuries Acts, from the 21st January, 1919, to the 11th July, 1921, whether decrees have been obtained in respect of such damages or not. Included in this file were the following: Circular letter, dated 16th May, 1922; Telegram dated 16th May, 1922 and Circular letter dated 18th May, 1922, Ref. No. L.G. 2921.

Proposed by Councillor C M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy; Resolved: That the Council's Law Agent, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, be furnished with copies of the Circular letters from the Minister for Local Government, dated the 16th and 18th May, 1922, and he is hereby instructed to take immediate steps to assist on behalf of this Council the Commission set up in Dublin to enquire into all claims by persons who have suffered loss during the period January 1919—July 1921, and to protect the interests of the Ratepayers of County Wicklow by furnishing particulars, preparing evidence and expert advice, etc., etc., required by the Commission when the County Wicklow cases are submitted by the Law Agent and that this Council be represented at the hearing of County Wicklow cases by the Council's Law Agent and Counsel.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
17th May, 1922.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held
22nd May, 1922.

Gentlemen,

1. I beg to report that, although through force of circumstances, the Direct Labour Scheme for the Maintenance of the roads was only put in force generally during the last few months of the past financial year, nevertheless a satisfactory amount of work has been done.

The expenditure, in the various Rural Districts to the 31st March last, (the end of the Financial Year) was as follows:—

			£	s.	d
Baltinglass	No. 1 R. D.	...	4,161	0	10
Rathdown	R. D.	...	1,450	9	0
Rathdrum	R. D.	...	7,861	1	4
Shillelagh	R. D.	...	3,215	7	8

2. A Proposal passed by Rathdrum R. D. Council for the repair of a wooden footbridge over the River Avonmore, between Corballis and Ballece, does not appear to be a work on which a Road Authority can lawfully expend money in as much as the bridge does not immediately connect two County Roads.

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A somewhat similar work was carried out at Ballinatone and the contribution made from County Funds was surcharged on Audit.

The amount proposed to be expended on this work (£25) would only carry out a very meagre and insufficient repair.

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

ORDER: PARAGRAPH TWO—Proposal for the repair of a wooden footbridge over the river Avonmore referred back to Rural District Council.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
13th day of May, 1922.

ROADS' COMMITTEE REPORT TO WICKLOW
COUNTY COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting, 22nd May, 1922.

Gentlemen,

A Meeting of the Roads' Committee of your Council was held on 9th May, 1922, when the following Councillors attended: Councillors—J. J. Redmond (presiding); James Everett, W. J. Doyle, James Turner, Bernard Kelly, C. M. Byrne, and James Byrne.

The following matters were considered:—

1—Application from Road Overseers in Rathdrum Rural District to be allowed a Sub-ganger in each Section.

Order—Consideration postponed.

2—Circular Letter from Minister for Local Government Department, relative to Plant and Machinery which may be required by the County Council.

Order—The County Council would require three Tractors, but at present we consider that the financial position does not allow of such expenditure.

3—The following application was submitted from Mr Patk. Short, Storekeeper and Clerk in connection with Direct Labour:

Gentlemen—I beg to make application for increase of wages.

It will be remembered that my remuneration was reduced last July by £1 per week on account of financial difficulties of County Council, although at the time my work was increased by introduction of Direct Labour.

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My duties now entail attending County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow, in addition to certain work at Office, Newtown.

The expense of travelling to and from Wicklow eats up a considerable portion of my wages of £3 10s. per week.

I respectfully request you to give me a substantial increase and to make this increase retrospective as from 1st April last, the date on which, by recommendation of your Committee, I took up work in County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK SHORT.

Order—Referred to County Council.

4—County Surveyor's Report—

The only item in the County Surveyor's Report considered by the Committee was the question of paying the men employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on roads for Monday, 24th April, 1922 (General Strike Day).

Order—Not to be paid.

5—Assistant Surveyors to Report to County Council—

Arising out of a discussion regarding the general working of the Direct Labour Scheme, the following resolution was proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne, and passed unanimously:—

Resolved—That this Committee, acting within the powers conferred on us by the Council, hereby order and direct our three Assistant Surveyors to exercise the strictest supervision within their several areas over the men employed under the Council's Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads; and we hereby direct that each Assistant Surveyor furnish to the County Council (through the County Surveyor) a weekly report on his inspections showing:—

1. The date of his visit.
 2. The exact place, or places, visited, on that date.
 3. The number of men he found working at each place visited.
 4. The number of men employed in each Section in the Assistant's area during the week referred to in the Report.
 5. Assistant Surveyor's remarks concerning the men in the employment and the work being done.
- 6—The following Resolution was unanimously passed on the

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motion of Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly—

“This Committee of the County Wicklow County Council hereby declare that a Holiday be given to all official and manual workers of the Council on next Friday, the 12th instant; that all such work be suspended so as to mark—1st. The Council's appreciation and approval of the action of the Irish Catholic Hierarchy on that day in reference to their endeavour to bring about peace and goodwill amongst all sections of the Irish people; and, secondly, to give the workers an opportunity of attending at their respective Churches to take part in the Devotions and Prayers for those much desired purposes.”

(It was directed that all Engineers and Overseers be at once notified of this Resolution.)

JOHN J. REDMOND,

Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle; Resolved: That the Report from the Roads Committee as submitted be, and it is hereby, adopted, the decision on Mr. Patrick Short's application therein being deferred until the Annual Meeting.

Passed.

A letter was submitted from the Secretary of the Tinahely Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, containing a Resolution representing the views of two-hundred-and-eighty Members, calling upon the Council to seek funds to relieve the unemployment and distress now prevailing to an alarming extent in that District on account of so many men being discharged from their employment under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

A letter dated 23rd March, 1922, was submitted also from the Secretary to the Baltinglass Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, with which was forwarded a Resolution making suggestions regarding the formation of a staff of permanent workers on the Roads under the Council's Scheme of Direct Labour.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty; Resolved: That the County Councillors representing the local Electoral Areas be immediately formed into four Sub-Committees, and that they be asked to meet in consultation with the County Surveyor, his Assistants, and the Road Overseers, to consider and investigate in all its aspects the working of the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, and report the result of their deliberations to this Council at their Annual Meeting; the County Surveyor to call these Meetings.

Passed.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—Proposal as submitted approved and confirmed.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1 RURAL DISTRICT—No Proposals.

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RATHDOWN NO. 2 RURAL DISTRICT—No Proposals.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT—Proposal to repair bridge over Avonmore River referred back to Rural District Council.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT—No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming; Resolved: That we now sign and seal the two applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act.

Passed.

There were no applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, for submission to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; Seconded by Councillor M. Langton; 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, 1923.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor John Fleming; Seconded by Councillor J. Turner; Resolved: That the Rate Collectors' Bonds for the collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923, be now Signed and Sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty; Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella; Resolved: That we hereby authorise the Acting Secretary of 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, 1923.

Passed.

In this connection a letter dated 2nd January, 1922, was submitted from Mr. J. R. Dagg, Late Clerk of the Union, Baltinglass, intimating that there was a condition attached to the pension awarded him on the abolition of his Office as Clerk of the Union, that he should cease to act as deputy checker of Rate Collector's Accounts.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming; Seconded by Councillor Jas. Byrne; Resolved: That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the amount of £1,947 10s. determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill; Seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne; Resolved: That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount of £6,065 5s. 7d. determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Healy; Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle; Resolved: That we now Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount of £2,650 0s. 6d. determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Passed.

After considerable discussion the following Notice of Motion stand on the Agenda in the name of Councillor James Byrne was withdrawn by permission of the Council:—

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"I hereby give notice that the question of increased poundage payable to the Rate Collectors be re-considered at the Quarterly Meeting in May next."

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton; Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne; Resolved: That, to make clear the Council's intention as expressed in the Resolution passed at their Meeting held on the 20th February, 1922, the Acting Secretary be hereby instructed to allow each Rate Collector—when calculating the poundage due to him—Eightpence in the £ on all Rates in the year, 1921-1922, collection lodged by him.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Eamonn O'Broin:—

"I, or some other Councillor on my behalf will move at the Annual (June) Meeting of the Council that the poundage on the Rate Collection will be finally fixed at Eightpence in the £."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella;—That the question of remunerating the Rate Collectors who suffered from enemy action in the discharge of their duties to this Council be favourably considered and reasonable compensation granted them as promised by Resolution issued by An Dail, namely, that these Collectors be given an equal amount to what they would have earned at sixpence in the £ during the time they were interned or imprisoned.

On it being pointed out that the Collectors affected by this Motion had already lodged for submission to the Compensation Commission Claims covering the full amount lost to them by reason of their imprisonment or internment, the motion was with the Council's consent, withdrawn without prejudice.

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL

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

JAMES HOEY, Esq.,

33, Duncairn Avenue, BRAY,

to be vacant, in consequence of his death, 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.

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A copy of said Circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1922.

Signed,

C. M. BYRNE,

JOHN J. REDMOND, } Three Members
of Wicklow
EAMONN O'BROIN, } County Council.

Signed,

P. T. HEALY,

Acting Secretary to the said Council.

The Acting Secretary read the following Advertisement for Candidates published in the Dublin daily papers inviting applications from Candidates for the temporary appointment of Public Analyst for County Wicklow:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST

The above-named Council, will, at their Meeting to be held on Monday, the 22nd May, 1922, proceed to appoint a Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, at a Salary of Thirty Pounds (£30) per annum.

The person temporarily appointed must possess the qualifications prescribed in the Local Government Department's Circular, B.11, of the 23rd January, 1922; must be prepared to analyse and report upon—for the salary herein stated—all samples of Drugs, Food, Water, and other commodities sent him through the County Council, the County Board of Health, or through any other Public Body in County Wicklow; and must submit to the County Council Quarterly Reports (in Triplicate) on the work done. Further, the County Council must be satisfied that the person appointed shall have recourse to a Laboratory necessary for the performance of the duties of the position.

Applications, containing full particulars as to qualifications and training, marked "Public Analyst," and addressed to "The Presiding Chairman, Wicklow Co. Council, Court House, Wicklow," will be received in the offices of the County Council up to 2 p.m., Saturday, the 20th May, 1922.

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary to the Co. Council.

Court House, Wicklow,
6th May, 1922.

together with replies thereto received from:—

1. John Keane, Esq., M.Sc., Ph.D., A.I.C.,
Public Health Laboratory,

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26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin.

2. Bernard G. Fagan, Esq., B.A., B.Sc., F.I.C.,
City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, Dublin.

The latter stated in his application, dated 19th May, 1922, that he regretted it would be impossible for him to accept the post and carry out the work efficiently except at a loss for the salary of Thirty Pounds per annum.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella; Resolved: That John Keane, Esq., M.Sc., Ph.D., of Public Health Laboratory, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, be temporarily appointed Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement at a salary of Thirty Pounds per annum; Mr. Keane to discharge the duties outlined in the said advertisement, and his appointment to be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed.

The Acting Secretary reported the death on the 22nd April, 1922, of Mr. E. R. Nichols, V.S., the Council's Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Naas Union within the County of Wicklow. He further reported that, following the established practice in the Council's Offices in such cases, he had appointed S Conway, Esq., V.S., Wentworth Place, Wicklow, one of the Council's Veterinary Inspectors, to discharge the duties in that District pending the appointment of Mr. Nichols' successor.

In this connection the following letters were submitted and approved:—
Wentworth Place, Wicklow.

27-4-1922.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th inst, I beg to inform you that I am prepared to perform the duties of Veterinary Inspector in the District referred to therein, and at the fixed salary of £20 per annum, till the appointment of an officer by the Wicklow County Council.

Yours faithfully,

S. CONWAY.

P. T. Healy, Esq.

Department of Agriculture
and Technical Instruction for Ireland,
(Veterinary Branch),
50 and 51 Upper Mount Street,
Dublin, 1st May, 1922.

Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo in connection with the death of Mr. E. R. Nichols, V.S., the Department note and approve of the temporary appointment of Mr Conway, V.S., to deal with cases under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the District of Naas, County Wicklow, at the rate of salary of £20 per annum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,

Diseases of Animals Acts Committee,

Court House, Wicklow.

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Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; Resolved: That the Secretary be directed to issue an advertisement for a fully qualified Veterinary Surgeon as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Naas Union within the County of Wicklow, at a salary of Twenty Pounds (£20) per annum to cover all expenses, to fill the vacancy on the Council's staff of Veterinary Inspectors caused by the death of Mr. E. R. Nichols, V.S.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy; Seconded by Councillor Jas. Byrne; Resolved: That the following gentlemen be hereby appointed to represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the Avoca area of Rathdrum Rural District for the period of three years commencing 1st July, 1922:—

Lawrence Wolohan, Ballintemple, Woodenbridge.
Edward Condren, Curranstown, Arklow.
Joseph Clarke, Ballanagh, Avoca.
Lawrence Murray, Woollen Mills, Avoca.
John Timmons, Ballinavalley, Avoca.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the Annual Meeting of the Council that the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act be again put in force in the Rural District of Shillelagh, the condition of things which led to their being suspended having now passed."

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill; Seconded by Councillor M. Langton; Resolved: That the following two gentlemen be hereby appointed to fill the vacancies existing on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee in consequence of the resignation of Miss D. Barton, Glendalough House, and the disqualification of Mr Patrick Healy, Rathdangan, through non-attendance:— Father Brown, Valleymount, Blessington, W. J. Doyle, Esq., M.C.C., Lugduff, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; Resolved: That the following permanent Poor Rate Collectors, who, having been released from Prison or Internment Camp, are now at liberty to again take up the collection of Poor Rates in their respective Collecting Districts, be, and they are hereby re-appointed and that it be a direction to the Acting Secretary to issue the Collecting Books for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923, to these Collectors, as follows:—

In No. 1 Collecting District—to Luke McDonnell, instead of to Myles McDonnell.

In No. 2 Collecting District—to Michael Halpin, instead of to Francis O'Neill.

In No. 4 Collecting District—to William Burke, instead of to Patrick Doyle.

In No. 8 Collecting District—to Patrick Mulligan, instead of to Anthony Mulligan.

In No. 11 Collecting District—to James J. Porter, instead of to Peter B. Doyle.

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In No 19 Collecting District—to John Byrne, instead of to James O'Rourke.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Fleming; Seconded by Councillor P. Healy; Resolved: That as Messrs M. J. Hoey and John Manley are at present only temporary Rate Collectors, it be a direction to the Acting Secretary to issue advertisements for candidates for the positions of permanent Rate Collectors in No. 7 (Greystones) Collecting District, and No. 9 (Newcastle) Collecting District, at a Poundage Rate of Sixpence, the appointments to be made at the Annual Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 19th June, 1922.

Passed.

Letters applying for payment of poundage fees due to date were submitted from Collectors F. O'Neill, Edward Lynch, John Murphy, and James O'Rourke.

In this connection the Acting Secretary pointed out that payment of poundage fees to Collectors had been withheld in consequence of the following instruction which was given by the Minister for Local Government in his letter dated 13th February, 1922, Ref. No. K. 635:—

"I desire to impress upon you the necessity of having the Books closed by all Rate Collectors on the 31st March and your Council is hereby instructed to refuse payment of poundage to any Collectors who fail to comply with this order."

A letter dated 4th January, 1922, was submitted from Collector John Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely, intimating that he is prepared to take up again at any time his duties as Rate Collector.

The Acting Secretary submitted Returns (Forms 66) showing the state of the Poor Rate Collections on 20th May, 1922, in respect of the Financial Years 1920-1921 and 1921-1922.

In this connection the following letters were submitted:—

DAIL EIREANN.

No. 6960-22.

Local Government Department,
76 Harcourt Street,
18th April, 1922.

Secretary, County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

It has been brought to our notice several times that Rate Collector Cullen discharges his duties in a most unsatisfactory manner. You are hereby instructed to take drastic action in his case, if there is not a marked improvement in his collections.

Mise, le meas,

L. T. MacCOSGAI, R.,
Minister for Local Government.

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DAIL EIREANN.

Local Government Department,
76 Sraid Fhearchair,
19adh Bealtaine, 1922.
No. 13870-22.
The Secretary, County Council Offices,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

We observe from the Return showing the state of the Collection of Poor Rate, in your County, that the outstanding amount is abnormally high. We desire you to impress upon the Rate Collectors the importance of closing their Accounts immediately.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) L. T. MacCOSAIR,

Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhla.

CO. WICKLOW RATE COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION

May, 1922.

A Chara,

We regret to notice that Councillor James Byrne intends to re-open the question of poundage of Rate Collectors at May Quarterly Meeting of Co. Council with a view to reducing same.

As this is likely to develop into serious contentious matter, and may lead to a more serious dislocation of the County Finances than at present prevails, we respectfully suggest for your consideration before supporting in any way Councillor Byrne's Motion:—

- That Rate Collectors are the only Public Servants who did not get a war bonus.
- That the increased earnings during the war due to inflated currency did not improve our position.
- On the contrary during the Irish War, we, as public servants, were singled out by the British Government for seduction by bribes, intimidation, both physical and financial of a most determined character, old men and young alike, suffering the hardships of Detention Camps and Prison Cells, no Collector escaping one or other of those well devised tortures.
- Despite the best efforts put forward by Collectors we have received to date only one fourth of the salary due to our office for the past 14 months. Having carefully noted the criticisms of the various bodies in relation to reduction of Rates for present year, and of the deputations to the Co. Council relative thereto, no one complained of the earnings or salary of any of the Council's servants.

The small increase granted us at the last Quarterly Meeting represents only a fraction of a pound in the valuation, while Councillor Byrne's Motion on Forestry Scheme, if carried, would be an increase of threepence (3d) in the pound on the valuation, which makes us feel that this projected reduction Motion is not actuated in the interest solely of Rate Reduction.

(e) The Rates for present year are reduced by about one-third; our earnings automatically decreases one-third. If Councillor Byrne's Motion is favoured by the Council we will be faced with an all round reduction of two-thirds our salary.

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This will lead to such utter discontent amongst the Collectors at a time when we hoped to assume normal financial conditions as will place the Council and their tried and trusted servants the Collectors in a more fluid state than when we were being harrassed by the Black and Tans.

We are not seeking protection for any collector or collectors if there are such who in the opinion of the Council are not giving satisfaction.

Signed on behalf of the Collectors Association,

THOMAS FLEMING; PETER P. DOYLE; JOHN MURPHY.

Letters dated 15th, 18th, and 16th May, 1922 respectively, were received from ex-Collectors Rd. Geoghegan, Michael McGrath and John Kelly, requesting the Council to proceed to fix their pensions following their resignations.

No Order.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne; Resolved: That the Acting Secretary of the County Council, Mr. P. T. Healy, be hereby appointed as Auditor of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to represent the Co. Council for the Year ending 31st March, 1923.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill; Seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne; Resolved: That the following be the dates fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the several Rural District Councils, Proposals and Finance Committees, and the County Council for the year 1922-1923.

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour	Summer Quarter 1922	Autumn Quarter 1922	Winter Quarter 1923	Spring Quarter 1923
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Enniskerry.	11-30	Mon, July 3	Mon, Oct 2	Tues Jan 2	Tues, Ap 3
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rathdrum.	12-15	Mon ,, 24	Mon ,, 23	Mon ,, 22	Mon ,, 23
BALTINGLASS No. 1... Court-house, Baltinglass.	12-30	Tues ,, 4	Tues ,, 3	Tues ,, 2	Tues ,, 3
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh.	1	Mon ,, 10	Mon ,, 9	Mon ,, 8	Mon ,, 9
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Courthouse, Wicklow	2	Tues ,, 25	Tues ,, 31	Tues ,, 30	Tues ,, 24
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Courthouse, Wicklow	12-30	Mon, Aug 21	Mon, Nov 20	Mon, Feb 19	Mon, May 28

Passed.

The Council deferred consideration of the Secretary's Report on the necessity for an additional clerk in the Council's Office, which was adjourned to this Meeting.

A letter No. 10362-22 dated 2nd May, 1922, and letter dated 4th May, 1922, were submitted from the Minister for Local Government, intimating that he was enclosing certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts of the Co. Council for the half-years ended 30th September, 1920, 31st March, 1921, and 30th September, 1921, together with the Auditor's Report on each of same.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1920.

Comairle Contae Cille Mhannáin.

Dáile Áda Cluá, Máirtín a 18 má, 1922.

A Cara,

Do rchúigeas na cuntaí go léir atá fé cúram Comairle Cille Mhannáin le h-áir na leit bliadna do cnuigeas lá veimé mheáon-fóimh, 1920, mar atá:—

- (i) Leabair an ainsio (caiteam asur fásal.)
- (ii) Leabair na spait fé leit.
- (iii) Áineamán le h-áir na leit-bliadna.
- (iv) Cuntaí a úaineann leir na dóicrib.
- (v) Leabair na spait,

asur cuirim as triall oir iad le mo tuairgibáil.

Ói sac leabair i dtreo asur i n-óruasá dom asur vein na cléireaca a gcuid oibre go maí.

I have Audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1920, and I enclose herewith, certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts and of the Secretary's Statements for the period audited.

The Total Expenditure for the period under review amounted to £65,745. Monies supplied to the Unions and Rural Councils were £22,749 10s. and £5,764 10s respectively.

The Revenue for the same period exceeded £51,929 of which £43,353 was contributed in respect of Poor Rate.

The Local Government Board (England) at the commencement of this period in pursuance of Section 7 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, amalgamated the Naas No. 2 Rural District with the adjoining Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1, and transferred Naas No. 2 District from Naas Union, to that of Baltinglass, so as to form one District for purposes of Public Health and Local Administration.

I disallowed payments amounting in the aggregate to £4 1s., being expenses incurred in the presentation of an Address to Monsignor Hagan, D.D.

The books were well kept, and the duties of the several officers in relation to accounts and audit were discharged in a satisfactory manner.

Vein Deannact,

Páinríar Mac Deamháro,

Infiúctóir.

Áineact Riasaltair Áiteamla,

Dáil Éineann

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1921.

Comairle Contae Cille Mhannáin.

Dáile Áda Cluá, 27ad Lá Máirtín, 1922.

A Cara,

Do rchúigeas na cuntaí reo go léir atá fé cúram Comairle Contae Cille Mhannáin le h-áir na leit bliadna do cnuigeas lá veimé máirtín, 1921, asur cuirim as triall oir iad le mo tuairgibáil.

Cúntar ainsio na leit bliadna.

£31,943 19 10 an méio ainsio a táinig ircead i rit anama ran, mar atá:—Spatanna na mDoct £28,300 19 11.
Ainsio o Comairleacáir na mbairte móir, £2471 14 7. Do h-icad le n-a linn rin, £49,142 9 1. Tugad £13,834 10. Do cigtib na mDoct, £3,753 10. Do coirtib tuaithe—£634 10—mar geall ar na riatannaib fé leit, asur £4,795 do cis na hSealt. Ói £2,133 4 6 asan sComairle ar an Úroimialac i ndeiread na leit-bliadna.

Ceir na spait.

Ói £24,608 le bailuigad mar geall ar na spatannaib i ndeiread na leit-bliadna. Vein an namáio (Riasaltair Sacran) a díceall i sCommh na Comairle le linn an éogair do veit ar ruibal ar fúil go utiofad an veimé ar an sComairle. Do cuiread reactar tobairé riatá fé slar; asur dá bhuís rin, ní maib an bailuicán anamait.

I have Audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the HALF-YEAR, ENDED THE 31st MARCH, 1921, and I enclose, herewith, certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts and of the Secretary's Statements.

The Total Expenditure for the half-year amounted to £49,142 9s. 1d., of which £13,834 10s. was supplied to the Unions, £3,753 10s to the Rural Councils, and £4,795 to the Grangegorman Mental Home. Road Expenditure accounted for £15,876 16s. 3d.

The Revenue from all sources amounted to £31,343 19s. 10d. of which £28,300 19s 11d was in respect of Poor Rate. Contributions from Urban Councils exceeded £2,471.

The precautionary measures, which the Council adopted in the previous period, to safeguard its revenue so that it might be devoted to the local purposes for which it was originally intended were continued during the present half-year. The British Government withheld the Grants payable out of the Local Taxation Account (Ireland) hoping to cripple and impede the Council in maintaining its institutions and services and thereby paralyse local administration in the County. Against this diminution in revenue the County Council stopped payments which under normal conditions would have been made to the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Loans, etc.

A perusal of TABLE OF THE COLLECTION OF POOR RATE shows that £24,608, or about 58 per cent. of the total warrants, was

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outstanding in respect of the second moiety. This unsatisfactory position was due to the differences between the Rate Collectors and the County Council, necessitating in many cases the appointments of new collectors who carried out their duties according to the wishes of the Council. In many cases, the new collectors were constantly harrassed by the enemy and during the subsequent period seven were arrested and imprisoned.

The books were well kept and the duties of the several officers in relation to accounts and audit were discharged in a satisfactory manner.

Dein Deannaó,
Prionnriar Mac Deannaíro,
Infiúctóin.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1921.

Comairle Conrae Cille Mánncáin.

Daire Áda Cliaí,
18aó Lá Aibreáin, 1922.

Á Cara,

Do rchúnuigear na cúntairí seo go léir atá fé cúram Comairle Conrae Cille Mánncáin le h-áirí na leit-bliadna do chloínuigeadó lá deiridí Meádom Fógmaí, 1921, 7 cuirim as triall oir iad le mo tuarascáil.

Cúntairí áirí na leit-bliadna (Caitéamí 7 Faááil).

Do h-íocad le na linn rin £47,807 8 10. Do tugad £15,918 do tígí na mBoct; £1165 do coirib tuáite; agus £6,771 10 do tíg na hSealt. Do caitéad £14,118 16 1 ar na mBoictí.

Táinig £51,092 17 5 iréad i m'án ama, mar atá:—

Spáanna na mBoct — £43,989 7 9

Áirí na Comairleadóib na mBoictí — £6,099 6 5

Dein na Cléireada a gcuir oibre go maí agus bí gá leabair i dtreo agus i n-ordúgá dom.

I have Audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the HALF-YEAR ENDED THE 30th SEPTEMBER, 1921, and I enclose the Abstracts of same duly certified.

The Rates have not been collected very satisfactorily for the period under review. The total Rates outstanding at the end of this period amounted to £38,488 14s. 2d. Admitting that the Rate Collectors have been constantly harrassed by the enemy in the hope that local administration would be paralysed, I take this opportunity of suggesting to the Council that unless an improvement is apparent in some districts, drastic action should be taken with delinquent officials. The rates should be lodged more frequently and attention should be given by the Collectors to the terms of their Bonds which requires them to lodge when they have £100 or more in hands.

At the close of the period under audit there remained in the hands of the Paymaster's Trustees, sums amounting in the aggregate to £1,695. I have satisfied myself that these several accounts have since been cor-

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rectly closed and balanced and that the various balances standing to credit of same have been lodged with the Council's Official Treasurer, the National Bank Limited, Wicklow Branch.

The Books and Accounts were carefully written up and accurately prepared for Audit.

Dein Deannaó,

Prionnriar Mac Deannaíro,
Infiúctóin.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming; Resolved: That the Members of the County Council present concerned therein do now Sign the application to the Minister of Local Government for remission of the £4 Is. which is the subject of surcharge in the Auditor's Report on the Co. Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1920.

Passed.

A Circular letter dated 22nd March, 1922, was read from the Secretary, Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, Parliament Buildings, Belfast, asking if the Council would be prepared to accept the results of the Intermediate Examinations to be held this year by that Ministry for the same purposes and in the same manner as those hitherto conducted in that Area by the Board of Intermediate Education.

In this connection the Acting Secretary submitted a letter dated 19th April, 1922, No. 9050-22 from the Minister for Local Government requesting the Council to take no action on the letter from the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, as the question is at present under consideration in the Local Government Department.

The Assistant Surveyors' Reports for the week ending 18th May, 1922, submitted by the Co Surveyor with his letter dated 20th May, 1922, were referred for consideration by the newly appointed Committees set up at this Meeting for each County Electoral Area, to consider the entire Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

A suggestion was put forward by the Acting Secretary that the tenancies of the several Petty Sessions Court Houses throughout the County might possibly now be determined, many of these buildings not having been used so far as he was aware for a considerable period.

Order: Consideration adjourned.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Circular E.1902, 22nd February, 1922, directing that credit be taken in Rate Estimates, 1922-1923 for all withheld Grants in addition to the normal year's Grants.

Ref. E.-2046, 9th March, 1922, authorising the payment of Interest on the Council's proposed Overdraft.

Circular dated 22nd March, 1922, enclosing copy of Blind Persons

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Act, 1920, and Regulations and Rules thereunder, relative to the question of provision for the Blind in the County Council's Area.

Ref. A.278, 7th March, 1922, intimating that the Department has decided that repairs to Bridges may in all cases be dealt with on a "Sudden Damage Basis," and suspending the Regulation limiting expenditure on sudden damage to £30.

8th April, 1922,—relative to the proposed interview with the Minister in connection with the Council's proposal to withdraw from the guaranteeing Area for Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

Ref.8832-22, 19th April, 1922, intimating that the Ministry have consented to a Pension at the Rate of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£150) per annum for Mr. Jos. Keane, retired Poor Rate Collector.

Ref.8835-22, 19th April, 1922, sanctioning the proposed payment of £33 2s. 0d. to the Council's Law Agent for out-of-pocket expenses incurred during the period from 1st June, 1920, to 6th August, 1921.

Ref.8834-22, 19th April, 1922, stating that the Ministry have sanctioned the proposed payment of One Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds (£129) in settlement of the Law Agent's Bill of Costs in connection with the Inquiry recently constituted to investigate charges against Members of the Council.

Ref.9669-22 (Engineering Section) 25th April, 1922, stating that the Transfer of the full amount allotted to Urban District Councils out of the Grant made by the Provisional Government for the relief of Unemployment in the County, is to be made to each Urban Council concerned in one payment.

Ref.6669-22 (Engineering Section), 25th April, 1922, stating that the continuance of the Council's Direct Labour Scheme for one year has received the sanction of the Department.

Ref.8833-22 (Engineering Section), 25th April, 1922, intimating that the proposed limits of expenditure on Roads are approved for one year.

Ref.7269-22 27th April, 1922 sanctioning the Council's proposal to obtain an Overdraft of Twenty Thousand Pounds (£20,000) from their Treasurer at one-half per cent ($\frac{1}{2}$) under Bank Rate, the minimum to be four per cent (4), the loan to be repaid on or before the 13th July next.

Ref.8295-22 (Medical Charities), 2nd May, 1922, relative to a proposal by the County Board of Health to pay the expenses of a patient sent from the County Hospital, Wicklow, to Dr. Stevens' Hospital, Dublin, for treatment for Venereal Disease.

Ref.10834-22, 4th May, 1922, sanctioning Mr. Garrett Byrne's re-appointment as Rate Collector.

Ref.9667-22, 4th May 1922, stating with reference to the Council's Resolution following the receipt of the Report of the President of the Court of Inquiry, which investigated certain charges made against Members of the Council by Mr Jos. Campbell, that the Ministry are unable to alter the views already expressed by them on this matter.

Ref. L.G.2356, 11th May, 1922, Circular letter enclosing copy

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of Public Notice No. 10 issued in connection with advances in respect of Injury to property.

16th and 18th May, 1922, letter and telegram relative to the claims lodged on behalf of persons who have suffered loss during the period January, 1919—July, 1921, which are to be submitted for investigation by the Commission set up to enquire into these claims, and which is to open on the 19th May, 1922, at the Court House, Green Street, Dublin.

18th May, 1922—No. L.G.292 Further letter re same.

10th March, 1922—Intimating that, for the present, books and stationery have been removed from the Department's List for collective buying.

Circulars dated 1st March, 1922, 4th March, 1922, and 6th March, 1922, outlining the Department's Scheme for the amalgamated purchase by Public Bodies of their several requirements.

4th April, 1922,—From Trade Section Department, enclosing List of successful Contractors for the supply of goods for April, May, and June, 1922, under the Scheme of collective purchase.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

29th April, 1922, from the Department of Education, intimating that the Minister for Education will shortly fix a date for the Special Examination to be held in connection with the Council's Secondary School Scholarship Scheme.

3rd May, 1922, from the Department of Agriculture (Veterinary Branch) relative to outbreaks of Sheep Scab amongst sheep the property of Patrick Woods, Kilmurray, and Patrick White, Kilmacanogue.

18th May, 1922,—855-21, from the Department of Agriculture (Veterinary Branch) directing the Council's special attention to the necessity for an active execution and enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order this year.

29th March, 1922,—from the Secretary, Irish Land Commission, Dublin, transmitting a list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County against whom legal proceedings have been directed, in respect of Advances made under the Acts 1891-6 and 1903-9 respectively, thereby throwing an additional burden on Public Funds.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming; Seconded by Councillor P. Healy; Resolved: Having had before us the List of defaulting Annuitants received from the Irish Land Commission, we hereby order that the appropriate Department be approached with a request that drastic action be taken against such defaulting Annuitants to compel payment, in as much as all sums uncollected by the Irish Land Commission fall eventually on the Rates of the County, a condition of things which can no longer be allowed to continue.

Passed.

28th March, 1922,—from the Ministry of Pensions, Ireland (South) Region, 41 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, Circular letter enclosing copy of the Ireland (South) War Pensions Committee Order, 1922, issued under the War Pensions Act of 1921.

21st April, 1922,—from the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council, asking the Council to take steps to adjust the Area of charge

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fixed by the County Court in the Malicious Injury claim of Mr. T. M. Barker, Coolboy.

Order: The matter to be referred to the Law Agent, with a request that he put all the facts before the Minister for Home Affairs, Provisional Government.

6th May, 1922,—from the Secretary, Avoca Area School Attendance Committee, Rathdrum, Resolution asking the Council to increase the salary of Miss E. M. Foley, School Attendance Officer, from Fifty Pounds to Sixty-five Pounds per annum.

Order: Referred to next Meeting of the Council.

Letters dated 8th and 12th May, 1922, from Mr. Edward Conden, Curranstown, Arklow, objecting to the proposed increase to the School Attendance Officer in question.

Order: Referred to next Meeting of the Council.

13th March, 1922,—from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, intimating in connection with the proposed overdraft of £20,000, that the Department of Local Government's approval will be required to the rate of Interest to be charged, namely one-half per cent. (½) under Bank Rate, minimum to be four per cent. (4).

9th May, 1922,—from S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., enclosing copy of Resolution passed at a recent Meeting of the Roads Committee directing each Assistant Surveyor to furnish to the County Council, through the County Surveyor, a weekly report giving details of his inspections.

15th May, 1922,—from Mr. M. J. Hoey, conveying sincere thanks to the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the occasion of the death of Councillor James Hoey.

20th April, 1922,—from the Secretary, Co. Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Technical Schools, Wicklow, intimating that he has been instructed by his Committee to express their deep gratitude for the generosity of the Council in contributing extra funds to Education in the County.

7th May, 1922,—from William Toomey, Esq., B.L., Deputy Returning Officer, Annacreevy, Enniskerry, stating that the new Polling Places arranged by the County Council at their Meeting on the 21st April, will be a very great facility to electors to vote at next Elections.

15th May, 1922,—from William Deverell, Esq., Registration Officer, Court House, Wicklow, stating that he considers the new Polling Places arranged by the County Council afford every facility to the electors for recording their votes at the next Elections; further suggesting that after the Elections, and before the new Register is prepared there ought to be a meeting of the Council to constitute new Polling Districts.

27th February, 1922,—from Colonel W. H. Daniel, Pretoria, South Farnboro', Hants, bringing under the Council's notice a recent decision by the House of Lords as to the responsibility of Haulage Tractors for damage to roads in consequence of excessive traffic by them.

10th May, 1922,—from Michael Moynihan, Esq., The Rookery, Newcastle, requesting the Council to communicate with the I.R.P. or I.R.A. with reference to certain incidents stated to have occurred in con-

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nection with his premises and property.

Order: Refer to Solicitor to be placed before the Minister for Home Affairs.

Undated letter from John Minion, Kilquiggan House, Coolkenno, Co. Wicklow, applying for the return of £4 10s. costs which he alleges the Poor Rate Collector compelled him to pay when receiving payment of his Rates.

Order: Refer to Solicitor for attention.

2nd May, 1922,—from the Secretary, Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union, 47 Parnell Square, Dublin, advocating the institution of tests being adopted in future in connection with the issue of Motor Driving Licences.

Circular letter from Propaganda Committee, 3 College Green, Dublin, enclosing specimen copy of "An Saorstát," (The Free State) expressing a wish to enrol the Council as a subscriber thereto.

April, 1922,—from the Head Organiser, Irish Products League, University College, Cork, Circular letter and Pamphlets in aid of the League's Campaign in favour of Home Industries.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

16th March, 1922—from Wexford County Council, Resolution advocating the support of Drinagh Cement Works, Wexford.

10th March, 1922—from Roscommon County Committee of Agriculture, Resolution offering suggestions for the preservation of our diminishing Woods.

25th April, 1922,—Resolution from Cork Corporation calling for restraint in our young men in the present trying situation.

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... by the County Court in the case of ...
 Order: Refer to Solicitor to be placed before the Minutes for Home Affairs.
 Undated letter from John Minon, Kilmoghan House, Co. Wicklow, applying for the return of 14 1/2 cows which he alleges the Poor Rate Collector compelled him to pay when receiving payment of the rates.
 Order: Refer to Solicitor for attention.
 and May 1922—From the Secretary, Irish Automobile Drivers' and Automobile Mechanics' Union, 11, Lifford Street, Dublin, advising that the restriction of tests being adopted in Dublin in connection with the issue of Motor Driving Licences.
 Circular letter from Progress Committee, 3, College Green, Dublin, enclosing specimen copy of "An Bannán" (The Free State) expressing a wish to send the Council as a subscriber.
 April 1922—From the Head Organizer, Irish Products League, University College, Cork, circular letter and pamphlet in aid of the League's Campaign in favour of Home Industries.
 Resolutions from various bodies:
 16th March 1922—From Wickford County Council, Resolution advocating the support of District Council Works, Wickford.
 16th March 1922—From Roscommon County Committee of Agriculture, Resolution offering suggestions for the preservation of our diminishing Woods, and for the improvement of our roads.
 23rd April 1922—Resolution from Cork Corporation calling for assistance in our young men in the present driving situation.
 7th May 1922—From William Toomey, Esq., B.L., Deputy Returning Officer, Annamore, Ennisterry, stating that the new Polling Place arranged by the County Council at this Meeting on the 1st April, will be a very great facility to voters at all our Elections.
 15th May 1922—From William Devorell, Esq., Registrar, Office, Court House, Wicklow, stating that he considers the new Polling Place arranged by the County Council a most satisfactory facility to the voters for accessing their votes at the new Polling Place, and suggesting that after the Election and before the new Registrar is appointed there ought to be a meeting of the Council to discuss the new Polling Place.
 17th February 1922—From Daniel W. H. Daniel, Esq., Deputy Registrar, Office, Court House, Wicklow, stating that he considers the new Polling Place arranged by the County Council a most satisfactory facility to the voters for accessing their votes at the new Polling Place, and suggesting that after the Election and before the new Registrar is appointed there ought to be a meeting of the Council to discuss the new Polling Place.
 10th May 1922—From Michael McQuinn, Esq., The Registrar, Wicklow, advising the Council that the new Polling Place at Ennisterry, Wicklow, will be a very great facility to voters at all our Elections.

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The Annual Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, which, in the absence of a quorum, fell through on Monday the 19th of June, 1922, was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 28th June, 1922.

The following Members were present:—
 Councillor C. M. Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors M. Fleming; J. J. Metcalfe; Patrick Doyle; Andrew Kinsella; W. J. Doyle, Edward Byrne; J. J. Redmond; Wm. Grainger; James Turner; D. Condren; Wm. Byrne; James Byrne; James Everett; M. Langton, F. O'Rafferty; Eamonn O'Neill; D. J. McEvoy; P. P. O'Reilly, Bernard Kelly; Patrick Murphy; John Fleming and Patrick Healy.

BUSINESS :

- 1—The Chair to be taken by the out-going Chairman.
- 2—To elect a Chairman.
- 3—To elect a Vice-Chairman.
- 4—To fill the declared Vacancy on the Council, caused by the death of Mr. James Hoey, 33 Duncairn Avenue, Bray.
- 5—To recommend Revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 6—To appoint a Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Naas Union within the County Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published Advertisement, in room of Mr. E. R. Nichols, V.S., deceased.
- 7—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 (Greystones) Collecting District, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published Advertisement.
- 8—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Newcastle) Collecting District, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published Advertisement.
- 9—To arrange for the Collection of the Rates in Nos. 11 and 16 Districts, consequent upon the death of Collector Peter P. Doyle.
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Eamonn O'Broin:—"I, or some other Councillor on my behalf, will move at the Annual (June) Meeting of the Council that the Poundage on the Rate Collection will be finally fixed at Eightpence in the £."
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice, that I will move at the Annual Meeting of the Council that the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act be again put in force in the Rural District of Shillelagh, the condition of things which led to their being suspended having now passed."
- 12—To consider the following two Notices of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I beg to give Notice, that I, or some Councillor for me, will Move at the Annual Meeting: (1) That the question of Revising the present Scale of Wages of Workmen on the Roads be considered, and to move a Resolution thereon." "(2) That the question of Tree-Planting of the Waste Lands of the County Wicklow be gone into."
- 13—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the question of

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- the Superannuation of ex-Collector Richard Geoghegan, be considered and action taken.
- 14—To receive, consider, and take action upon Reports from the four Sub-Committees (representing the County Electoral Areas) set up by the Council at their Quarterly Meeting on 22nd May, 1922, to review and improve the entire Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.
- 15—To consider Correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, dealing with the necessity for providing complete and efficient arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis.
- 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 M. Fleming; Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—That Councillor C. M. Byrne of Ballykillavane, Glenealy, be, and he is hereby elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella; Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy:—That Councillor R. C. Barton be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the Members voted as follow:—

FOR COUNCILLOR C. M. BYRNE : Councillors James Byrne; D. Condren; W. J. Doyle; F. O'Rafferty; E. O'Neill; Edward Byrne; M. Langton; J. J. Redmond; Wm Byrne; J. Everett; B. Kelly; J. Turner; Patrick Doyle; Ml. Fleming, and John Fleming.—15.

FOR COUNCILLOR R. C. BARTON :—Councillors Wm. Grainger, A. Kinsella; P. Healy; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy, and P. P. O'Reilly.—7.

The Presiding Chairman, Councillor C. M. Byrne, did not vote. The Presiding Chairman thereupon declared Councillor M. Fleming's Motion carried by fifteen votes to seven, and Councillor C. M. Byrne elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming; Resolved:—That Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Main St., Baltinglass, 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 James Byrne; Resolved:—That, at this first opportunity afforded us, we hereby extend to the relatives of the late Peter P. Doyle, of Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum, a trusted and valued officer of this Council, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Passed.

At this stage of the proceedings, Councillor Patrick Murphy,

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supported by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy, requested the Acting Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy, to read the following, which had been drafted on the 19th of June, 1922, by the three Members who attended, when the Annual Meeting convened for that date fell through in the absence of a quorum:—

"That we the undersigned hereby protest against the action of the Acting Chairman in causing the Annual Meeting of the Co. Council to fall through for want of a quorum by the issuing of the following circular:—

Ballykillavane, Glenealy,
County Wicklow.

15th June, 1922.

To Each Member of the Wicklow Co. Council.

A Chara,

A number of Members of the County Council will be engaged in Naas on Monday next, the 19th instant, at the Count in connection with the Parliamentary Elections. Several Members have approached me to get the Annual Meeting of the Council, which is fixed for that date, postponed. As, however, it is a Statutory Meeting, I find that this cannot be done. I would, however, suggest under the circumstances that Members of the Council do not attend on the 19th instant, and as there will then be no quorum present, the Meeting on that date must automatically fall through, and I will give the Acting Secretary authority to call the Meeting for Monday week, the 26th instant instead.

I hope you may be able to approve of this arrangement.

Le meas mor,

C. M. Ua BROIN,

Acting Chairman of the Council.

and that the whole matter be brought under the notice of the Minister for Local Government."

PADRAIG Ua MURCADA, C., U.D.C., Bray.

P. P. O'REILLY, Ballynastockan.

D. S. MacAODBUIDE (D. J. MacEvoy).

No Order.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 28th June, 1922, when the following Members attended:—Councillor E. O'Neill, Presiding Chairman; Councillors P. Murphy; D. J. MacEvoy; C. M. Byrne; J. J. Redmond; J. Turner and J. Everett.

COUNTY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

One application was received from a candidate for the University Scholarships offered by the Council for the year 1922-1923. After considering the Certificate and Declaration submitted to them, the Committee recommend the Council to sanction the admission of the Candidate, Miss Agnes Redmond, Rathdrum, to the Special Exam-

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ination for County Council Scholarships, to be held on Tuesday, the 11th July, 1922, and following days.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Twenty-three applications were received from Candidates for the Secondary School Scholarships offered by the Council for the year 1922-1923. After considering the Certificates and Declarations submitted to them, the Committee recommend the Council to sanction the admission of the following Candidates to the Special Examination to be held in Wicklow on Tuesday, the 18th July, 1922, and two following days:—

1. Greene, Anastasia, Loreto Lodge, Bray.
2. Kelly, John, Rathdrum.
3. Walshe, Rosie, Donard.
4. O'Rowe, Hugh, Rathdrum.
5. Whittle, Evelyn, Dunlavin (Subject to it being established that the Poor Law Valuation of the Parent's holdings is less than £30).
6. Doyle, Gregory, Irishtown, Donard.
7. Wogan, Michael M., Enniskerry.
8. Timmons, Laurence, Rathdrum.
9. Kelly, James, Kilpatrick, Redcross.
10. Kennedy, Michael, Rathdrum.
11. McLellen, Maureen, Grosvenor Cottage, Bray.
12. Kane, James, Dunlavin.

A letter dated 12th June, 1922, was submitted from the Minister of Education, Department of Education, setting out the details it will be necessary for the Council to arrange in connection with the Special Examination of Candidates, on the 18th July, 1922, and two following days for Secondary School Scholarships.

ORDER:—The Committee recommend the Council to obtain the use of the Wicklow No. 1 Boys' National School for the purposes of the Examination; and to appoint Mr. Wm. H. Kearney, The Mall, Wicklow, and Mr. M. Murtagh, Bath Street, Wicklow, to act as Superintendents. The Committee refrain from suggesting the names of persons suitable to act as Oral Examiners at the Examination, and recommend that the Minister for Education be asked to himself appoint such Oral Examiners.

Signed,—E. O'NEILL,
Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, Seconded by Councillor Ed. Byrne; Resolved:—That the Report of the Finance Committee, as submitted, be, and it is hereby, adopted.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor P. Murphy; Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—That all the applicants who sent in forms be allowed to present themselves at the Special Examination for Secondary School Scholarships, provided the entire respective Poor Law Valuations of their parents are under Thirty Pounds.

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On a show of hands being taken the amendment was declared lost, and the Report of the Finance Committee as submitted was approved and adopted by the Council.

The Acting Secretary read the published notice declaring the office of Councillor held by James Hoey, Esq., 33 Duncairn Avenue, Bray, to be vacant in consequence of his death.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne; Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—That Mr. Joseph Metcalfe of Bray, be co-opted to fill the declared vacancy on the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor B. Kelly; Seconded by Councillor James Byrne:—Resolved—That Mr. Morgan Travers of Ballynerrin, Kilcool, be hereby co-opted to fill the declared vacancy on the County Council caused by the death of Mr. James Hoey, 33 Duncairn Av., Bray.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy; Seconded by Councillor P. O'Reilly:—That Mr. Patrick Gallagher of Glencree, Enniskerry, be co-opted to fill the declared vacancy on the County Council.

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the Members voted as follow:—

FOR METCALFE:—Councillors W. J. Doyle, Edward Byrne, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, J. Everett, Patrick Doyle and J. Fleming.—7.

FOR TRAVERS:—Councillors James Byrne, D. Condren, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, C. M. Byrne, Wm. Byrne, B. Kelly and M. Fleming.—8.

FOR GALLAGHER:—Councillors William Grainger, A. Kinsella, F. O'Rafferty, P. Healy, D. J. MacEvoy, P. Murphy and P. P. O'Reilly.—7.

Messrs. Metcalfe and Gallagher having tied with seven votes each, a further poll was taken, when the voting was as follows:—

FOR METCALFE:—Councillors D. Condren; W. J. Doyle; J. J. Metcalfe; Edward Byrne; M. Langton; J. J. Redmond; J. Everett, B. Kelly, Patrick Doyle, and J. Fleming.—10.

FOR GALLAGHER:—Councillors James Byrne; Wm. Grainger; A. Kinsella; F. O'Rafferty; P. Healy; D. J. MacEvoy, E. O'Neill, P. Murphy, William Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly and M. Fleming.—11.

Mr. Metcalfe's name having been eliminated the voting in the final round was as follows:—

FOR TRAVERS:—Councillors James Byrne, D. Condren, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, Edward Byrne, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, Wm. Byrne, J. Everett, B. Kelly, M. Fleming and J. Fleming.—13.

FOR GALLAGHER:—Councillors W. J. Doyle, William Grainger, A. Kinsella, F. O'Rafferty, P. Healy, D. J. MacEvoy, E. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly and Patrick Doyle.—9.

Councillor James Turner did not vote on the question of this co-option.

The Chairman thereupon declared Councillor B. Kelly's motion passed and Mr. Morgan Travers of Ballynerrin, Kilcool, to be co-opted a Member of the County Council by thirteen votes to nine.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; Seconded by Councillor

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M. Langton; 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 Acting Secretary read the following published Advertisement for a Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Naas Union within the Co. of Wicklow, in room of Mr. A. R. Nichols, V.S., Deceased:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

VETERINARY INSPECTOR WANTED.

The above Council will, at their Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th June, 1922, proceed to Elect a duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Naas Union within the County of Wicklow, at a salary of £20 (Twenty Pounds) per annum to cover all expenses.

The Inspector appointed must reside within the County, and shall perform all the duties required by the said Acts, and by the several Orders from time to time issued in connection 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 17th June, 1922.

P. T. HEALY,

Acting Secretary to the Co. Council.

Co. Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow.

3rd June, 1922.

and two applications received from:—

1. John Malone, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., Harbourne's Bridge Hotel, Baltinglass. 2. S. Conway, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., Wentworth Place, Wicklow.

A poll having being taken it was found that the Members voted as follow:—

FOR MALONE:—Councillors James Byrne; D Condren; W. J. Doyle; Wm. Grainger; A. Kinsella; F. O'Rafferty; P. Healy; J. J. Metcalfe; E. O'Neill; Edward Byrne; J. Everett; J. Turner, and J. Fleming.—13.

FOR CONWAY:—Councillors D. J. MacEvoy; M. Langton; P. Murphy; J. J. Redmond; William Byrne; and P. P. O'Reilly.—6.

Councillors C. M. Byrne, B. Kelly, and Patrick Doyle did not vote.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; Seconded by Councillor Patrick Healy; Resolved:—That Mr. John Malone, M.R.C.V.S., of Harbourne's Bridge Hotel, Baltinglass, be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Naas

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Union within the County of Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published Advertisement, at an Annual Salary of Twenty Pounds (£20) to cover all expenses.

Passed by 13 votes to 6.

The Acting Secretary read the following published Advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 (Greystones) Collecting District:—

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 19th June, 1922, 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 Department will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office 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 £2,500. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon, on 19th June, 1922.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Acting Secretary to the Co. Council.

Co. Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow.

7th June, 1922.

and three applications received from:—

1. Patrick Mulligan, The Paddock, Kilpedder. 2. Michael J. Hoey, 33 Duncairn Avenue, Bray. 3. Patrick J. Doyle, Knockandarragh, Donard.

A poll having been taken it was found that the Members voted as follow:—

FOR MULLIGAN:—Councillors D. Condren, P. Murphy, and B. Kelly.—3.

FOR HOEY:—Councillors F. O'Rafferty, Edward Byrne, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, J. Turner, M. Fleming, and J. Fleming.—9.

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, William Grainger, A. Kinsella, P. Healy, D. J. MacEvoy, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, William Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly and Patrick Doyle.—11. Mr. Mulligan's name having been eliminated, the voting in the second round was as follows:—

FOR HOEY:—Councillors F. O'Rafferty, Edward Byrne, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, J. Turner, M. Fleming, and J. Fleming.—9.

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors James Byrne, D. Condren, W. J. Doyle, William Grainger, A. Kinsella, P. Healy, D. J. MacEvoy, J. J.

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Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, P. Murphy, William Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly, and Patrick Doyle.—13.

Councillor B. Kelly did not vote in this round.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy; Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly; Resolved:—That Mr. Patrick J. Doyle of Knock-andarragh, Donard, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 (Greystones) Collecting District at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence (6d), in accordance with the terms of the Council's published Advertisement, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, and we approve of a Bond on his behalf with the Hibernian Insurance Company, for the due performance of his duties in a sum of Two Thousand-Five-Hundred-Pounds.

Passed by 13 votes to 9.

The Acting Secretary read the following published Advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Newcastle) Collecting District:—

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 19th June, 1922, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Altidore, Kilcoole, Killiskey, Newcastle Lr. and Newcastle Up., 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. Irrecoverable Rates approved by the Local Government Department will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

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 of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties in a sum of £2,500. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 o'clock, noon, on 19th June, 1922.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Acting Secretary to the County Council.

Co. Council Office, Courthouse, Wicklow.

7th June, 1922.

and seven applications received from:—

1. George C. Graydon, Toomon, Delgany.
2. Edward Kennedy, Main Street Wicklow.
3. Lawrence Lavin, Ballyknocken, Glenealy.
4. Michael Turner, Ballydoreen, Ashford.
5. Patrick J. O'Neill, Arinary, Thonlague, Wicklow.
6. John Manley, Knockraheen, Roundwood.
7. Denis J. Kinsella, Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely.

A poll having been taken it was found that the Members voted as follow:—

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FOR KENNEDY:—Councillor James Everett.—1.

FOR LAVIN:—Councillor F. O'Rafferty.—1.

FOR TURNER:—Councillor J. Fleming.—1.

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors D. Condren; William Byrne, and P. O'Reilly.—3.

FOR MANLEY:—Councillors James Byrne; P. Healy; P. Murphy, C. M. Byrne, and B. Kelly.—5.

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors W. J. Doyle, Wm. Grainger, A. Kinsella, D. J. MacEvoy, E. O'Neill, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, Patrick Doyle and M. Fleming.—9.

Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, and J. Turner did not vote.

Messrs. Kennedy, Lavin, and Turner having been eliminated, the voting in the second round was as follows:—

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors D. Condren, William Byrne, James Everett, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Turner, and J. Fleming.—6.

FOR MANLEY:—Councillors James Byrne, P. Healy, P. Murphy, C. M. Byrne, and B. Kelly.—5.

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors W. J. Doyle, William Grainger, A. Kinsella, F. O'Rafferty, D. J. MacEvoy, E. O'Neill, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, Patrick Doyle, and M. Fleming.—10.

Councillors J. J. Metcalfe and Edward Byrne did not vote.

In the third and final round the Councillors voted as follows:—

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors D. Condren, P. Murphy, William Byrne, James Everett, B. Kelly, P. P. O'Reilly, J. Turner and J. Fleming.—8.

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, William Grainger, A. Kinsella, F. O'Rafferty, P. Healy, D. J. MacEvoy, E. O'Neill, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, Patrick Doyle, and M. Fleming.—12.

Councillors J. J. Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, and C. M. Byrne did not vote.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle; Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle; Resolved—That Mr. Denis J. Kinsella, of Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Altidore) Collecting District at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence (6d.), in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, and we approve of a bond on his behalf with the Hibernian Insurance Company for the due performance of his duties in a sum of £2,500 (Two-Thousand-Five-Hundred Pounds).

Passed by 12 votes to 8.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly; Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy; Resolved—That the Acting Secretary advertise for Candidates for the position of Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. P. P. Doyle, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence (6d.) in the £.

Passed.

In accordance with notice of motion it was Proposed by Councillor Ed. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming; Resolved:—That the Poundage to be paid to Rate Collectors on the Rate Collection be temporarily fixed at Eightpence (8d.) in the £.

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A poll having been taken it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors W. J. Doyle, William Grainger, A. Kinsella, F. O'Rafferty, P. Healy, Edward Byrne, M. Langton, J. J. Redmond, C. M. Byrne, James Everett, Patrick Doyle, and M. Fleming.—12.

AGAINST THE MOTION:—Councillors James Byrne, D. Condren, D. J. MacEvoy, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, William Byrne, and P. P. O'Reilly.—7.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion carried by twelve votes to seven.

Co. Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow.
27th June, 1922.

Gentlemen,

I beg to Report that, pursuant to the directions of the Council and at the request of the Minister for Local Government, I attended in Dublin with your Law Agent on Friday, the 23rd June, inst., and had a long interview with the Minister on the subject of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

The Government can not give any Guarantee of assistance to the County Wicklow ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area of the Tramway unless the liabilities to which they are a party are shouldered. If these liabilities are beyond their power to meet, every effort will be made to help the ratepayers, but on their part they must remember that it is useless to attempt by a Plebiscite to escape their moral obligations.

In this case if the line be closed, considerable unemployment will ensue, and eventually the disadvantage of not having the Tramway will re-act on those who seek now to close the Line. The Government is instructed that the Guarantee is a perpetual one, and this is generally admitted, so that closing the Line means that the debt still remains, which would require a Rate for the Guaranteeing Area of Sixteen Pence (16d) in the Pound annually. The sale of the Rolling Stock, etc. would amount to a very small sum. It would, therefore, be very imprudent to close the Line at present, as the loss of the Treasury contributions would place the Ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area in a much worse financial condition than before. It was because of this that the Local Government Department took no action in connection with the Plebiscite.

It therefore follows that no prospect of immediate relief is held out to the Ratepayers in the Tramway Area until they on their part have paid up in full their respective outstanding Rates, including the Tramway Rate.

The Council should, in my opinion, to-day take such steps as will secure immediate payment of the amount of Rates outstanding in Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts, which include the entire Guaranteeing Area of the Tramway, and to this end arrangements should be made to give the Collector such assistance as he may require in that connection.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HEALY,

Acting Secretary.

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ORDER:—Collector J. Cullen to collect the Rates outstanding in Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts with the assistance of the Registrar of the District Court for West Wicklow, Mr. James O'Rourke, who was present at the Meeting, and who promised the Council to afford Collector J. Cullen all the help he will require.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett; Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy; Resolved:—That application be made to Minister of Local Government to have the case of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway brought before the Railway Commission with a view of having the present Financial state of affairs remedied; and that the Tramway rate should be equalized between the two Counties.
Passed.

After considerable discussion the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda appearing in the name of Councillor M. Fleming was, with his consent, postponed to the August Quarterly Meeting of the County Council:—

"I hereby give Notice, that I will move at the Annual Meeting of the Council that the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act be again put in force in the Rural District of Shillelagh, the condition of things which led to their being suspended having now passed."

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:—That the Wages of Road Workmen be fixed at thirty-five shillings (35s.) per week throughout the County, and for Carters engaged in hauling road material be fixed at £3 15s. per week.

Following a discussion on the subject this Motion was withdrawn by Councillor James Byrne, and the matter referred to the next Meeting of the Roads Committee for consideration and report to the Council.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill; Resolved:—that this Council take such well considered action as calling on all the local elected Bodies of the County and all the Unions and Associations of people therein to co-operate in a general movement to induce the Irish Government to endow and promote a Scheme of purchase of the suitable rugged waste lands of the County Wicklow where available—for the purpose of having same planted with trees, and as an earnest of the desire of the inhabitants of the County, this Council promises to supplement the State Grant, which, in hope, may be obtained for this enterprise.
Passed unanimously.

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, Councillor J. J. Metcalfe proposed that the question of the superannuation of Ex-Collector Richard Geoghegan be considered and action taken.

The Council directed that the entire facts in connection with Ex-Collector R. Geoghegan's claim for superannuation be placed before the Minister for Local Government for his decision, and, accordingly, Councillor Metcalfe withdrew his Motion.

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County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
15th June, 1922.

REPORTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETINGS OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND INVESTIGATING
THE WORKING OF THE DIRECT LABOUR
SCHEME.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with the directions of the County Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on 22nd May, 1922, Conferences were held, in each Electoral Area, relative to the working of the Direct Labour Scheme.

BALTINGLASS ELECTORAL AREA

Conference held on 6th June. Councillors present—Eamonn O'Neill, D. J. MacEvoy, P. P. O'Reilly, and J. J. Metcalfe, Overseers present—James Ryan, Denis Fay, P. Keogh, and P. J. Rogers. Assistant Surveyor P. J. Foley and County Surveyor were in attendance.

1. The Assistant Surveyor's Weekly Reports were read and noted.
2. Blessington Section—Of the amount yet available for this Section—(£1, 869 14s. 11d.)—it was considered advisable to write off £731 for haulage and other charges, and to expend the Balance (together with a sum to be transferred from Kiltegan Section) in keeping 14 men constantly employed to 31st March next.
4. Dunlavin Section—Of the amount available in this Section (£2,349 18s. 9d.) it was considered advisable to write off £700 against haulage and other charges, and expend the balance in keeping twenty men constantly employed to 31st March next.
5. Baltinglass Section—Of the amount available in this Section (£1,350 3s. 4d.) it was considered advisable to write off £570 against haulage and other charges, and expend the balance (together with a sum to be transferred from Kiltegan Section) in constantly employing fourteen men to 31st March next.
6. Kiltegan Section—Of the amount available in this Section (£2,374 10s. 10d.) it was considered advisable to write off £600 against haulage and other charges, and to transfer to Baltinglass and Blessington Sections such sums as will enable the fourteen men mentioned above for each of these Sections to be kept at work to 31st March next. The balance to be expended in wages in Kiltegan Section.
7. The undermentioned recommendations were made:—

- (1) That two light portable stone crushers and two power lorries for haulage be obtained as soon as possible for the Baltinglass Electoral Area.
- (2) That piece work for carting be adopted as far as possible.

BRAY ELECTORAL AREA.

Conference held at Bray on 9th June. Councillors present: Martin Langton, J. J. Redmond, J. J. Healy, Patrick Murphy and Edward Byrne. Overseers present:—Edward Tierney, Joseph Brady and P.

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Brady, Assistant Surveyor J. P. Doyle and County Surveyor were in attendance.

Of the total Balance available for Rathdown No. 2, R. District (including Sudden Damage sums) it was considered advisable to write off £2,400 as a provision to repay cost of stone breaking, etc., carried on, under County-at-Large Proposals, up to 31st March last. To write off £1,120 for repayment of loans to the Ministry of Transport (Prov. Govt.) and other Government Bodies and a Sum of £200 for other charges, leaving a balance of £4,778. It was further recommended to expend out of this balance a sum, estimated at £1,500, in repairing road No.12—Killarney road. In Tar-dressing the Bray-Wicklow road to Glen of Downs, estimated at £720. To write off £1,100 against haulage, Sudden Damages, and other charges, and to expend the balance in keeping at least fifteen men constantly employed up to 31st March next, and also to keep nine special surfacemen employed in the villages and tourists areas for the next 12 weeks.

2. The Assistant Surveyor's Weekly Reports were read and noted.
3. The Conference recommended that the County Council take the necessary steps to make available the Loans sanctioned for the Improvement, by Steam Rolling, of the roads in Greystones and Enniskerry. Also that the Co. Surveyor proceed with the work on road No. 12 mentioned above.

ARKLOW ELECTORAL AREA.

Conference held at Tinahely on 14th June. Councillors present:—James Byrne, Michael Fleming, W. J. Doyle, Andrew Kinsella, and Patrick Doyle. Overseers present:—James O'Neill, W. Byrne, J. J. Kelly, and Patrick Keating. Assistant Surveyor Joseph Boyd, and the Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

1—A copy of a resolution from Shillelagh R. D. C., and also a letter from the Tinahely Branch I.T. and G.W. Union were received. The resolution asked that the full money allocated for road work in the R. District be immediately utilised in relieving unemployment, and that application be made to the Provisional Government to grant unemployment money to the men who have been disengaged on the roads in the Rural District.

The letter from the I.T.W. Union asked that the Conference receive a deputation from that body.

The Conference decided to receive the deputation, and to refer both communications to the County Council recommending them to the serious consideration of the Council.

2—Aughrim Section—Of the amount available in Aughrim Section (£1139 14s 7d) it was considered advisable to write off £548 against haulage and other charges, and to add to the balance a sum of £250 from the unexpended balance under the head "Sudden Damages and Contingencies" for Rathdrum R. District, in order to enable at least ten men to be constantly employed in Aughrim Section to 31st March next.

3—Arklow Section—Of the amount available in this Section (£1,458 8s 5d) it was considered advisable to write off £593 against haulage, special material, and other charges, and to expend the balance in keeping at least ten men constantly employed to 31st March next.

4—Ballinglen-Tinahely Section—Of the balance available for this

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Section (£1,355 1s 8d) it was considered advisable to write off £600 against haulage and other charges, and expend the balance in keeping ten men constantly employed to 31st March next.

5—Carnew-Shillelagh Section—Of the balance available in this Section (£1611 14s 9d) it was considered advisable to write off £423 against haulage and other charges, and expend the balance in keeping sixteen men employed up to 31st March next.

6—The Councillors having heard the Deputation from the Tinahely Branch I.T. and G.W. Union (Messrs Donohue and Murphy), and appreciating the extreme necessity of giving as much employment as possible to enable the workers to live until the harvest work commences, decided to recommend the County Surveyor to so arrange that at least 20 men be kept employed up to about 1st August next in each of the Sections—Aughrim, Arklow, and Ballinglen-Tinahely, and 30 men for the same period in the Carnew-Shillelagh Section. After that date the County Surveyor to reduce the number of men for a period so as to make up for the extra expenditure in each Section.

6—The Conference discussed the urgency of using a stone crusher in order to obtain a sufficiency of very finely broken material for dry weather repairs. A proposal to expend £20 in Ballinglen-Tinahely Section, and £20 in Carnew-Shillelagh Section in hiring a stone crusher, was referred to the Workers' Union and the County Surveyor.

Although realising the necessity for using stone crushers for metal production under normal circumstances, nevertheless the Conference were of opinion that, owing to the present dearth of employment, as much road material as possible should be broken by hand.

7—The Assistant Surveyors' Weekly Reports were read and noted.

WICKLOW ELECTORAL AREA.

The Wicklow Electoral Area Conference, summoned for 13th inst., met at Wicklow. Councillors present—Bernard Kelly, James Turner, James Everett, and John Fleming. The Overseers, Assistant Surveyor, and County Surveyor, were also present.

The Conference decided to adjourn to a date to be indicated by Mr. C. M. Byrne, Acting Chairman of the County Council.

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

The following paragraph in the Report from the Sub-Committee set up for Bray Electoral Area was approved by the Council:—

"It was further recommended to expend out of this balance a sum, estimated at £1,500, in repairing road No. 12—Killarney road. In Tar-dressing the Bray-Wicklow road to Glen of Downs, estimated at £720. To write off £1,100 against haulage, Sudden Damages, and other charges, and to expend the balance in keeping at least fifteen men constantly employed up to 31st March next, and also to keep nine special surfacemen employed in the villages and tourists areas for the next 12 weeks."

Consideration of the balance of the entire Report was referred to an early Meeting of the Roads Committee.

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The Acting Secretary submitted the following letter:—

DAIL EIREANN.

Aireacht Riaghaltais Aiteamhla.

76 Sraid I'hearchair,

2adh Meitheamh, 1922.

To the Secretary of the Co. Council, the Town Clerk.
A Chara,

I have to inform you that a National Grant is now available for recoupment, in accordance with previous practice, of a moiety of the approved net expenditure of County and County Borough Councils on schemes for the treatment of Tuberculosis. I trust that in any case where an approved scheme has not yet been brought into operation or where, owing to recent conditions, the facilities formerly available have been discontinued or curtailed, the Council concerned will take immediate steps to provide complete and efficient arrangements for the treatment of tuberculosis patients in their area. Particulars of new schemes or of developments of the existing services to which sanction has not already been given should be transmitted to this Department for approval before expenditure in connection therewith is incurred.

Copies of Form E are enclosed herewith for the submission of an estimate of expenditure by the Council on their Tuberculosis Scheme for the half-year ending 30th September next, with a view to the issue of an advance instalment of recoupment from the Grant. Only column A thereof need be filled in and the Form when duly completed should be transmitted in duplicate to this Department.

It would facilitate the examination of the estimate if a statement were furnished at the same time giving the names and designations of the officers and employees acting under the Tuberculosis Scheme together with particulars of their remuneration in each case, distinguishing between salary or wages and War Bonus.

Is mise le meas,

L. T. MacCOSAIR,

Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhla.

ORDER:—The Council have no Scheme to forward.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.

19th June, 1922.

To Wicklow Co. Council.

Gentlemen,

I should be glad if you would accord me leave of absence on vacation from 26th July to 19th August and from 23rd August to 31st August.

It will be necessary to authorise the Assistants to attend to urgent matters which may arise during my absence.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER, Co. Surveyor.

ORDER:—Granted.

The Acting Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy, suggested the desirability of charging the Finance Committee with the responsibility of investigating the amounts which ought to be contributed annually

by parents and guardians of patients from County Wicklow receiving treatment in Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

ORDER:—Postponed.

Letters dated 20th and 26th June, 1922, were submitted from S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor, with which he enclosed the Reports furnished weekly by the three Assistant Surveyors for submission to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett; Seconded by Councillor Wm. Grainger; Resolved:—That as necessity has not yet arisen for taking advantage of the Overdraft of £20,000 for a period of four months from the 13th March, 1922, to the 13th July, 1922, allowed by our Treasurer and approved by the Minister for Local Government at one-half per cent. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.c.) under Bank Rate, the minimum to be four per cent. (4 p.c.) we hereby direct that the dates within which this Overdraft was to be allowed be varied so that the period of four months may run from the 1st July, 1922, to the 1st November, 1922, and we request the Minister for Local Government and our Treasurer to sanction this variation of dates.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett; Seconded by Councillor William Grainger; Resolved:—That the Acting Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy, be hereby directed to prepare the Register of Electors and the Jurors' Lists on receipt by him of the usual Requisition and Precept respectively in that connection.

Passed unanimously.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Councillor P. Ua MURCÁDA:—

ΡÓΣΤΡΑ ΣΤΛΔΙΣΕΑΔΤΑ.

Τυγαίμρε Ρόστρα υαίμρε ανηρο σο ηςλυαίρεοάτορα νο σο ηςλυαίρεοάτορ Κομάητεοιη είτε αρ μο ρ on.

(1).—Σο οτίονόιταρ εμιννίγε αν Κομάητε Εονοαε ι μΘηί Έυαλανν αρ ρο άμαε.

(2).—Σο οτίονόιταρ ζαε τάρηα εμιννίυ τε Έοιρθε αν Διησιο ι μΘηί Έυαλανν αρ ρο άμαε.

ρ. υα ΜΥΡCÁΔΑ.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS' REPRESENTATIVES.

15th June, 1922—from the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, telegram and letter notifying the re-election of Mr. Eamonn O'Neill of Baltinglass as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year; and the re-appointment of Mr. Peter P. O'Reilly, of Ballynastockan, Blessington, as an additional County Councillor.

12th June, 1922—from the Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, letter notifying the re-election of Mr. John J. Healy,

of Ashley, Greystones, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

14th June, 1922—from the Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District Council, letter 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 Co. Council.

13th June, 1922—from the Clerk of the Shillelagh Rural District Council, letter notifying the re-election of Mr. James J. Kavanagh, of Ballynamanogue, Tinahely, 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.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Circular No. 64, 22nd May, 1922, requesting Local authorities to forward Solicitors' Bills of Costs direct to the Minister for Home Affairs, with whose Department in future all business of this nature is to be transacted.

Ref. No. L.G. 3063, 22nd May, 1922, intimating that a sum of £5,300 has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the County Council, representing an instalment on account of withheld Grants.

Ref. No. L.G. 3201, 29th May, 1922, stating that the Secretary's enquiry of the 24th instant, as to what exact withheld grants are included in the lodgment of £5,300, has been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance for attention.

Ref. No. L.G. 3201, 5th June, 1922, informing the Council that it will not be practicable, in making refunds to local authorities in respect of withheld grants, to indicate the amount applicable for particular purposes.

Ref. No. 14080-22, 22nd May, 1922, notifying the Council that the Minister for Local Government will in future require all Poor Rate Collectors' Bonds to be in strict accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies' Order.

Ref. No. 15550-22, 1st June, 1922, stating that the whole question of Rate Collectors' Bonds is receiving the attention of the Minister and instructions on the matter to all local Bodies concerned may shortly be expected.

Ref. No. 14082-22, 25th May, 1922, stating that the Ministry has carefully considered the proposals of the County Council and the various Urban District Councils to grant Scholarships to be competed for at Wicklow Feis, and the Ministry must reluctantly rule that these proposals cannot be carried into effect. Alternative methods for supporting the language have been approved by the Ministry and are within reach of the Bodies concerned.

ORDER:—Copy of this letter to be sent to each of the three Urban District Councils, and the Secretary of the Wicklow Feis Committee.

Ref. Trade, 30th May, 1922, intimating that the Ministry have finally decided to make their buying period a four months one, that is three times per annum; therefore they are extending their contracts to the end of July.

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DAIL EIREANN.

Local Government Department,
76 Sraid Fhearchair,
Meitheamh 9ad, 1922.

No. 16338-22.

The Acting Secretary,
Co. Council Offices, Wicklow.

A Chara,

In pursuance of the powers vested in me as Minister for Local Government, I hereby remit the Surcharge of £4 ls. made by F. Barnard, Esq., B.A., B.Comm., jointly and severally against:—C. M. Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, John J. Redmond, W. J. Doyle, Patk. Healy, James Turner, Eamonn O'Neill, M. Fleming, Andrew Kinsella, James Everett, D. S. MacAodh Buidhe, Peadar P. O. Raghallaigh, Liam Grainseir, and said payment of £4 ls. is hereby allowed.

Mise, le meas,

L. T. MacCOSGAI, R.
Aire Riaghaltas Aiteamhla.

Ref. No. 16334-22, 10th June, 1922, conveying the Minister's appreciation of the efficiency and care with which the Council's business is being despatched.

Ref. No. 15289-22, 30th May, 1922, stating that the Ministry have sanctioned Mr. P. T. Healy's appointment as Temporary Secretary during the illness of Mr. S. J. Doyle.

Ref. Bar.-Aud. 10th June, 1922, stating that it is illegal to stamp paying orders with a rubber facsimile signature, and such a practice should be discontinued immediately.

Ref. No. 16710-22, 13th June, 1922, requesting that arrangements be made for an interview with the Minister at an early date with regard to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Ref. No. 15953-22, 7th June, 1922, sanctioning the payment of Poundage Fees at the rate of sixpence in the £ to Rate Collectors on all monies collected by them and lodged to the Council's credit, between the 30th September, 1921, and 31st March, 1922, and stating that the question of granting a Bonus of 2d. in the £ to Collectors on monies collected and lodged between 15th November, 1920 and 31st March, 1922, will receive the Ministry's consideration.

Ref. No. 16635-22, 17th June, 1922, enclosing blank Forms of Query to be completed by the newly appointed Rate Collectors for Nos. 7 and 9 Collecting Districts and asking what arrangements are being made in regard to these officers' sureties.

Ref. No. 16635-22, 15th June, 1922,—(1) Sanctioning the appointment of Mr. J. Keane as Temporary Analyst to the Council; (2) Sanctioning the proposed payment of the arrears of Application Fees claimed by the Irish County Councils' General Council; and (3) Stating the Ministry are not aware of any provision of the Law empowering them to sanction the expenditure of £1 5s. 0d. claimed by Mr. Francis Murphy, Church Street, Wicklow, for Hire of a Motor Car to bring in a Councillor on 28th February, 1922, to complete a Quorum.

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Ref. "Trade," 17th June, 1922, Circular No. 64 giving a Supplemental List of accepted Contractors.

Ref. "Trade," 22nd June, 1922, Circular giving a further Supplemental List of accepted Contractors.

Ref. "Trade," 22nd June, 1922, Circular letter to each Institution pointing out the advantages of Irish Coal over Foreign Coal.

FROM MINISTER OF FINANCE.

Ref. No. 145-3, 30th May, 1922, setting out certain sums due by the Council between 19th September, 1920 and 7th April, 1922, in respect of advances heretofore made out of the Road Fund, payment of which had been withheld, and stating that payment of the total, amounting to £3,791, should be made by cheque drawn in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, and forwarded to the Ministry Office, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin.

A file of correspondence which has passed between the Acting Secretary and the Rating of Government Property Department, 29 Abingdon Street, London, S.W.1, the Minister for Local Government, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, and the Secretary of the Treasury, Whitehall, London, S.W.1., relative to the contributions in lieu of rates in respect of property in British Government occupation in County Wicklow due to the County Council for the years ending 31st March, 1921, and 31st March, 1922.

6th May, 1922,—from the Secretary, Avoca Area School Attendance Committee, Rathdrum, Resolution asking the Council to increase the salary of Miss E. M. Foley, School Attendance Officer, from Fifty Pounds to Sixty-Five Pounds per annum.

ORDER:—Notice of Motion required.

Letters dated 8th and 12th May, 1922, from Mr. Edward Condon, Curranstown, Arklow, objecting to the proposed increase to the School Attendance Officer in question.

9th June, 1922,—from the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by that Body requesting the County Council to put the Education Act in force in the Area formerly known as Naas No. 2.

ORDER:—Notice of Motion required.

20th June, 1922,—from G. O'Sullivan, N.T., Manor Kilbride, via Dublin—enclosing a communication from the Blessington Voluntary School Attendance Committee strongly endorsing the Resolution passed by Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council requesting the County Council to put the Education Act in force in the Area formerly known as Naas No. 2.

ORDER:—Notice of Motion required.

Letter from Miss M. E. Hartney, containing a Resolution passed by Blessington Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation requesting the County Council to put in force in that Area the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act.

ORDER:—Notice of Motion required.

19th and 22nd June, 1922,—from J. R. Dagg, Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, stating, at the request of the Minister for Local Government that Dr. F. J. Cruise, M.O.H., has recom-

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mended two uninsured men, whose names are given, aged 25 and 23 years respectively, for treatment in Newcastle Sanatorium.

ORDER:—No Action.

Clerk's Office, Loughlinstown.
16th June, 1922.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, Co. Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council to forward you the enclosed copy of a Resolution adopted by them as their Meeting on the 14th instant, in which they requested the County Council to put Section 13 of the Local Government Act, 1898, in force in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Area.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK CUNNIAM,
Clerk of the Council.

RESOLUTION.

“Resolved:—That we the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council request the Wicklow County Council to put Sec. 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, in force in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Area, as we are aware that exceptional distress exists in the area in consequence of large numbers of people being unemployed.”

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Redmond:—

“I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move the following Resolution at the next Meeting of the Council—That the Provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, be put in force in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Area, to meet the exceptional distress prevailing in that Area.”

13th June, 1922,—from the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his District Council with regard to the necessity of providing employment for the men in that District who have recently been discharged from work under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

Letter to the Chairman of the County Council dated 27th June, 1922, from Michael Byrne, Secretary, Tinahely Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Barton Street, Tinahely, enclosing Resolution requesting the Council to apply to the Government for a Grant to give some employment to the large numbers of men out of work in that Area, and further complaining that the Members of the Branch having stamped Unemployment Cards, and having repeatedly attended the Local Labour Exchange, find they can get no Unemployment Benefit.

27th May, 1922,—from the Clerk, Urban District Council, Bray, enclosing a letter from the Chief Officer, Roads Section, Transport Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs, relative to the holding up of certain grants to the Urban District in consequence of

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the non-payment by the County Council of instalments of certain loans.

23rd May, 1922,—from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, Cavendish House, Parnell Square, Dublin, enclosing copy of Dail Eireann Decree, dated 26th August, 1921, under the provisions of which the County Council may contribute £20 per annum towards the General Council, instead of the £10 per annum allowed under Section 16 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

3rd June, 1922,—from Aidan F. Walsh, Esq., V.S., 35 Dublin Street, Carlow, enclosing a claim amounting to £7 4s. alleged to be due to him by the County Council in respect of duties performed by him in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

25th May, 1922,—from Mr. G. P. Byrne, Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, stating that his Committee had before them the letter from the Minister of Local Government re application for a grant of £10 for competition in Irish at Wicklow Feis, but that his Committee regretted they had no money available to make the grant.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT—J. H. MCCARROLL, ESQ.
SOLICITOR.

17th May, 1922,—returning, duly stamped, original Assignment and Indemnity dated 16th March, 1922 in connection with Wicklow Fever Hospital.

25th May, 1922,—returning, duly stamped and registered original Deed of Assignment dated 16th March, 1922, in connection with Wicklow County Infirmary.

30th May, 1922,—stating that he considered that if a Standard Collective Bond was adopted, which departed from the provisions of the Public Bodies' Order, endless confusion might be created, the ultimate effect of which might possibly be to discharge the sureties from any liability.

29th May, 1922,—enclosing a List of Malicious Injury Claims heard at Wicklow Quarter Sessions on 24th instant with a note of the order made in each case.

6th June, 1922,—enclosing correspondence in connection with the area of charge of the decree in the T. M. Barker Malicious Injury Claim, and stating that in the circumstances of this case he does not see that anything can legally be done to alter the Area of Charge as fixed.

9th June, 1922,—intimating that J. Kavanagh of Killegar, Enniskerry, was convicted at Bray Parish Court and fined 15s. together with £2 2s. witness' expenses and £1 1s. costs, in the proceedings instituted against him by the Council for breach of the Sheep Scab Order.

27th June, 1922,—from M. J. Brennan, 36 Duncairn Avenue, Bray,—application for Five Pounds Damages to suit of clothes and a bicycle, consequent upon a fall on newly spread tar on the Road at Kilmacanogue on 23rd instant.

5th June, 1922,—from the Secretary of the Joint Conference of the Kilquiggan and Killinure Branches of the Irish Transport

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and General Workers' Union, Resolution calling on the County Council to take steps to have the men recently discharged, under the Direct Labour Scheme provided with employment on roads or otherwise, in order to enable them to tide over the present stress until permanent employment be obtained.

9th June, 1922,—from James Lawlor, New Road, Baltinglass, asking to be informed if the County Council would sell the ruins of the Court House, Baltinglass, and if so, to be informed what sum would be expected therefor.

1st June, 1922,—from S. Conway, Esq., V.S., Wentworth Place, Wicklow, reporting that James Doyle, Cronebeg, Auhgrim, and John Larkin, Craffield, Auhgrim, had failed to report outbreaks of Scab amongst their flocks of Sheep.

8th June, 1922,—from Collector F. O'Neill, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, bringing to the Council's notice certain difficulties which confront him in his attempt to close his Poor Rate Collection.

30th May, 1922,—from John Keane, Esq., M.Sc, Ph.D., A.I.C, Public Health Laboratory, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, conveying to the Council his thanks on election to the post of Temporary Analyst for the County, and suggesting that matters would be facilitated if, when samples were being forwarded, they were directed to the Chemical Department, University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin.

26th June, 1922.

From Thomas Fleming,

Agent at Shillelagh for the Hibernian Fire
and General Insurance Co., Ltd.

48 and 49 Dame St., Dublin.

A Chara,

Kindly have attached placed before the Council at next Meeting and much oblige.

tomás pléimionn.

To Chairman and Members of Wicklow Co. Council.

Δ Κάπρω,

I beg to make application that the Insurance business of the Wicklow Co. Council be transferred to my Agency.

I have 20 years' practical experience of Insurance work in all its branches and am amongst the first supporters of the Hibernian Insurance Company for whom I do a very large business in the county.

The reasons which prompted your Council to have the business done through a Dublin Agent are no longer present as Mr. McDonagh and others who were in the British Government services and who lost or resigned their positions due to their labours or fight in the Irish War are now offered re-instatement by the Irish Government, irrespective of their present political outlook.

I respectfully suggest that your more humble fellow County man

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who has served your Council and his Country to the best of his ability deserves the application of the old maxim, i.e. "Charity begins at home."

Le meas mor,

TOM FLEMING.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move that the Insurance business of the Co. Council be transferred from the Dublin Agents, Messrs McDonagh and Boland, to Thomas Fleming, Agent for same Company at Shillelagh."

26th June, 1922,—from Mrs. Julia Conway, Ballyknockan, Blessington—dealing with the procedure regarding the admission of children to Industrial Schools.

19th June, 1922,—from A. Chatterton, Estate Office, Enniskerry,—applying for payment of £20, arrears of rent in respect of Enniskerry Court House.

22nd June, 1922,—from R. G. Armstrong, Estate Office, Arklow,—applying for payment of £1, rent on Arklow Court House.

24th June, 1922,—from W. T. Fitzsimons, Avoca—applying for payment of arrears of rent, in respect of Avoca Court House.

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16.—To consider the decision of the Minister for Local Government on Ex-Collector Richard Geoghegan's Claim for Superannuation.

17.—To reconsider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming, which was adjourned by the Council at their Meeting on the 28th June, 1922:—"I hereby give Notice, that I will move at the Annual Meeting of the Council that the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Education Act be again put in force in the Rural District of Shillelagh, the condition of things which led to their being suspended having now passed."

18.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J J Redmond: "I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move the following Resolution at the next Meeting of the Council—"That the Provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, be put in force in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Area, to meet the exceptional distress prevailing in that Area."

19.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me will move that the Insurance business of the Co. Council be transferred from the Dublin Agents, Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, to Thomas Fleming, Agent for same Company at Shillelagh."

20.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Patrick Murphy:—

Τυγαμρε βόγμα υαμρε ανηρο :—Σο ηγλυαιρεοάσρα νο σο ηγλυαιρεοάσρ Κομαητεορη ειε αρ μο ρον.

(1).—Σο οτιονόιταρ ερυννηγτε αν Κομαητε Κοποδε ι μθρη έυαλανν αρ ρο αμαέ.

(2).—Σο οτιονόιταρ ζαέ ταρα ερυννηυ δε έοιρθε αν Διησιω ι μθρη έυαλανν αρ ρο αμαέ.

(Translation).

I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move:—

(1).—That the meetings of the County Council be held in Bray in future.

(2).—That every second Meeting of the Finance Committee be held in Bray in future.

21.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Patrick Murphy:—

Τυγαμρε βόγμα υαυη ανηρο :—ηγλυαιρεοάσρ νο σο ηγλυαιρεοάσρ Κομαητεορη ειε αρ μο ρον, ας αν ζεάσρ ερυννηυ ειε δε Κομαητε Κοποδε έιτε ηανηταιν :—

Σο μθαιηταρ Σεανηταρ έιτε ημοέονόγ δε Σεανηταρ θαιηγτε α 7, αςυρ σο ζευνηταρ ιρτεαέ ε τε Σεανηταρ θαιηγτε Κυηρ αν βαιοραιζ (υιηρ α 8).

(Translation).

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me,

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will move at the next Meeting of the Wicklow Co. Council, that the Kilmacanogue District be taken from No. 7 Collecting District and added to the Powerscourt Collecting District (No. 8).

22.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—

"I beg to give Notice, that at the Quarterly Meeting of the Co. Council in August, I, or some Councillor for me, will move—That the wages of surface road men as and from the first of October, 1922, be fixed at Thirty-five Shillings per week for full time, and the wages of Carters engaged hauling road material be fixed from the same date, at £3 15s. 0d. per week of full time."

23.—To Pass a Resolution varying date of repayment required by the Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, before the Overdraft of £20,000 asked for by the Council can be drawn upon.

24.—To Fill Vacancies existing on the County Committee of Agriculture.

25.—To Fill a Vacancy existing on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

26.—To consider a letter dated 21st July, 1922, No. L.G. 4233 from the Minister for Local Government, intimating that the examined Claim of Mr. Wm. Deverell, Registration Officer, for Remuneration and Expenses in connection with the preparation of the Fourth Register of Electors, amounts to £653 19s. 5d.—and that when same is paid the usual certificated claim for recoupment should be forwarded to the Ministry.

27.—To consider a Circular Letter, dated 29th July, 1922, No. R-101, from the Minister for Local Government, giving a Scale of Travelling Expenses for County and District Surveyors, which has been sanctioned by the Department.

28.—To consider an Application from Arklow Urban District Council to have a Food and Drugs Inspector appointed for the County.

29.—To consider Correspondence received on behalf of Candidates who were not allowed to present themselves at the Special Examination for the Council's Secondary School Scholarships.

30.—To consider the Law Agent's Letter to Collector Wm. J. Quinn regarding the Payment of Law Costs incurred when Collectors find it necessary to prosecute defaulting ratepayers.

31.—To consider a Circular Letter dated 17th June, 1922, from the Minister for Local Government—inviting Proposals from the Council for the exercise of their powers in connection with Motherhood and Child Welfare in the Rural portions of the County.

32.—To consider Weekly Reports, furnished by Assistant County Surveyors.

33.—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

34.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

35.—To consider Reports from County Officers.

36.—To consider Official Correspondence.

37.—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor James Byrne; Resolved:—That we, the Wicklow County Council,

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express our deep sorrow at the passing away of President Arthur Griffith, and we offer our sincere and deep sympathy to the widow and children, and other relatives, in the great loss that has befallen them.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly; Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty; Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of those great Irishmen—Cathal Brugha and Harry Boland, in their great sorrow.

Passed.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 31st July, 1922.

The following members were present:—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors James Turner and C. M. Byrne.

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

	£	s.	d.
County-at-Large	7601	14	8
Baltinglass No. 1—			
District Proposals	537	3	5
Committee's Proposals	537	3	5
Rathdown No. 2—			
District Proposals	746	16	1
Committee's Proposals	746	16	1
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	1702	10	11
Committee's Proposals	1702	10	11
Shillelagh—			
District Proposals	49	16	3
Committee's Proposals	8	5	8
	58	1	11

The Committee in the foregoing figures, have recommended for payment certain items in respect of services in connection with which payments have been withheld for a considerable time past, owing to the stoppage of Grants. The Committee now recommend the Council to make these payments, in accordance with the letters submitted from the Minister for Local Government and the Minister of Finance, but further recommend that the Paying Orders in respect of these several items, be not issued until the total amount of withheld Grants that accrued due to the Council during the two years ending 31st March, 1922, has been lodged to credit of the Council.

The Committee examined the annual Demands received from the County Board of Health, and the Rural District Councils, submitted

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

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

In respect of Quarter Ending 31st December, 1922.

	£	s	d
County Board of Health	A.	874	7 6
Do	B.	201	7 8
Do	C.	1049	15 0
Do	D.	2589	2 6
Do	E.	791	0 0
Do	A.	874	7 6
Do	B.	201	7 6
Do	C.	1049	15 0
Do	D.	2589	2 6
Do	E.	791	0 0
Total	...	£11,011	5 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

In respect of Quarter Ending 31st December, 1922.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	647	10	0
"	647	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	984	10	0
"	984	10	0
Rathdrum	775	0	0
"	775	0	0
Shillelagh	789	5	0
"	789	5	0
Total	£6,392	10	0

A Circular letter dated 23rd March, 1922, No. D.80 was submitted from the Minister for Local Government, in which it was stated that, with a view to minimizing Adjustments as between the British Government and Dail Eireann, the Department would like the County Council to deal with the Claims of the Clerk of the Peace, as heretofore, and intimating that the usual recoupments will be made in respect of these payments.

Order—The services of the Clerk of the Peace's Office to be carried on.

A letter dated 21st July, 1922, No. L.G. 4233, was submitted from the Minister for Local Government, in which it was intimated that the claim of Mr. William Deverell, Registration Officer, for remuneration and expenses in connection with the preparation of the fourth Register of Electors, has now been examined, and it is found that the gross expenses amount to £653 19s. 5d. It was further stated that when the claim, and any outstanding Accounts in respect

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of Printing, have been paid in full, the Form 1 should be certificated and forwarded to the Ministry, with the usual application for recoupment.

Order—Refer to Council, the amount of the Account to be included meantime in the County-at-Large Payments.

The following letter was read:—

DAIL EIREANN.

Local Government Department,
Government Buildings,
Dublin.

22nd July, 1922.

No. 20162-22.

Wicklow County.

The Secretary,
County Council, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your communication of the 18th inst., I desire to inform you that payments may now be made by the County Council in respect of the undermentioned services, detailed in their Minutes of the 15th November, 1920.

With regard to the expenses in respect of the conveyance of prisoners, and the administration of Weights and Measures and Food and Drugs Acts, the Ministry wish to have detailed reports regarding services rendered and the cost claimed.

*Mise, le meas,

(Signed) L. T. MacCOSAIR,
Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhla.

“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; Courtkeepers' Salaries; Cost of Fuel and Lighting in Courthouses; Cost of Printing and Advertising for the Crown Office; 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.”

Order—To be paid when Withheld Grants are received for the two years ended on 31st March, 1922.

A letter dated 19th July, 1922, was submitted from the Minister for Local Government, requesting the County Council to resume, as heretofore, payment of the Printing and Advertising Expenses incurred by Clerks of the Peace.

Order—Printing and Advertising of Clerk of the Peace's Office to be paid for as heretofore.

The Committee noted the contents of a letter dated 21st July, 1922, No. 19321-22 from the Minister for Local Government, in which he dealt with the difficulty of securing Poor Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds, in accordance with Statutory requirements, and in

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which he stated that the Ministry have under consideration the question of preparing a new form of Bond, and that, in the meantime, the Ministry have been requiring Rate Collectors to submit personal security.

In connection with this subject the Acting Secretary—Mr. P. T. Healy—pointed out that, with one exception, a considerable amount of Rates was still outstanding in each Poor Rate Collectors' District. As a consequence, and in order to avoid having the collection of Rates in respect of two, and in several cases, three, Financial Years, proceeding at the same time, he had withheld the issue of the Collection Books for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923, pending the receipt of a direction on the subject.

The Committee made the following Order:— New Collection Books to be issued; the Acting Secretary to take out Fidelity Bonds, each value Five Hundred Pounds, for Collectors L. McDonnell; Wm. Burke; J. J. Porter; Thomas Fleming; Michael Halpin, and John Byrne; the Advice Note for the Premiums on these Bonds to be drawn and signed to-day.

A Circular letter dated 21st June, 1922, No. M.T.3, was read from the Minister of Economic Affairs, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, in which he intimated that he was about to cause an Account to be opened in his name, to be operated upon solely by himself, in the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, which was to be known as the “Motor Tax Account,” and in which should be lodged all monies received by the Council in connection with the Registration and Licensing of Motors and Motor Car Drivers, which Monies will not be required to pass through the County Funds.

The Committee had before them an application from Mr. P. T. Healy, the Officer duly selected and appointed by the Council, at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 22nd May, 1922, to discharge the duties of the Council in connection with the Registration and Licensing of Motor Drivers and Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles, to have his remuneration for these responsible duties permanently fixed.

The Committee having referred to their Order made in this connection on the 25th of April, 1922, and approved by the Council on the 22nd May, 1922, Recommend the Council to allow and pay to Mr. Healy, a sum equal to five per cent. (5 p.c.) per annum on the gross total sum lodged each year, under these headings, in the before referred to Motor Tax Account.

The Committee granted authority to the Acting Secretary to purchase, at a total cost of Twenty-five Shillings (25s.) copies of “The Motor Car Index,” “The Motor Cycle Index,” and “The Commercial Motor Index,” for office use.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 31st July, 1922, from Collector W. J. Quinn, with which he enclosed a communication from the Council's Solicitor—Mr. J. H. McCarroll—applying for payment of £3 16s. 9d., being costs incurred in the prosecution of two defaulting Rate Payers in the Collector's Area.

Order—Refer to the County Council for consideration.

Signed: JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman Finance Committee.

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Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:—That the Report No. 1 of the Finance Committee, as printed and circulated beforehand to the Members of this Council be, and it is hereby, adopted.

As an Amendment, it was Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy, Seconded by Councillor B. Kelly: Resolved—That the Report No. 1 of the Finance Committee, as printed and circulated beforehand to the Members of this Council be, and it is hereby, adopted; the portion of the Report dealing with the remuneration and expenses connected with the Fourth Register of Electors, prepared last year by the Registration Officer—Mr. William Deverell, having been first deleted, and the payment of expenses amounting to £653 19s. 5d., connected with same—as recommended by the Committee—having been first struck out of the Accounts, as this Council refuses to pay for the preparation of such Register.

On a show of hands been taken, it was found that, of the nineteen Members present, thirteen voted for the Amendment, and six against.

The Amendment, being carried, was thereupon put to the Meeting as a substantive Resolution, and declared Passed by thirteen votes for, to six against.

The Finance Committee's Report, as thus Amended, was then approved and adopted.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly; Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty: Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health, and to the several Rural District Councils, as recommended by the Finance Committee in Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, NO. 2.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at Twelve O'Clock, Noon, on Monday, the 21st August, 1922.

The following Members attended:—Councillor James Everett, Chairman; Councillors James Byrne; J. J. Redmond; Eamonn O'Neill; James Turner; C. M. Byrne, and P. Murphy.

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

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Additional Proposals	...	239	0 10
Baltinglass No. 1—Form 22	...	11	0 0

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Letter, dated 10th August, 1922, from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, intimating the result of the recent Special Examination of Candidates for the County Council's University Scholarship, as follows:—

	5 Subjects presented	No. of	No. of
	Marks received.	Honors received.	
Agnes Redmond	...	1921	2

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Order—No Scholarship awarded—the Standard required by the Council's Scheme not having been reached.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

17th August, 1922,—From the Minister for Education, Department of Education, 1 Hume Street, Dublin, giving the following results of the recent Special Examination of Candidates for the County Council's Secondary School Scholarships:—

	Order of Merit.	No. of Marks.
Evelyn Whittle	1st	524
Gregory Doyle	2nd	468
Rosie Walsh	3rd	424
James Kane	4th	401
Michael Wogan	5th	353
Anastasia Greene	6th	335
Hugh O'Rowe	7th	323
Michael Kennedy	8th	212
Laurence Timmons	9th	175
John Kelly	10th	174
Robert Kelly	11th	129

Six Scholarships—each tenable for four years—are available under the approved Scheme for award in each year; the value of a Scholarship being £230, disbursed as follows:—£65 the first year, and £55 for each of the succeeding three years.

Order—The first six Candidates in order of merit to be awarded Scholarships, the three girls to be placed as Indoor Students in Arklow Convent; a Half-Year's Pension to be paid by the Council at their Quarterly Meetings to be held in each November and May; the Convent Authorities to be asked to provide the equipment necessary for each Student—the cost of same not to exceed £15 each—which will also be paid by the Council at the before mentioned November and May Quarterly Meetings. The three boys to be sent as indoor Students to St. Peter's College, Wexford—the same arrangements as to payment of Annual Pension and cost of equipment, etc.—to be in force as in the cases of the three girl Students.

Consider Acting Secretary's letter, dated 2nd August, 1922, to the Treasurer—dealing with the inaccurate condition in which the Bank has kept the County Council's Accounts for the Half Year ending 31st March, 1922.

Order—Further Report to be submitted, if necessary, by the Secretary, at next Quarterly Meeting.

Consider the Acting Secretary's letter, dated 14th August, 1922, to the Treasurer—asking for an explanation as to why no interest has been credited to the Council in their Accounts between the 22nd August, 1921 (the date on which the Wicklow Branch of the National Bank was re-appointed Treasurer) and the 30th June, 1922.

Order—Interest to be demanded as it accrued due as and from 24th August, 1921.

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Consider Treasurer's letter, dated 16th August, 1922, in reply thereto.

Order—Similar recommendation to that made on previous letter. 19th August, 1922, Collector Wm. J. Quinn, Brook Lodge, Redcross—applying for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 (Arklow Rural) Collecting District.

Order—Referred to Council.

8th August, 1922, from Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtownmountkennedy—applying to be allowed to hire, at a reduced charge, and with an allowance for wet days, one of the Council's Engines for use in the forthcoming Threshing Season.

Order—Engine, if not required by the County Surveyor, to be hired out at a charge of Five Pounds (£5) per week—no allowance will however be made by the Council for wet days.

19th August, 1922, from Collector Wm. J. Quinn, Brook Lodge, Redcross,—applying for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 (Arklow Rural) Collecting District.

Order—Referred to Council.

8th August, 1922, from Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtownmountkennedy—Applying to be allowed to hire, at a reduced charge, and with an allowance for wet days, one of the Council's Engines for use in the forthcoming Threshing Season.

Order—Engine, if not required by the County Surveyor, to be hired out at a charge of Five Pounds (£5) per week—no allowance will however be made by the Council for wet days.

19th August, 1922—from Michael E. Bergin, Slievroe, Rathdrum—applying to be allowed to hire, at a reduced charge, the Council's Marshall Engine, for use in the forthcoming Threshing Season.

Order—Engine, if not required by the County Surveyor, to be hired out at a charge of Five Pounds (£5) per week—no allowance will however be made by the Council for wet days.

(Signed) JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill: Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 as now submitted be, and it is hereby, adopted.
Passed.

Proposals for payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils, were Passed as follows:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett; Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella: Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £7,601 14s. 8d. (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

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P. P. O'Reilly: Resolved—That we hereby approve of the the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £548 3s. 5d. (any modifications 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 Edward Byrne: Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £746 16s. 1d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor J. Turner; Seconded by Councillor Jas. Byrne: Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,702 10s. 11d. (any modifications 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 Patrick Doyle: Resolved that we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £58 1s. 11d. (any modifications 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 E. O'Neill: Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment, amounting to £239 0s. 10s. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle; Seconded by Councillor J. Turner: Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed.

Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
16th August, 1922.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

—to—

WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE
HELD ON 21st AUGUST,

GENTLEMEN,

1. I beg to report that the following Bridges have been damaged:—

(a) DARGLE BRIDGE—On road from Bray to Enniskerry.—

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Parapets and part of Arch sheeting blown down. The road was temporarily repaired immediately after the evacuation of Bray, and, as the traffic is considerable, I am arranging for the permanent repair which will cost about £150.

(b) BALISLAND BRIDGE—On the road from Carnew to Clonegal—the central span of 25 feet cut away causing damage and distortion of adjoining spans. A ford has been temporarily made in the river below bridge but, unless you decide to make a permanent repair at a cost of about £800, it will be necessary to construct a temporary wooden bridge. Steps are being taken to prevent further distortion of the adjacent spans.

(c) BALLINGATE BRIDGE—On road from Shillelagh to Newtownbarry and Clonegal. One span cut away. A temporary bridge has been formed over broken span. I recommend that either the permanent repair of the broken span be at once proceeded with or that opportunity be taken to widen this bridge and its approaches, as the bridge is very narrow and bears considerable traffic. The cost of this work would be about £500.

(d) TOMBREAN BRIDGE—On road from Carnew to Newtownbarry. The damage to this bridge has been permanently repaired as the nature of the damage rendered this course advisable.

(e) COOLROE BRIDGE—On road from Tinahely to Carnew. The damage to this bridge has been temporarily repaired and the permanent repairs can now be proceeded with.

(f) IRONGRANGE BRIDGE—On the bounds of the Counties of Kildare and Wicklow and connecting Baltinglass with Graney and Castledermot. This bridge was considerably damaged, but a temporary repair was carried out by Military. I am in communication with the County Surveyor of Kildare in reference to this bridge.

2. Roads in various parts of the County have been trenched and otherwise obstructed by felled trees. All the trenches have been filled in and trees removed to give passage along the roads so obstructed.

3. Bray Courthouse was destroyed by fire on 1st July. I was present but it was not possible, nor was it permitted, to take any steps to prevent the destruction.

4. I submit a letter from Rathdown No 2 R.D. Council relative to utilizing the Electric Standards for overhead wiring for certain lights in the Greystones area. I do not consider there is any reasonable objection to this.

5. I submit an application from the Engineer to Rathdown No. 2 R.D. Council asking for broken stone of various grades for the Delgany Sewerage. It would be possible to supply the stone if you so decide.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER, Co. Surveyor.

In connection with this Report, the Acting Secretary, Mr. P. T.

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Healy, submitted the following Telegram, which he had received that morning from the Minister for Local Government:—

“County Secretary, Co. Council Offices, Wicklow.

“Immediate steps should be taken to repair broken bridges, trenches in roads, and generally to make all roads passable. Preliminary steps should be taken at once; further instructions will issue immediately. Wire in similar terms has been sent Co. Surveyor.—Cosgrave, Minister, Local Government.”

After full discussion of the County Surveyor's Report, and the Minister's Telegram, the Council made the following Order:—“Minister's instructions to be carried out.”

The County Surveyor read the following letter which he had received from Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor:—

21-8-1922.

Dear Sir,

I request you to ask the County Council to sanction holidays to me, the date of which can be arranged.

I have been advised by Mr. Blayney, Surgeon, to take holidays.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. FOLEY.

County Surveyor.

Order—Granted.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
14th August, 1922.

ROADS' COMMITTEE.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

REPORT OF MEETING OF ROADS COMMITTEE HELD
ON 18th JULY, 1922.

To Wicklow County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The Roads' Committee met on 18th July, when the following Members attended:—

Councillor James Byrne (Presiding); C. M. Byrne; James Everett; James Turner; J. J. Redmond, and W. J. Doyle.

First Item on Agenda:—To consider correspondence from Military Authorities—No. 2. Brigade, 2nd Eastern Division, Dun Laoghaire—relative to (1) Keeping open places vacated by Volunteers called up for Active Service. (2) Payment of wages to such men during their absence.

After fully considering this matter the Committee, on the Motion of Mr. C. M. Byrne, Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

“That the men who have volunteered for Active Service will get preference for re-employment on their return, and in cases

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where it is necessary to replace these men the arrangement to be a temporary one and the Volunteers to get back their jobs."

In connection with the second part of the correspondence on this matter of the Volunteers called for Active Service, Mr. C. M. Byrne proposed and Mr. W. J. Doyle Seconded—"That no payment be made to men during their absence on Active Service, but that men called up and who are not accepted for Active Service be paid for the day or time lost by them by reason of being thus called away from the employment of the Council."

Passed unanimously

Second Item on Agenda:—To consider and make a recommendation on a Notice of Motion by Councillor James Byrne re Revising present Scale of Wages to workmen on roads. Also to consider a resolution, proposed by Councillor James Byrne at the Annual Meeting of Co. Council, on the same subject. Both having been referred by the Council to the Roads Committee for consideration.

After discussing this matter Councillor Byrne's resolution fell through for want of a Secunder.

Item No. 3 on Agenda—Reports from the Sub-Committee appointed by the Co. Council for the purpose of considering the general working of the Direct Labour Scheme.

The Reports for the Electoral Areas of Baltinglass, Bray, and Arklow, as already submitted to the Co. Council and referred by that Body to the Roads Committee, were laid before the Meeting. Also a Report from the Sub-Committee for Wicklow Electoral Area (which Committee met subsequent to the Co. Council Meeting) was read to the Meeting, as follows:—

Conference held in Wicklow on Tuesday, 11th July, 1922.
Councillors present:—C. M. Byrne; James Everett; John Fleming and James Turner. The Road Overseers for the Area, the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor were in attendance.

NEWTOWN SECTION—Of the amount now available for Newtown Section (£3,023 16 2) it was considered advisable to write off £320 against haulage and other charges. To keep 15 men constantly employed to 31st March next. The portion of the Bray-Wicklow road in this Section to be tar-dressed. Any balance left after these charges to be expended on improvement of Kilcoole Street..

ROUNDWOOD SECTION—Of the balance now available for this Section—£2,430—It was decided to write off £620 against haulage and other charges, and to keep 20 men constantly at work to 31st March next.

ASHFORD SECTION—Amount now available £1,745. It was considered advisable to write off £620 against haulage and other charges. 10 men to be kept employed to 31st March next. Any balance remaining to be expended in preparing stone in Kiltimon Quarry for the re-rolling of the Bray-Wicklow Road in this Sec-

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tion. Such re-rolling not to commence unless more funds are made available. A Grant from the Motor Taxation Fund to be applied for.

RATHNEW SECTION—Of the balance available—£712— it was decided to write off £420 for haulage and other charges, and to add to the balance a sum of £620 from the unexpended balance under the head, "Sudden Damages and Contingencies" for Rathdrum Rural District in order to enable 10 men to be kept constantly at work to 31st March next.

RATHDRUM SECTION—Of the amount now available—£1,276 13s. 2d.—it was decided to write off £470 against haulage and other charges, and to keep 10 men at work to 31st March next.

The question of Unemployment Insurance and N. H. Insurance was discussed, and it was generally considered that a hardship is being inflicted on the men by these Insurances, which now cost a total of 2s. 3d. per week—1s. 1d. of which is deducted from the wages of the workman. No definite recommendation was made on this matter.

The question of the cost of horses hire was discussed. This matter was referred to the Roads' Committee.

The Weekly Reports of Mr. Joseph Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, were read and noted.

(Signed), S. G. GALLAGHER, Co. Surveyor.

After considering the Report quoted above, as well as the Reports from the other Electoral Areas, referred to the Meeting, the Roads Committee adopted all the Reports subject to some minor recommendations verbally given to the Co. Surveyor and which he agreed to carry out, and subject also to the following Resolution, Proposed by Councillor Everett, Seconded by Councillor Doyle:—

"That this Committee recommends that the Council take such steps to cease paying any contributions towards the Unemployment Insurance Act, as a protest against the unsatisfactory way Claims have been met by the Insurance Authorities to numbers of our late employees."

The Roads' Committee did not make any definite recommendation on the question of the cost of horse hire referred to in the Report of the Sub-Committee for Wicklow Electoral Area.

(Signed),

.....Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond: Resolved:—That the Report of the Roads Committee, as printed and circulated to the Members, be, and it is hereby, adopted.

Passed.

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PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS from the Proposals Committee, and from the four Rural District Councils, were submitted as follow:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

COUNTY PRINTING.

To Thomas E. Doyle, "Free Press," 59 South Main street, Wexford, for Printing, providing, and supplying, for the year ending 30th September, 1923, the requisite books, forms, Notices, Circulars, etc. required for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Peace, and their several Offices, as ordered—exclusive of the Registration Lists—Irish materials (ink, paper, etc.) to be employed in the execution of all work. Amount of accepted Contract £464 9s. 8d. Guarantors—The Royal Exchange Assurance Company, 5 College Green, Dublin.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. Everett; Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:—That the Proposal submitted by the Proposals Committee, to accept the tender of Thomas E. Doyle, "Free Press," 59 South Main street, Wexford, for the County Printing for the year ending 30th Sept., 1923, at a sum of £464 9s. 8d., be rejected, and that instead, the next highest tender submitted be accepted, namely, that of the County Printing Works (Wicklow) Limited, Main street, Wicklow, at £529 6s. 3d., on the grounds that the work would be more efficiently and expeditiously done in Wicklow than in Wexford.

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors W. J. Doyle; Edward Byrne, P. Murphy, C. M. Byrne, J. Everett, B. Kelly, P. P. O'Reilly, and J. Turner.—8.

AGAINST THE MOTION—Councillors Jas Byrne, A. Kinsella, F. O'Rafferty, E. O'Neill, Morgan Travers, J. J. Redmond, William Byrne, J. J. Healy, Patrick Doyle, and M. Fleming.—10.

The Chairman declared the Motion lost by Ten Votes to Eight. The Proposal submitted by the Proposal Committee was, thereupon, approved and adopted.

COUNTY ADVERTISING.

To provide for the whole of the Advertising required by the County Council and the Clerk of the Peace, during the year ending 30th September, 1923, in papers circulating in County Wicklow.

The Council adopted a Proposal sent forward by the Proposals Committee, to insert these Advertisements in the "Wicklow People," "The Wicklow Newsletter," "The Leinster Leader," and "The Nationalist and Leinster Times," during the period mentioned, cost of same not to exceed Sixpence per line, per insertion, the Acting Secretary—Mr. P. T. Healy, to exercise his own discretion as to the papers in which to publish the required Advertisements.

BALTINGLASS NO. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

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RATHDOWN NO. 2 RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

A letter was submitted, dated 11th August, 1922, from the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, enclosing a Resolution requesting permission for the erection of overhead wires in the Grey-stones District, in connection with the Electric Lighting.

Order—Permission granted, Deed of Indemnity to be given to the Council, the Company to pay cost of same.

A further letter, dated 11th August, 1922, was submitted from same, enclosing a Resolution requesting the Council to authorise the County Surveyor to dispose of broken stones to the Rural District Council from the Glen of the Downs Quarries, at a price to be arranged.

Order—County Surveyor authorised to sell stones at cost price.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT.

Permissive Proposal No. 485—to continue a house wall for a distance of fourteen feet, alongside the sidewalk in Togher street, not to exceed 1s.—Approved.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT.

No Proposals.

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 James Byrne; Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming: Resolved—That we now sign and seal the two applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

DAIL ETREANN.

Local Government Department,
Government Buildings, Dublin.
31st July, 1922.

No. 19325-22. Wicklow County.
The Acting Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant regarding the proposed appointment of Mr. D. J. Kinsella, as Poor Rate Collector, I desire to inform you that the Ministry do not approve of this appointment. The employment of any such officer under the age of 21 years cannot be considered.

Mise, le meas,

L. T. MacCOSAIR,

Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhla.

Proposed by Councillor B. Kelly, Seconded by Councillor M.

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Travers:—That as the Minister for Local Government has in his letter of the 31st July, 1922, No. 19325-22, refused to sanction the appointment of Mr. D. J. Kinsella, on the grounds that he is under the age of 21 years, we, in the circumstances, hereby, by this Resolution, continue the services of the present temporary Collector—Mr. John Manley—in No. 9 Collecting District.

A show of hands being taken the Motion was declared Lost by Twelve votes to Seven.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, Seconded by Councillor P. Murphy: Resolved:—That the permanent position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 Collecting District, be re-advertised at sixpence in the £ Poundage.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the question of making arrangements for closing the Poor Rate Collections for the Financial Years 1920-1921 and 1921-1922, in Nos. 5 and 16 Collecting Districts, which contain the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

In this connection the Acting Secretary submitted a letter dated 14th July, 1922, from Mrs. Annie Cullen, Donard, notifying the arrest of her son, John Cullen, Poor Rate Collector for these Districts, and also a letter dated 18th August, 1922, from Poor Rate Collector, Mr. John Cullen, in which he stated he had now been released, and was proceeding with his Collection.

Having heard from the Collector—Mr. Cullen—who was present at the Meeting, of the difficulties with which he was confronted in his collection, the Council made the following Order, with regard to the £6,000 odd outstanding of the Rates for the two years in question, in these two Collecting Districts:—"Referred to Solicitor; Legal Proceedings to be taken where necessary."

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne; Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly: Resolved:—That the Permanent Poor Rate Collector—Mr. J. J. Porter of Glenealy—be hereby appointed to close the Poor Rate Collections in No. 11 (Glenealy) Collecting District, and that the necessary Warrants be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

The Acting Secretary read letters dated the 5th and 19th August, 1922, from Mr. James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 Collecting District, resigning his position on the grounds of ill-health, and supporting same with a Medical Certificate from Doctor P. J. Hamilton, Arklow, dated 18th August, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy; Seconded by Councillor M. Travers: Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of his letters dated 5th and 19th August, 1922, we hereby accept the resignation of Mr. James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, of his position of Poor Rate Collector in No. 14 (Arklow Rural) Collecting District, and request the Finance Committee to consider his claim for Superannuation if, and when, he closes his outstanding Collections.

Passed.

The Acting Secretary read the following Published Advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 (Arklow Rural) Collecting District:—

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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 21st August, 1922, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Division of Arklow Rural, 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 Department will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office 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 £800. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 o'clock, noon, on 21st August, 1922.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Acting Secretary to the Co. Council.

Co. Council Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
9th August, 1922.

and two applications received from—(1) William J. Quinn, Brock Lodge, Redcross, Co. Wicklow; (2) Michael Roche, 39 Main street, Arklow.

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR QUINN:—Councillors J. Everett, and John Fleming.—2.
FOR ROCHE:—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, A. Kinsella, F. O'Rafferty, E. O'Neill, Edward Byrne, Morgan Travers, P. Murphy, J. J. Redmond, William Byrne, B. Kelly, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Healy, J. Turner, Patrick Doyle, and M. Fleming.—16.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly: Resolved—That Mr. Michael Roche of 39 Main street, Arklow, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 (Arklow Rural) Collecting District, at a Poundage of Sixpence (6d.) in accordance with the terms of the Council's published Advertisement, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, and we approve of a Bond on his behalf with the Hibernian Insurance Company, for the due performance of his duties, in a sum of Eight Hundred Pounds.

Passed by Sixteen votes to Two.

Proposed by Councillor B. Kelly, Seconded by Councillor M. Travers: Resolved—That the Council do now sign and seal Warrants for the newly appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 (Arklow Rural) Collecting District.

Passed.

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The Acting Secretary read the following published Advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District:—

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 21st August, 1922, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Aughrim, Ballinaclesh, Ballinacor, Ballinderry, Knockrath, Rathdrum, and Trooperstown, 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. Irrecoverable Rates approved by the Local Government Department will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office 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 £1,500. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 o'clock, noon, on 21st August, 1922.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Acting Secretary to the Co. Council.

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and four applications received from (1) Francis G. O'Rourke, Trooperstown, Rathdrum; (2) James O'Neill, Mucklagh, Annacurragh, Tinahely; (3) Patrick Joseph O'Byrne, Ballygreen Park, Aughrim, and (4) Luke Mulhall, Kilpipe, Tinahely.

A Poll having been taken, it was found that the Members voted as follow:—

FOR O'ROURKE:—Councillors A. Kinsella, and P. Murphy—2.

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors E. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, and Patrick Doyle.—3.

FOR O'BYRNE:—Councillors Edward Byrne, M. Travers, J. J. Redmond, William Byrne, J. Everett, B. Kelly, J. J. Healy, J. Turner, M. Fleming, and John Fleming.—10.

FOR MULHALL:—Councillors James Byrne, W. J. Doyle, and F. O'Rafferty.—3.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne; Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella: Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Joseph O'Byrne of Ballygreen Park, Aughrim, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence (6d) in accordance with the terms of the Council's published Advertisement, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, and we approve of a Bond on his behalf with the Hibernian Insurance

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Company for the due performance of his duties, in a sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds.
Passed.

The Acting Secretary submitted letters dated 10th and 18th August, 1922, respectively, received from P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, and from A. Cullen, Esq., Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow, acting for the Representatives of the late Mr. P. P. Doyle, Poor Rate Collector for Nos. 11 and 16 Collecting Districts, dealing with the question of closing the 1920-1921 and 1921-1922 Poor Rate Collections in those Districts.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella: Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Joseph O'Byrne of Ballygreen Park, Aughrim, be hereby appointed to close the Poor Rate Collections for the years 1920-1921 and 1921-1922 in No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District, and that the necessary Warrants be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty: Resolved—That Mr. John Byrne, of Seskin, Tinahely, be hereby appointed to close the Poor Rate Collections for the years 1920-1921 and 1921-1922 in No. 19 (Aghowle) Collecting District, and that the necessary Warrants be now signed and sealed; that the Collecting Books be taken up from Collector James O'Rourke by the Deputy Checker, and that he report thereon to the Acting Secretary so soon as he has had time to check same; further, that Temporary Collector James O'Rourke be called upon to forthwith lodge to the credit of the Council all unlodged monies collected by him.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly, Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill: Resolved—That in accordance with the terms of the letter now submitted from the Minister for Local Government dated 1st August, 1922, No. 19093-22 (Wicklow County), the fixing of ex-Collector Richard Geoghegan's Superannuation Allowance be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and subsequent report to this Council.

Passed.

At this stage the Council proceeded to consider the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor J. J. Redmond:—"I hereby give Notice, that I, or some Councillor for me, will move the following Resolution at the next Meeting of the Council—'That the Provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, be put in force in the Rathdrum No. 2 Rural District Area, to meet the exceptional distress prevailing in that Area.'"

This Notice of Motion was, with the Council's permission, withdrawn by Councillor Redmond, who, instead, submitted the following Resolution:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond, Seconded by Councillor

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Edward Byrne: Resolved—That the sum of £2,400, which was directed to be repaid by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council to the County-at-Large (referred to on Page 381 of the Printed Minutes of the Council's Meeting held on the 28th June, 1922) be not repaid from the present Financial Year's Estimate for the District, but instead that the sum be expended on necessary road work in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and that this sum of £2,400, which has already been expended on quarrying work, be refunded to the County-at-Large from next Year's Estimate for that District.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy, Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:—(1) That the Meetings of the County Council be held in Bray in future. (2) That every second Meeting of the Finance Committee be held in Bray in future.

This Motion was declared Lost on a show of hands having been taken.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy, Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly: Resolved—That the Kilmacangue District be taken from No. 7 Collecting District, and added to the Powerscourt Collecting District (No 8).

On a show of hands having been taken, the Motion was declared Passed by Nine votes to Six.

The Acting Secretary read a letter dated 21st July, 1922, No. L.G.-4233 from the Minister for Local Government, intimating that the examined claim of Mr. William Deverell, Registration Officer, for remuneration and expenses in connection with the preparation of the fourth Register of Electors, amounts to £653 19s. 5d., and that, when same is paid by the Council, the usual certificated claim for recoupment should be forwarded to the Ministry.

Order—Payment refused—See Resolution passed at this Meeting on the adoption of the Finance Committee's Report No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, Seconded by Councillor William Byrne: Resolved:—That our officer—Mr. P. T. Healy, be hereby instructed to lodge in the "Motor Tax Account" opened in the Books of the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, by the Minister for Economic Affairs, all monies received by him in connection with the Taxation, Registration, and Licensing of Motor Drivers, and Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill; Seconded by Councillor W. Byrne: Resolved—That, in exercise of the powers conferred upon us in relation to the Taxation, Registration, and Licensing of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles, we hereby authorise, and direct, our officer, Mr. P. T. Healy, to take on our behalf, such action as he may deem necessary to compel defaulting Motor Owners to pay the full amount of Licence Duties, or Road Tax, for which they are legally liable in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1921, or

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the current year ending 31st December, 1922, and, for this purpose, we hereby direct our Law Agent—Mr. J. H. McCarrol, to afford Mr. Healy such assistance in that connection as he may require.

Passed.

The Acting Secretary submitted a file of correspondence he had received touching the question of the appointment, by him, of a deputy to check the Poor Rate Collector's Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923, in the Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Seconded by Councillor James Byrne: Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Furlong be appointed Deputy Checker of Rate Collectors' Books for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District for the current Financial Year, and that our Acting Secretary be requested to give effect to the terms of this Resolution.

Passed.

At this stage, the Council made the following Order:—This Quarterly Meeting of the County Council stands Adjourned to Monday the 4th September, 1922.

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THE ADJOURNED 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 4th SEPTEMBER, 1922.

The following Members were present:—Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors Michael Fleming, Patrick Doyle, Morgan Travers, Daniel Condren, John J. Healy, James Byrne, P. P. O'Reilly; John Fleming; Bernard Kelly; J. Turner; James Everett, T.D.; and P. Murphy.

BUSINESS :

1. To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Newcastle) Collecting District.
2. To permanently arrange for the discharge of the duties of the Secretary to the County Council, consequent upon Mr. Simon J. Doyle's death, and to take such action in that connection as the Council may deem desirable.
3. To transact the items of business on the Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 21st August, 1922, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting Adjourned.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming: Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, wish to place on record the irreparable loss the Nation has suffered by the untimely death of General Michael Collins, and we beg to tender to his sorrowful relatives our deep sympathy in their great sorrow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming: Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, heard with feelings of deep sorrow of the death of our trusted and valued Secretary—Mr. Simon J. Doyle, and we hereby offer his Wife, Daughter, and the other Members of his Family, our sincere sympathy in the great bereavement that has befallen them.

Passed.

The Council, at this stage, proceeded to consider the Items of Business remaining untransacted on the Order Book when the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on the 21st August, 1922, was adjourned.

17th August, 1922—Letter from ex-Collector Michael McGrath, Broadleas, Ballymore Eustace, intimating that he had written to the Minister for Local Government complaining of the hardship he was suffering because of the Council's failure to grant him the Superannuation he had several times applied for.

Order:—"Read."

19th August, 1922—Letter from A. Cullen, Esq., Solicitor,

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Church street, Wicklow, applying to have the Superannuation Allowance claimed by his client, ex-Collector John Kelly, Ballece, Rathdrum, fixed.

Order:—"Read."

2nd September, 1922—Letter from A. Cullen, Esq., Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow, asking for the return of the Fidelity Bond of his client—ex-Collector John Kelly, Ballece, Rathdrum.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren; Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming: Resolved—That Mr. John Kelly's Bond be returned to him through his Solicitor.

Carried on a show of hands, by Eight votes to Three.

18th August, 1922—Letter from Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, dealing with the difficulty experienced in getting Decree obtained for outstanding Poor Rates, executed, and referring to the question of the payment of the Collectors' remuneration.

Order:—"Read."

Police Officer Short, Greystones, to be communicated with and to be asked for an explanation as to why the Decrees referred to by Collector John Murphy in his letter have not been executed.

PEACE RESOLUTIONS.

In view of the fact that Dail Eireann is summoned to meet on the 9th December, 1922, no action was taken by the Council—Councillors Everett, T.D. and Murphy dissenting—regarding the following three communications which were submitted by the Acting-Secretary in connection with the above subject:—

1st August, 1922,—Letter from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, Wexford, enclosing Resolution passed by that Body, appealing to the responsible Leaders of both sides to put into effect forthwith the earnest wishes of the people of Ireland for Peace and for the reunion of old and tried friends, to work for the common good of our beloved Country.

9th August, 1922,—Letter from the Secretary, Waterford Co. Council, Dungarvan, enclosing a Resolution passed by that Body, protesting against the wanton war of destruction being waged without the sanction of Dail Eireann; adjourned the proceedings of the Council until Dail Eireann meets; and calling on all Public Bodies to take like action.

11th August, 1922,—Letter from the Clerk, Urban District Council, Wicklow, enclosing a Resolution passed by that Body, asking for an immediate cessation of hostilities, and calling on the President to at once summon a Meeting of the Third Dail with a view to arriving at a peaceful settlement.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Fleming was, with the Council's consent, withdrawn:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will Move at the Annual Meeting of the Council, that the Compulsory Clauses of the Irish Edu-

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cation Act be again put in force in the Rural District of Shillelagh, the condition of things which led to their being suspended having now passed."

In the absence of Councillor W. J. Doyle, it was, in accordance with Notice of Motion, Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Seconded by Councillor B. Kelly:—That the Insurance business of the County Council be transferred from the Dublin Agents—Messrs. MacDonagh and Boland, Limited, '6 College Green, Dublin, to Mr. Thomas Fleming, Agent for the same Company at Shillelagh.

Lost, on a show of hands being taken, by Seven votes to Five.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was Proposed by Councillor Jas. Byrne:—That the Wages of surface road men, as and from the 1st October, 1922, be fixed at Thirty-Five Shillings per week for full time, and the Wages of carters engaged hauling road material be fixed from the same date, at Three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, per week of full time.

The Motion not having been Seconded by any of the Councillors present, fell through without discussion.

17th August, 1922—Letter from Mr. P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, Rathdrum, enclosing the following Resolution adopted at a recent Meeting of that Body:—

Resolved:—That Emergency Home Help be issued for the current week to workmen destitute through unemployment, and that the County Council be asked to take action at the Meeting on the 21st instant to provide employment for those recipients of Emergency Home Help who are capable of being employed.

No Order.

The Acting-Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which had been received from the Council's Treasurer—The National Bank, Limited, and from the Minister for Local Government, relative to the Council's proposal to raise an Overdraft of £20,000 from their Treasurer.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Seconded by Councillor D. Condren: Resolved—That, pursuant to the sanction of the Local Government Department, a Temporary Overdraft of £20,000 be obtained from our Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd, Wicklow, to bear interest at one-half per cent. (0½ p.c.) under the Irish Banks Rate, from time to time rising and falling therewith, with a minimum of four per cent. (4 p.c.), and to be repaid on or before the 31st December, 1922, next.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, Seconded by Councillor James Byrne: Resolved—That the Rev. M. A. Newcombe, C.C., Coolfancy; Joseph Farrell of Baltyboys, Blessington; Michael Fleming of Shillelagh, and Morgan Travers of Ballynerrin, Kilcool, be appointed to fill four of the vacancies existing on the County Committee of Agriculture, caused by the non-attendance of the following six Members at

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Committee Meetings during the past six months:—Very Rev. J. Manning, P.P., Aughrim; Rev. M. A. Newcombe, C.C., Coolfancy; Rev. M. Clarke, Kilbride; R. W. Coates, Tankersley, Ballinglen; Joseph Farrell, Baltyboys, Blessington; and Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Kilcool.

Passed.

It was decided by the Council that the two vacancies caused by the disqualification of the Very Rev. J. Manning, P.P., Aughrim, and the Rev. M. Clarke, C.C., Kilbride, be filled by Representatives of the County Wicklow Farmers' Union, and that the Secretary of that Union be asked to submit for appointment at the next Meeting of the Council, the names and addresses of the two Representatives selected by his Union.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.: Resolved—That the vacancy on the Rathdrum Rural District School Attendance Committee, caused by the death of the Very Rev. P. Flavin, P.P., Greystones, be filled by the appointment of his successor, the Very Rev. C. O'N Lawless, P.P.

Passed.

The Acting-Secretary submitted letters dated the 20th and 26th of July, 1922, received from the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council to take action towards appointing a Food and Drugs Inspector.

Order—Arklow Urban District Council to be informed that they have the right of appointing a Food and Drugs Inspector for the Urban Area.

The Acting-Secretary submitted correspondence written on behalf of candidates who were not allowed to present themselves at the Special Examination for the Council's Secondary School Scholarships, together with Cuttings from the local weekly, and Dublin daily, papers, of letters signed by "Rate Payer," criticising the Council's action in refusing to allow one particular boy to sit at the examination referred to. The Council having had under consideration the letters written by C. Lambert, N.T., Lacken N.S., Blessington, dated the 11th and 24th July, 1922; and the letters written by Miss Patricia Phillips, Annalecky, Dunlavin; and Master John C. Clarke, Adare, Killincarrick, Delgany, dated 10th July, 1922 and 30th June, 1922, respectively, and the Acting-Secretary's communications in that connection, Approved and Confirmed the latter.

The following two letters which were referred to the Council by the Finance Committee, were submitted:—

DAIL EIREANN.

Local Government Department,
Government Buildings, Dublin.

29th July, 1922.

No. R-101.

To The Secretary of each County Council.

SURVEYORS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Proposals of such a varied nature in connection with the supply of motor vehicles and payment of travelling expenses to County and

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District Surveyors have been submitted by County Councils to this Department recently, that it is deemed advisable to issue a general direction on the matter.

The Department is not prepared to sanction the purchase of motor vehicles to be supplied free to Surveyors, nor will it sanction the payment of a bulk sum in lieu of travelling expenses.

The Department will sanction payment of travelling expenses only to Surveyors who provide and use motor vehicles for the discharge of their duties. Payment must be made on a mileage basis to be vouched weekly on Roads Department Form R.1. (copy herewith) and paid monthly by County Council.

Until further notice the scale allowed shall be:—

Nine pence per statute mile where Surveyors use their own Motor Cars.

Four pence per statute mile where Surveyors use their own Motor Cycles or Cycle Cars.

First Class Rail Fare and a Subsistence Allowance of Twenty Shillings per night of unavoidable absence from home may be allowed when Surveyors have to leave their Counties for law cases, conferences, etc., but no allowance for local travelling by rail will be sanctioned.

To enable a Surveyor to purchase a motor vehicle the County Council may advance a loan free of interest repayable in four years, quota to be deducted from each monthly payment of Surveyor's salary.

The Surveyor must pay motor tax each January which the Council will refund on production of receipt. He shall also insure the motor vehicle to the full extent of its value in the joint names of the Council and himself until the loan is paid off, the policy to be deposited with County Council.

Mise le meas,

L. T. MacCOSAIR,

Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhla.

P.S.—A supply of Roads Department Form R.1 may be obtained through "Trade Section," Local Government Department, 6 Exchequer street, Dublin, at cost price.

Order—"Read."

Brook Lodge, Redcross.

31st July, 1922.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Acting-Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

I have received the enclosed letter from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor. I shall be obliged if the Finance Committee will consider same with a view to making a recommendation thereon to the Council.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), Wm. J. QUINN.

4 Church street, Wicklow.

24th July, 1922.

YOU v. RICHARD ARTHUR.

Dear Sir,

I beg to say that I received balance of rates herein, 16s., and

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I also received from Mr. Lynch, Court Registrar, £21 9s. 3d. in case of Terence O'Neill. These two sums make £22 5s. 3d. for which I enclose you cheque. As you are aware, we were not allowed any costs by the District Court in O'Neill's case in consequence of your having taken proceedings at Petty Sessions. Please therefore let me have cheque for £2 16s. 9d. in O'Neill's case and £1 deposit, total £3 16s. 9d.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCARROLL,
J.M.

Mr. William J. Quinn, Rate Collector,
Redcross, Rathdrum.

Order—The Council consider this a matter between Collector and Solicitor.

The Council referred to the Finance Committee for consideration a Circular letter dated the 17th June, 1922, from the Minister for Local Government, inviting proposals from the Council for the exercise of their powers in connection with Motherhood and Child Welfare in the Rural portions of the County, and also a letter dated the 27th July, 1922, from Miss Ina Boyle, Hon. Sec., Powerscourt and Kilbride District Nursing Association, in which information was asked for in connection with the foregoing, more particularly regarding the continuance of the Local Government Board's Grant hitherto received for the half-time services of their Nurse for Maternity and Child Welfare work.

The Acting-Secretary submitted the Weekly Reports furnished by the Assistant County Surveyors since the Meeting of the Council held on the 28th June, 1922.

Order—Referred to the Roads Committee for consideration. No applications were received by the Council for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

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

The following letter was submitted:—

COMPENSATION (IRELAND) COMMISSION.
5 Ely Place, Dublin.
19th August, 1922.

Sir,

Wicklow County Council.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of Schedule of Claims and particulars of Decrees which you have forwarded to this Office together with Original Claims and Particulars.

I am directed by the Commissioners to thank you for the care you have taken in the preparation of the Schedule, and particularly for the Alphabetical Order in which you have arranged the names of the different Claimants. I am to add that the work of the Commission in dealing with the County of Wicklow has been greatly

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facilitated by your labours, and that the Commissioners hope to deal with your County at the first available opportunity.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) A. ELLIOTT TERRY,
Assistant Secretary.

The Acting-Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy, submitted the following Statement prepared by him, showing the total amount of Claims in respect of alleged Malicious Injuries which had been lodged in the Offices of the Council between January, 1919, and the 4th September, 1922:—

	£	s.	d.
A. Total amount of Claims received between 1-1-1919 and 1-1-1922 where Decrees have been already given	113,132	9	7
B. Total amount of Claims within above dates which have, apparently, not yet been heard	67,834	14	2
Total	180,967	3	9
(The foregoing have been submitted to the Compensation (Ireland) Commission.)			
Total amount of Claims received in County Council's Offices between 1st January, 1922, and 4th September, 1922	40,584	8	11
Gross Total	221,551	12	8

P. T. HEALY,
Acting-Secretary.

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The Council had before them a Claim dated the 18th August, 1922, for £5 16s. from the O.C. Commanding "E" Company, 2nd Battalion, Carlow Brigade, Rathdangan, Kiltegan, being expenses stated to have been incurred in connection with the bringing of a Patient from Rathdangan to Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

Order Claim to be referred to the Minister for Local Government, as the Council consider the expenses excessively high.

A letter dated 20th August, 1922, was submitted from Mr. Denis Fay, with which was enclosed an Application, signed by the three Road Overseers in Baltinglass, Dunlavin, and Kiltegan Sections, to be provided with Motor Cycles to carry out their duties under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads more efficiently.

Order—Read and Noted.

A Memorial signed by three Rate Payers, dated 23rd August, 1922, was submitted, petitioning the Council to take immediate steps to deal with the periodical flooding of the Village of Grangecon.

Order—County Surveyor to investigate the cause of complaint and to report immediately to the Rural District Council of Baltinglass No. 1.

A letter dated 24th August, 1922, was submitted from P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, with which