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was forwarded original letter received by that Body from Messrs W. and P. Geoghegan, Aughrim, containing a suggestion that, in the allocation of Grants to relieve unemployment, a sum be set aside to pay unemployed men in that Area to clean out Messrs Geoghegan's Quarries, and suggesting that, later, this would have the effect of providing additional employment in the Aughrim Area.

Order—The Council regret they have no money for the purpose.

The Acting Secretary read the following published Advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 (Altidore) Collecting District.—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th September, 1922, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Altidore, Killool, Killiskey, Newcastle Lower and Newcastle Upper, at a remuneration of 6d in the £, collected and lodged within each Financial Half-Year. No Poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged within its respective Half-Year. 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, Court House, Wicklow, not later than 11-30 o'clock, on the morning of the Meeting, giving the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties in a sum of £2,500. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 o'clock, noon, on 4th September, 1922.

By Order,
P. T. HEALY,
Acting-Secretary to the Co. Council.

County Council Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
23rd August, 1922.

and also applications received from:—

- (1) Patrick J. O'Neill, Ardinary, Thonlagee, Wicklow.
- (2) Francis G O'Rourke, Trooperstown, Rathdrum.
- (3) John Manley, Knockraheen, Roundwood, and
- (4) George C. Graydon, Toomon, Delgany.

In this connection the Acting-Secretary submitted the following Resolution which had been passed on the 21st August, 1922, at a Meeting of the County Wicklow Rate Collectors' Association:—

"That we, the Rate Collectors of the County Wicklow, strongly recommend the County Council to permanently appoint Mr. John Manley, who has been acting as Temporary Collector for some time past for No. 9 Collecting District, and has, as far as we know, carried out the duties of the position to the entire satisfaction of all con-

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cerned. Mr. Manley applied for this position at a time when none of the present-day applicants would have done so. Therefore, we are of opinion that the Council should stand by the man who stood by them."

A Poll having been taken it was found that the Members voted as follow:—

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors D. Condren, J. J. Healy, Patrick Doyle, and John Fleming.—4.

FOR O'ROURKE:—Councillors P. Murphy, and P. P O'Reilly.—2,

FOR MANLEY:—Councillors James Byrne, Morgan Travers, C. M. Byrne, T.D, James Everett, T.D, B Kelly, J. Turner, and Michael Fleming.—7.

Mr. Manley having secured an absolute majority of votes was declared by the Chairman to be elected.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D; Seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming: Resolved:—That Mr John Manley of Knockraheen, Roundwood, 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 Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£2,500).

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D; Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers: Resolved:—That, in pursuance of the terms of the Item on the Agenda received by each Councillor, WE, the WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL, following the established practice in our Offices, HEREBY formally promote and appoint to the position of Secretary to this Council, as from the First day of September, 1922, our Chief Clerk, Mr. P. T. Healy, who has twenty-three years' service and experience in every administrative Department of the Council's Offices, and who has already discharged, in an entirely satisfactory manner, the onerous duties of Secretary for the past nine months; And that the Council are quite satisfied that Mr Healy is perfectly competent to discharge the duties of the position of Secretary—the Department's Inspectors and Auditor, if referred to, will be in a position to confirm this view—and, accordingly, this Council hereby requests the Minister for Local Government to give effect to their unanimous wish in this matter by confirming and approving of Mr. Healy's appointment on promotion to fill the vacant position of Secretary.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D; Seconded by Councillor P. Murphy: Resolved:—That Mr Thomas Langton be promoted to the position of Chief Clerk and Accountant; that Mr. Lawrence Wolohan be promoted to the position of Assistant Accountant; that Mr. W. C Byrne be promoted to the position on the Clerical Staff vacated by Mr. Wolohan, these promotions to take effect from the 1st September, 1922, and that the Finance Committee be requested to meet at an early date to determine the Salaries, etc, of the Secre-

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tary and other Members of the Staff consequent upon these promotions, and Report thereon to the next Meeting of the County Council.
Passed Unanimously.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Letters were submitted dated 24th August and 2nd September, 1922, from the President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, undertaking to receive, for the purpose of Scholarship, the three successful boy students, under this year's Scholarship Scheme, and to purchase the necessary items of outfit, etc, and generally to carry into effect the Council's wishes in that connection.

Order—Arrangements considered very satisfactory.

A letter dated 27th August, 1922 was read from the Mother Superioress, St Mary's Convent of Mercy, Arklow, intimating that their small College is overfull since the end of July last, and expressing regret that in these circumstances she is unable to accept, for the purpose of Scholarship, the three successful girl students under this year's Scholarship Scheme.

A letter dated 1st September, 1922, was read from the Mother Prioress, Loretto Abbey, Gorey, in which she offered to take the three successful girl students in accordance with the terms decided upon by the Council at their Meeting on the 21st August, 1922—vide Page 400 of Printed Minutes of that Meeting.

A letter dated 1st September, 1922, in similar terms, was read from the Mother Superior, St Mary's Convent, F.C.J., Newtownbarry.

A letter dated 2nd September, 1922, was read from the Mother Prioress Dominican Convent, Wicklow, offering to accept one of the girl students, and to carry into effect in connection with her, the expressed wishes of the Council, and regretting that she was unable to provide room for the other two girls, all vacant places having already been filled.

The Council decided, by six votes to two; on a show of hands being taken, to send to the Loretto Abbey, Gorey, the three girls who were successful at the recent Special Examination for Secondary School Scholarships.

A letter dated 2nd September, 1922, was submitted from Daniel H. O'Leary, Esq., Solicitor, 7 Marlboro' Terrace, Arklow, requesting, on behalf of Mr. James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, an extension of time beyond the 4th September, 1922, within which to close his Poor Rate Collections.

Order—Fourteen days from this date allowed Mr. Byrne to lodge all outstanding Rates in respect of his Poor Rate Collections.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Ref. D/80, 23rd March, 1922, stating 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.

Circular dated 19th July, 1922, requesting the County Council

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to resume, as heretofore, payment of the Printing and Advertising Expenses incurred by the Clerk of the Peace.

Ref. 18,852/22 dated 19th July, 1922, enclosing, for the Council's information, copy of Adjustments made between Unions by Sean de Barra, Local Government Department's Auditor.

Ref. 14,622/22 dated 21st July, 1922, enclosing, for the Council's information, copy of Resolution adopted by Kildare County Board of Health, transferring the Electoral Divisions of Carrigeen and Graney to the Castledermot Home Help District, and the Electoral Division of Ballytore to the Fontstown Home Help District.

Ref. 19,321/22 dated 21st July, 1922, dealing with the recognised difficulty of securing Fidelity Guarantee Bonds in accordance with Statutory requirements, and intimating that the Ministry have under consideration the question of preparing a new Form of Bond; meantime they have been requiring Rate Collectors to submit Personal Security.

Ref. 19,055/22 dated 21st July, 1922, informing the Council that the Ministry have sanctioned the extension of the period allowed for the Overdraft of Twenty Thousand Pounds (£20,000) to the 30th September, 1922.

Ref. 20,162/22 dated 22nd July, 1922, conveying the Ministry's sanction to the Council making payments in respect of certain indicated services, previously withheld. (N.B.—A full copy of this letter is given in the Finance Committee's Report submitted to this Meeting.)

Ref. 4422/22 dated 24th July, 1922, Circular Letter addressed to Clerks of the Peace, dealing with the preparation of the Jurors' and Franchise Lists in the various Unions now abolished under the approved Scheme of Workhouse Amalgamation.

Ref. 19,064/22 dated 31st July, 1922, stating that the Ministry have considered the Council's proposal, to increase Poundage Rate payable to Poor Rate Collectors, and are prepared to consent to a Temporary Rate of Sevenpence being paid to the Collectors in respect of Lodgments made within the stipulated times.

26th August, 1922, Ref. 10-14-1922, sanctioning the proposed increase from Sixpence (6d) to Eightpence (8d) in the Poundage to be paid Collectors on all monies lodged between the 15th November, 1920, and the 31st March, 1922, and all Rates forming portion of the 1920-1921 and 1921-1922 Collections since lodged by the Collectors. Further stating that the Ministry's consent to a temporary Poundage rate of Sevenpence (7d) relates entirely to the Rates of the 1922-1923 Collection and succeeding Collections, unless modified.

Ref. 4138 dated 1st August, 1922, notifying the transmission of a Paying Order for Eight Thousand Pounds to the National Bank, Wicklow, for lodgment to credit of the County Council, being a further Instalment on account of Local Taxation Grants withheld.

Ref. 20,578/22 dated 11th August, 1922, intimating that a further Instalment of Withheld Grants may be anticipated at an early date.

Ref. 4928 dated 14th August, 1922, stating, for the information of the Council, that the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, ap-

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pointed to assess Compensation in certain cases of destruction of, or injuries to, property, sustained during the period between the 21st January, 1919, and the 11th July, 1921, has power to attach to the Award of any sum payable in respect of the destruction of, or injury to, any Building, or other permanent Structure, a Condition that the sum awarded (or any part thereof) shall be applied in reinstating the structure, or in the construction in the same locality of one or more substituted structures, in any case where it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Commission that such destruction or injury has materially prejudiced the economic welfare of the District. The Council is invited therefore, to arrange to present any proposals they desire the Commission to attach to Awards in proper cases in which they are interested.

No. 19326-22, dated 15th August, 1922, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. P. J. Doyle, Knockandarragh, Donard, as Poor Rate Collector for No 7 (Greystones) Collecting District, and the proposed payment to him of Poundage at the rate of Sixpence (6d), subject to the approval of Mr. Doyle's Bond.

24th August, 1922 (Trade Department) Circular Letter dealing with Collective buying, and the course which should be taken for purchasing articles required immediately, and before the Department's new Combined Contracts are entered into.

FROM THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

Circular No. M.T.3 dated 21st June, 1922, intimating 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, 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.

Circular No. M.T.9, stating, for the information of the Council, that arrangements have now been completed for the opening of the "Motor Tax Account" in the Books of the National Bank, Wicklow Branch.

FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

14th July, 1922,—notifying the appointment of Mr. Flanagan, Professor at the Gaelic School for National Teachers in Wicklow, as Oral Examiner in Irish at the Special Examination of Candidates for the Council's Secondary School Scholarships.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

No. V.B.1432/22 dated 11th July, 1922, conveying the Department's Approval to the appointment of Mr John Malone, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals' Acts for that portion of the Naas Union in County Wicklow, at an inclusive Salary of (£20) Twenty Pounds per annum.

FROM NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION.

No. 33377/22 dated 17th August, 1922, intimating that the

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Minister of Finance has sanctioned, under Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, an expenditure by the County Insurance Committee, in connection with the treatment of Insured and Exempted persons, and the dependants of Insured persons, during the current year, not exceeding £1,400 gross, involving an estimated deficiency of £800, to be met as provided in that Section.

FROM OFFICE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

Dated 19th July, 1922, giving the names and addresses of the newly appointed School attendance Committee for the Avoca Area of Rathdrum Rural District, for the three years commencing 1st July, 1922.

FROM OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

No. R.L.129, dated 4th August, 1922, intimating that the Commissioners propose to advance a Loan of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Pounds (£3,790) to Messrs. Clarke, Rossanagh Lower, Rathnew, on the security of the Malicious Injury Decree for the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred and Eighteen Pounds (£6,318) made in their favour, and asking whether any Notice of Assignment, or Mortgage, of the said Decree has been served on the County Council.

FROM COMPENSATION (IRELAND) COMMISSION.

Dated 26th July, 1922—acknowledging List of Cases from County Wicklow, where Particulars of Claims have been furnished, and asking to be supplied, at the earliest possible moment, with the documents relating to individual claims, which should have accompanied

No. G.B.78, dated 9th August, 1922, from Ministry of Transport, Financial and Statistical Department, Whitehall, London S.W.1, dealing with the Fourth Instalment of Principal due on the 19th September in respect of Loan No. 403, for £1,569, from Road Fund.

2nd August, 1922—from the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, enclosing Medical Certificate from Doctor C. H. Bryan, in connection with the case of a man in that District urgently in need of treatment for Tuberculosis.

Also enclosing a letter dated 24th July, 1922, received by the District Council from Mr. C. Lambert, N.T., Lackan Boys' School, Blessington, relative to the Council's rejection of one of the Candidates for Secondary School Scholarships.

4th August, 1922—from the Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, in further relation to the holding up of certain Grants to that Urban District Council, in consequence of non-payment by the County Council of Instalments due in respect of certain Loans received from the Ministry of Transport.

1st August, 1922—from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, Wexford, 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 re-union of old and tried friends, to work for the common good of our beloved Country.

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9th August, 1922—from the Secretary, Waterford County Council, Dungarvan, Resolution passed by that Body, protesting against the wanton war of destruction being waged without the sanction of Dail Eireann, adjourning until that Body meets, and calling on all Public Bodies to take like action.

11th August, 1922—from the Clerk, Urban District Council, Wicklow, 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.

1st July, 1922—from Mr. P. Henry, C.P.S., Bray, stating that, on that day, the Court House, at Bray was burned down, and destroyed, together with everything in it.

10th July, 1922—from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, intimating that under the conditions of Clause 3, Paragraphs G. of the Council's Fire Policy No. 2097 with the Hibernian Insurance Company, Limited, the burning of Bray Court House is excluded, the policy does not include Fire arising through 'Rebellion, Hostilities, Riot, Civil Commotion, or any Military or usurped power, whatsoever.'

24th July 1922—from Mr. Patrick Henry, C.P.S., Bray, asking the Council, by direction of the Acting Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks, to kindly provide—consequent upon the burning of Bray Court House—a room or place where the Petty Sessions could be held.

17th July, 1922—from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing Opinion of Senior Counsel, dealing with the Court House, Bray, recently destroyed by fire.

10th July, 1922—from Same, intimating that he has now been informed that the Compensation (Ireland) Commission will not deal with Injuries to Persons.

10th July, 1922—from Same, expressing the opinion that the Claim lodged by Collector Edward Lynch, Kilbeylet, Donard, does not come within the scope of the Compensation (Ireland) Commission.

22nd August, 1922, from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow, stating, in connection with the Rates due in Blessington District, that a District Court will be held in Bray on the 7th September, and asking for a list of the parties against whom proceedings are to be taken.

17th August, 1922—from ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael Ma-Grath, Broadleas, Ballymore Eustace, in connection with his claim for a Superannuation Allowance following his resignation.

26th June, 1922—from the Hon. Secretary, Association of Co. Surveyors (Ireland), County Surveyor's Office, Cavan, enclosing copies of two Resolutions of his Association, stating, (1) that a Commission of Three Per Cent. (3 p.c.) should be paid to County Surveyors, and Two Per Cent. (2 p.c.) to their Assistants, on the amount expended in carrying out repairs to Bridges, Roads, and other Public Works, damaged during the recent Irish War; and, (2) that a commission of One and a Half Per Cent. (1½ p.c.) should be paid to Co. Surveyors, and One Per Cent. (1 p.c.) to their Assistants, to cover

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expenses in carrying out, with the aid of Government Grants, all road work extra to ordinary maintenance.

12th July, 1922—from the Secreary, Ballyteskin Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Coolbeg, Rathnew, approving of the Council's Resolution, containing the proposed Scheme of Afforestation, and expressing the belief that, if carried into effect, it will provide much needed relief of unemployment.

23rd July, 1922—from the Secretary, Baltinglass Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass, enclosing Resolution approving of the Council's Resolution suggesting the purchase of rugged waste lands for Tree Planting, which, besides being a great benefit in course of time would at present give much needed employment.

11th August, 1922—from the Hon. Secretary, Tinahely Farmers' Association, Johnstown, Tinahely, approving of the Council's Resolution regarding the planting of rugged waste lands with trees, but expressing the opinion that this work should be a Charge upon the State, and not upon the Rates of the County.

29th July, 1922—from the Hon. Secretary, Coolboy District Farmers' Association, Coolboy, Tinahely, stating that the Council's Resolution, dealing with the planting of Trees in rugged waste lands in the County, was before a recent small Meeting of his Association, and would come up at the next Meeting for fuller discussion.

28th July, 1922—from Terence Doyle, Esq., Solicitor, Tullow, submitting a Claim for £200 in connection with the arrest and imprisonment of his client—Mr. John Rogers of Clough, Baltinglass, during the recent trouble in the country.

3rd August, 1922—from A. F. Walshe, further letter in connection with his claim amounting to £7 4s, alleged to be due to him by the Co. Council in respect of duties performed by him in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913.

10th August, 1922—from Mr. T. Long, Neptune Lodge, Sandycove, Dun Laoghaire, applying for payment of arrears of salary stated to be due to him as County Court Crier, since the 31st March, 1922.

Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum,
13-7-1922.

Dear Sir,

Please convey to the Members of the Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of my dear husband, the late Peter P. Doyle.

Oblige, Yours faithfully,
(Signed) KATHLEEN DOYLE.

14th August, 1922—from Mr. G. O'Sullivan, N.T., Manor Kilbride, County Wicklow, asking what action the County Council contemplated taking regarding the enforcement of the Provisions of the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, in the District formerly known as Naas No. 2.

20th July, 1922—from Collector Myles McDonnell, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass, enclosing List of Rates outstanding in his Collecting District in respect of the Year 1921/1922.

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24th July, 1922—from Messrs Townshends, again applying for one and a half years' rent to the 31st March, 1922, amounting to Fifteen Pounds, stated to be due by the County Council to the Gun Cunningham Estate in respect of Petty Sessions Court House, Newtownmountkennedy.

26th July, 1922—from Mr. James Byrne, Baltinglass, again applying for payment of rent stated to be due by the County Council to him in respect of the Petty Sessions Court House, Baltinglass.

2nd August, 1922—from W. J. M. Coulter, Esq., Solicitor, applying for payment of £36 6s. 2d., being the amount of the Decree for Compensation for Criminal Injury awarded to his client—Mary Wynne, Greystones.

2nd August, 1922—from W. J. M. Coulter, Esq., Solicitor, applying for payment of £68 3s. 7d., plus Five Per Cent. from 24th May, 1922, being the amount due on foot of the Decree for Compensation for Criminal Injury awarded to his clients—F. Heatley and Others, 38 Dublin Road, Bray.

28th August, 1922, No. L.C.327-3, from the Secretary, Ministry of Pensions, 2 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith street, London, S.W.1, forwarding for adoption a short supplemental Scheme whereby the existing Members appointed by the County Council on the Local War Pensions Committee shall continue in Office until the anticipated early date at which that Committee will cease to exist, owing to the operations of Section 1 (1) of the War Pensions Act, 1921.
Order—Adjourned.

122 Δόξα Ναιών Λορέάν,
 ΚΛΙΑΜ ΤΑΙΡΩ,
 ΔΕ ΚΛΙΑΕ,
 Λυγνάρα 21, 1922.

Δ ΔΑΡΑ,

Σάβαιν μ'ήριον-βυδεάδαρ τεατ αρ τον το τεαδαμρεάτα
 κινεάτα ας τουανάμ κόμβριον λιον αςαρ τον' ελοινν ισταοβ βάρ
 μο εέτε ιονήαν, αρτ ό Σπιοβτα.

Μιρε, τε μεαρ,
 μέαοβ βεαν αρτ υί Σπιοβτα.

2nd September, 1922—from the Manager National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, giving in connection with the Council's demand for Interest as from the 24th August, 1921, the Rates of Interest operating from that date.

25th August, 1922—from Secretary County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow, intimating that his Committee unanimously adopted the Council's Resolution dealing with Re-Afforestation.

31st August, 1922—from Robert Wogan, Enniskerry, letter thanking the Council for the excellence of their arrangements in connection with the Secondary School Scholarship won by his son.

The Autumn 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 November, 1922.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman.

Councillors Michael Fleming, Patrick Doyle, J. J. Redmond, Seamus Turner, Bernard Kelly, J. J. Metcalfe, F. O'Rafferty, James Byrne, John J. Healy, W. J. Doyle, and Eamon O'Neill.

BUSINESS:

1. To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
2. To consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to the Superannuation to be allowed to ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan, Danesfort, Kiltegan.
3. To sign Quarterly Transfer on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and the several Rural District Councils.
4. To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposal Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
5. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
6. To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
7. To Sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
8. To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
9. To consider correspondence from Edward J. Little, Esq., B.L., District Justice for County Wicklow, relative to the condition of the Court and District Session Houses of the County.
10. To consider correspondence from the Minister for Local Government relative to the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County.
11. To consider the following Notices of Motion handed in by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—
 - (1) "I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next Meeting of the Council in accordance with the now accepted practice of the Council, that preference be given to residents in the County in all cases of expenditure of Rates."
 - (2) "I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next Meeting of the Council, that the Insurance business of this Council be transferred from the Dublin Agents to Local Agent—Thomas Fleming."
12. To re-consider Circular Letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 14th August, 1922, No. L.G.4928, relative to Malicious Injury Claims, and, if so decided, to pass a Resolution recommending that the Compensation (Ireland) Commission attach to the Award of any sum payable in respect of the destruction of, or injury to, any building or other permanent structure, a condition that the sum awarded (or any part thereof) shall be applied in reinstating the structure, or in the construction in the same locality of one or more substituted structures, in any case where such destruction or injury has materially prejudiced the economic welfare of the district.
13. To execute Agreement with Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtownmountkennedy, regarding Hire of the Council's Engine during the Threshing Season.
14. To consider an application from Mr. William B. Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen, to have his Premises Re-Registered for the Re-making of Butter under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1907.
15. To fill the two vacancies existing on the County Committee of Agriculture by appointing thereon the two Members nominated by the Farmers' Association, at the request of the Council.
16. To consider the usual documents connected with an application about to be made by Wicklow Urban District Council for a Special Order under Section 34 of the Electricity Supply Act, 1919, and to receive the Law Agent's Report thereon.

17. To consider similar documents received from Messrs. Maxwell, Weldon and Co., 40 North George's Street, Dublin, Solicitors for the Irish Power Syndicate, Ltd., the Promoters of the Leinster Electric Power Order, 1922, and to receive the Law Agent's Report thereon.

- 18. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 19. To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 20. To consider Official correspondence.
- 21. To consider General correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:

Resolved—That this Council learned with deep regret of the death of our esteemed colleague Councillor Martin Langton, of 8, Auburn Villas, Bray, and we hereby offer to the members of his family our sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we hereby tender to our respected colleague, Councillor Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Kilcool, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained by the death of his brother.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That this Council has heard, with much regret, of the illness of our respected colleague, Councillor James Everett, T.D., St. Patrick's Road, Wick, low, and we hereby express the hope that he may soon be back amongst us in his usual good health.

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1

A specially convened Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 9th October, 1922, to consider and determine the Salaries, etc., of the Secretary, and Members of the Clerical Staff, following the recent promotions and re-arrangements in the Council's Offices—vide pages 423 and 424 of the printed Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council at the Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 4th September, 1922.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor James Everett, T.D., Chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D.; James Turner, and John J. Redmond.

Having noted that the work in the Council's Offices is steadily increasing, and having carefully considered all the facts and figures relating to the position of Secretary, the Committee unanimously recommend that Mr. P. T. Healy's promotion, after 23 years' service, to the Secretaryship be on the same terms and conditions and with the same Salary and Emoluments as his Predecessor, Mr. S. J. Doyle.

The Committee think it proper to state that no claim was received from Mr. Healy for extra remuneration in respect to the period of ten months during which he efficiently discharged the duties of Secretary.

The Committee further recommend that Mr. Healy provide the usual Fidelity Bond in the sum of Four Hundred Pounds (£400) for the due performance of the duties of his new position; his present Fidelity Bond in the sum of £200 as Chief Clerk to be determined.

The Committee unanimously recommend the Council to approve and adopt the following fixed Salaries for the Members of the permanent Clerical Staff, consistent upon their respective promotions:—

Thomas Langton—23 years' service—Chief Clerk and Accountant, £450 per an.
Laurence Wolahan—23 years' service—Assistant Accountant, £380 per annum.
W. C. Byrne—3 years' service—Clerk, £180 per annum.

The Committee further recommend the Council to issue Advertisements for Candidates for the position of Junior Clerk, now vacant, at a Salary of £150 per annum, each Candidate to present himself or herself at a Special Competitive

Examination to be held by the Ministry for Local Government, at which the essential Subjects shall be a thorough knowledge of Irish, Shorthand, and Type-writing—the Council to appoint the Candidate the Ministry may decide has obtained the highest number of Marks at this Special Examination.

The Committee are glad to be in a position to state that the adoption of this report will represent an annual saving of £309 in Rates to the County.

Signed:—JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Eamon O'Neill:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each Member of the Council, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Autumn 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 31st October, 1922.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor James Everett, T.D., Chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D.; J. J. Redmond, and James Turner.

It was pointed out by the Secretary that about £3 10s. might be saved fortnightly to the Council by posting on each pay day to the several Road Overseers—for distribution by them to the men who worked under them during the previous fortnight—all the paying orders for their men, thus doing away with the present costly system of posting fortnightly to each man in the County the paying order to which he is entitled.

Order: Secretary's suggestion recommended.

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

COUNTY-AT-LARGE	...	...	...	...	...	£8814	9	3
BALTINGLASS No. 1:—								
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£943	10	2
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
RATHDOWN No. 2:—						£943	10	2
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£225	11	1
RATHDRUM:—								
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£70	4	6
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
SHILLELAGH:—								
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£22	0	6
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	8
REPAYMENT OF LOANS	...	...	...	...	...	£30	6	2
						£8134	3	4

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 from the Rural District Councils, submitted 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 March, 1923.					
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					£10565 15 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

In respect of Quarter Ending 31st March, 1923.					
Baltinglass No. 1	...	...	...	...	£250 0 0
Rathdown No. 2	...	...	...	...	269 0 0
Rathdrum	...	...	...	...	486 10 0
Shillelagh	...	...	...	...	215 0 0
TOTAL					£1220 10 0

On the 21st August, 1922 (vide page 412 of the printed Minutes), the County Council passed a Resolution, in accordance with the terms of the letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 1st August, 1922, No. 19093/22, referring to the Committee for consideration and subsequent report, the fixing of ex-Collector Richard Geoghegan's Superannuation Allowance.

Mr. Geoghegan was appointed to the position on the 27th June, 1899, and his Resignation was accepted by the Council on the 23rd November, 1920, so that he had completed twenty-one years' service.

The Committee recommend the Council to grant him a Superannuation Allowance of £24 13s. 7d., calculated on a service of twenty-one completed years, his average yearly poundage and emoluments for the three years ending 31st December, 1920, being £70 10s. 5d.

Two letters were submitted from J. P. Doyle Esq., B.E., Assistant Surveyor. In the letter dated 9th October, 1922, Mr. Doyle applied for six months' leave of absence as from the 1st November 1922, and intimated that he expected shortly to be called to the Engineering Department of the Army. In his second letter, dated 23rd October, 1922, Mr. Doyle tendered his resignation of the position of Assistant Surveyor, at the same time asking that his previous letter be withdrawn.

Order: Noted.

The attention of the Committee having been drawn to the present condition of the Dargle Bridge, Bray, which had been damaged some time ago, the Committee directed the County Surveyor to proceed with the work of repairing this Bridge with as little delay as possible.

The Secretary reported that, following his report to the Committee Meeting held on the 21st August, 1922, and the instructions then given him, he had taken up with the Treasurer the question of his failure to credit the Council in their Accounts with Interest covering the period from 24th August, 1921 (the date on which the Council returned to the Bank), to the 30th September, 1922, as a result of which Interest amounting to £166 6s. 7d. had been lodged by the Treasurer to credit of the Council in respect of the following periods:—

In respect of period commencing 24th August, 1921, and ending 31st December, 1921	...	...	...	...	£34 16 8
In respect of period commencing 31st December, 1921, and ending 30th June, 1922	...	...	...	...	£131 9 11
Total Sum lodged					£166 6 7

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Committee had before them letters dated the 5th September, 1922, and 17th October, 1922, from J. W. Bacon, Esq., M.A., Secretary, University College, Dublin, reporting on the attendance and conduct, and upon the progress made during the last Scholarship year by the holders of these Scholarships under the County Council's Scheme.

Of the eight Scholarships held, five were open for renewal and in respect of these five holders the Registrar reported that their attendance and conduct had been most satisfactory.

The Scholarships held by the following five Students are recommended to be renewed by the Council for the Scholastic Year 1922-1923:—

Patrick J. Murray, Cooladangan House, Arklow.
Gerald M. B. Murtagh, 2 Park View, Dargle Road, Bray.
Nora MacDonnell, 1 Sidminton Avenue, Bray.
Louisa M. Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.
Mary M. Sheehan, Corballis, Rathdrum.

The Committee had before them a file of correspondence dealing with the Collection of Rates in No. 19 District, during the period when this Collection was in the hands of Temporary Collector James O'Rourke, including the following letter:—

Tinahely,
5th September, 1922.

Dear Mr. Healy,

I enclose cheque value £176 15s. 8d.

I gave up my Books to Mr. Hopkins in Shillelagh on Saturday morning early; he was not there at the time; I had not them made up, and I have not heard from him the amount that was collected as yet. It was late on Friday night when I came home, and as I was giving them up for good I did not bother making them up, as Mr. Hopkins told me during the week that it did not matter whether I made them up or not, that he would look over them.

About three o'clock a.m., on Monday morning last, I was called out of bed by four men; my house was raided, and they wanted to get my son to shoot him. They fired three shots, one through the Bedroom window, leaving the track of the bullet in the pane of glass; searched the place for arms, and took all the Rates and mungy I had in the house. I cannot say the amount as I had it all in a box in a lump sum and two cheques along with the notes. There might have been about £130 or £140 in notes; the cheques were: one from Mrs. Stacey, Laragh, £17 18s.; this cheque was payable to me in Tinahely and I have stopped payment, and went to Mrs. Stacey. She said she would pay Mr. Hopkins to-day by a new cheque. The other cheque was from a Mr. Wilson, near Clonegal, for £35 15s. 2d., payable to the County Council. I have wired to Mr. Wilson and got cheque stopped in Tullow. My bicycle was broken up in bits by the Raiders, who leaped on it in the yard and swore they would shoot me if I opened my mouth. I believe they had a Motor Car, as the Bank Manager told me he heard the car coming down by the Bank about 3 o'clock. I have certain reasons to believe it was a certain army that raided me, but I am not in a position to open my mouth as I might get shot the next time. This is all the information I can give you on the matter.

Mrs. Wilson told me she would send you a cheque by applying to her for it in a week or two.

Yours truly,
JAMES O'ROURKE.

ORDER:—The Committee confirm and approve of the Secretary's action in handing Mr. James O'Rourke's letter to the Council's Solicitor, with instructions to take every step necessary to protect the Council's interests.

A further file of correspondence was submitted from W. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, in which he pointed out the Company's urgent need of funds, and requested immediate payment of the Guaranteed Dividend and Running Expenses certified by the Arbitrators.

ORDER:—The Committee recommend that all payments of Tramway Dividends and Running Expenses be withheld until such time as the Ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway have paid their outstanding Rates in full to the County Council.

Signed:—JAMES EVERETT,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed and circulated to each Member of the Council, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:

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. 2 be now signed.
Passed.

The Secretary having read the following Notice issued to each Member of the Council twenty-eight clear days prior to the Meeting:—

20th October, 1922.

To each Member of the Wicklow County Council.
Dear Sir—

In accordance with the provision of 28 and 29, Vic., Cap. 26, Notice is hereby given that it is intended, at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, to be held on Monday, the 20th November, 1922, to propose a Resolution that a superannuation allowance not exceeding twenty-one sixtieths of his average annual receipts from poundage and emoluments during his last three years of service, be granted to Mr. Richard Geoghegan, Danesfort, Kiltegan, who resigned his appointment as Poor Rate Collector under the Wicklow County Council on 19th November, 1920.

Yours faithfully,
P. T. HEALY,
Secretary.

It was Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

And Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee in Report No. 2, this Council hereby grants to Ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan, of Danesfort, Kiltegan, whose resignation was accepted by the Council on the 23rd November, 1920, a Superannuation Allowance of £24 13s. 7d. per annum (Twenty-four Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence), he having a service of twenty-one completed years, and his average yearly poundage and emoluments for the three years ending 31st December, 1920, being £70 10s. 5d.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:

Resolved—In accordance with the recommendation in the Finance Committee's Report No. 2—that all payments of Tramway Dividends and Running Expenses be withheld until such time as the Rate Payers in the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway have paid their outstanding Rates in full to the County Council, as it is manifestly inequitable to meet these payments out of funds raised in other portions of the County to be expended on wholly different services.
Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the 20th November, 1922.

The following Members attended:—
Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Turner and J. J. Redmond.

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

Additional Proposals	£134 0 3
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(Signed) EAMONN O'NEILL,
Presiding Chairman,
Finance Committee.

20th November, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as now submitted, be, and it is hereby, adopted.
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS, WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £8,814 9s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District amounting to £943 10s. 2d. (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 J. J. Healy:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £225 11s. 1d. (any modifications 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 Seamus Turner:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £70 4s. 6d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £30 6s. 2d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £8,124 3s. 4d. (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 Seamus Turner:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment, amounting to £134 0s. 3d. (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 W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed.
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:—
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Form No. 20 as submitted approved and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT
To
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER, 1922.

County Surveyor's Office
Court House, Wicklow,
15th November, 1922.

Gentlemen—

Since your last Meeting the following Bridges have been damaged:—

1. Laragh Bridge, Glashaboy Bridge, Glashaboy Double Gullet, Rathglass Bridge, and Knockloe Bridge, the latter only being damaged within the past few days.

2. An addition is being built to a house at the turn at Blacklion, which will hamper the Council in the event of any road widening. I have considerable doubt as to whether or not this is being erected on an old foundation, though the parties building state that it is.

3. Arklow and Tinahely Court Houses are being cleaned up and made fit for the Courts. Bray and Baltinglass Court Houses are beyond repair other than complete reconstruction having been burned.

4. I beg to report that Mr. Joseph Doyle has resigned his post as Assistant County Surveyor, and request that an Assistant be appointed to his District.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDERS:

Paragraph 2.—Solicitor to take proceedings re house being built at the turn at Blacklion.

Paragraph 4.—Consideration adjourned to February Quarterly Meeting.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
15th November, 1922.

ROADS COMMITTEE.
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

REPORT OF MEETING OF ROADS COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER, 1922.

To Wicklow County Council.

GENTLEMEN—

The Roads Committee met on 14th November, 1922, when the following Members attended:—

Councillors James Turner (Presiding), John J. Redmond, and William J. Doyle.

1. To consider the financing of the Tinahely and Shillelagh Sections to carry on the Direct Labour Scheme for the rest of the year.

ORDER:

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor William J. Doyle.

RESOLVED—That we hereby recommend the County Council to authorise the County Surveyor to continue the Road Expenditure in the Tinahely and Shillelagh Sections—the Expenditure not to exceed £1,200 in excess of the sum of £481 at present in hand—the County Surveyor to apportion said amount to the Sections.

This procedure having been sanctioned by the Local Government Department in their letter to the County Surveyor, dated 11th November, 1922. Passed.

2. To consider the financing of the Blessington and Baltinglass Sections to carry on the Direct Labour Scheme for the rest of the year.

ORDER:

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor William J. Doyle.

RESOLVED—That we hereby recommend the County Council to authorise the County Surveyor to transfer to the Blessington and Baltinglass Sections such sums as he may consider necessary to carry on the work in those Sections—these sums to be transferred from the unexpended balances under the head of contingencies and sudden damages in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District. Passed.

3. To consider the financing of the Direct Labour Scheme in Rathdrum Rural District for the rest of the year.

ORDER:

Proposed by Councillor James Turner,
Seconded by Councillor John J. Redmond.

RESOLVED—That we recommend the County Council to authorise the County Surveyor to carry on the Road Work to 31st March, 1923, in the Rathdrum Rural District by expending therefor such sums as may be necessary (over and above the present balances in hand). This excess amount to be subject to sanction of the Local Government Department. Passed.

4. A complaint was considered in connection with Telegraphic Poles on the road from Greystones to Bray, via Windgates and Harbour Road.

ORDER:

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor James Turner.

RESOLVED—That we recommend the County Council to request the Postmaster General to remove the Telegraphic Poles on the road from Greystones to Bray, via Windgates and Harbour Road, to such position as may be agreed upon by the Postal Engineer and the County Surveyor. Passed.

5. A complaint was also considered re Electric Standards at Mill Road and Blacklion Crossroads.

ORDER:

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor James Turner.

RESOLVED—That we recommend the County Council to request the Greystones Electric Lighting Co. to move the Lamp Standards at Mill Road and Blacklion Crossroads, respectively, to a point agreed upon by their Engineer and the County Surveyor. Passed.

6. Steam Rolling of a Section of the Bray-Greystones Road, via Windgates.

ORDER:

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor William J. Doyle.

RESOLVED—That we recommend the County Council to proceed with the Steam Rolling of a Section of the Bray-Greystones Road, via Windgates, on the completion of the Steam Rolling on the Killarney Road, and that the County Surveyor take the necessary steps to procure macadam at Greystones Harbour. Passed.

(Signed) JAMES TURNER,
Presiding Chairman.

ORDERS:

Paragraph 2.—All road work to stop in the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Paragraph 6.—Approved and agreed to.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

Resolved—That, as from 7th November, 1922, to 27th February, 1923, the expenditure on the two under-noted Sections
Ballinglen and Tinahely,
Carnew and Shillelagh

shall not exceed a total in each Section (including present unexpended balances) of Four Hundred and Twenty Pounds in Ballinglen and Tinahely, and Four Hun-

dred and Sixty-one Pounds in Carnew and Shillelagh; amount to be reduced in each Section to make up for additional numbers employed by direction of the Conference held in the Electoral Area on 14th June, 1922.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to transfer from Sudden Damages and Contingencies Provision to Rathdrum Rural District

Ashford Section	... ..	£100
Rathnew Section	... ..	£460
Aughrim Section	... ..	£400
Arklow Section	... ..	£100

and that the number of men in Arklow and Aughrim Sections be reduced to make up for the additional numbers employed by direction of the Conference held in the Electoral Area on 7th June, 1922.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

Resolved—That, owing to the reduction of men now employed under the Direct Labour Scheme, due to financial conditions, the number of men now employed will, from the 21st November, 1922 be reduced, and we are further of the opinion that married men who have families depending upon them should be kept on in preference.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor James Byrne:

Resolved—That when men are being dismissed from road work under the Direct Labour Scheme, the Overseer be instructed to see that the men being dismissed are entitled to Unemployment Insurance before dismissing them, if possible.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That, inasmuch as the sums raised in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923, for expenditure on roads, are almost exhausted, we direct that until the 31st March next, no further money be expended on repairs to bridges, and that the sums being spent on carting be entirely abolished, or, at least, reduced to the least figure it conceivably can; this Resolution not to apply in the Area of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted to the Meeting by the County Surveyor:—

DAIL EIREANN,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT,
Government Buildings,
DUBLIN,

11th November, 1922.

S. G. Gallagher, Esq.,
County Surveyor
Wicklow.

A Chara—

In reply to your communication of to-day's date, the question of sanction of the Ministry to your proposal to charge an excess of £1,600 (Sixteen Hundred Pounds) in your Expenditure in the Shillelagh Rural District, has received the careful attention of the Department. The necessity for adopting this procedure is evident to the Ministry. The amount, however, is considered high in view of the fact that you have still to credit for the Area £500 (Five Hundred Pounds). You are, therefore, informed that the Ministry will raise no objection to your expending a sum of £1,200 (Twelve Hundred Pounds), chargeable to Suspense Account, the same to be adjusted when considering next Year's Estimate.

With reference to the point you raise as to the unissued Balance of the Unemployment Grant amounting to £500, you may, with a view to avoiding an interruption of work, adopt the procedure outlined above, charging £500 to Suspense, this, however, to be adjusted from Government Funds and not considered in the Rate Estimate.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) N. O'DWYER.
A/S AIRE RIAGHALTAIS AITEAMHLA

ORDER:

Paragraph 2.—The £500 (Five Hundred Pounds) to be expended provided the Ministry give a Guarantee to the Secre of the County Council that this money will be forthcoming from Government Funds.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:

Resolved.—That the Report from the Roads Committee, as printed and circulated, be and it is hereby, adopted as amended.

Passed.

A letter dated the 18th November, 1922, addressed to the Presiding Chairman by Mr. Samuel E. Pim, Hon. Sec., Greystones Improvement Association, was submitted, in which attention was drawn to the condition of the Road leading from Greystones to Bray, over Windgates.

ORDER.—Steam-rolling to proceed (See Council's Order on paragraph six of Roads Committee's Report).

A Memorial addressed to the Presiding Chairman was submitted from the Traders and Residents of Tinahely, protesting against the proposed closing of Killaveney Bridge (known as the Togher Bridge, Tinahely) to traffic, on grounds of public convenience and utility, and respectfully requesting the County Council to temporarily repair the bridge to suit local cart traffic and light touring motor traffic.

It having been pointed out to the Council that this Bridge was the property of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company, the following order was made: ORDER.—County Solicitor to take steps to compel the Railway Company to put Killaveney Bridge in proper condition again for road traffic.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT:
No Proposals.

RATHDOWN No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:
No Proposals.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT:
Form 20, as submitted approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT:
No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:

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

Passed.

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

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which had passed with E. J. Little, Esq., B.L., District Justice for County Wicklow, 19 Waterloo Road, Dublin, in which the Council was asked to repair and put into proper condition certain Court Houses and Session Houses in the County, in which District Sessions might in future be held.

The County Surveyor referred to paragraph three of his Report in which he stated that Arklow and Tinahely Court Houses are being cleaned up and made fit for the Courts, and that Bray and Baltinglass Court Houses are beyond repair—other than complete re-construction—having been burnt.

In the discussion which followed, it was stated that the Sessions House in Newtown was being repaired by the Landlord, through his Agents, Messrs. Townshends, 15 Molesworth Street, Dublin; that the Foresters' Hall is available for this purpose in Blessington; that the Technical School is available in Baltinglass, and that the Town Hall is available in Bray.

ORDER.—Noted.

The Secretary submitted communications dated the 24th and 30th October, 1922, received from the Ministry of Local Government, relative to the backward condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor B. Kelly:

Resolved—That proceedings be instituted against all Rate Payers in the Area of Naas No. 2 Rural District, for recovery of Rates due by them, and that all services be withdrawn from that Area pending payment.

Passed

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

And Resolved—In accordance with the now accepted practice of the Council—that preference be given, as far as possible, to residents in the County in all cases of expenditure of Rates.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor B. Kelly:

Resolved—That the Insurance Business of this Council be transferred from the Dublin Agents to the Local Agent—Thomas Fleming.

Passed.

The Secretary having submitted a file of correspondence on the subject, received from the Minister of Finance,

The Council proceeded to re-consider the Circular letter from the Minister for Local Government dated the 14th August, 1922, No. L.G.4928, relative to Malicious Injury Claims, dealing with the question as to whether the Compensation (Ireland) Commission should be recommended to attach to the Award of any sum payable in respect of the destruction of, or injury to, and building or other permanent structure, a condition that the sum awarded (or any part thereof) shall be applied in reinstating the structure, or in the construction, in the same locality, of one or more substituted structures, in any case where such destruction or injury has materially prejudiced the economic welfare of the district.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:

Resolved—That, having considered the Circular letter from the Minister for Local Government dated the 14th August, 1922, No. L.G.4928, and the other correspondence relative thereto since received from the Ministry of Finance, regarding Malicious Injury Claims, We, the Wicklow County Council, recommend the Compensation (Ireland) Commission to attach to the Award of any sum payable in respect of the destruction of, or injury to, any building or other permanent structure, a condition that the sum awarded shall be applied in full reinstating the structure, or in the construction in the same locality, of one or more substituted structures in any case where such destruction or injury has materially prejudiced the economic welfare of the District; and we hereby direct our Law Agent—Mr. J. H. McCarrroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—to obtain all available local opinion as to the buildings, etc., which should be fully restored or repaired out of Awards, and to take, on our behalf, every step necessary to carry into effect the wishes of the Council in this connection with the Compensation (Ireland) Commission and the Ministry of Finance.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we suggest to the Provisional Government the advisability of extending the application of the Criminal Injury Code (if same is to be continued) to the case of applications by a County Council where their property has been injured or destroyed, owing to circumstances arising out of the recent Political Disturbances.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated the 18th September, 1922, from the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, enclosing a Resolution passed by that Body, suggesting that the County Council arrange for the calling of Special Meetings for each Rural District Council, to consider claims for alleged Malicious Injuries, so that individual members could supply all the information which it might be possible to obtain, with a view to rebutting such claims.

The Secretary reported that, in view of the urgency of the matter, he had, immediately on receipt of this Resolution, and without waiting for a Meeting of the Council, requested the Law Agent to give effect to the suggestion, and to communicate with the Clerks of the several Rural District Councils, offering to attend all Meetings which might be summoned for the purpose indicated, and this had been done.

ORDER.—Read and noted. Secretary's action approved.

In this connection, the Secretary further reported that the total claims for Malicious Injuries received between the 1st January, 1919, and the 1st January, 1922, forwarded for consideration by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, amounted to £180,967 3s. 9d. and that the total claims received between the 1st

January, 1922, and the 18th November, 1922, and which would not come under the consideration of the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, amounted to £55,483 11s. 5d., making a gross total to date for the entire County Wicklow of £236,450 15s. 2d.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we now execute the Agreement with Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtownmountkennedy, regarding the hire to him of one of the Council's Engines for use during the Threshing Season, and that the Seal of the Council be attached thereto.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:

Resolved—That the Council hereby grants the application of Mr. William B. Kidd, of Moyne, Ballinglen, to have his premises again Registered for the Re-making of Butter under the Sale of the Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1907.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That the two vacancies existing on the County Committee of Agriculture be hereby filled by the appointment thereon of Mr. Richard Connell, Blainroe, Wicklow, and Mr. Timothy Mulcahy, Ballinakill, Rathdrum, nominees of the Farmers' Association.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Council's Law Agent in connection with the application about to be made by Wicklow Urban District Council for a Special Order under Section 34 of the Electricity Supply Act, 1919:

4 Church Street,
Wicklow,
10th November, 1922.

Dear Sir,

Re Wicklow Electric Light Order, 1922, and Wicklow County Council.

I beg to advise that I had a long interview to-day with the County Surveyor on the above subject, and he agrees with me that this Order, from an engineering point of view, in no way affects the interests of the County Council.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCARROLL.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Court House, Wicklow.

The Secretary further submitted the following letter from the Council's Law Agent in connection with the documents received from Messrs. Maxwell Weldon and Company, 40 North Great George's Street, Dublin, Solicitors for the Irish Power Syndicate, Limited, the Promoters of the Leinster Electric Power Order, 1922:—

4 Church Street,
Wicklow,
18th November, 1922.

Dear Sir,

Re Leinster Electric Power Order, 1922.

I have examined into the above scheme in conjunction with the County Surveyor, who has gone carefully into the matter.

There are two questions involved requiring the attention of the Council, and perhaps for the present formal opposition should be entered against the Order. I enclose Mr. Gallagher's Report.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCARROLL.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, County Council.

ORDER.—Formal opposition to proposed Order to be made by Solicitor, unless sufficient protective Clause given.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which had been received from Veterinary Inspector A. F. Walshe, Carlow, and from Thomas Jackson, Mill Street, Baltinglass, in connection with an animal, the property of the latter, believed to be suffering from Bovine Tuberculosis, and stated it was not possible to put into operation the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914 in this connection,

inasmuch as the administration of the Provisions of that Order was suspended in the County by the Council by Resolution passed on the 30th December, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.

Resolved—That the Provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914, the operation of which was suspended by the Council by Resolution passed on the 30th December, 1920, be again administered throughout the County.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:

Resolved—That the Provisions of the Scheme for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease, the operation of which was suspended by the Council by Resolution passed on the 15th November, 1920, be again administered throughout the County.

Passed.

The Secretary drew attention to the Roads Committee's Report submitted and adopted by the Council at the Quarterly Meeting held on 21st August, 1922, which contained a recommendation that the County Council take steps to cease paying any contribution towards the Unemployment Insurance Act by way of Stamps on the cards of the Council's employees, as a protest against the unsatisfactory way the opinion that the recommendation, as adopted by the Council, did not give him the authority that would be needed to empower him to cease stamping the cards of the men employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, and he asked that the matter be further considered.

ORDER.—Postponed.

A letter dated the 17th November, 1922, was submitted from A. Cullen, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, applying to have a Superannuation Allowance fixed by the Council for his client—Ex-Poor Rate Collector William J. Cardiff.

ORDER.—Read.

A further letter dated the 17th November, 1922, was submitted from A. Cullen, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, applying to have a Superannuation Allowance fixed by the Council for his client—Ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Lynch.

ORDER.—Read.

The Council had before them a letter dated 20th November, 1922, from Mr. Francis Murphy, Motor Garage, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, in which he applied for payment of the sum of £1 5s., being cost of a motor car hired from him on the 28th February, 1922, to convey Councillor William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow, to the Meeting of the Council held that day, with the view to completing a quorum.

The Secretary stated that this Account had already been passed for payment by the Council, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, who, when approached on the matter, regretted there was no Statutory power whereby such approval could be given.

ORDER.—Account to be paid.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers from 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.

1. Ref. 10/40/1922, 6th September, 1922, intimating that the Ministry do not approve of the alteration of Collector Doyle's District (No. 7, Greystones).

2. Ref. L.G.319/10, 6th September, 1922, enclosing a Draft for £16,456 8s. in respect to amounts which were paid into the Local Taxation Account during the Financial Years 1920/1921 and 1921/1922, and which were withheld from Local Authorities.

3. Ref. 94/2/1922, 13th September, 1922, acknowledging the Council's Resolution appointing Mr. P. T. Healy Secretary to the Council, and stating with reference thereto that the Ministry would be glad to learn the proposed terms of remuneration in connection with the appointment.

4. Ref. 94/2/1922, 5th October, 1922, intimating to the Chairman of the County Council that Ministry of Local Government have approved of the appointment of Mr. P. T. Healy as County Secretary, and adding that the question of remuneration will be dealt with subsequently.

5. Ref. 10/42/1922, 14th September, 1922, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Patrick Joseph O'Byrne, of Ballycree Park, Aghrim, as Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District.

6. Ref. 10/43/1922, 14th September, 1922, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Michael Roche, of 39 Main Street, Arklow, as Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 Collecting District.

7. 10/42/1922, 15th September, 1922, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. John Manley, of Knockraheen, Roundwood, as Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 Collecting District.

8. L.G.127/11, 14th October, 1922, acknowledging receipt of a copy of a letter addressed to the County Council by the Manager of Balmoral Industrial School in regard to the payment for the maintenance of children from County Wicklow in that Institution, and stating the matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

9. Ref. 10/75/1922, 17th October, 1922, intimating that the Ministry concur in the reinstatement of Mr. John Byrne, of Seskin, Tinahely, as Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collecting District on the usual terms of remuneration, and subject to his giving adequate security.

10. Ref. 18261/1922, 15th September, 1922, intimating that the Ministry have received from Mr. Michael McGrath, Ex-Poor Rate Collector, Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, copy of his letter addressed to the County Council on the 18th May last, claiming a Superannuation Allowance, and stating that the Ministry understand Mr. McGrath's resignation was accepted by the Council, and they accordingly consider that, if he were a whole-time officer, the Council should at once proceed to fix his Superannuation.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the letter from Minister for Local Government, dated 15th September, 1922, No. 18261/1922, the Finance Committee be hereby directed to consider the details of the Superannuation Allowance to be given Ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath, Broadleas, Ballymore Eustace, and report thereon to the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

Passed.

11. Ref. 130/3/1922, 15th September, 1922, informing the County Council that the Ministry are endeavouring to arrive at a basis for remunerating officials of Local Authorities who perform duties in connection with the Registration and Licensing of Motor Drivers and of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles.

12. Ref. 41/28, 28th October, 1922, Circular letter altering the procedure to be adopted by County Councils when dealing with Solicitors' Bills of Costs.

13. Ref. L.G.8/6, 7th November, 1922, Circular letter pointing out the necessity for having Court and Sessions Houses put into proper condition.

14. Ref. L.G.141/14/1922, 6th November, 1922, approving of Collector P. J. Doyle's Bond for the current year, and the Collective Bond for Rate Collectors for the year 1921/1922. Further stating the Ministry will not object to a similar Collective Bond as proposed by the Council for the year 1922/1923 collection.

15. 8th November, 1922, Circular letter inviting the Council's views on the Ministry's proposal to train members of the Civic Guard as ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:

Resolved—That, in view of the fact that there are at present no arrangements in force locally for administering the Provisions of the Weights and Measures Acts, this Council desire to express their approval of the proposal outlined in the letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 8th November, 1922, to train members of the Civic Guard as ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures, and we hereby direct that the County and Sub-Standards of Weights and Measures be handed over in due course to these officials, when asked for.

Passed.

16. 11th November, 1922, Circular letter enclosing copy of an Order transferring to the Ministry of Local Government the duties formerly discharged by the Roads Section of the Ministry of Transport.

17. Ref. 49/91/22, 13th November, 1922, Circular letter enclosing copies of Form D., Preliminary Estimate of Expenditure on the County Tuberculosis Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1924, and suggesting the adoption by the County Council of the Tuberculosis Scheme where such is not already in operation in the County.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy.
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

Resolved—That, having considered the letter from the Ministry for Local Government, dated 13th November, 1922, No. 49/91/1922, this Council is of opinion that the present is not an opportune time for bringing into operation a Tuberculosis Scheme, the effect of which would be to further increase the Rates in the County.

Passed.

FROM THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

18. Ref. M.T./33, Wicklow, 4th September, 1922, stating that the Transport Department have at present under consideration the general question of reimbursement to Local Authorities of the approved expenses incurred by them in connection with the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles and issue of Drivers' Licences.

19. Ref. M.T./33, Wicklow, 4th September, 1922, stating with reference to the Resolution passed by the Council on the subject, that, for the present, it would be advisable that the Local Taxation Officer—Mr. P. T. Healy—should consult the Ministry of Transport before instituting legal proceedings against defaulting owners of Motor Vehicles, in connection with the Registration and Licensing of same.

20. 10th November, 1922, inviting the observations of the Council on the working of the Weights and Measures Acts as carried out in past years in the County, and asking if it is considered the present condition of things can be met adequately by a transfer of the duties to the Civic Guard.

ORDER.—See Resolution following No. 15.

FROM OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

21. Ref. R.L. 129, 29th August, 1922, and 12th September, 1922, letters in connection with a Re-Construction Loan of £3,790 issued by the Commissioners to Messrs. Clarke Bros., Timber Merchants, Rathnew, on the security of the Malicious Injury Decree for the sum of £6,318 made in their favour by the County Court Judge on the 16th of February, 1921.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

22. Ref. G.2952/1922, 17th October, 1922, reporting that samples of Butter had been taken up in the County as follows, and that they proved, on submission to the Public Analyst, to be genuine:—

Arklow	...	...	Four Samples
Wicklow	...	...	Four Samples
Greystones	...	...	Two Samples
Bray	...	...	Three Samples

23. Ref. G.3018/1922, 18th October, 1922, reporting a breach of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts committed by Mr. James Cleary, Bray, on the 22nd September, 1922, by selling Butter which, on analysis, was found to contain 19.30 per cent. of water; 16 per cent. being the maximum proportion of water allowable in a sample of genuine butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902.

24. Ref. Ire. S/L.A./1/58, 28th October, 1922, from Regional Director, Ireland—South Region, 41 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, enclosing, for the Council's information, draft Order which the Minister proposes to issue under the War Pensions Act, 1921, in connection with the Re-organisation of Areas.

25. Ref. 113/Area 1/1a, 7th November, 1922, from the Secretary, Ministry of Pensions, London, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister of Pensions under Sub-Section 1 of Section 1 of the War Pensions Act, 1921, establishing a Committee for the Counties of Dublin, Cork, Kildare, Louth, Meath, and Wicklow.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT.—J. H. McCARROLL, ESQ., SOLICITOR.

26. 6th November, 1922, intimating that it was not found possible to institute proceedings against Mr. James Cleary, Bray, for breach of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, within the twenty-eight days from the date on which the sample was obtained, as required by Section 2—Sub-Section 2, and 19, Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899.

27.

4 Church Street,
Wicklow,
22nd September, 1922.

Dear Sir,

Wicklow County Council and Criminal Injuries.
I beg to advise that I have instructed Mr. Foley, B.E., to inspect the various buildings, etc., relative to which claims are to be heard at Wicklow upon the 10th October next.

Mr. Foley will attend to give evidence.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCARROLL.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Court House, Wicklow.

It was Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:
That Assistant Surveyors Foley and Boyd be employed to give evidence in all Malicious Injury Claims in their respective areas, where professional evidence is required by the Council's Law Agent.

As an Amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

Resolved—That Assistant Surveyor Boyd be employed to give evidence in Assistant Surveyor Foley's District, and that Assistant Surveyor Foley be employed to give evidence in Assistant Surveyor Boyd's District.

On a show of hands being taken, it was found that of the Members present, five voted for the amendment, and three against it.

The amendment was thereupon put to the Meeting, as a Substantive Resolution, and declared by the Chairman to be passed by five votes to three.

28. 3rd October, 1922, reporting that the hearing of all claims for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury was adjourned, acting under directions received from the Minister for Local Government.

29. 26th September, 14th, 18th, and 30th October, 1922, relative to the enforcement of payment of Rates in Collector John Cullen's Districts—Nos. 5 and 6.

30.

The National Bank, Limited,
Wicklow,
3rd October, 1922.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Wicklow Co. Council Loan £20,000.

With reference to above, the Bank's Solicitor writes me to-day as follows:—
"The sanction of the L.G. Minister, dated 3rd February last, is not quite satisfactory, and you should require the Council to obtain a further letter from the Minister, sanctioning advances to £20,000 being obtained from the Bank, to bear interest at one-half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate from time to time, rising and falling therewith, with a minimum of 4%, the loan and interest to be repaid before 30th December next."

Would you please give the matter your customary kind attention, and oblige.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. DOWLING,
Pro Mgr.

ORDER.—No action taken; the Council are surprised and cannot understand the difficulties presented by the Treasurer in granting this Overdraft.

31. 10th November, 1922, from the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, intimating that his Council will refund to the County Council the advance made under Section 10 of the Labourers' Act, so soon as it is in a financial position to do so.

32. 6th November, 1922, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, Rathdrum, inviting the Council's attention to the necessity for supporting the Slate Quarries at Kilcavin, Carnew, with a view to relieving the widespread unemployment throughout the County.

33. 9th November, 1922, from W. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, pointing out that the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company are seriously embarrassed by reason of the Council not having made the usual payments in respect to Guaranteed Dividend and running expenses, and asking when Paying Orders in this connection may be expected.

(See Resolution passed at this Meeting, withdrawing all services in the Tramway Guaranteeing Area.)

34. 22nd September, 1922, from the Manager, Balmoral Industrial School, West End Park, Balmoral, Belfast, directing attention to the fact that no contribution towards maintenance of children from County Wicklow in that Institution has been received from the Parliament for Southern Ireland since 1st January last, and stating that if this contribution be not paid, the School will not be obliged to retain these children.

35. 29th September, 1922, from Daniel P. Blayney, Esq., Solicitor, 44 South Main Street, Naas, applying to the Council for Superannuation Allowance for his client—Mr. Michael McGrath, of Broadleas, Ballymore Eustace, late Poor Rate Collector for No. 6 District.

36. 2nd October, 1922, from C. Albert Payne, Esq., Solicitor, The Old House, 15 and 17 Church Street, Kensington, London, W.8, stating that he holds a Power of Attorney for payment of the Decree for Malicious Injury obtained by William Clarke and his wife, Margaret M. Clarke, and asking to have the amount of same remitted to him with as little delay as possible.

37. 15 Marine Crescent,
Clontarf, Dublin,
2nd October, 1922.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

A Chara,
Will you kindly convey my sincere thanks, and those of my family, to the members of your Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the untimely death of my son.

It has been a great consolation to us to know that so very many of the public Boards of Ireland have by their resolutions signified their support of my beloved son's action in upholding the Republic which he had laboured so long and so earnestly to establish.

Is mise,
KATE BOLAND.

38. Glac buidheachas Rialtais na h-Eireann mar gheall ar an dteachtaireacht co-bhroin i dtaobh bais Mhichil Ui Choileain, Ard-Taioseach Airm na h-Eireann.

39. Rosnaree,
Rathmines, Dublin, 2-9-'22

A Chara,
Kindly convey to the members of your Council my gratitude for their kind sympathy with me in my great sorrow. Tho' my Cross is heavy, yet my consolation is that Cathal got the great and glorious death of dying for Ireland. May God send us soon the fruit of his sacrifice and that of the other soldiers of the Republic who so gladly gave their lives for Truth and Freedom.

Mise do Chara,
CAITHLIN BEAN CATHAL BRUGA.

40. 1st October, 1922, from the Manager, "Young Ireland," 204 Great Brunswick Street, Dublin, letter drawing the attention of the Council to the medium for all public announcements afforded by "Young Ireland," and asking for a share of their patronage.

41. 3rd November, 1922, from Manager, "An Sguab," Cearnog Cnocan Athais, 24, Baile Atha Cliath, letter in similar terms regarding his paper.

42. 13th November, 1922—From Inspector J. J. Madden, Civic Guards, Bray, giving the names of certain defaulting motor owners in his area, and asking for instructions.

ORDER.—The Secretary's action in referring this letter to the Chief Officer, Transport Department, Roads Section, Ministry of Economic Affairs, for instructions, approved.

43. 3 Wentworth Place
Wicklow,
17th November, 1922.

Dear Mr. Healy,
Will you please convey to the members of the Co. Council my very sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy with me on the death of my dear husband?

It is a consolation to know that the Body to whose service he devoted the best years of his life had such a high appreciation of his services, and I can assure the members of the Council that I am deeply grateful for the expression of sympathy which they sent me in my great trouble.

I also desire to thank you and the other members of the Council Staff for the kind message of sympathy which you forwarded.

Yours faithfully,
P. T. Healy,
Secretary, Co. Council,
Wicklow. KATIE DOYLE.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 19th February, 1923, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman.

Councillors Michael Fleming, Patrick Doyle, John J. Redmond, Andrew Kinsella, Morgan Travers, W. J. Doyle, Patrick Healy, John Fleming, J. Turner, John J. Healy, William Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, J. Everett, T.D., and Edward Byrne.

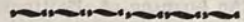
A Telegram was read from Councillor William Grainger, regretting his inability to attend the Meeting owing to illness.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To sign Quarterly Transfer on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and the several Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To consider a further Application from Miss B. Redmond, Rathdrum, to have her three years of University Scholarship extended to a fourth year.
- 4.—To consider the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 5.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 6.—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 7.—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8.—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9.—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending the 31st March, 1924.
- 10.—To approve and seal the Fidelity Bond submitted by the Secretary.
- 11.—To pass a Resolution delegating to the Finance Committee the powers vested in the Council by the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued in that connection with regard to the Collection of Road Tax—more especially the power to order Prosecutions of Defaulting Motor Owners—where such Prosecutions are deemed advisable.
- 12.—To consider Correspondence dealing with the cost of providing alternative accommodation for the holding of Courts in Dunlavin and Blessington consequent upon the burning of the Courthouse buildings in these towns.
- 12A.—To take whatever steps may be deemed advisable to recoup the Council the loss sustained by the burning of Baltinglass and Bray Courthouses; and the loss sustained by the destruction of the Sets of Sub-Standards Weights and Measures stored in Bray Courthouse and in Baltinglass Workhouse.
- 13.—To consider the terms of the Superannuation Allowance to be allowed to Ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath.
- 14.—To appoint a Junior Clerk for the Council's Offices,—in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement—if the results of the Competitive Examination conducted by the Ministry of Local Government be received in time for the meeting.

- 15.—To consider the present condition of Collector John Cullen's Poor Rate Collections (Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts); to consider in relation thereto the letters from the Ministry of Local Government dated 10th and 19th January, 1923; and to take such action as the Council may deem desirable.
- 16.—To take such steps as will ensure the lodgment by Ex-Poor Rate Collector Jas. Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, or his Sureties, of all sums still outstanding of the 1920-1921, and 1921-1922 Rate Collections, for which he is responsible to the Council.
- 17.—To consider the question of filling the position of Assistant County Surveyor rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Doyle, B.E.
- 18.—To consider a Resolution passed by Shillelagh Rural District Council asking the County Council to advance £1,000 against next year's Rates in that Rural District for the purpose of re-employing men under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.
- 19.—To consider Circular Letter dated 18th January, 1923; No. A/408, from the Ministry of Local Government—in which is outlined the Council's powers and duties in regard to the cutting and lopping of hedges and trees which prejudice or obstruct Public Roads.
- 20.—To consider letters from the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, and from the Secretary to the Dunlavin Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union—containing Resolutions relative to the stoppage of work on Roads in the portion of the County formerly known as Naas No. 2 Rural District, and the hardship the Council's action inflicts on workingmen in that area.
- 21.—To consider Correspondence received from the Ministry for Local Government relative to the Claims for Superannuation Allowances made by certain Poor Rate Collectors who resigned their positions.
- 22.—To consider a Circular Letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 22nd December, 1922, outlining, for the Council's information, the main features of the Local Elections' Postponement Bill, recently passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas.
- 23.—To reconsider the Roads Committee's Report submitted to, and adopted by, the Council at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 21st August, 1922, in so far as that Report refers to the Stamping of the Cards of the Council's employes under the Scheme for Direct Labour on Roads.
- 24.—To declare a Vacancy on the Council in room of Martin Langton, Esq., 8 Auburn Villas, Bray, deceased.
- 25.—To consider applications received for Licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 26.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 27.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 28.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 29.—To consider General Correspondence.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.



Proposed By Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That the Council do now hear the Deputation from the Farmers' Union, prior to taking up the Business on the Agenda.

Passed.

In this connection the Secretary read the following letter:—

COUNTY WICKLOW FARMERS' UNION,
3 Bath Street,
Wicklow.

16th February, 1923.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by my Co. Executive to request that the County Council will please receive a deputation from their body at their meeting on Monday next to bring before the Council matters which seriously affect the farmers as ratepayers, such as the questions of:—

- (a) Upkeep of the roads, and direct labour thereon.
- (b) Discrepancy in wages of road employees and agricultural labourers, and other matters connected with rates.

As some of the deputationists have to return by train they will feel grateful if your Council could receive them about 1 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) MATTHEW MURTAGH,
Secretary.

Having heard the Deputation at length, and it having been pointed out that the most rigid economy was being exercised in the expenditure controlled by the Council, it was unanimously decided that the Rate Estimates for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1924, be laid before the County Council, for consideration, at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of that Body, fixed to take place on Wednesday, the 28th February, instant; The County Wicklow Board of Health and the Rural District Councils of Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdown No. 2, Rathdrum, and Shillelagh to be asked to hold Meetings of these Bodies, in the meantime, with a view to reconsidering the Annual Estimates forwarded to the Council, in respect of the Year 1923-1924, and reducing, wherever possible, the figures given in these original Demands.

The Deputation thanked the Council for the courteous reception accorded them, and then withdrew.

At this stage a second Deputation, representing the Ratepayers of that portion of the County extending from Laragh to Kilmacanogue, appeared before the Council in support of the following proposal, which was approved by the Rural District Council of Rathdrum, at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 22nd January, 1923:—

"Register No. 492.—To strengthen and surface that part of the trunk road from Kilmacanogue to Rathdrum, between the Rural District Bounds of Calary and Laragh, at an estimated cost of £31,612 (less such sum, if any, as may accrue by way of Grant, the balance to be raised by Loan, repayable in at least seven years)."

The following letters on the subject were read by the Secretary:—

ROYAL IRISH AUTOMOBILE CLUB,
Dawson Street,
DUBLIN.

12th February, 1923.

Dear Sir,

The state of the road between Kilmacanogue and Laragh has been brought to the notice of my Committee, and I am instructed to write to you on the subject.

My Committee realise most thoroughly the difficulties which County Councils have in expending adequate sums, at the moment, for road maintenance; but I believe that the Rural District Council of that part of the road which is in their control under your Council have put forward a scheme for its improvement, which we hope will be sympathetically considered by you, and at the same time, it might be well if consideration were given to many dangerous curves with a view to having them straightened, and the danger removed. Under the present

scheme of taxation which bears heavily on motor users, the money so collected should be available for the improvement of roads in the way of removal of danger points as mentioned above.

A portion of this money should be at the disposal of your Council and when, in the ordinary way, the repair of the road, which is a local charge, is being done, these other improvements might be carried out if a grant for the purpose were available, and would be a considerable benefit to all road users apart altogether from motor owners. This road passing as it does through some of the most beautiful scenery in Wicklow, and being a main thoroughfare to Glendalough and the vicinity, has always been a great attraction to your district. These repairs would mean giving a great deal of employment which is now much needed, and in the future would be of benefit to persons who wishing to visit County Wicklow could do so by this road instead of by train to Rathdrum and driving from there. The encouragement of motor traffic of this kind tends to the prosperity of the district through which the road passes, a fact which I am sure your Council has not lost sight of. I trust, therefore, my Committee may rely on your Council giving this matter your sympathetic consideration.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) WALTER SEXTON,
Hon. Sec.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

TOGHER AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRY COMMITTEE,
16/2/23.

Mr. P. T. Healy,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I would respectfully ask that your Council be so kind as to receive a very representative deputation organised by my Committee to point out the absolute necessity of repairing and improving the road from Kilmacanogue, through Togher, to Laragh, which is at present, in most parts, impassable.

We would wish that the deputation be received as early as convenient to the Council, and we shall endeavour to put our views as concisely as the case permits.

Your Obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) LAURENCE MURPHY,
Organising Secretary.

Having heard the Deputation, the Council after a protracted discussion, passed the following Resolution:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to allocate substantial Grants to this Council out of the Road Board Fund, subsidised by the Road Tax collected from Motor Owners resident in this County; and that the County Surveyor be hereby directed to prepare, and submit, at the earliest possible date, suitable schemes of road improvement to the Ministry, with a view to facilitating the immediate issue of the Grants asked for.

Passed unanimously.

The Council thereupon adjourned consideration of the proposal, as submitted by the District Council.

The Secretary submitted the following correspondence, relative to a Deputation to appear, in that connection, before the Council:—

GREENANE,
Rathdrum,
14/2/23.

Secretary,
County Wicklow County Council.
Sir,

At a Meeting of the Co. Committee of the Gaelic League it was unanimously decided to have a deputation wait on the Co. Council to consider the question of the Technical Rate for the coming year. The deputation is to consist of:—

- Rev. T. Kinnane, C.C., Johnstown, Arklow;
- Mrs. C. M. Byrne, Ballykillavane;
- Brother Jarlath, Wicklow;
- Mr. Miley, Cullentra, Rathdrum.

I regret that I have not an opportunity of calling on you to arrange.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sgd.) WILLIAM LILLIS, C.C.

15th January, 1923.

A Chara,

The T.D.'s united under Dail, and those against it, clearly wish the Irish Nation to last. Therefore, it must follow that both parties desire to establish firmly the Irish Language.

We are all of one mind on this subject, and we must help one another to make Irish as the official language of the country. I fear, however, that this lately has been neglected.

It is hard to provide money enough, by collections, to keep up the Language. That is no wonder considering the amount of money that has had to be spent on other things. It is clear to all that the Co. Councils have still much to do. The Working Committee, and those engaged in the renewal of the language ask them to help us now.

It is in the power of the County and Urban Councils to provide money for the teachers of Irish.

Extract from official Decree published 3/10/1922:—

“Notwithstanding anything in the Act, the amount of the rate to be raised under the powers given by and for the purposes of the Technical Instructions Acts by a local authority.....during the local financial year.....may exceed the sum of one penny in the pound but shall not exceed the sum of two pennies in the pound.”

The Working Committee requests that one penny in the pound at least be levied for the teaching of Irish. Certain Councils forgot that last year until it was too late.

Another point, the names of the teachers should be sent in, in good time, to the Department to get bonuses for them. I hope the Councils wont fail us now. They stood to the Irish for a long time, and there is dire need for their assistance at present. It would be worth their while to take note of the schemes in force in Roscommon, Mayo, and Cork.

Beir Beannaict.
PROINSIAS O FATAIG,
General Secretary.

Having heard the arguments in favour of an additional Rate, as put forward by the Deputation, the Secretary reported that a Rate of twopence (2d.) in the £, amounting annually to £2,086, was already being levied over the Rural portion of the County Wicklow, under the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889, 1891, and 1899, and that, of this annual sum, £522, representing a Rate of a half-penny (½d.)

in the £, was, through the County Technical Instruction Committee, devoted solely to the teaching of Irish.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella:—

"I, or some other member for me, will propose, at the next Meeting of this Council, that the sum of one extra half-penny (½d.) per £ Rate be levied for the teaching of Irish, in addition to the half-penny (½d.) already being raised, subject to approval of the Local Government Department."

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Winter 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 30th January, 1923.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. Redmond, Presiding Chairman; Councillors B. Kelly, J. Everett, James Turner, and Wm. 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:—

COUNTY AT LARGE	...	...	...	...	...	£12711 13 2
BALTINGLASS No. 1:—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£536 19 9
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£536 19 9
RATHDOWN No. 2:—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£126 19 7
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£126 19 7
RATHDRUM:—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£221 10 11
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£221 10 11
SHILLELAGH:—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£20 0 6
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	8 5 8
						£28 6 2
REPAYMENT OF LOANS	...	...	...	...	...	£346 7 6

The Committee recommend the Council to make the following payment on foot of the Annual Demand for the Year 1922-23 received from Rathdrum Rural District Council:—

TRANSFER TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

RATHDRUM	£372 0 0
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The following Resolution, which was passed by the County Council at the Quarterly Meeting held on 20th November, 1922, was submitted by the Secretary, together with Schedules which he had prepared showing the Poundage and Emoluments paid to Ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath during the three years prior to his resignation:—

"Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 15th September, 1922 No. 18261/1922, the Finance Committee be hereby directed to consider the details of the Superannuation Allowance to be given Ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath, Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, and Report thereon to the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council."

ORDER.—There being but four Members present, the Committee refer the fixing of this Superannuation Allowance to the Council, to be dealt with by them.

The Secretary submitted a File of Correspondence which had passed with Edward J. Little, Esq., B.L. 8 Duncairn Terrace, Bray, District Justice for County Wicklow; Messrs. Richard Stokes and Co., 60 Dawson Street, Dublin; Miss E. Merrey, Downshire Office, 71 Rathgar Road, Dublin; A. Chatterton, Esq., Estate Office, Enniskerry; and Inspector E. Tarpey, Civic Guard, Dunlavin—in connection with:—(a) determining the Council's tenancy of the buildings in Dunlavin and Enniskerry formerly used as Sessions Houses, the former building having been destroyed, and the latter building being no longer required for that purpose; (b) the disposal of the Sub-Standard Weights and Measures, Presses, etc., in Enniskerry Court House; and (c) the necessity for providing in Dunlavin and Blessington alternative accommodation in which Sessions Courts may be held.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend that the Council's tenancies of Dunlavin and Enniskerry Court Houses be determined; that the property of the County Council in Enniskerry Court House be taken therefrom and lodged in the Stores underneath the Court House, Wicklow; and that the best available terms for suitable alternative accommodation in Dunlavin and Blessington in which to hold Sessions Courts be obtained and submitted to the Council.

A letter, dated 18th December, 1922, was submitted from Mr. John Speares, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, Rathdrum, offering to sell a Press and two Nests of Drawers, his property, in the Court House, Rathdrum, to the Council for £5 and £6, respectively.

In this connection the Secretary read a letter which he had received from the District Justice, Edward J. Little, Esq., B.L., in which he strongly recommended the Council to purchase the Press, and Nests of Drawers, which he found on examination, to be most suitable in construction, perfect in state, and absolutely necessary equipment for the Sessions Court in Rathdrum.

ORDER.—The County Surveyor is hereby directed to inspect the articles and report on same, and their value, to the Committee.

The following letter was laid before the Committee for consideration:—

"9 Rathmines Road,
"Dublin, January 29th, 1923.

"Dear Sir—

"I beg respectfully to apply for the renewal of my University Scholarship, which I held for three years in the National University.

"Last year, owing to financial difficulties, the Council did not grant the extension, and, as a consequence I was unable to go for the M.A. Degree. You may remember that heretofore Mr. Cosgrave, then Local Government Minister of the Day; Dr. Coffey, President of University College, Dublin; and Mr. Fahy, Deputy Minister of Education, wrote on my behalf.

"On enquiry from the University Authorities, I find that every other County in Ireland, except Wexford, grants a fourth year extension, and some a fifth year extension, if necessary.

"As the amount is comparatively small—and yet necessary to me for the completion of my course—I trust you will see your way to grant it.

"I remain,

"Yours truly,

"BRIDIE REDMOND."

ORDER.—Referred to the County Council for consideration.

(Signed) JOHN J. REDMOND,
Presiding Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond.
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner.

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, be, and it is hereby approved, and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne.
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle.

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfer to the Rural District Council of Rathdrum, as recommended by the Finance Committee in Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

A further application, dated 29th January, 1923, was submitted from Miss Bridie Redmond, 9 Rathmines Road, Dublin, to have her three years of University Scholarship extended to a fourth year.

ORDER.—The Council regret they cannot accede to this request.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 19th Feb., 1923, when the following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. Redmond, Presiding Chairman.
Councillors Eamonn O'Neill, C. M. Byrne, T.D., and James Turner.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS £29 10 6

The County Surveyor, writing on the 13th February, 1923, stated that he had, as directed, inspected the press and two nests of drawers offered for sale to the Council by Mr. John Speares, Late Clerk to Petty Sessions, Rathdrum, and reported that these articles were in good condition, and were, in his opinion, worth the price asked for them.

ORDER.—Mr. John Speares, Ex-C.P.S., to be given Eleven Pounds (£11) for these articles.

Signed:—JOHN J. REDMOND,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne.

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now submitted, be, and it is hereby approved, and adopted.

Passed.

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

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill.
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £12,711 13s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill.
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £536 19s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor 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 £126 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, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £221 10s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming.
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £28 6s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor J. Fleming.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £364 7s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor J. Fleming.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment, amounting to £29 10s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Fleming.
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle.

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed.

Passed.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Form No. 20, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
14th February, 1923.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,
QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY, 1923.

GENTLEMEN—

1.—Of the proposals for new works coming before you but two require special notice: (1) To repair the road from Clash to Ballard, £40. This road is a cul-de-sac and the sum of £40 is insufficient. (2) To provide by Loan and Grant the money for the strengthening, etc., of the road from Rathdrum Rural District Bounds through Togher and Annance to Laragh. This line of road (which has been indicated as a Trunk Road) has, of recent years been, each Summer season, subject to intense motor traffic, most of which originates outside the County Wicklow. Owing to the weak nature of the road, which is without a solid foundation, and on a boggy subsoil, the ordinary repair by patching is not only inadequate but actually a danger and a nuisance to the public—so that nothing short of complete reconstruction is possible to put this road into a condition to withstand modern traffic. Under the old Road Board, in a similar case, the Council obtained Grants and Loans, free of Interest. The functions of the Road Board are now carried on by the Ministry for Local Government and as there will soon be available for distribution the accumulated Motor Tax money it is only reasonable to expect at least as generous treatment for this most essential work.

2.—I regret that the Rathdrum Rural District Council did not consider it expedient to formulate proposals for the re-surfacing of the Wicklow-Ashford portion of the Bray-Wicklow road. This part of the road was surfaced in 1915-16, and the estimated life of the road was 5 years. The surface is now worn out after 7 years, and re-surfacing is essential. I consider that the new surface work could be done by Loan on an estimated life of 7 years.

3.—In accordance with instructions stone from the Harbour at Greystones is being broken for the Windgates road, but as the stone appears to be getting too small for roller work it will be necessary to open a quarry on Windgates. This road is so distorted that an expenditure of about £2,000 per mile at least is necessary to fit it for modern traffic.

4.—The work on the roads has been satisfactory, but from various causes there is a shortage in the money set out for the Ashford, Rathnew, Anghrim, and Arklow areas. Therefore, I request approval (in accordance with the provision in the Direct Labour Scheme) to the transfer to these Sections, to sufficiently carry on to the 31st March, 1923, the necessary work, such sums as I may find can be spared from the other Sections in the same Rural District

5.—The money provided for Shillelagh Rural District is now exhausted. Already in Carnew-Shillelagh Section work is suspended and I consider that it is absolutely necessary that, to prevent deterioration of the roads a further sum of at least £300 should be authorised to carry on to 31st March next.

6.—I again request that immediate steps be taken to provide me with a competent Assistant to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jos. Doyle.

Your obedient Servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDERS:—

Paragraph 1.—See Resolution passed after hearing Deputation re road from Laragh to Kilmacanogue.

Paragraph 2.—No Order.

Paragraph 3.—Consideration postponed.

Paragraph 4.—See Resolution.

Paragraph 5.—See Resolution.

Paragraph 6.—See Resolution.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner.

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to transfer to Ashford, Rathnew, Anghrim, and Arklow Sections such sums as can be spared from the other Sections in the Rural District to carry on to 31st March, 1923.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle.

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum, not exceeding £300, in Shillelagh Rural District, in maintaining the roads in that Area to 31st March, 1923, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That consideration of the question of filling the Assistant Surveyorship vacated by Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E., be postponed for three months.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy,
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That application be hereby made to the Ministry of Local Government to sanction the extension of the limits of Road Expenditure in this County as follow:—

In Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District from	£1,792 to	£9,242.
In Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	£2,200	£8,280.
In Rathdrum Rural District	£8,990	£19,468.
In Shillelagh Rural District	£2,386	£5,470.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a circular letter, dated 18th January, 1923, No. A/408, from the Ministry of Local Government, outlining the Council's powers and duties in regard to the cutting and lopping of hedges, which prejudice or obstruct public roads.

The following communication was submitted from the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House,
Wicklow,
13th February, 1923.

The Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Gentlemen—

Mr. Frame has written asking for his a/c Re haulage from "Bellevue" to Greystones. He admits to 10,500 tons of timber, and I consider that he should pay (1) actual extra cost of repair to Road No. 37, Rathdown, from Delgany to Coolnaskeagh, viz., £68 17s. 4d. (2) A charge of 1d. per ton mile on an average haulage of 2 miles on the main road—Delgany to Greystones, viz., 9 10,500 tons at 2 miles at 1d.—£87 10s. 0d. Total, £156 7s. 4d.

I enclose Mr. Frame's letter.

Mise le meas,

(Sgd.) S. G. GALLAGHER.

1 Enclosure.

NO ORDER.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL:

List of Proposals (Form No. 20) submitted.

RATHDOWN No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:

List of Proposals (Form No. 20) submitted.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT:

List of Proposals (Form No. 2) submitted.

The Council rejected Proposal No. 493, to put in repair the road from the village of Clash to Ballard, at a cost not to exceed £40, as to expend money thereon would be illegal.

Proposal No. 492, to strengthen and surface the road between Laragh and Kilmacanogue, at a probable cost of £31,612, was adjourned—vide Resolution passed following the hearing, in this connection, of the Deputation at this Meeting.

The Secretary read the following Resolution which he had received from the Secretary of the Newcastle Farmers' Association:—

“Resolved—That the road leading from Three Trout Bridge, past the old Mill, to the Greystones Road be opened.”

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers:

“I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor, will move that the road from Kilcoole Street to Knockroe be improved.”

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT:

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella.

Resolved—That we now sign and seal the two applications for refund of expenses under the Disease of Animals Acts.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council be convened for Wednesday, the 28th February, instant, to consider the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates of Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1924; and to strike the Rates for the service of that year.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the terms of the Fidelity Bond submitted by the Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy; that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto; and that the Bond in operation during the years that Mr. Healy was Chief Clerk be hereby determined, and cancelled.

Passed.

The Council had before them a file of correspondence received from their Law Agent, and the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government, dealing with the Registration and Licensing of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles, and the institution of such Legal Proceedings as may be found necessary in that connection.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby formally delegate to the Council's Finance Committee the powers vested in the County Council by the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued, in that connection, with regard to the Registration

and Licensing of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles, especially the power to order Prosecutions of Defaulting Motor Owners, where such Prosecutions are deemed, by the Finance Committee, to be advisable.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence (including a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 18th December, 1922, No. L.G.8/14), dealing with the necessity of providing alternative accommodation for the holding of Courts in Dunlavin and Blessington, consequent upon the burning of the Courthouse Buildings in these towns.

Proposed by Councillor James Turner,
Seconded by Councillor J. Fleming.

Resolved—That the Council's Law Agent—Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—be directed to take such legal steps as may be necessary to determine the Council's tenancies of the Premises in Dunlavin and Enniskerry, hitherto used as Court-houses.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which he had received from the County Surveyor, and from the Officers in Charge of the different Civic Guard Stations throughout the County, regarding the Council's Sub-Standards of Weights and Measures, from which it appeared that the Council had suffered considerable loss in that connection, by reason of the burning of Bray Courthouse, Baltinglass Workhouse, and the several Barracks occupied by the R. Irish Constabulary.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella.

Resolved—That we hereby direct our Law Agent—Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—to take such legal steps as may be required to ensure that this Council is recouped the losses they sustained by the burning of the Baltinglass and Bray Court-houses, and the losses sustained by them by the destruction of the sets of Sub-Standards of Weights and Measures that were stored in Bray Court House; in Baltinglass Workhouse, and the Barracks occupied by the Royal Irish Constabulary.

The Secretary submitted a voluminous file of correspondence, reports from Deputy Checkers, and Financial Statements, showing the condition of Mr. John Cullen's Poor Rate Collections (Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts), and formally reported that these documents disclosed the fact that the Collections referred to were practically in the same unsatisfactory condition to-day as they were twelve months ago, and, further, that Collector Cullen paid little, if any, attention to the Council's Orders, or to the letters addressed to him by their Secretary, and their Law Agent. The Council, having heard the Collector, who was present, made the following Order:—

ORDER.—Collector Cullen to supply the Law Agent before the Council's Adjourned Meeting—to be held on the 28th February, instant—with a further list containing the name, address, and full particulars in the case of every Rate Payer whose Rates, for either the years 1920-21 or 1921-22, still remain unpaid in Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts.

It was reported to the Council that there was over £400 Rates, belonging to the 1920-1921 and the 1921-1922 Poor Rate Collections, still outstanding in No. 14 Collecting District, from which Ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, had recently resigned.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming.

Resolved—That the Council's Law Agent, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, be hereby directed to take immediate steps against Ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, and his two Sureties, to compel them to forthwith lodge to credit of the County Council all sums still outstanding of the 1920-1921 and the 1921-1922 Poor Rate Collections, for which he is responsible under the terms of his Bond to this Council; Mr. McCarroll to give a month before taking Proceedings—if he sees fit.

Passed.

The Council noted the terms of the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 22nd December, 1922, in which was outlined, for their information, the main features of the Local Elections' Postponement Bill, recently passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas.

The Secretary drew attention to the Roads Committee's Report, which was submitted to, and adopted by, the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 21st August, 1922, in which it was recommended that the Council take steps to cease stamping the Cards of the Council's employees under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, as a protest against the unsatisfactory way claims by late employees of the Council have been met by the Insurance Authorities. The Secretary asked to have this portion of the Committee's Report referred to reconsidered, as he felt unable, up to the present, to accept responsibility for discontinuing the stamping of Cards, until the point had been reviewed, and a more definite Order given. He further mentioned that, between the 17th October, 1921, and the 6th February, 1923, National Health Insurance Stamps to the value of £744 18s. 7d., and Unemployment Insurance Stamps to the value of £1,769 4s. 2d., had been affixed to the Cards of the Council's Employees under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

ORDER.—Consideration adjourned indefinitely.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy.

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 E. 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.
- John Kilmartin, Rathdangan.
- F. J. Allen, Donard.
- Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan.
- Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum.
- P. J. Graham, Knockanna.
- J. W. Handbidge, Dunlavin.
- James Lawler, Dunlavin.
- Robert Griffin, Bray.
- F. J. Sutton, Rathdrum.
- Mrs. Mary Anne Geraty, Mill Lane, Carnew.

And the issue of New License to the following:—

- Wm. F. Murphy, Anghrim.
- Samuel Henry Correll, Carnew.

Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

Public Health Laboratory,
University College,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin, 22/1/23.

Report on Analyses carried out for the County Wicklow Board of Health for the quarter ending 31 12/1922.

Three samples of Drugs analysed. All passed as genuine.

Poisoning Case investigated for Dr. F. J. G. King, M.O. to County Fever Hospital.

(Sgd.) JOHN KEANE,
M.Sc., A.I.C.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.

Resolved—That the Council approve of the Deed of Indemnity, submitted (in duplicate) from the Greystones Electric Light and Power Company, in connection with the permission granted by the Council to the Company to erect, and carry upon, or over, the roads and footpaths in Greystones overhead wires, and that the Seal of the Council be now affixed to the Deed (in duplicate).

Passed.

At this stage of the Council's proceedings, a Deputation of two, from that portion of the County formerly known as Naas No. 2 Rural District, asked to be allowed to present to the Council the views of the Rate Payers in the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, with regard to the Collection of the £5,700, odd, still outstanding in Collector John Cullen's Collecting Districts Nos. 5 and 6, in respect of the Rate for the years 1920-1921 and 1921-1922. It was stated by the Deputation that the Rate Payers generally were quite willing to pay all Rates due, if the Council would first eliminate from the Demand Notes the Separate Charge, included therein, in respect of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

On it being pointed out that the Council had no discretionary powers whatever to put in force the suggestion, but, on the contrary, were legally bound to use every means at their disposal to enforce the payment of all outstanding Rates in the two Collecting Districts concerned, the Deputation withdrew.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella:—

1. I beg to propose a vote of sympathy with the 58 executed prisoners, notably, Childers, O'Connor, and Liam Mellowes, together with the relatives of James O'Toole, Rathdangan. Copies of this Resolution to be sent to the relatives of those mentioned.

2. As it is believed that the state of Mr. Barton's health is critical, we consider his continued incarceration to be a sentence of death without trial. We cannot allow a Member of this Council to be so treated without making a protest.

3. That we, the Members of this, the Wicklow County Council, beg to condemn in the strongest manner the action of the Free State Government in their past action of execution of Prisoners of War and their threat to again renew and resort to such ignoble practices, and that we call upon our Chairman, Mr. C. M. Byrne, who is a member of the DAIL, to withhold his support from the Government in case that such practices be again resorted to.

Consideration of the remaining items on the Council's Agenda was postponed to the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, to be convened for Wednesday, the 28th February, 1923.

THE ADJOURNED SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, AT 12.30 O'CLOCK P.M., ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH FEBRUARY, 1923.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman.

Councillors A. Kinsella, M. Fleming, Morgan Travers, Seamus Turner, Felix O'Rafferty, J. J. Metcalfe, J. J. Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; E. O'Neill and E. Byrne.

AGENDA.

1. To consider Report from the Finance Committee.
2. To transact the items of business on the Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on the 19th February, 1923, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.
3. To consider the following Notices of Motion handed in by Councillor Andrew Kinsella:—

(1) I beg to propose a vote of sympathy with the 58 executed prisoners, notably, Childers, O'Connor and Liam Mellowes, together with the relatives of James O'Toole, Rathdangan. Copies of this Resolution to be sent to the relatives of those mentioned.

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(3) That we, the Members of this, the Wicklow County Council, beg to condemn in the strongest manner the action of the Free State Government in their past action of execution of Prisoners of War and their threat to again renew and resort to such ignoble practices, and that we call upon our Chairman, Mr. C. M. Byrne, who is a Member of the Dail, to withhold his support from the Government in case that such practices be again resorted to.

(4) I, or some other Member for me, will propose at the next Meeting of this Council that the sum of one extra halfpenny per pound rate be levied for the teaching of Irish, in addition to the halfpenny already being raised, subject to approval of the Local Government Department.

4. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
5. To consider Reports from County Officers.
6. To consider Official Correspondence.
7. To consider General Correspondence.

Councillor A. Kinsella asked for—and received—the Council's permission to take the Notices of Motion standing in his name as the first item of business to be considered at the Meeting.

Councillor A. Kinsella thereupon proposed the following:—

"I beg to propose a vote of sympathy with the fifty-eight executed prisoners, notably, Childers, O'Connor and Liam Mellowes, together with the

relatives of James O'Toole, Rathdangan. Copies of this Resolution to be sent to the relatives of those mentioned."

As no Councillor seconded the Motion it was not considered.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella.
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner.

"As it is believed that the state of Mr. Barton's health is critical, we consider his continued incarceration to be a sentence of death without trial. We cannot allow a Member of this Council to be so treated without making a protest."

At the request of the Chairman the following Medical Certificate was read to the Meeting by the Secretary:—

MOUNTJOY MILITARY PRISON,
27th February, 1923.
5.10 p.m.

I have to-day examined Prisoner R. Barton. There is no pleural effusion. He doesn't cough, expectorate, or suffer from night sweats. Pulse and temperature normal.

He has a good appetite and believes he is putting on weight.

(Signed) EDWARD HIGGINS.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill.
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming;

and Resolved:—

That the two Members of this Council who are Members of the Dail, be asked to use their influence with the Government to see that Mr. Barton's health be not prejudiced by continued imprisonment.

On a show of hands being taken, it was found that of the Councillors present three voted for the original Motion and seven voted for the Amendment. The Amendment was thereupon put to the Meeting as a substantive Resolution and declared by the Chairman to be passed by seven votes to three.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella.

"That we, the Members of this, the Wicklow County Council, beg to condemn in the strongest manner the action of the Free State Government in their past action of execution of Prisoners of War and their threat to again renew and resort to such ignoble practices, and that we call upon our Chairman, Mr. C. M. Byrne, who is a Member of the Dail, to withhold his support from the Government in case that such practices be again resorted to."

There being no Second for the Motion as it stood, Councillor A. Kinsella, as a protest, withdrew from the Meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, the 19th February, 1923, when the following Members attended:—

COUNCILLOR J. J. REDMOND, Presiding Chairman;
COUNCILLORS EAMONN O'NEILL; C. M. BYRNE, T.D., and JAMES TURNER.

RATE ESTIMATES—1923-1924.

The Secretary submitted the Annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate during the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1924, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the sums to be supplied to other Public Bodies during that period.

In the subjoined Report on the Rate Estimate, 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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

ON THE RATE ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1924.

Gentlemen—

I beg to submit herewith the Annual Estimate of the General Rate, which, in my opinion, will be required during the forthcoming Financial Year to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the monies which must be supplied on demand to the other Public Bodies depending for their funds upon the County Council, and in this connection I desire to make the following explanatory observations:

If we are to arrive at a proper understanding of the cause of the increase in the Rates now before you, it is necessary to refer back to two paragraphs which appeared in the Secretary's Report adopted twelve months ago by the Council when striking the Rates for the service of the year 1922/1923.

These paragraphs are as follows:—

"At the end of this financial year, namely, on the 31st March, 1922, 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.

The Gross General Rate on Agricultural Land, after crediting sums equal to Agricultural Grant, was:—

Year	County	Union	District	Total
YEAR 1922-1923.	Naas R.D.	2 11 1/2	2 0 11 1/2	5 7
	Baltinglass and Naas R.D.	2 11 1/2	2 0 11 1/2	5 7
	Naas Union Charge.	1 1 1/2	2 2 1/2	5 9 1/2
	Rathdown No. 2 R.D.	0 0 11 1/2	2 2 1/2	5 3 1/2
YEAR 1921-1922.	Naas R.D.	2 11 1/2	2 0 11 1/2	5 7
	Baltinglass and Naas R.D.	2 11 1/2	2 0 11 1/2	5 7
	Naas Union Charge.	1 1 1/2	2 2 1/2	5 9 1/2
	Rathdown No. 2 R.D.	0 0 11 1/2	2 2 1/2	5 3 1/2
YEAR 1920-1921.	Naas R.D.	2 11 1/2	2 0 11 1/2	5 7
	Baltinglass and Naas R.D.	2 11 1/2	2 0 11 1/2	5 7
	Naas Union Charge.	1 1 1/2	2 2 1/2	5 9 1/2
	Rathdown No. 2 R.D.	0 0 11 1/2	2 2 1/2	5 3 1/2

Further, I have assumed that the normal grants—Agricultural, Estate, and Licence Duty—applicable to the ensuing financial year (1922/1923), will be received and, accordingly, I have credited them also, but separately, in the manner followed in past years."

The Government Grants available last year to be thus credited towards the reduction of Rates for the year 1922/1923 totalled £48,700 odd; to reduce the Rates for the year 1923/1924 the Council can only credit a normal year's Government Grants, namely, £8,846 (the Agricultural Grant is of course applied to reduce the rate on land) and, consequently, a marked increase in the Rates for the coming year inevitably follows.

In the Estimate now submitted the Council is being asked to raise the actual total sums demanded by (1) Grange-gorman Mental Hospital Authorities; (2) by the County Wicklow Board of Health; and (3) by the several Rural District Councils in the County, and it should be borne in mind that the County Council has no control whatever over the expenditure of these Bodies, the obligation being cast upon the County Council to strike and collect such a rate as will raise the sums demanded, and to transfer to the Bodies mentioned in Quarterly sums the proceeds of such rate.

Every Rate which a County Council strikes in respect of any Rural District for a financial year is made up of County Charges, Union Charges, and District Charges, but it does not appear to be generally realized that the County Council, as a Body, is responsible for the increase or decrease in County Charges only; that the County Board of Health is responsible for the increase or decrease in Union Charges solely; and that the several Rural District Councils are responsible wholly for the increase or decrease of the District Charges in their own Area. It follows, therefore, that any criticism considered necessary should be directed towards the Public Body whose estimate, as forwarded to the County Council, caused an increase in Rates, and in this connection I desire to direct your attention to the fact that the Rate recommended to be now struck for County Charges in respect of the coming financial year is 2 1/2d (Two-pence Three farthings) less than the County Charges Rate struck last year and the year before.

The Rates recommended to be struck for Union Charges and for District Charges are approximately the same as they were for the financial year 1920/1921, the last year in which a normal year's Government Grants could be taken into consideration, and, incidentally, the year in which the present County Council took up office.

It will be within the recollection of the Members of the Council that the Secretary last year reported that the Council has now no Reserve Balance. No attempt was made by the Council then to restore this Reserve Balance, and I make no suggestion now in that connection. 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 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.

The Council will no doubt take suitable action in this Estimate regarding the Criminal Injuries Bill introduced in An Dail last week, one section of which will, if unchanged, enact that a contribution equal to the proceeds of a rate of 6d. (Sixpence) in the £ over the Rural portion of each County shall be made through the Ministry of Local Government to the Road Fund Account by every County Council during each of the five years commencing the 1st of April, 1923. The Bill in question has not yet become an Act, and, consequently, I have not, in the figures before you, given effect to any of its provisions.

In the appended tables I have indicated, for comparative purposes, the total General Charge Rate assessed in respect to the years 1920/1921, 1921/1922, and 1922/1923; and also the total General Charge Rate required to be struck for the service of the ensuing financial year ending 31st March, 1924.

RATHDOWN NO. 2 RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL recommended that the special sum of £2,400 set aside under the heading 'Road Expenditure' be divided into two sums of £1,200 each, one £1,200 to be included in the County Council's Estimate for the ensuing Financial Year; the other £1,200 to be included in the County Council's Estimate for the service of the Financial Year 1924/1925.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL was unable to recommend any reduction in their demand as originally submitted. It was, however,

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T. D.
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner;
and Resolved—

That the Rathdrum Rural District Council Demand be reduced by £700 asked for by the County Surveyor to meet the cost of Bridge repairs in the year 1923/1924

Passed.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL recommended that their Demand as originally submitted be reduced by the sum of £150; further, it was recommended that the special sum of £400 set aside for Road Expenditure be spread over a period of five years and that no portion thereof be included in the County Council's Estimate for the service of the Financial year 1923/1924.

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH recommended that their Demand as originally submitted to the County Council be reduced under the heading "Home Help" by the sum of £1,000 in the Rathdrum Union Area, and by £100 in the Shillelagh Union Area, making a total reduction of £1,100

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill;
and Resolved—

That we hereby confirm the Estimates—Forms 45 and 46 now submitted and adopt same with the Amendments shown therein, and determine that the resulting Rates in the £ be levied by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial year ending 31st March, 1924.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming.
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
and Resolved—

That we hereby direct the Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 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 Financial Year ending 31st March, 1924.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne.

Resolved—That the Minister of Local Government be approached with a request to still further extend the limits of the Road Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1923, in this County, to the following sums:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1	...	...	£12,542
RATHDOWN No. 2	...	...	10,125
RATHDRUM	...	...	25,278
SHILLELAGH	...	...	7,000

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,
and Resolved—

That the attention of the Ministers of LOCAL GOVERNMENT and FINANCE be directed to the large sums due at this date to Wicklow County Council by way of Government Grants, and that the Secretary be hereby instructed to request the Minister of the appropriate Government Department to forthwith make an early and substantial lodgment of same to credit of this Council.

Passed unanimously.

The Council proceeded to consider the following Extract from the Report of the Proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 30th January, 1923, the Report of which was approved and adopted by the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 19th February, 1923:—

"The following Resolution, which was passed by the County Council at the Quarterly Meeting held on 20th November, 1922, was submitted by the Secretary, together with Schedules which he had prepared showing the Poundage and Emoluments paid to Ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath during the three years prior to his resignation:—

"Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 15th September, 1922, No. 18261/1922, the Finance Committee be hereby directed to consider the details of the Superannuation Allowance to be given Ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath, Broadleas, Ballymore-Bustace, and Report thereon to the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council."

ORDER.—There being but four Members present, the Committee refer the fixing of this Superannuation Allowance to the Council, to be dealt with by them."

ORDER:—The Council made the following Order thereon:—
Mr. McGrath to be asked to submit himself for examination by a Doctor appointed by the Council.

The Secretary read the following Published Advertisement for a Junior Clerk in the Council's Offices, and also twenty-one applications received from the following:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

JUNIOR CLERK WANTED.

At a Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on an early date, the Council will proceed to appoint a Junior Clerk for the Secretary's Offices, at a salary of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£150) per annum.

Each candidate will be required to present herself or himself at a COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION in the following subjects:— Irish, Shorthand, Type-writing, English and Arithmetic, to be held by the Ministry of Local Government at a centre and on a date of which due notice will be given. Candidates will be expected to have a thorough knowledge of the first three subjects.

The Council will not recoup the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by candidates.

Applications, which should contain full particulars of age, qualifications, experience, etc., must reach the Offices of the Secretary to the Council not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 2nd day of February, 1923.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1923.

Signed: P. T. HEALY, Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Offices, Court House, Wicklow

- 1.—Miss Annie M. Beakey, St. Mary's College, Arklow.
- 2.—Miss Annie Roe, Bigerin, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 3.—Miss Margaret Jones, c/o Mr. — Jones, Bank Clerk, Birr.
- 4.—Master Thomas Power, Glassnamullen, Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow.
- 5.—Miss Annie McGinn, 46/47 Main Street, Bray.
- 6.—Miss Ellen, J. Gildea, Strabuoy, Glenties, Co. Tirconnell.
- 7.—Miss Mary Teresa Kelly, Castledermot Road, Pollerton Little, Carlow.
- 8.—Master Michael Fox, 4 Fogarty's Cottages, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow.
- 9.—Miss B. Plower, 5 Ely Place, Dublin.
- 10.—Master Patrick J. Murphy, 3 Slaney Street, Wexford.
- 11.—Master Joseph Lee, Castletown, Inch, Co. Wexford.
- 12.—Miss Bea Colfer, Killesk, Campile, Co. Wexford.
- 13.—Miss Lily Egan, Fortview Cottage, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo.
- 14.—Miss Sadie King, Glaskenny, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.
- 15.—Miss Margaret G. Carroll, Ballymanus House, Market Square, Wicklow.
- 16.—Miss Lily D. Clare, The Mall, Wicklow.
- 17.—Miss Mary A. O'Connor, "Maybrook," Athy, Co. Kildare.
- 18.—Master John Dooley, 41 Duke Street, Athy, Co. Kildare.
- 19.—Miss Louisa Redmond, Kilcandra, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow.
- 20.—Master James Doyle, New Street, Wicklow.
- 21.—Miss Sheila M. Gregory, Market Street, Wicklow.

The following letter having been considered:—

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
Upper Merrion Street,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
26th February, 1923.

Ref. No. G.8202/1923.
Wicklow County.
A Chara,

The Ministry of Local Government desire to state that the recent examination of candidates for a Junior Clerkship under the Wicklow County Council has resulted as follows:—

1.—Michael Fox, Aughrim, aged 20—Shorthand, 78; Typing, 65; Irish, 86; English, 40; Arithmetic, 85. Total: 354 marks.

2.—Ellen J. Gildea, aged 22—Shorthand, 55; Typing, 55; Irish, 52; English, 27; Arithmetic, 8. Total: 197 marks.

The remaining twelve candidates who attended for examination all failed. The best of these were—

Miss O'Connor, Athy—Shorthand, 74; Typing, 84; Irish, 25. Failed.
Miss Gregory, Wicklow—Shorthand, 67; Typing, 82; Irish, 23. Failed.
Miss Clare, Wicklow—Shorthand, 48; Typing, 65; Irish, 23. Failed.

Mise, le meas,
M. De LASAIGH,
a/s AIRE RIAGHALTAIS AITEAMHLA.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner;
and Resolved:—

That Mr. Michael Fox, of 4 Fogarty's Cottages, Aughrim, be hereby appointed to fill the position of Junior Clerk now vacant in the Council's Offices, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published Advertisements, at a salary of £150 (One Hundred and Fifty Pounds) per annum, the Ministry of Local Government having notified the Council, in their letter dated 26th February, 1923, No. G.8202/1923, that he secured the highest number of marks at the open Competitive Examination held by the Ministry at the request of the Council for the purpose of filling this vacant position; the usual Bond to be supplied by Mr. Fox.

Passed unanimously.

On the suggestion of the Secretary, the Council directed that the services of the temporary shorthand-writer and typist be retained for a further few weeks, in order that the new Clerk might be given an opportunity of adapting himself to the duties of his position.

The Council had before them the following Resolution adopted by Shillelagh Rural District Council on the 16th December, 1922, and also a file of correspondence which had since passed in that connection, including the following letter which was addressed to the Chairman of the Council:—

“RESOLVED:—That the Shillelagh Rural District Council hereby recommend the County Council of Wicklow to make an advance of £1,000 against next year's Rate on Shillelagh Rural District, for the purpose of re-employing the men recently dispensed with on the roads in the district.”

Ministry of Local Government,
Upper Merrion Street,
Dublin,
6th January, 1923.

A Chara—

Referring to the Resolution of the Shillelagh Rural District Council to advance £1,000 against next year's Rate for the purpose of re-employing men on the roads, I am directed by the Minister of Local Government to inform you that the County Council have no power to carry out this recommendation.

Mise, le meas,
Me de Leiseach,
a/s AIRE RIAGHALTAIS AITEAMHLA.

C. Byrne, Esq., T.D.
NO ORDER.

Letters were submitted from the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, and from the Secretary of the Dunlavin Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, each containing a Resolution passed relative to the stoppage of work on roads in the portion of the County formerly known as Naas No. 2 Rural District, and the hardship the Council's action inflicts on working men in that Area.
NO ORDER.

The Council proceeded to consider correspondence received from the Ministry for Local Government relative to the Claims for Superannuation Allowances made by certain Poor Rate Collectors who resigned their positions. This correspondence included copies of Statutory Declarations made by Ex-Collectors John Kelly and William J. Cardiff, and letters from the Ministry bearing the following dated:—20th November, 1922, Ref. L.G. 30/317; 6th December, 1922, Ref. G.30/317/1922; 30th December, 1922, Ref. G.10/204/1922; 11th January, 1923, Ref. G.706/1923; 20th January, 1923, Ref. G.2219/1923; 6th February, 1923, Ref. G.4358/1923; and 19th February, 1923, Ref. G.6467/1923.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,

And Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government be forwarded copies of all previous Resolutions, correspondence, etc., dealing with Ex-Poor Rate Collectors' Claims for Superannuation Allowances, and that he be informed that the County Council absolutely refuses to grant such allowances, believing—as they do—that the Collectors in question did not comply with the conditions laid down by the Council in their Resolution passed on the 24th August, 1920, namely—Re-engage with the Council under new conditions, when their personal securities had been relieved from the risks of their Fidelity Bonds by the Council's action.
Passed unanimously.

The question of the Collection of the large sums outstanding of the 1920/1921 and 1921/1922 Poor Rate Collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts was again considered by the Council, and Collector John Cullen, who was present, was brought before the Meeting. Mr. Cullen informed the Meeting that he believed the organized opposition in his Districts to the payment of Rates would be broken if the decrees already obtained were duly executed.

ORDER.—The Council's Law Agent is hereby directed to request the Sub-Sheriff to have the thirteen decrees referred to executed within fourteen days from this date.

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

WE, the Members of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by
MARTIN LANGTON, Esq.,
8 Auburn Villas, 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.

A copy of said Circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Court-house, Wicklow.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1923.

Signed,

C. M. BYRNE, Three Members
J. J. REDMOND, of Wicklow
E. BYRNE, County Council.

Signed,

P. T. HEALY,
Secretary to the said Council.

The Council had under consideration a file of correspondence received following the recent transfer of the Council's Insurance business from Messrs MacDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 16 College Green, Dublin, to Thomas Fleming, Esq.,

Insurance Broker, Shillelagh, County Wicklow, including the following letter:—
16 College Green,
Dublin,
28th November, 1922.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re Insurances.

Dear Sir—

We observe from the "Wicklow People" of the 25th inst. that your Council decided to transfer the Insurances from us to the Local Agents. We would refer you to our original application for the handling of these Insurances, in which we stated that if the Insurances were already placed through some local Agent or Agents, we would continue to pay them the usual rates of commission; however, on being given the Insurances we discovered that they were already through another firm of Brokers in Dublin, and as the Council did not nominate any local Agents there was no further action taken.

We would now like to bring before your Council the fact that the terms of our original application still hold good and we are quite willing to pay commission to any local Agent or Agents which the Council may desire to nominate.

We think you will agree that we have dealt efficiently with all your Insurances and have given entire satisfaction, our personal attention being always at your disposal. In view of the above facts we would ask you to bring this letter before your Council, when we feel sure that they will realise that it is an advantage to have all the Insurances handled by the one firm, and especially as we are prepared to act according to the Council's desire in paying the usual rates of commission to the local Agents.

We should feel very sorry that your Council should have any reason for taking the business out of our hands, and we trust that they will now see their way to re-consider the matter.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
For MacDonagh and Boland, Ltd.,
WM. BOLAND, Director.

ORDER.—No action.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.
Resolved—That the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District caused by the resignation of the Very Rev. C. O'N. Lawless, P.P., Greystones, be filled by the appointment thereon of the Rev. Paul Rafter, C.C., Greystones.
Passed.

The following Report was submitted by the County Surveyor:—
COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
28th February, 1923.

Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

GENTLEMEN—

I have received reports that Blessington Bridge, across the Liffey, has been maliciously damaged—the central arch being completely cut away. Humphreystown Bridge, across the King's River, has also been maliciously damaged—a passage of possibly eight feet wide is left in the centre, but it is also damaged. It is suspected that an unexploded mine is still in the damaged central portion of the Bridge. Ballyward Bridge has also been damaged but is barely passable—half of the central arch being cut away and a hole in the remaining portion.

I have also to report that the double gullet at the bounds of the District at Glashaboy has been again cut. Also the road at Ballinagee—between Wicklow Gap and Hollywood, has been trenched.

I beg to remind the Council of their previous instructions (a) that road work in this Area was to cease; (b) that I was not to repair any more Bridges so damaged.

I request instructions as to whether or not I am to adhere to above.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDER.—Above instructions to be strictly adhered to.

The following Notice of Motion was, in the absence of Councillor A. Kinsella, Proposed by Councillor J. Turner,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

That the sum of one extra halfpenny per £ Rate be levied for the teaching of Irish—in addition to the halfpenny already being raised—subject to the approval of the Local Government Department.

CARRIED.

The following letter was submitted from the Council's Law Agent:—

4 Church Street,
Wicklow,
27th February, 1923.

County Council and Criminal Injuries.

Dear Sir—

I think it would be advisable if the Council gave me authority to retain the services of Mr. Foley, B.E., in addition to Mr. Boyd, in the following cases:—

1. Hollywood Barracks.
2. Col. Maude's Claim.
3. Dr. White's Claim.
4. Darley's Claim.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCARROLL, J.M.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Court House, Wicklow.

ORDER—Authority granted.

In this connection the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:—

I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council, that the terms of the Resolution passed on the 20th November, 1922, directing the Law Agent when and where to avail of the Professional services of Messrs. Boyd and Foley be rescinded, and that instead, the Law Agent be empowered to use his own discretion as to whom he employs to give expert Engineering evidence at the hearing of Malicious Injury Claims.

The County Surveyor, with a letter dated the 24th February, 1923, transmitted, for the Council's consideration, the following application which he had received from the Overseers in charge of the several road sections under the Direct Labour Scheme:—

To S. G. Gallagher, Esq.,
County Surveyor, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—

We, the undersigned Overseers of the different Sections at present working under the Direct Labour Scheme, desire you to bring the following facts before the County Council on our behalf:—

1. As the Sections into which the County is divided consist of such large areas, varying from 70 to 120 miles, we find it humanly impossible to keep constantly travelling over them each day on a push bicycle. We also find it impossible to

supervise the men or carry out the work in an efficient manner, as to do that it would be absolutely necessary for us to travel over almost the entire Section each day, and the only way we could do that would be with a Motor Cycle, but with our present rate of pay we could not possibly buy a Motor Cycle or maintain one; even the cost of keeping a push bike is enormous, having to be always on the road.

2. Having taken all these things into consideration we are compelled to request the Council to either allow us a Motor Cycle or an increase of pay to enable us to buy one. We appeal to the Council, when considering their Estimates for Road Work for the coming year, to meet us fairly in this matter, and we rely upon their usual generosity.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

JOSEPH BRADY, Rathdown.
EDWARD TIERNEY, Newtown.
MICHAEL TURNER, Ashford.
PATRICK BRADY, Roundwood.
THOMAS KAVANAGH, Rathnew.
MICHAEL DOYLE, Rathdrum
WILLIAM BYRNE, Arklow.
JOHN KELLY, Tinahely.
P. J. ROGERS, Kiltegan.
JAMES RYAN, Blessington.
DENIS FAY, Dunlavin.
PATRICK KEOGH, Baltinglass.
PATRICK KEATING, Carnew.

ORDER.—Regret Council cannot comply with request.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

FROM THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1. List of goods with prices and names of Contractors declared for supply to Public Boards for period commencing 5th November, 1922, and ending 31st March, 1923.
2. From Trade Department Supplementary Price List for same period.
3. 21st November, 1922, Circular letter enclosing copy of Public Notice No. 20, relative to Compensation in respect of damage to, or destruction of property inflicted since the 11th July, 1921, and Form prescribed by the Ministry of Finance for use in that connection.
4. Ref. No. L.G.I.R./1a, 29th November, 1922, enclosing copies of the County Surveyors' Qualifications Order, 1922, and the Assistant Surveyors' Qualifications Order, 1922.
5. Ref. No. 12/61 14th December, 1922, stating in reply to the Council's enquiry of the 6th December, 1922, that the proposal contained in the last paragraph of the Engineering Inspector's letter submitted by the County Surveyor to the Council's Quarterly Meeting on the 20th November, has the approval of the Ministry, and intimating that if the balance of the Unemployment Grant is not available for the purpose indicated, the £500 (Five Hundred Pounds) in question will be paid out of the Road Funds.
6. Ref. No. L.G. 27/49, 29th December, 1922, intimating that the Minister of Finance has intimated that he will be prepared to waive penalty interests accruing on Instalments of Loans now in arrear on the understanding that these arrears will be discharged with reasonable expedition by the Authorities concerned.
7. Ref. No. G.94/2/1922, 2nd January, 1923, conveying the Ministry's approval of the terms of appointment and the salary and emoluments to be received by the new Secretary to the Council—Mr. P. T. Healy, as from the 1st September, 1922.
8. Ref. No. G.81/3/1922, 5th January, 1923, concurring in the Council's proposal to promote Mr. Thomas Langton to the position of Chief Clerk and Accountant; Mr. Lawrence Wolahan to the position of Assistant Accountant; and Mr. W. C. Byrne to the position on the clerical staff vacated by Mr. Wolahan.

9. 11th January, 1923—Circular letter dealing with the preparation of Rate Estimate for the service of the year 1923/1924, and the necessity for providing therein for ample expenditure on the repair and maintenance of Roads and Bridges.

10. Ref. No. 1393, 12th January, 1923—Circular letter dealing with the Bonuses allowed under the approved scale by Authorities to certain of their officers and the necessity for seeing that payments thereunder are in strict accordance with the scale.

11. Ref. No. G.98/10/1923, 16th January, 1923—intimating that the Ministry's Inspector has been deputed to supervise and arrange for the holding of the Special Competitive Examination in connection with the appointment of a Junior Clerk in the Council's Offices.

12. Ref. No. A.408, 18th January, 1923—Circular letter calling the Council's attention to the importance—in connection with the maintenance in good condition and repair of public roads—of exercising their powers in regard to the cutting and lopping of hedges and trees which prejudice or obstruct the roads.

13. Ref. No. L.G.2726/1923, 27th January, 1923, outlining the financial provisions governing the administration of the approved scheme for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Disease.

14. 3rd January, 1923—Circular letter intimating that the Minister is not satisfied with the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in County Wicklow.

15. Ref. No. 5597, 7th February, 1923—acknowledging the fortnightly Return showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County in respect of the years ended 31st March, 1922, and 31st March, 1923, and stating that the outstanding amounts for the year ended 31st March, 1922, must be collected and lodged immediately.

16. Ref. No. G.5617/1923, 13th February, 1923, intimating that the Ministry has been informed that the financial administration of Grangegorman Mental Hospital is being greatly hampered through non-receipt of the sums due by the Council for the current Quarter and for the past two Quarters, and making a suggestion as to how the financial difficulty involved may be met.

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Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil
(Ministry of Local Government),
Sraid Mhuirbhthoan Uach,
(Upper Merrion Street),
Baile Atha Cliath,

13th February, 1923.

A Chara—

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to draw your attention to the provision of the Electoral Bill now before the Dail in relation to the creation of polling districts and places for the purposes of the Dail and Senatorial Elections.

As a result of the redistribution effected by the Bill, a Dail constituency will generally be an entire and undivided administrative county, except in the case of the Counties of Cork and Mayo and the County Borough of Dublin, where the division will follow the lines of the County or Borough Electoral areas, as the case may be.

A Committee appointed by the Minister to consider and report as to the best practical measures for the prevention of corrupt practices during elections commented adversely on the present schemes of polling districts and places. They recommended that the polling districts should be entirely re-arranged so as to contain approximately 1,000 electors and where convenient only 500. In towns the polling district should consist of a block of contiguous streets grouped with particular regard to the polling place. The place where an elector is to poll should either be in, or quite close to, this new and small polling district. The present system of crowding booths into one small school, often at the extreme end of a large polling district, is primarily responsible for many irregularities.

It is proposed in the Bill that every Council shall, within six weeks after the passing of the Act, divide the administrative county or county borough into polling districts and appoint polling places therefor. It will be necessary that the Register now in course of preparation should be made up in its final form according to these polling districts.

Rules governing the exercise of the powers of Councils in this respect are in course of preparation, and will be issued immediately after the passing of the Act.

In the meantime it is desirable that you should take steps to formulate schemes on the lines indicated above, in draft, so that they may be considered by your Council immediately the occasion arises.

The Ministry will not be prepared to confirm any Scheme which does not comply substantially with the recommendations of the Committee.

Mise, le meas,
M. de LASAIGH,
Leas Runaidhe.

To the Secretary of each County Council.
The Town Clerk of each County Borough.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Re SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES CLAIMED BY RETIRED POOR RATE COLLECTORS.

17. Ref. No. L.G.30/317, 20th November, 1922, stating the Ministry understand that the Council accepted the resignation of Ex-Poor Rate Collector John Kelly on the 31st January, 1921, and as he would therefore appear to be entitled to receive Superannuation the Ministry would be glad to receive the Council's views.

18. Ref. No. G.30/317 1922, further letter regarding the claim of Mr. John Kelly, Ex-Poor Rate Collector, to Superannuation and indicating the prescribed manner for calculating such Superannuation, and enclosing in that connection copy of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919.

19. Ref. No. G.10/204/1922, acknowledging the Council's letter containing the details of the Superannuation allowance which the Council propose to pay to Ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan, Danesfort, Kiltegan, and intimating that the Ministry's Sanction to this pension is not required under Section 8 of the Local Government Act, 1919.

20. Ref. No. G.706/1923, 11th January, 1923, asking to be informed what decision has been come to by the Council in the matter of the claim for Superannuation made by Ex-Poor Rate Collector John Kelly.

21. Ref. No. G.2219/1923, 20th January, 1923, asking to be informed what decision has been come to by the Council in the matter of the claim for Superannuation made by Ex-Poor Rate Collector William Cardiff.

22. Ref. No. G.4358/1923, enclosing copy of a Statutory Declaration submitted to the Minister re Ex-Poor Rate Collector William J. Cardiff in connection with his claim for a Superannuation allowance, and intimating that the Ministry will proceed to determine the matter on the 28th instant, taking into consideration any representations on the subject which may be submitted by the Council and received on or before that date.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

23. Ref. No. 406/17, 12th December, 1922 outlining the procedure being followed with regard to the payment of Awards in Malicious Injury Claims.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

24. Ref. No. 105/23, 19th January, 1923—expressing the Department's approval of the appointment of the new Secretary—Mr. P. T. Healy, as Clerk to the local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts as from the 1st September, 1922, at the remuneration and on the terms fixed by the Council.

FROM THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

25. 13th February, 1923—from George R. Reid, Esq., Solicitor to the General Post Office, 60 Upper Sackville Street, Dublin, questioning the Council's right to collect District Charges Rate in respect of the half annual rent of Greystones Telephone Exchange, the Valuation of which is £22 10s

FROM OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

26. 1st January, 1923, intimating that Penal Interest accruing on arrears of Loan Instalments due to the 1st November, 1922, has been waived provided Local Authorities discharge same without unreasonable delay.

FROM COMPENSATION (IRELAND) COMMISSION.

27. Ref. No. Z.113, 5th and 7th December, 1922 asking to be furnished with details of the nature and extent of the items contained in the claim for £7,965 15s., presented by the County Council for damages done to roads and bridges.

28. Ref. No. Com.125, 16th December, 1922—acknowledging copy of the Council's Resolution with reference to the advisability of extending the application of the Criminal Injury Code to the case of applications by a County Council.

FROM IRISH COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

29. 5th February, 1923—from A. Keogh Nolan, Esq., Secretary, Circular letter enclosing copies of (a) Resolution pointing out the need for improving roads generally, thus affording much-needed employment; (b) urging on the Minister for Local Government the desirability of appointing a Representative Committee to take into consideration the entire question of Road Maintenance and the taxation of road users; (c) Resolution impressing on the Ministry of Local Government the necessity of speeding up the Examinations for vacant County Surveyorships, and attaching copy of letter from the Secretary to the Ministry of Local Government in that connection dated 27th January, 1923, and copies of the County Surveyors' Qualifications Order, 1922, and Assistant Surveyors' Qualifications Order, 1922.

30. Recommendations as to suggested conditions to be attached to the Award of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools.

FROM J. H. McCARROLL, Esq., SOLICITOR,
THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT.

31. 22nd and 30th November, 1922, enclosing Copy of Opinion of Counsel—M. J. Ryan, Esq., B.L., with reference to the Raid reported to have been made on Mr. James O'Rourke Tinahely, whilst he was acting as Temporary Poor Rate Collector under the Council.

32. 24th November, 1922, enclosing copy of a letter received from the Law Agent of the Dublin Corporation in connection with the Council's proposed opposition to the Leinster Electric Power Order, 1922.

33. 4th December, 1922, enclosing for the Council's information Notice of Objection which has been served on the Council's behalf in connection with the Leinster Electric Power Order, 1922.

34. 4th December, 1922, acknowledging receipt of the Council's Resolutions recently passed in connection with Criminal Injury Awards.

35. 4th December 1922, acknowledging receipt of the Council's instructions regarding the action to be taken concerning the house being erected at Blacklion.

36. 14th and 18th December, 1922, relative to certain Awards in Criminal Injury Cases, which the Ministry of Finance proposes to discharge at an early date.

37. 1st and 27th January, 1923, relative to the restoration of the Railway Bridge at Killaveney, Tinahely.

38. 15th December, 1922, file of correspondence dealing with the proposed prosecution of a Trader in Bray under the Food and Drugs' Acts, which prosecution broke down in the absence of the required time within which proceedings should have been initiated.

39. 5th and 8th December, 1922. From Wm. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin—dealing with the effect of the Council's Resolution to withhold payment of Tramway Dividends and Running Expenses.

40. 18th November and 13th December, 1922. From Civic Guard Superintendent M. J. Walsh, Dublin County Headquarters, Dublin Castle—with reference to payment of Expenses of the Civic Guard in connection with the Conveyance of Mental Patients, Prisoners, etc.

41. 12th February, 1923. From W. Sexton, Esq., Hon. Secretary, Royal Irish Automobile Club, Dawson Street, Dublin—dealing with the present state of the road between Kilmacnogue and Laragh.

42. 9th December, 1922, and 5th February, 1923. From E. J. Murphy, Esq., Tinahely—relative to the condition of Killaveney Bridge, Tinahely.

43. 21st November, 1922, and 19th February, 1923. Telegram and letter from late Temporary Poor Rate Collector James O'Rourke, Tinahely, asking for payment of poundage fees on Rates collected and lodged by him.

ORDER.—Referred to Solicitor.

44. 10th December, 1922. From Same—relative to the two Uncashed Cheques taken from him on the occasion of the Raid alleged in his recent Report to have been made on his house.

45. 13th and 22nd December, 1922. From Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital Dublin—urging the necessity of making immediate payments of the monies due by the Council.

46. 13th December, 1922. From Same—asking the Council's views on the amount which should be contributed by his relatives towards the maintenance of a certain patient.

47. A File of Correspondence which has passed with Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, Ltd., Insurance Brokers, 16 College Green, Dublin, and Thomas Fleming Esq., Insurance Broker, Shillelagh, relative to the Resolution passed by the Council at their November, 1922, Quarterly Meeting transferring the Council's Insurance Business to Mr. Fleming.

48. 5th December, 1922. From Mrs. S. M. Langton, 8 Auburn Villas, Bray,—expressing her grateful thanks for the kind Resolution of Sympathy passed by the Council on the occasion of the death of her husband, Mr. Martin Langton, M.C.C.

49. 14th December, 1922. From Councillor Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Killoole,—conveying his sincere thanks for the Council's Resolution of Sympathy with him on the occasion of the death of his brother.

50. 27th November, 1922. From the Secretary, Local Government Officials (Ireland) Trade Union, 4 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin—protesting against the passing over of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Baltinglass, when the Council was nominating the person to be appointed Deputy Checker of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts in that area, and asking the Council to reconsider the matter.

51. 22nd November, 1922. From Same—enclosing Copy of Resolution passed by his Trade Union pointing out the good effect that would follow if all Public Bodies filled their vacant Clerical Appointments by Open Competitive Examination.

52. From E. C. Handcock, Esq., M.I.E.E., 6 Fleet Street, Dublin—correspondence relative to a proposed Association for the safeguard of the Interests and Rights of Small Electrical Supply Stations in Ireland.

53. 11th December, 1922. From Anderson Bros., 5 Victoria Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1—enclosing statutory Notice under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920—as to the Calorific Value of the Gas which it is proposed to supply in Wicklow—and also enclosing circulars and pamphlets in that connection, and in comparison with Electric Light.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

54. 14th November, 1922. From New Ross Rural District Council—Resolution calling for Peace in Ireland by negotiation.

55. 5th December, 1922. From Wexford Corporation—Resolution suggesting that an honourable Peace settlement is possible in Ireland, and that the Most Rev. Dr. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, be invited to offer his services as peace-maker.

56. 11th December, 1922. From Conference of Representatives of Sinn Fein Executives of North and South Wexford, the Farmers' Union, and Co. Wexford Transport Union—Resolution calling for a cessation of hostilities, and a Conference at which honourable Peace Terms might be arranged.

57. 12th December, 1922. From Waterford Corporation—Resolution urging upon the Government the desirability of giving Local Authorities some voice in the control of the Civic Guard in their areas.

58. 15th December, 1922. From Cork Harbour Commissioners—Resolution discussing the best means for bringing about a cessation of hostilities, and the establishment of a Peace on a firm basis.

59. 1st January, 1923. From Longford Rural District Council—Resolutions dealing with the present condition of Ireland, and suggesting steps that might ensure Peace.

60. 2nd January, 1923. From The Peoples' Peace League, 60 Talbot Street, Dublin—outlining the Policy of the League, viz.:—"Peace by Agreement."

61. 30th January, 1923. From Monaghan County Council—Resolution calling on the Army Council to suspend the Instructions recently given that all Supplies be ordered from Central Depots in the large Cities.

62. 14th February, 1923. From Rathdrum Rural District Council—Resolution dealing with the provisions of the Criminal Injuries Bill at present before An Dail.

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON, ON MONDAY, THE 28th MAY, 1923.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, John J. Redmond, Seamus Turner, Michael Fleming, Edward Byrne, F. O'Rafferty, E. O'Neill, John J. Healy, James Byrne, John Fleming, B. Kelly, P. Murphy, J. J. Metcalfe, and James Everett.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for transfers on foot of Annual Demand received from the County Board of Health, and the several Rural District Councils.
- 4.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 5.—To consider the Proposals (if any) for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 6.—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7.—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8.—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 9.—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1924, and sign and seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.
- 10.—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Collection Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 11.—To sign and seal Demands (Forms 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.
- 12.—To consider a Report from the Roads Committee.
- 13.—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, 1924.
- 14.—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Rural District Councils, and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year, 1923-1924.
- 15.—To prepare a scheme for the division of the County Wicklow into Polling Districts, showing the Polling Places for such Polling Districts, in accordance with the Provisions of the Electoral Act, 1923, and the terms of Section 4, Sub-Section 1, of the Order of the Minister for Local Government dated 20th April, 1923.
- 16.—To consider the present state of the Poor Rate Collections in the County, and take such action in that connection as the Council may deem advisable.
- 17.—To consider certain incidents reported to have taken place in Nos. 5, 6, 10, and 17 Collecting Districts.
- 18.—To consider the question of Collecting the Rates in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts, in respect to the Financial Years 1922/1923 and 1923/1924, and take such action in that connection as the Council may deem desirable.
- 19.—To consider an application from Miss Nora McDonnell, 1 Sidmonton Avenue, Bray, to be allowed to hold her University Scholarship for a fourth year. (Referred to the Council by the Finance Committee.)
- 20.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers:
"I hereby give notice that I or some other Councillor will move that the road from Killool street to Knockroe be improved."

21.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:

"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me will move at the next meeting of this Council that the terms of the Resolution passed on the 20th November, 1922, directing the Law Agent when and where to avail of the professional services of Messrs. Boyd and Foley be rescinded, and that instead the Law Agent be empowered to use his own discretion as to whom he employs to give expert Engineering Evidence at the hearing of Malicious Injury Claims."

22.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett:

"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor on my behalf will move at the next meeting of Wicklow County Council: That notwithstanding anything on the records of the Council to the contrary, the Proceeds of One Penny of the Rate, struck under the Technical Instruction Acts for the year of 1923/1924 and future years be devoted to supplying Free Meals for necessitous School Children attending the National Schools of the County; and if there be any surplus left over from such Proceeds of One Penny Rate the said Surplus be expended on such purposes identified with Child Welfare as this Council may direct."

23.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:

"I beg to give notice that I or some one for me will move at next Meeting of the County Council that in accordance with the Provisions of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, transferring the liabilities of Boards of Guardians to the County Council, the Clerk of Shillelagh Union be paid the Superannuation allowance awarded to him in respect of loss of fees under Jurors' and Franchise Acts and as Superintendent Registrar."

23A.—To consider a letter dated the 14th April, 1923, from the Minister of Local Government, drawing the Council's attention to their liability in respect of Pensionable Officers of Unions abolished in pursuance of the County Scheme of Amalgamation.

24.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Patrick Murphy:

"I hereby give notice that I or some other Councillor for me will move the following Motion at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on May 28th, 1923: That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, the chief public Board of the County Wicklow, hereby condemn the betrayal, arrest and execution of the late Mr. Erskine Childers, who gave such long and earnest service to the cause of Irish Independence, and that on behalf of the people of the County Wicklow we repudiate all responsibility for the circumstances of his death."

25.—To appoint a permanent Sub-Committee to consider and fix the sums which should be contributed by relatives or guardians annually towards the upkeep of Patients from County Wicklow in Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

26.—To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's Contribution for the year 1923 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.

27.—To consider the Local Elections (Postponement) Act, 1922, and the Order issued thereunder by the Minister for Local Government, postponing the Elections of County Councils to the 12th September, 1923.

28.—To consider the letters from the Minister of Local Government, dated the 26th February, 1923, and 27th March, 1923, drawing attention to the duties of the Council and their Secretary under the Criminal and Malicious Injuries (Amendment) Act, 1923, with regard to the applotment of Rates in that connection.

29.—To consider Resolution received from the Aghrim Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union calling upon the County Council to immediately set more men working on the roads, in order to relieve distress consequent upon unemployment.

30.—To consider Resolution received from the County Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, dealing with the peace terms recently under consideration.

31.—To consider Resolution passed by Rathdrum Rural District Council protesting against the Council's action in striking out of the Rural District Council's Annual Demand sums which were set aside for the Repair of Bridges.

32.—To consider a Resolution passed by Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council requesting that the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, be put in force in that Rural District.

33.—To fill the declared vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Martin Langton, Esq., 8 Auburn Villas, Bray.

34.—To consider circular letters dated the 25th April, 1923, and 9th May, 1923, dealing with the question of compensation for damage to, or destruction of, property.

35.—To consider an Application received for the use of Tinahely Courthouse during the first 10 days in August, for the purpose of a Bazaar to raise money for Parochial funds.

36.—To consider a communication signed by Rev. Michael Murphy, C.C., Tinahely, petitioning the Council of the County to dispense priests of the County from the payment of Motor Tax under the Roads Act, 1920. and orders and regulations issued in that connection.

37.—To consider the question of filling 5 Vacancies reported as existing on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

38.—To consider the question of filling 3 Vacancies reported as existing on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee.

39.—To consider Notice and Schedule issued by the Minister of Local Government under the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, of 1923, modifying and amending the Union Amalgamation Scheme at present in operation in the county, under the Board of Health.

40.—To consider the list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in County Wicklow received from the Irish Land Commission.

41.—To consider a letter from W. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, with regard to the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway for the half-year ending 31st December, 1922.

42.—To arrange for a Medical Report on the present state of health of Mr. Michael McGrath, retired Poor Rate Collector, Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, by a Doctor nominated by the Council, in accordance with the Order made at the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on 28th February, 1923.

43.—To consider the County Surveyor's Annual Report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

44.—To consider a further Circular Letter from the Minister for Local Government revising the Scale of Travelling Expenses allowed to Surveyors.

45.—To consider the question of the Resignation of the Court Keeper at Tinahely and the steps to be taken towards the Appointment of his successor.

46.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

47.—To consider Reports from County Officers.

48.—To consider Official Correspondence.

49.—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The usual fortnightly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, Noon, 10th April, 1923.

The following members attended:—

Councillor James Turner, Presiding Chairman. Councillors P. Murphy and James Byrne.

The following Application was submitted to the Committee by Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor:—

Dunlavin,
10/4/23.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly request the Finance Committee to grant me leave of absence, I paying a Qualified Substitute? I am a candidate for County Surveyorship Examination and I require some time to read for same.

My substitute is Mr. O'Sullivan, B.E., B.Sc., N.U.I.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOLEY.

ORDER.—Granted.

(Signed),

JAMES TURNER,
Presiding Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 as printed and circulated be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 24th April, 1923.

The following members attended:—

Councillor James Everett, Chairman. Councillor J. J. Redmond and Councillor Seamus Turner.

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

COUNTY-AT-LARGE	...	...	...	...	...	£5,586	3 11
BALTINGLASS No. 1:—						Nil.	
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£81	7 1
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
						£81	7 1
RATHDOWN No. 2:—						Nil.	
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£61	4 7
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
						£61	4 7
RATHDRUM:—						Nil.	
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	£64	1 10
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
						£64	1 10
SHILLELAGH:—						£45	3 0
District Proposals	...	...	...	...	...	8	5 8
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	...	...
						£53	8 8
REPAYMENT OF LOANS:—						£1,333	6 8

The Committee examined the annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and the Rural District Councils submitted to them, and recommended the Council to make the following payments on foot of same.

TRANSFER TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF Q/E 30TH JUNE, 1923.

County Board of Health	...	...	...	A.	£1041	0 0
County Board of Health	...	...	...	B.	£366	10 0
County Board of Health	...	...	...	C.	£1237	15 0
County Board of Health	...	...	...	D.	£4755	10 0
County Board of Health	...	...	...	E.	£1373	5 0
					£8774	0 0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS IN RESPECT OF Q/E 30TH JUNE, 1923.

Baltinglass No. 1	...	...	...	...	£1011	0 0
Rathdown No. 2	...	...	...	...	£1129	0 0
Rathdrum	...	...	...	...	£1855	5 0
Shillelagh	...	...	...	...	£1006	0 0
					£5001	5 0

The Committee considered and formulated a scheme governing the County University Scholarships for the scholastic year 1923/1924, copy of which is as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1923.

The Wicklow County Council offers for Competition at the Special Examination to be conducted by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, on 3rd July, 1923, 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 Wicklow for five years previous to the date of Examination.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidates to whom Scholarships or 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 qualified candidates next in order of merit at the Special Examination, and who Matriculate.

Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second and Third Year shall be made by each scholar and no payment will be made in respect of the Second Year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce a Certificate that he has passed the first University Examination and also a Certificate from the College, or the duly Authorised Officer thereof, of 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 18th 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.

24th April, 1923.

P. T. HEALY, Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Committee had before them an application dated the 28th February, 1923, from Miss Nora McDonnell, 1 Sidmonton Avenue, Bray, to be allowed a 4th year of her University Scholarship.

The Secretary submitted in this connection a letter dated the 23rd February, 1923, which he had received from Councillor Patrick Murphy, Dargan St., Bray, in which he strongly supported this application.

ORDER.—Referred to County Council.

There being only three members present the Committee decided to adjourn to the next meeting the question of considering and formulating a scheme governing Secondary School Scholarships to be awarded for the scholastic year 1923/1924.

Acting on the suggestion of the Secretary, the Committee directed that the Council's Law Agent take the usual steps to terminate the Council's tenancy of the building in Avoca hitherto used as a Sessions house, it being understood that it would be no longer required for that purpose.

The County Surveyor in his letter dated the 23rd April, 1923, reported that he had made enquiries regarding the alternative accommodation at Blessington and Dunlavin for Sessions Courts, but that so far as he could find out there is no place available in either town. He further mentioned that the building in Dunlavin formerly used as a Courthouse has been smashed up.

ORDER.—Noted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated the 20th March, 1923, and other correspondence, from Mr. A. Cullen, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, in which he intimated that his client, Mr. Patrick Maguire of Ballard, Shillelagh, has consulted him with reference to a cow, Mr. Maguire's property, which was killed on the 17th instant, by reason of the alleged negligence of the Council's workmen in the erection of a gate in a gap in the boundary fence between his farm and adjoining farm of Mr. Michael Fleming.

The Committee noted that their Insurance Company had written that they were unable to admit liability, having regard to the purely accidental circumstances attaching to the occurrence, and approved of the Secretary's action in so informing Mr. A. Cullen, solicitor.

The following two letters from the Minister of Local Government were submitted, and the Secretary reported that in accordance with the Criminal and Malicious Injuries (Amendment) Act, 1923, he had carried into effect the instruc-

tions in the letter dated the 27th March, 1923, in so far as it referred to the Applotment of Rates:—

Circular No. R/30.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
UPPER MERRION STREET,
DUBLIN.

26th February, 1923.

A Chara,

The Criminal and Malicious Injuries (Amendment) Bill, 1923, which is at present before Dail Eireann contains a Clause (Section 13) requiring that the Council of every County and Co. Borough shall in each of the next 5 financial years, levy a rate of 6d. in the £, and shall pay to the Exchequer the sum so raised, and such sum will be paid into and form part of the Road Fund. Provision is also made that the Road Fund may inter alia be applied for repairing any damage (including total destruction) done at any time prior to the 6th instant to any Road or Bridge. This Clause of the Bill has not met with any opposition and as the Government believe that it will become law at an early date, the operation of the enactment will be facilitated if the necessary preliminary steps are now taken.

As it is the intention that this rate should be levied in respect of the forthcoming financial year it would be well that when submitting your estimate to the County Council you would make provision for the inclusion thereof. It is further desirable that when framing the demand to be made by the County Council on each Urban District Council a sum equal to the produce of the rate of 6d. in the £ to be levied on the Urban District should be included.

I think it well to impress on the County Council the fact that the produce of the rate above referred to is intended to be applied to the repair and restoration of damaged roads and bridges, and that the proposed enactment will not relieve them of their statutory obligation of making the necessary provision for the proper maintenance of Public Works in their charge.

The administration of the Road Fund as the Council are no doubt aware has been transferred to this Ministry and the Council should therefore bear in mind that in order to qualify for grants out of that fund they will require to be able to satisfy the Ministry that they have made adequate provision for works of maintenance as if in fact the Bill referred to had not been introduced. Failure on the part of any Local Authority to make such provision will prejudice such authority in the matter of grants out of the Road Fund.

Mise, le meas,
EARNAN DE BLAGHD,
Aire um Rialtas Aiteamhail.

- (1)—The Secretary of each County Council.
- (2)—The Clerk of each County Borough Council.

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Miscellaneous.

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL,
(Ministry of Local Government),
SRAID MHUIRBHTEANN UACH,
(Upper Merrion St.)
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
27th March, 1923.

CRIMINAL AND MALICIOUS INJURIES (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1923.
APLOTMENT OF RATES.

A Chara,

Adverting to my Circular of the 26th ult. (No. R.30), I wish to inform you that Section 13 has been amended so as to legalise the action of any Council who may have struck in advance the 6d. rate to be imposed by the Act, and further by placing the duty on the County Secretary or Clerk of the Urban Council in any case where the rates have been struck without making provision for this levy, of altering the warrants, receipts and demand notes issued or to be issued to the Rate Collectors by the requisite additions to include the 6d. rate—this latter proposal not requiring confirmation by the Council, on whose area the rate will be imposed by law.

The Bill has now finally passed An Dail and so far as the provisions relating

to the striking and collection of the sixpenny rate be concerned, the Government do not anticipate any opposition in An Seanad.

Pending the passing of the Bill into law I think it well to convey this information with the object of facilitating you in the applotment of rates for the forthcoming financial year, and you might be good enough to inform the Clerk of each Urban District Council in the County accordingly.

Mise, le meas,
EARNAN DE BLAGHD,
AIRE UM RIALTAS AITIUIL.

To the Secretary of each County Council.
The Clerk of each County Borough Council.
ORDER.—Noted.

It was reported by the Secretary that the Poor Rate Collector for Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts, Mr. John Cullen, Donard, was arrested by the military on the 4th March, 1923, and detained for three weeks and three days and was released from custody on the 28th March, 1923.

(Signed)—
JAMES EVERETT,
Presiding Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor J. Turner:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 as printed and circulated be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

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 in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT No. 3.

The usual fortnightly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on Tuesday, the 15th May, 1923.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor James Byrne, Presiding Chairman. Councillors J. J. Redmond and William Byrne.

The Committee considered and formulated a Scheme governing the Secondary School Scholarships to be awarded for the scholastic year 1923/1924, copy of which is as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS, 1923.

CONFINED TO PUPILS ATTENDING NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Scheme approved by Wicklow County Council at their Quarterly Meeting, held on 28th May, 1923.

1. Having regard to the changes now taking place in the systems of Primary, Secondary, and Technical Education, hitherto in force, this scheme forms the basis upon which Secondary School Scholarships will be awarded by the County Council in the present year. Next year, when the new programmes will, it is hoped, be in full operation, a revised Scheme to meet the altered situation as it may then exist will be formulated.

2. Six Residential Scholarships will be awarded and come into operation in the forthcoming Scholastic Year. Each Scholarship is to be renewable annually, but will be tenable, if all the conditions herein be fulfilled, for a period of four years.

3. The value of each Scholarship is £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, £1,380.)

4. These Scholarships are open to boys or girls, children of bona-fide artisans, and labourers, and of small farmers the total annual valuation of whose holdings does not exceed £30. The parents of intending Candidates must have resided within the County of 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 15 years of age on the 1st day of June preceding the qualifying examination.

6. The Secondary Schools at which these 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, conducted by the Minister of Education. The cost of such examination and the reasonable travelling expenses (to be measured by the Scholarship Committee) of the Candidates attending will be paid by the County Council in each case where a Candidate secures at least 50 per cent. of the total possible marks obtainable at the said examination.

8. The subjects of examination shall be in accordance with the approved Programme in operation in National Schools during the Scholastic Year 1922-1923, and with the Conditions and Regulations laid down by the Department of Education in that connection.

It should be clearly understood, however, that Candidates for these Scholarships must present themselves for Examination in Irish and Irish History.

9. 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.

10. Renewal of Scholarship will not be made by the Council until they are satisfied by a report from an Inspector of the Department of Education that the Student has made satisfactory progress during the preceding Scholastic Year.

Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second, Third, and Fourth Years shall be made by each Scholar, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second, Third, or Fourth Years in the case of a scholar who fails to produce a Certificate from his or her College Authorities of good conduct and satisfactory progress in the Scholastic 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, 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 18th 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 make the necessary arrangements for each approved Candidate to sit for the Special Examination.

The right is reserved to the Scholarship Committee of Wicklow County Council to exclude any Candidate from competing for a Scholarship, and the decision of that Committee on all questions relating to these Scholarships shall be conclusive and final.

P. T. HEALY,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

15th May, 1923.

(Signed) JAMES BYRNE, Presiding Chairman,
Finance Committee

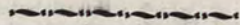
Proposed by Councillor J. Turner,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, subject to the following modifications therein suggested by the Minister of Education in his letter dated the 24th May, 1923, E.d. 4470/23.

Section 4. That it be a direction to the Scholarship Committee to make provision for the granting of scholarships to the children of poor parents who may not come within the categories mentioned.

Section 10. The words "subject in case of appeal to the approval of the Ministry of Education" to be added to the final paragraph of this section.

Passed.



FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee held their adjourned Quarterly Meeting on Monday, the 28th May, 1923.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor James Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors Eamonn O'Neill and J. J. Redmond.

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

Additional Proposals	£9 5 0
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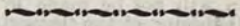
(Signed) JAMES BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman.

28th May, 1923.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted.

Passed.



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

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £5,586 3s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:—

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £81 7s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £61 4s. 7d. (any modification 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 B. Kelly:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £64 1s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:—

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £53 8s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £1,333 6s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:—

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment, amounting to £9 5s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Healy,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:

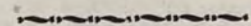
Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by the Council, be now signed.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND
FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS, WERE PASSED AT FOLLOWS:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:—

No Proposals.



County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
21st May, 1923.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD
ON 28TH MAY, 1923.

GENTLEMEN,

1. A Proposal for a New Bridge across the ford on the mountain road at Ballinagappogue and Mucklagh (Rathdrum Rural District) comes before you to-day. At the last Quarterly Meeting of the County Council when the Estimates were under consideration, the Council struck out the money included in the Estimate for this and other Bridge work, it being the opinion of the Council that the erection of new Bridges at the present time was inopportune.

2. Owing to the stoppage of all road work in the Dublin and Blessington area (on account of the non-payment of rates), that portion of the principal road from Baltinglass to Dublin, from near Poulaphuca via Blessington, to the Dublin County Bounds near Brittas, has now become a network of holes rendering the road unsafe for any fast traffic. I strongly recommend that the Council permit some repairs to be made on this section of the road, which is of considerable importance to the public outside the Dublin and Blessington Tramway area.

3. The work done on the roads during the past year 1922-1923 was good in quality and as far as circumstances permitted good as to quantity. The expenditure in each Rural District for the year was:-

	£	s	d
BALTINGLASS No. 1	10,987	8	2
RATHDOWN No. 2	8,881	16	7
RATHDRUM	23,507	16	4
SHILLELAGH	6,664	19	0

4. The large volume of motor traffic caused, and is still causing, a constant crop of pot holes besides wearing down the surfaces generally. Many roads, though now in very fair condition, will require, in the near future, large quantities of metal of good quality and also of a fine gauge.

5. An application has been received from Mr. Coleborn, Dunlavin, for permission to erect a Petrol Storage Tank and Pump in front of his premises at Dunlavin. Both the Pump and the Tank will be off the County road, but the Pump will be at the edge of same.

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

ORDERS:

Paragraph 1.—Proposal Adjourned.

Paragraph 2.—See Resolution.

Paragraph 5.—Permission to erect a Petrol Pump granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to repair the road from Brittas to the bounds of the county at Poulaphuca, and that the Council's previous Resolution in this connection be rescinded in so far as it affects this particular road.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor James Turner:

Resolved—That the County Surveyor proceed with the repairs necessary to place in good order the main roads in this County on which motor traffic is heaviest, provided that the funds which will be necessary will be granted by the appropriate Government Department out of the Road Fund.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed to proceed with the necessary repairs to all bridges in the County requiring same, in so far as the funds at his disposal will allow, the repairs in Humphreystown, Blessington, Ballyward, and Athfarrell Bridges to be left over until the other bridges have been put into proper condition.

Passed.

An application dated the 23rd May was submitted from the Greystones Motor and Engineering Company, for permission to erect a Kerbside Petrol Pump at the edge of the footpath passing their premises on Church Road, Greystones.

ORDER.—Permission granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to substitute a wire and post fence for the sod mound fence proposed to be erected at Cryhelp.

Passed.

An application dated the 28th May, 1923, was submitted from Mr. Thomas Walker, Church Road, Greystones, for permission to erect a Kerbside Petrol

Pump at the edge of the footpath passing his premises, Church Road, Greystones.

ORDER.—Permission granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

A letter dated the 24th May, was submitted from Messrs. Hayes and Sons, Solicitors, 41 Nassau Street, Dublin, stating they are acting for the owner of the house, "Silverwell," Kilmacanogue, and are informed that the County Council proposes to erect a Steam Stone Crusher machine in connection with road repairs at a site in close proximity to that house. It was further stated that the incessant noise arising from the erecting of the machinery was objectionable and constituted an annoyance, and therefore they would feel obliged if the Council would make arrangements to have another site selected, and thus obviate annoyance to the tenant.

The County Surveyor having mentioned that the site selected was a commons, the letter was marked "read and noted."

BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT:—

No Proposals.

A letter dated the 23rd May, 1923, was submitted from Mr. John Murphy, Carrig, Blessington, in which he asked for payment of the sum of £64 stated to be due to him for keeping in repair the road from the three Roads at Lackan Schoolhouse to Lord Downshire's Mearing at Ballydonnell for the year 1920/1921.

The County Surveyor stated he was not in a position to certify that there were any monies due to Mr. Murphy for the road in question, and accordingly the letter was marked "Noted."

A letter dated the 2nd May, 1923, was submitted by Mr. Philip Hanlon, in which he asked for payment of certain Road Money which he stated was due to him in respect of a Road Contract which he held prior to the coming into operation in the County of the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

ORDER.—The County Surveyor to furnish full Report thereon.

RATHDOWN No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:—

No Proposals.

A letter dated the 14th March, 1923, was submitted from Thomas F. Monks, Esq., LL.D., 27 Molesworth Street, Dublin, in which he stated that Mrs. Nolan, of Glencourt Lodge, Killarney Road, Bray, has consulted him with reference to the flooding of her premises by the alleged negligence of the Council's workmen in the opening of old drains at her premises to let surplus water off the main road, whereby his client has been put to over £20 expense in repairing the damage caused by the flooding, and although his client has written repeatedly to the Council's Engineer no notice has been taken of her complaint. He requested, therefore, that the nuisance be abated and his client compensated for the injury done, otherwise his instructions are to institute proceedings against the Council.

In this connection the following Report was submitted from the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
23rd day of March, 1923.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir—

Re Flooding at Glencourt, Killarney Road.

With reference to Mr. Monk's letter re flooding at Glencourt, Killarney Road, Bray, I enclose copy of the only communication I have had from Mrs. Nolan, Glencourt, Killarney Road.

The facts are:—The Gullet leading from the Gully trap on the west side of the Killarney Road and terminating at Mrs. Nolan's boundary on the east side of the Killarney Road was choked. I directed the Council's workmen to open and clean this Gullet, and while they were doing this I received the above-mentioned letter from Mrs. Nolan. I immediately directed the workmen to on no account trespass on Mrs. Nolan's premises.

As all the drains on Mrs. Nolan's premises leading from this old-established County Gullet appear to be closed and obstructed by the Sanitary arrangements of Glencourt Lodge, any flooding or inconvenience caused Mrs. Flood arises from this.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

1 Enclosure.

Copy of letter received from Mrs. Nolan, Glencourt Lodge, Killarney Road, Bray, on 16th January, 1923.

"Mrs. Nolan is surprised at Mr. Gallagher sending men to open drains or sewers on her premises. She will not allow it or any interference whatever. If persisted in she will place the matter in the hands of her solicitor at once."

Glencourt Lodge,
Killarney Road,
Bray,
Jan. 16th, 1923.

ORDER.—Noted.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from Mr. J. J. Flood, Brookfield, Kilbride, Bray, and the report thereon furnished by the County Surveyor:—

Brookfield,
Kilbride,
Bray,
7th April, 1923.

Dear Sir—

I wish to call your attention to the fact that the shore which runs through my property at the above address that takes the water off the road burst some time ago, and the water came up in several places in the garden and done a great deal of damage. I have had the whole place opened up and the shore repaired, and I would be glad if you would send some of your officials to inspect it, as I hope to be compensated by your Council for the damage and for the expense incurred by me in having the matter put right. I think the shore is too small for the volume of water carried. My workman spoke to one of your Road Overseers some time ago about the matter, but so far no one called from the Council.

Will you please give this attention as far as conveniently possible
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. J. FLOOD.

ORDER.—Noted.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
18th day of May, 1923.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—

In reference to Mr. Flood's drain at Brookfield. The drain through Mr. Flood's garden was not made by the Road Authority; it is the continuation of a Gullet which carries a stream of water from Mr. West's, Kilcrouney, across the County Road. No doubt some former occupier of Brookfield made this covered drain through the garden to avoid having an open water course or to take the drainage of the house. Two Gullet Traps on the County Road discharge into the Gullet, being connected with the part of the Gullet under the County Road.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDER.—Read and Noted.

A letter dated the 10th May, 1923, was received from Mr. W. G. Bradley, Roan-cruaghan, Killarney Road, Bray, directing the Council's attention to the very dangerous corner that exists at the corner of the Boghall Road and Killarney Road, Bray.

The County Surveyor reported that the high hedges referred to do not prejudice the maintenance of the roads.

ORDER.—Read and Noted.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT:—

The provisional Proposal (No. 494) to build a Culvert over the Ford at Ballinagappogue on the County Road to Rossahane, at an estimated cost of £150, was adjourned.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT:—

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor P. Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor B. Kelly:

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the renewal of the licences issued to Arthur Hennessy, Blessington, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we now Allow and make the Rates as assessed in the Rate Books—including the special rate of 6d. in the £ under the Criminal and Malicious Injuries (Amendment) Act, 1923—and that we sign and seal the Rate Books for the financial year ending 31st March, 1924.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus Turner,
Seconded by Councillor B. Kelly:

Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1924, be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the 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, 1924.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted an application for re-appointment as Deputy Checker in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District which he had received from Mr. Patrick Furlong, Rural District Council Offices, for the year 1923/1924.

A similar application was submitted from Mr. Patrick Byrne, Main Street, Baltinglass, together with a letter dated 4/4/23 supporting his application which had been received from the Secretary, Local Government Officials (Ireland) Trade Union, 4 Upper Ormond Quay.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:

Resolved—That our Secretary be requested to appoint Mr. Patrick Furlong, Main Street, Baltinglass, as his Deputy in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District for the checking of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts for the financial year 1923/1924.

As an Amendment it was proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe and seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, "that our Secretary be requested to appoint Mr. Patrick Byrne, of Main Street, Baltinglass, as his Deputy in that Rural District."

A show of hands having been called for it was found that of the members present 3 voted for the amendment and 12 against.

The Chairman thereupon declared Councillor E. O'Neill's Motion passed by 12 votes to 3.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That we now sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the amount of £1,888 12s. 6d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1924.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Murphy,
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne,

Resolved—That we now sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount of £5,129 8s. 10d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1924.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner:

Resolved—That we now sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount of £2,668 19s. 3d. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1924.
Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
22nd May, 1923.

ROADS COMMITTEE,
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

REPORT OF MEETING OF ROADS COMMITTEE HELD ON 22nd MAY 1923.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
GENTLEMEN—

The Roads Committee met on Tuesday, 22nd May, 1923, when the following Members attended:—

COUNCILLORS—John J. Redmond (Presiding); William J. Doble, James Everett, T.D., and James Turner.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider the breaking of stone in the Arklow, Aughrim Sections and Shillelagh Rural District.

The County Surveyor read letters from the Tinahely Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union objecting to the use of Machinery for breaking stone while there are such a large number of unemployed members in the district.

ORDER: That we hereby recommend the County Council to give instructions that all material in the Arklow, Aughrim Sections and Shillelagh Rural District be broken by hand.

2. To consider correspondence in connection with Insurance of carters and men engaged on piece work.

The County Surveyor read a letter which was received per the Secretary, County Council, from the Secretary of the Stratford-on-Slaney Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and which stated that cards of Carters working for the Council should be stamped.

ORDER: The Roads Committee recommend the Council to refer this matter to the Council's Law Agent.

3. To consider correspondence re carting by Tonnage.
Letters were read from the Baltinglass, Stratford and Grange Con Branches of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union stating

that the Carters in their District would not accept Piece or Tonnage Rate and that they desire to remain on the present system of a weekly wage.

ORDER: That we recommend the Council to authorise the County Surveyor to negotiate with the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

4. To consider correspondence re changin^o of men working on roads.
Letters were read from the Baltinglass and Grange Con Branches of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union requesting the Council to change the men on the roads every month in order to give some of the unemployed men a chance.

ORDER: The Roads Committee recommend the Council to employ the Carters and men for monthly periods in districts where unemployment exists, in accordance with the request of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

5. To consider letter re breaking stones by piece work.
Letter was read from the Overseer, Arklow Section, stating that the men he had engaged breaking stones by piece work had ceased work owing to have received orders from the Labour Union not to break any more stones by piece work, but instead to be employed per day.

ORDER: The Roads Committee recommend the Council to authorise the County Surveyor to use his own discretion.

6. A complaint was received that a portion of the road at Greystones was in a very bad state of repair caused by the haulage of material from the Harbour for Steam Rolling at Windgates.

ORDER:
Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,

RESOLVED—That the Steam Roller be brought back immediately to repair the road at Greystones which has been damaged by the haulage of stone.
Passed.

7. A complaint was also received about a path at Killincarrig.
ORDER: That we recommend the Council to authorise the County Surveyor to have the path at Killincarrig to Delgany village re-gravelled and the large stones picked out from existing surface.

8. Councillor Redmond stated that there was a path at the three roads at Blacklion which, if reduced, would widen the road at this dangerous turn.

ORDER: That we recommend the Council to authorise the County Surveyor to have this path at Blacklion reduced with a view to widening the road leading to Greystones, at this dangerous turn.

9. Councillor Redmond stated that the curbing of the paths at Delgany and Greystones had not been done yet.

ORDER: That we recommend the County Council to authorise the County Surveyor to have the curbing of paths at Delgany and Greystones, which were passed at the Spring Meeting of Rathdown No. 2, proceeded with immediately.

(Signed) JOHN I. REDMOND,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That the Roads Committee's Report, as printed and circulated, be and it is hereby, approved and adopted, as modified in the Order in Paragraph 1 by the insertion between the words "material" and "in the" of the following "other than stone from Arklow Rock Quarry;" the Order on Paragraph 4 being agreed to until further instructions in that connection have been issued by this Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint our Secretary to audit the Accounts of

the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway on behalf of this Council for the year ending 31st March, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond,
Seconded by Councillor James 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 1923/1924:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1923.	Autumn Quarter 1923.	Winter Quarter 1924.	Spring Quarter 1924.
RATHDOWN No. 2 Courthouse, Enniskerry	11.30	Monday, July 2	Monday, Oct. 1	Tuesday, Jan. 8	Tuesday, April 1
RATHDRUM Courthouse, Rathdrum	12.15	Monday, " 9	Monday, " 8	Monday, " 14	Monday, " 14
BALTINGLASS No. 1 Courthouse, Baltinglass	12.30	Tuesday, " 3	Tuesday, " 2	Tuesday, " 8	Tuesday, " 1
SHILLELAGH Courthouse, Shillelagh	1	Monday, " 9	Monday, " 8	Monday, " 14	Monday, " 14
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Courthouse Wicklow	2	Tuesday, " 24	Tuesday, " 30	Tuesday, " 29	Tuesday, " 29
COUNTY COUNCIL Courthouse, Wicklow	12.30	Monday, Aug. 20	Monday, Nov. 19	Monday, Feb. 18	Monday, May 26

Passed.

At this stage the Council proceeded to prepare a scheme for the division of the County Wicklow into Polling Districts, showing the Polling Places for such Polling Districts, in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1923, and the terms of Rule 4 (1) of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Rules, 1923. Having carefully considered all the relative documents, and the draft scheme submitted by the Secretary, and being satisfied that this draft scheme had been approved and initialled by the Registration Officer for the County and the Returning Officer for the County, it was

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle.

Resolved:—

That in pursuance of the powers vested in us by the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1923, and of the Order made by the Ministry of Local Government under Section 4 of that Act and of all other Orders issued with reference thereto, We, the County Council of the County Wicklow, fix:

- A. The following Polling Districts.
- B. The following Polling Places for each Polling District.
- C. The following Registration Units comprising each such Polling District for the County of Wicklow;

And further we hereby rescind and revoke the terms of all previous Resolutions passed by this Council in that connection.

COUNTY WICKLOW.

Polling District.	Polling Place.	Registration Units comprising Polling District.
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COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF ARKLOW.

Aghowle	Coolkenno	Aghowle and Money.
Arklow Rural	Johnstown	Arklow Rural
Aughrim	Aughrim	Aughrim
Avoca	Castlemacadam	Avoca
Ballinaclash	Ballinatone	Ballinaclash and Ballinacor
Ballingate	Ballisland, Carnew	Ballingate
Ballinglen	Ballinglen	Ballinglen and Kilballyowen
Ballyarthur	Avoca	Ballyarthur
Ballybeg	Rathmeague	Ballybeg and Coolballintaggart
Carnew	Carnew	Carnew
Coolattin	Shillelagh	Coolattin and Shillelagh
Coolboy	Coolroe	Coolboy
Cronelea	Mullinacuffe	Cronelea
Kilbride	Templeraíney	Kilbride
Killinure	Ballyconnell	Killinure and Rath
Kilpipe	Tallyhoe or Tubberpatrick	Kilpipe
Knockrath	Kirakee	Knockrath
Tinahely	Tinahely	Tinahely
Arklow (East)	Arklow (East)	Arklow East Urban
Arklow (West)	Arklow (West)	Arklow West Urban.

COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF BALTINGLASS.

Baltinglass	Baltinglass	Baltinglass and Hartstown
Talbotstown	Talbotstown	Talbotstown and Eadstown
Stratford	Stratford	Stratford, Tuckmill and the Grange
Blessington	Blessington	Blessington and Kilbride
Lackan	Lackan	Lackan and Burgage
Dunlavin	Dunlavin	Dunlavin, Rathsallagh and Tober
Donard	Donard	Donard and Donoughmore
Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood, Lugglass and Togher
Rathdangan	Rathdangan	Rathdangan, Ballinguile and Humewood.
Imaal	Knockenarrigan	Imaal North and Imaal South.

Polling District.	Polling Place.	Registration Units Comprising Polling District.
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COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF BRAY.

Calary	Roundwood	Calary and Togher
Delgany	Delgany	Delgany
Enniskerry	Enniskerry	Enniskerry
Greystones	Greystones	Greystones
Kilcoole	Kilcoole	Kilcoole
Kilmacanogue	Kilmacanogue	Kilmacanogue
Powerscourt	Enniskerry	Powerscourt
Bray (No. 1)	Bray (Little Bray)	Bray No. 1 (Little Bray)
Bray (No. 2)	Bray (East Ward)	Bray No. 2 (East Ward)
Bray (No. 3)	Bray (West Ward)	Bray No. 3 (West Ward)

COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF WICKLOW.

Altidore	Carrigower	Altidore
Ballinderry	Clara	Ballinderry and Trooperstown
Ballycullen	Moneystown	Ballycullen and Moneystown
Brockagh	The Churches	Brockagh
Cronebane	Kilmacoo	Cronebane
Dunganstown East	Dunganstown	Dunganstown East
Dunganstown South	Barndarrig	Dunganstown South
Dunganstown West	Newbawn	Dunganstown West
Ennereilly	Ballymoyle	Ennereilly
Glendalough	Annamoe	Glendalough and Oldtown
Glenealy	Glenealy	Glenealy
Killiskey	Ashford	Killiskey
Newcastle Lower	Newcastle	Newcastle Lower
Newcastle Upper	Newtownmountkennedy	Newcastle Upper
Rathdrum	Rathdrum	Rathdrum
Wicklow	Rathnew	Wicklow Rural
Wicklow (Abbey)	Wicklow (Abbey Ward)	Abbey Ward
Wicklow (Castle)	Wicklow (Castle Ward)	Castle Ward
Wicklow (Kilmantin)	Wicklow (Kilmantin Ward)	Kilmantin Ward

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 28th April, 1923, No. 16036, and read Rate Returns showing the condition at date of each Poor Rate Collection in the county for the years 1920/21, 1921/1922, and 1922/1923. Having carefully examined the figures relative to each it was:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle, and

Resolved—That the Poor Rate Collectors be herewith called upon to close their Poor Rate Collections before the 1st July, 1923, and that a notice be inserted in the weekly papers to that effect, so that ratepayers who have not yet paid their rates may receive due warning of what will follow if they do not forthwith pay the rates legally due by them.

Passed unanimously.

The Poor Rate Collector for Nos. 5 & 8 Collecting Districts reported through the Council's Law Agent that when in the Lackan area of his No. 6 District during the week ending 5th May he was held up and ordered to clear off and not come there looking for rates. He further reported that he was able to hide his books and they were not taken.

The following Report was submitted from Collector John Murphy, No. 10 Collecting District:—

Mullinaveigue,
Roundwood,
1st May, 1923.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to inform you that I was held up and robbed to-day at Crony-byrne on my way to Rathdrum. The amount taken was £67 in notes and £22 18s. 5d. in cheques. There is a Paying Order of yours on them of £4 10s. 1d. to James Porter, of Laragh.

Yours truly,

JOHN MURPHY.

The following Report was submitted from Collector Charles Byrne, No. 17 Collecting District:—

BALLINGLEN,
24th May, 1923.

To Secretary Wicklow County Council.
Sir,

I am sorry to report that on Sunday morning, 13th, at 3 o'clock a.m., armed men forced an entrance to my house and seized Rate Books for year 1922 and 1923. I have books for year 1921 and 1922. The loss of the books leaves me in a very serious position as I had money on them which I had not got checked off. I expect to go to meeting of County Council and explain my position.

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,
(Signed) C. BYRNE.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That a duplicate set of Demand Notes and receipts be prepared for Collector Charles Byrne's District, No. 17, to replace those seized from him on the morning of the 13th May, 1923.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the question of collecting the rates in Mr. John Cullen's districts, Nos. 5 and 6, in respect to the financial years 1922/1923 and 1923/1924.

The Secretary submitted the entire file of correspondence which had passed in connection with the collection in these districts, including letters from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 10th and 19th January, 1923, Nos. G 10/206 and G 2220, respectively, and a letter dated the 26th May, 1923, from the Council's Law Agent in which he reported the progress made by him in connection with the legal proceedings that he was instructed to take against all defaulting ratepayers in these districts respecting the rates for 1920-1921 and 1921-1922, at the same time pointing out to the Council that in accordance with their instructions the Poor Rate Collecting Books for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1923, had not been issued to the Poor Rate Collector, in consequence of there being such a large amount of rates outstanding for the two previous financial years in these two districts.

The Collector, John Cullen, was present at the meeting and was called before the Council for an explanation as to the backward condition of his Poor Rate Collections.

Mr. Cullen having promised to collect—before the Council's adjourned quarterly meeting on the 18th June, 1923—the outstanding rates due by some two hundred small ratepayers, the Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to the proposed meeting referred to.

It was noted from correspondence submitted from Mr. Andrew McEvoy, Baltiboy's, Blessington, to the Council's Law Agent that a proposed deputation of the ratepayers from Blessington area intended to wait on Dail Eireann to solicit immediate legislation relieving them of the burden of the Blessington Tram Rate.

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy;

Resolved—That we accede to the application of Miss Nora McDonnell, 1 Sidmanton Avenue, Bray, and we hereby grant her a 4th year of the University Scholarship already held by her for three years.

Passed.

The County Surveyor having reported to the Council that the road from Kileool Street to Knockroe had already been improved, a Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Morgan Travers was, with the Council's permission, withdrawn.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved:—That the terms of the Resolution passed on the 20th November, 1922, directing the Law Agent when and where to avail of the professional services of Messrs. Boyd and Foley be rescinded, and that instead the Law Agent be empowered to use his own discretion as to whom he employs to give expert Engineering Evidence at the hearing of Malicious Injury Claims.

Passed.

In this connection the Council had before them a letter dated the 26th March, 1923, from Charles P. O'Neill, Esquire, Solicitor to Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, in which he pointed out the advantages to be gained by co-operation between his Council and the County Council in avoiding the expense of overlapping by both Councils employing the same professional gentleman to give evidence rebutting claims made from that Rural District area for compensation for alleged Malicious Damage to Property.



At this stage the Council adjourned transaction of their business to a meeting to be convened for Monday, the 18th June, 1923, at 12 o'clock, Noon.

THE ADJOURNED QUARTERLY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON, ON MONDAY, THE 18th JUNE, 1923.

The following Members were present:-

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman.

Councillors M. Fleming, Andrew Kinsella, Patrick Doyle, Edward Byrne, J. J. Redmond, Seamus Turner, Patrick Murphy, Daniel Condren, Felix O'Rafferty, James Byrne, Eamonn O'Neill, James Everett, T.D.; B. Kelly, W. J. Doyle, and J. J. Metcalfe.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To consider Report from Finance Committee on the Applications received for permission to sit for the Council's Secondary School and University Scholarships.
- 2.—To transact the items of business on the Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on the 28th May, 1923, which remained to be considered at the stage when the Meeting adjourned.
- 3.—To recommend Revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 4.—To take suitable action on the County Surveyor's Report recommending the filling of the vacant Assistant Surveyorship, consideration of which has been twice adjourned.
- 5.—To consider a communication from the Ministry of Local Government relative to the Superannuation Allowance claimed by Ex-Poor Rate Collectors John Kelly and William J. Cardiff, and to take such action in that connection as the Council may deem advisable.
- 6.—To consider Reports from Committees.
- 7.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 8.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 9.—To consider General Correspondence.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D., was, after discussion, ruled out of order by the Chairman:-

- 22.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett:-

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council: That, notwithstanding anything on the records of the Council to the contrary, the Proceeds of One Penny of the Rate, struck under the Technical Instruction Acts for the year of 1923/1924 and future years be devoted to supplying Free Meals for necessitous School Children attending the National Schools of the County; and if there be any surplus left over from such Proceeds of One Penny Rate the said Surplus be expended on such purposes identified with Child Welfare as this Council may direct."

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy,
Seconded by Councillor James Turner:

Resolved—That we hereby tender to the relatives of the late Sean Etchingham, a former Representative of County Wicklow in the Dail, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Passed.

Ballyknocken Quarry,
Blessington,
16th June, 1923.

The Chairman,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Mr. Byrne—

I beg to tender my resignation as a Member of the County Council. During my term on Council I always tried to keep everything straight and above board, and I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and all my fellow-Councillors for the courtesy shown me during my term on Council.

I also wish to thank the Secretary, Mr. P. T. Healy, and all the staff.

I beg to remain, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) D. S. MacAODHBHUIDHE,
(D. J. McEVOY).

Proposed by Councillor Murphy,
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill:

Resolved—That having heard the letter from Councillor D. J. McEvoy to the Chairman, resigning his membership of the County Council, we hereby decide that such resignation be not accepted, and that instead Mr. McEvoy be asked to reconsider his intention in that connection.
Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 18th June, 1923, and the following Members attended:—

Councillor E. O'Neill, Presiding Chairman. Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D.; Seamus Turner, B. Kelly, James Everett, T.D.; Patrick Murphy, and John J. Redmond.

COUNTY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Three applications were received from candidates for University Scholarships offered by the Council for the year 1923/1924. After considering the certificates and declarations submitted to them the Committee recommend the Council to sanction the admission of the following candidates to the examination for the County Council Scholarships to be held on the 3rd July, 1923, and following days:

- Agnes Redmond, Rathdrum.
- Peter J. Fitzsimons, Market Square Wicklow.
- Mortimer Hourihane, Mill Street, Baltinglass.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Twenty-five applications were received from candidates for the Secondary School Scholarships offered by the Council for the year 1923/1924.

After considering the certificates and declarations submitted to them, and the letters from the Ministry of Education dated the 31st May, 1923, and 8th June, 1923, the Committee recommend the Council to sanction the admission of the following candidates to the special examination proposed to be held in Wicklow on the 10th, 11th and 12th July, 1923, provided that each candidate satisfies our Secretary beforehand by the production of his birth certificate that he or she, as the case may be, will not be more than 15 years of age on the 1st day of June, 1923:

- John N. McDonald, Baltinglass.
- Edward Swayne, Crossbridge.
- Walter Kane, Dunlavin.
- Kathleen Corrigan, Dunlavin.
- Eileen Donnelly, Dunlavin.
- Catherine Byrne, 5. Hudson's Terrace, Bray.
- John Geoghegan, Anghrim.
- Mary Kearns, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.
- Gertrude Murphy, Carrig, Blessington.
- Ellen Kearney, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.
- Bridget Murray, Raheen, Dunlavin.
- Anastasia Furlong, Studfield, Donard.
- Laurence Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.
- Annie Byrne, Convent Lodge, Wicklow.
- Mary White, 4 Bath Street, Wicklow.
- May Kinsella, Castle Street, Wicklow.
- Marion Wogan, Enniskerry.
- Sarah Brien, Llanaber, Bray.
- James Patrick McGrath, Knockenree, Arklow.
- Joseph McCrudden, 70 Lower Main Street, Arklow.
- Patrick Keane, 84 Lower Main Street, Arklow.

The Committee recommend the Council to obtain the use of Wicklow No. 1 Boys' National School for the purposes of the examination, and to appoint Mr. Matthew Murtagh, of Bath Street, Wicklow, and Mr. William H. Kearney, of The Mall, Wicklow, as Superintendents at same.

The Committee refrain from suggesting the names of persons suitable to act as oral examiners at the examination, but instead recommend the Council to ask the Minister of Education to himself appoint such oral examiners as might be required thereat.

The Committee granted permission, on the same terms as last year, to Mr. John Roberts, Callow Hill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, to hire one of their engines

for the forthcoming threshing season, provided said engine is not required by the County Surveyor.

(Signed) E. O'NEILL,
Presiding Chairman.

18-6-'23.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report be modified by the inclusion of the two following candidates amongst the list of those to whom permission is granted to sit for the examination for Secondary School Scholarships:
Arthur Romney Hughes, Castlemacadam, Avoca,
Margaret Ellen Davis, do. do.
and that the Finance Committee's Report as amended be hereby approved and adopted.

Passed unanimously.

In accordance with the Notice of Motion, which was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle,

It was Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, transferring the liabilities of Boards of Guardians to the Council, the Clerk of Shillelagh Union be paid the Superannuation Allowance awarded to him in respect of loss of fees under the Jurors' and Franchise Acts, and as Superintendent Registrar.
Passed.

COUNTY WICKLOW UNION AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

The following letters were submitted:

Local Government Department,
14th April, 1923.

No. 15,163/1923.

Miscellaneous.

A Chara—

The Ministry of Local Government wish to draw the attention of the County Council to the Sections of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, relating to the compensation of officers and to point out—

1. That the liability for payment of the compensation of pensionable officers of a Union abolished in pursuance of a County Scheme of Amalgamation is transferred to the Council of the County in which the Workhouse belonging to such Union was situate. Section 7 (2) (B).
2. That where the functional area of a Union extended into more than one County the Council of that County is entitled to recover from the Council of any other County into which the Union extended a contribution towards the allowances. (Section 11 (3)). The fixing of the amount payable in such circumstances rests with the Minister. (Section 7 (2) (B)).
3. That the Council to whom liability for the payment of compensation of officers has been transferred may dispute the right of any such officer to such allowance or the amount of the allowance, provided they do so within a period of three months from the passing of the Act. The Council's desire to dispute must be notified to the officer concerned and to this Department. (Section 11 (4)).

The County Council should therefore ascertain the amount of the compensation fixed by the Board of Guardians or other authority employing him for each officer in the County who has been removed from office in pursuance of the County Scheme, and if they consider the officer is not entitled to an allowance or that the amount so fixed is excessive, they may proceed in the manner prescribed by the Act to have the matter determined by the Minister.

The Act received the assent of the Governor-General on the 28th ultimo, so that the period within which the Council may dispute these allowances will expire on the 28th June next.

It is to be clearly understood that officers are legally entitled to be paid the amounts first awarded by the Boards of Guardians or other local bodies until a determination is made by the Minister in pursuance of a dispute under Sub-section 4 of Section 11 of the recent Act or under Section 8 of the Act of 1919;

and that any revisions otherwise made in the amounts originally fixed by the Boards of Guardians or other local bodies do not affect the legal rights of the officers.

The Minister intends as early as possible to make the adjustments provided for in Section 7 (2) (B) of the recent Act.

Is mise, le meas,
(Signed) TOMAS MAC ARDGHAIL,
Ar son an aire.

To the Secretary of each County Council.

Fever Hospital,
Wicklow,
16-6-'23.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Sir—

When the Committee of Management of the Wicklow Fever Hospital were asked to hand over that institution to County Council under the Amalgamation Scheme I was recommended by my Committee of Management £90 pension. The Ministry of L.G.B. have only sanctioned me £18 after my long service.

I understood that the County Council had promised that all outgoing officials were treated fair as regards superannuation.

Certainly I have been treated very unfair.

Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor to County Council, also Co. Board of Health, can give any information required as regards my case, and the Co. Board of Health are allowing me 3s. 10d. per week since the 31st March, 1922, for caretaking the premises. Trusting that you will see that I receive fair pay.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) A. C. KEATING.

The Secretary read to the Meeting the lists supplied to him by the County Wicklow Board of Health of the Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities fixed in respect to the officials whose positions were abolished by reason of the coming into operation in County Wicklow of the Union Amalgamation Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren,
Seconded by Councillor P. Murphy:

Resolved—That all members of Wicklow County Council who are members of the County Wicklow Board of Health be appointed a Committee of this Council, with full powers to act on behalf of the Council, to investigate, review, and finally fix, at the Meeting of the County Board of Health on Monday next, the 25th June, instant, the Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities granted to all officials whose positions were abolished by the coming into operation of the Scheme of Union Amalgamation, and that this Committee return the list of revised figures, so arrived at, to our Secretary on or before the 28th June, instant, who will forward such list to the Minister of Local Government on behalf of this Council.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman ruled the following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor P. Murphy, out of order, having first unsuccessfully appealed to Councillor Murphy to withdraw same:—

"I hereby give notice that I or some other Councillor for me will move the following Motion at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on May 28th, 1923: That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, the chief public Board of the County Wicklow, hereby condemn the betrayal, arrest and execution of the late Mr. Erskine Childers, who gave such long and earnest service to the cause of Irish Independence, and that on behalf of the people of the County Wicklow we repudiate all responsibility for the circumstances of his death."

Following an animated discussion, it was proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming, and

Resolved—That the Council do now proceed to consider the next item of business on the agenda.

Passed.

Acting on the Secretary's suggestion, it was proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Finance Committee of this Council to investigate and fix the sums which should be contributed by relatives and guardians annually towards the upkeep of patients from County Wicklow in Grange-gorman Mental Hospital, and we hereby vest in that Committee the Council's full powers in that connection.
Passed.

Letters dated the 13th December, 1922, and 22nd March, 1923, with statistical and other information, received from the authorities of Grange-gorman Mental Hospital, were submitted and referred to the newly set up Committee for consideration.

A letter dated the 29th March, 1923, No. 11,713/23, was submitted from the National Health Insurance Commission, enclosing copy of estimate of receipts and expenditure of the County Insurance Committee for the purposes of Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1923.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond:

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 of the County of Wicklow a sum of £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 1923-1924 be and it is hereby adopted.

Passed.

The Local Government Elections (Postponement) Act, 1922, and the Order issued thereunder by the Minister for Local Government postponing elections of County Councillors to the 12th September, 1923, were submitted and noted.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming:

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby authorised as Returning Officer to take all steps necessary for holding the Local Government Elections on the 12th September, 1923, in this County.

Passed.

A file of correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government dealing with the provisions of the Criminal and Malicious Injuries (Amendment) Act, 1922, in so far as County Councils are affected, was submitted, and the contents of the letters from the Ministry, dated 26th February, the 27th March, the 25th April, and the 18th May, 1923, noted.

A resolution passed by the Auhgrim Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union on the 25th April, 1923, was submitted, in which the County Council was called upon to immediately set more men working on the roads, in order to relieve the acute distress prevalent consequent upon unemployment. The County Surveyor having reported that as many men are being employed as the funds at his disposal would allow, no order was made thereon.

A letter dated the 4th May, 1923, was read from the Secretary, Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, enclosing a resolution passed by that body expressing the opinion that the peace terms submitted by Eamonn de Valera on behalf of the Republican Party represent a favourable basis for negotiating permanent peace.

No order.

A resolution passed by Rathdrum Rural District Council on the 12th March, 1923, was submitted, in which a protest was made against the Council's action in striking out of the Rural District Council's annual demand certain sums which were set aside for the repair of bridges.

No order.

The Secretary read a letter dated the 16th April, 1923, from the Clerk of the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, with which was enclosed the following resolution which had been passed by that Council:

Resolved—That the County Council of Wicklow be requested by this Council to put the Irish Education Act, 1892, in force in this district.

A letter dated the 19th May, 1923, written by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, in respect to the District Council's resolution, was also read.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, be put in force in the entire Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1, in accordance with the request contained in the Resolution passed by the Council of that Rural District on the 3rd April, 1923; that the area of charge for all expenditure connected therewith be that whole Rural District; and that the five following represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee in question:

- Michael Mooney, Rathattan, Hollywood.
- James Costello, Lemonstown, Hollywood.
- John J. Metcalfe, Ballylion, Donard.
- James Dowling, Blessington.
- Laurence Moore, do.

Passed.

In view of the fact that but one more meeting of the County Council would be held prior to the 12th September, 1923, the date fixed for the holding of elections of County Councillors, the Council unanimously decided to take no steps towards filling the declared vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. Martin Langton, 8 Auburn Villas, Bray.

Letters dated the 25th April, 1923, No. 746-11 and 9th May, 1923, No. 57/56, were read from the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Dublin, relative to Malicious Injury Claims in the county.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor D. Condren:

Resolved—That having considered the letters from the Ministry of Finance dated the 25th April, 1923, and the 9th May, 1923, dealing with Malicious Damage or Destruction occurring after the 11th July, 1921, and on or before the 20th March, 1923, we direct that the copies of claims lodged in accordance with the terms of Public Notices Nos. 20 and 21 be transmitted by our Secretary to the State Solicitor for the County, and, further, that our Law Agent consult and co-operate in the fullest possible manner in that connection with the State Solicitor so as to enable the latter to effectively oppose these applications.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That the Courthouse, Tinahely, be placed at the disposal of the Committee promoting the Bazaar in Tinahely for parochial purposes on the 5th and 6th August, 1923, provided that the court purposes for which this building is primarily required are not in any way interfered with thereby.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which had been received from the Rev. Michael Murphy, C.C., Tinahely, and the Ministry of Local Government, touching the former's petition to the Council to dispense priests of the County from the payment of motor tax under the Roads Act, 1922, and the orders and regulations issued in that connection. A further communication, dated the 18th May, 1923, was submitted from the Rev. Michael Murphy, Tinahely, with which he enclosed a cheque for the amount of his Road Tax for the whole of 1923, and withdrawing the petition dated the 9th May, 1923.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

That a representation be made to the Ministry of Local Government and the Ministry of Finance to the effect that the motoring clergymen resident in County Wicklow be relieved from the payment of Road Tax on their motors. Lost, by 5 votes to 4, on a show of hands being taken.

Letters dated the 23rd February and the 29th March, 1923, were submitted from Mr. F. F. McCarthy, Secretary, County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Technical Schools, Wicklow, intimating that the following five Councillors had become disqualified from membership of his Committee for non-attendance at meetings for a period of six months without explanation:

- P. P. O'Reilly,
- J. Everett, T.D.,
- C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
- J. J. Redmond,
- D. J. McEvoy.

The Secretary pointed out that for twenty years past it had been the practice of the Council to fill, by resolution, vacancies created from these causes from time to time on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee and on the County Committee of Agriculture. He had, however, grave doubts as to the legality of this procedure, and consequently had gone very carefully into the authorities in that connection, with the result that he came to the conclusion that as the County Council, when appointing members of the committees set up under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Acts, had not made it a condition of appointment that any member who absented himself from meetings of the committees during a period of six consecutive months thereby ceased to hold membership of that committee, no member could, in the absence of that provision, be disqualified from membership of these committees during the lifetime of the appointing Council by reason of non-attendance at meetings of these committees. Accordingly, he had placed this view before the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, who agreed that it was correct (vide the Department's letter dated the 6th June, 1923, No. G. 1395/23).

The Secretary was instructed to communicate these facts to the Secretary of the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee and inform him that the six members whose names are given above still continue to be members of his committee.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That the three vacancies existing on the County Insurance Committee by reason of the disqualification of Messrs. J. Turner, John Fleming, and J. Lynch, be filled by the appointment of—

- Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Road, Bray.
- Seamus Turner, Ballydoreen, Ashford.
- Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

Passed.

UNION AMALGAMATION.

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIUL
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

2nd June, 1923.

Reference No. 23233/1923.

Miscellaneous.

A Chara—

The Minister for Local Government desires to call attention to the notice given by him on the 16th ultimo of his intention to amend and modify the Scheme of Amalgamation of Poor Law Unions in the county, and to the Schedule to that Notice setting forth the Scheme as it will be when so amended and modified.

Under this Scheme one Central Body, the County Board of Health, will be established in the county, upon whom will rest sole responsibility for the relief of the poor. The Scheme contains most of the provisions of those hitherto in operation, but they are now set out in legal language so as to avoid any ambiguity likely to cause any confusion in administration. The functions and legal powers of the Governing Body are clearly defined, and provision is made for the issue of regulations which it is hoped will surmount any difficulties of administration experienced since the inception of the Amalgamation Schemes.

The Minister would like to draw special attention to Article 11 of the proposed Scheme, which provides that the County Board of Health may appoint committees to assist in local administration. The County Board need not limit their choice to their own members, but may select other persons to act on those committees, and in this way may be able to secure the assistance of persons with special technical or administrative experience. It will be noticed that ordinarily committees appointed by the Board have only advisory powers, and their acts must come to the Board of Health for approval. The Board of Health have power, with the approval of the Minister, to authorise any committee to act for them, but the Minister is of opinion that this power should be exercised very sparingly for the present.

Article 13 (i) provides for County at-Large charges in all cases. Under several existing schemes there are district charges for some heads of expenditure, and in those cases the rates as struck for the current financial year may be collected,

and the Ministry will arrange for the adjustment of the charges as between the different districts at the end of the year. This change does away with the necessity for a complicated code determining to which district any recipient of relief is chargeable, and whatever system is adopted in the accounts for charging the relief given to such recipients to different districts can now be discontinued.

The Council will observe that the Scheme contains very elastic provisions in regard to the establishment of institutions and that those already provided can be removed from the places mentioned to any other places within the County with the consent of the Minister, and that there is also power to establish further institutions if deemed desirable. These provisions leave ample room for the growth of development of the Scheme along the lines dictated by local needs.

The Minister would also like to draw attention to the following provisions of the Scheme:—

1. Article 1, the definition of "person eligible for relief."
2. Article 15 (iii), which alters the law dealing with "extern maintenance," giving very full powers to the Board of Health.
3. Article 15 (iv.), under which it will be possible to provide for the treatment of private patients in the County Hospital. With proper equipment in that Institution the County Board of Health should be able to bring Hospital treatment according to the most approved methods within the reach of all classes in the County and obviate the suffering and expense entailed in traveling long distances to Hospitals in large towns.
4. Article 19, which provides that all relief is to be granted "by way of loan."

The Minister has no doubt that when the Scheme is considered by the Council they will fully understand the desirability for the amendments and modifications proposed by him.

Is mise, le meas,
(Signed) TOMAS MAC ARDGHAIL,
Ar son an Aire.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The draft scheme formulated for County Wicklow by the Minister for Local Government under the provisions of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, was read and explained by the Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle:

Resolved—That we approve of the Draft Scheme of Amalgamation of Unions in Co. Wicklow, as submitted by the Minister of Local Government—excepting the provisions of Section 13 (1)—which we strongly object to—as we believe that the system of Union Charge which has been in existence for so many years should be continued without change, particularly in its relation to the monies expended under the heading "Home Help."

Passed—Councillor James Byrne dissenting.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in in that connection by Councillor James Byrne:—

I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council: That the motion relative to the fixing the charge for Home Help in the Draft Amalgamation Scheme now submitted be rescinded, and that the County-at-Large area of charge outlined in the scheme be adhered to without change.

The Council had before them a communication, dated the 8th May, 1923, No. A. 4846/23, from the Secretary, the Irish Land Commission, Dublin, enclosing list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in County Wicklow.

Order.—Noted.

Letters dated the 25th April and 9th May, 1923, were submitted from W. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, enclosing copy of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway for the half-year ending 31st December, 1922, and outlining the procedure to be adopted by the Company in their accounts in relation to the sum received from the late Government under the provisions of the Irish Railway Adjustment Act.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:

Resolved—That the Finance Committee be appointed to confer with the Ministry of Local Government on the question of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.
Passed.

At this stage the Council resolved itself into Committee to consider the entire file of correspondence which had been received from time to time with regard to the claims for superannuation allowances made by ex-Poor Rate Collectors John Kelly and William J. Cardiff, particularly the letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated the 1st June, 1923, No. G. 19563/23.

The Council directed the Secretary to submit in detail to the Ministry of Local Government their representations and objections to the granting of Superannuation Allowances in these cases, as put forward and discussed at this and previous meetings of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Resolved—That in accordance with the Council's order made on the 28th February, 1923, and the letter dated the 13th March, 1923, now submitted from ex Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath, Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, the Council hereby requests the Ministry of Local Government to appoint one of the Ministry's Medical Inspectors to thoroughly examine Mr. McGrath and report at an early date the result of such medical examination to the County Council, so that the Council's Finance Committee may be in a position to decide on the application made for Superannuation Allowance.

Passed.

The Secretary asked the Council to decide at that meeting whether or not Mr. John Cullen, Donard, Poor Rate Collector for Numbers 5 and 6 Collecting Districts, is to be given the Collecting Books for the two years 1922/1923 and 1923/24 for these two districts.

Having discussed the entire question of the rates outstanding in Numbers 5 and 6 Collecting Districts with Collector Cullen, who was present at the meeting, and having heard his explanations in that connection, it was

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming, and

Resolved—That in any case where rates outstanding are not paid within 14 days from this day, Collector John Cullen be hereby ordered to place all such unpaid rates in the hands of our Law Agent for the institution of legal proceedings for the recovery thereof—the Collector to be hereby warned that if he fails to carry out this order the Finance Committee is hereby empowered to order his suspension forthwith. In the event, however, of the Collector satisfactorily carrying out the Council's order herein, the Finance Committee is hereby empowered to direct the issue to Collector Cullen of the Collecting Books for Numbers 5 and 6 Collecting Districts for the financial year 1922/1923.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the Council's Seal be affixed to the copies of the approved Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places which the Ministry of Local Government requires to be lodged in his department prior to his sanctioning same.

Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
15th day of June, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I should be glad if you grant me my leave of absence on vacation from 24th July to 14th August (both days inclusive) and from 21st to 31st August (both days inclusive).

I request that you direct and authorize the Assistant Surveyors, in their own areas, to attend to any urgent matters requiring attention during my absence.

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
Co. Surveyor.

Order.—Granted.

COURT HOUSE,
WICKLOW,
16th May, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

GENTLEMEN—

I beg to report that on the 7th May, 1923, I carried out the Annual Inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Permanent Way in County Wicklow.

With the exception of a portion of the line approaching the Blessington end, the greater part of the Permanent Way presents a weedy and untidy appearance and is laid on very worn and rotten-looking sleepers, with short isolated stretches of comparatively good sleepers. The very worst portions are approximately from the 11th to 11½ mile post, from the 12½ to 13th mile post (especially near Mr. Nolan's house), and from the 13½ to 13¾ mile posts. From the 14th mile post to near Blessington the line is very fair and has been recently relaid; this work was in progress near the 14½ mile post. The new sleepers being put in are of fair shape and have received some preservative treatment by being dipped or painted with Creosote. New improved pattern fish plates are being substituted for the existing fish plates on this end. Owing to the worn and rotten state of most of the sleepers, as might be expected on the not recently relaid portions, the holding down bolts and fish plates cannot be kept tight, and the rails are somewhat loose. The old ballast is of such a clayey quality that in many places the water lodges under the sleepers.

The curves are very angular, as the rails, when originally laid, were not sufficiently bent to the curves—apparently this is being rectified where re-laying is in progress.

The Offices and Stores at the Lamb and Blessington are in fair condition, but would benefit by re-painting.

On the 9th inst. I examined the Depot at Templeogue. The Stores and Buildings are in serviceable condition and the Plant appears in good working order. A new Drill has been installed, and I understand some improvements are to be carried out in the Suction Gas Plant which, it is expected, will result in more efficient working. Engine No. 10 is in the shops undergoing complete overhaul. The Engines recently damaged at Crooksling and Poulaphuca are again in service, but Composite Coach No. 7 was completely burned, only the wheels and bogie frames being saved. Timber Flat 165, Open Trucks Nos. 132 and 143, Van 131, Cattle Car 126, and Composite Coach 16 are in for repairs. One Petrol Electric Coach is in serviceable order; the other is minus the engines, which are in the shop ready for re-fitting. Generally the Rolling Stock appears in working order.

Some new rails are in stock and some new sleepers are in stock and were being painted with Creosote.

I remain,
Your obedient Servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
15th day of June, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I request you will be good enough to proceed to the appointment of Assistant Surveyor to take charge of the Area formerly under Mr. Joseph Doyle.

On two occasions you have postponed making an appointment to this Area, and I am now 7½ months without an Assistant, which renders the discharge of my duties unduly onerous.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

A motion to refer consideration of the matter to the Finance Committee was lost, it being ascertained that of the nine Councillors present four voted for the motion and five against.

An application from Philip Hanlon, Rathnaboe, Blessington, for monies stated to be due to him in respect of a Road Contract, which was before the Council

on the 28th May, 1923, consideration of which was adjourned, with the similar case of Patrick Keilly, Knockalt, Vallemount, for reports from the County Surveyor, were again submitted.

The County Surveyor submitted the following reports:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
15th day of June, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

Annexed hereto please find Assistant Surveyor's Reports on the Road Contract held by Mr. Philip Hanlon, Rathnaboe.

You will see from same that the road was not kept in proper repair.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor,
Per W.C.B.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
15th day of June, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

Annexed hereto please find Assistant Surveyor's Reports on the three Road Contracts held by the late Patrick Reilly.

You will see from same that the roads were not kept in proper repair.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor having refused to certify for a payment to Mr. Philip Hanlon beyond that already paid, the County Surveyor was directed to consult with his Assistant, Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., for the purpose of seeing if anything can be done in the matter.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
15th day of June, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

In reference to the instructions (given at your meeting on the 28th ultimo) to immediately repair the Bridges, I request a definite direction as to whether or not I am to expend for this purpose the money which is allocated for Road Work and Ordinary Sudden Damages—or whether, or not I am to await the sum provided by the Special 6d. Rate.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

No Order.

An application from Carnew Motor Company was submitted by the County Surveyor, in which the Council's permission was asked to be allowed to put up a post inside the kerb past their premises, Carnew, for the purpose of erecting a garage sign.

Order.—Approved, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

Reference No. 53C.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
15th day of June, 1923.

Dear Sir—

Some of the Overseers have provided themselves with Motor Cycles and are using them for the discharge of their duties.

I suggest that it would be advisable for the Council to give a decision as regards liability for any accidents which may occur to the Overseer, his machine, or third party where such accidents arise by reason of the Overseers using such machines in the discharge of their duties.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Law Agent to submit a report on the whole matter to the Finance Committee, who will take suitable action thereon.

A circular letter dated the 22nd April, 1923, No. R 104, was submitted from the Ministry of Local Government drawing the Council's attention to the revised scale of travelling expenses which the Ministry would be prepared to sanction for the County Surveyors and Assistant Surveyors, and enclosing sample of the form which should be used by these officials in that connection.

Order.—Noted.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor D. Condren.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY,
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
EARLSFORT TERRACE, DUBLIN.
14/4/1923.

Report on analyses performed for Wicklow County for quarter ended 31-3-23.

DRUGS.—17 samples analysed. 16 passed as genuine. One sample poor.
MILKS.—38 samples analysed for Bray U.D.C. 5 condemned.
WATERS.—5 samples analysed for Arklow Town's Council.
BUTTERS.—7 samples analysed. Received through D.A.T.I.
Total.—67 samples analysed.

(Signed)—JOHN KEANE, per P. U. R.

OIFIG CHOMHAIRLE AN BHAILE,
TIGH NA CUIRTE,
AN T-INBHEAR MOR,

P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Urban District Council to apply to the Wicklow County Council for sanction to the change of name of Town of Arklow to the Irish form An t-Inbhear Mor. It would appear from Art. 14 (1) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, any change of name in the district requires the sanction of the County Council.

I should, therefore, feel obliged if you would kindly let me know as soon as convenient if the County Council have any objection to the alteration of the name, and also of the manner in which your Council desires the said change to be published.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—SEOSAMH L. BAIREAD.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:

I hereby give Notice, that I or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council:—

That, in pursuance of the powers vested in the Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Arklow Urban District Council to change the name of the town of Arklow to the Irish form, An t-Inbhear Mor;

And, further, we direct that adequate notice of this change of name be duly published in such manner as the County Council may direct.

An application was received from Mr. Michael Byrne, Barton Street, Tinahely, for appointment to the position of Court Keeper of Tinahely Courthouse, in succession to the late Mr. George Eager, who had resigned his position a considerable time prior to his death on the 10th June, 1923.

In this connection the Secretary submitted the following letter which he had received from Mr. William Toomey, B.L., Sub Sheriff:—

ANNACREVVY,

ENNISKERRY,

CO. WICKLOW.

26th March, 1923.

Dear Sir:—

I duly received your letter re Tinahely Courthouse. Mr. Eager has been

talking about resigning for years, but he has never done so, as far as I know. I am quite willing to appoint anyone you wish, and if you appoint Mr. M. Byrne I agree and appoint him.

Yours truly,

(Signed) WILLIAM TOOMEY.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved:—That Mr. Michael Byrne, of Barton Street, Tinahely, be appointed Court Keeper for Tinahely Court House, in succession to Mr. George Eager, deceased, his salary, etc., in that capacity to date from the last date of payment to Mr. Eager, and to be at the same rate, namely, £8 per annum.
Passed.

An application addressed to the Chairman of the Council by the Secretary, County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, was submitted, in which that committee applied for the use of Tinahely Court House for a period of six weeks from the 22nd May, 1923, for the purpose of holding classes in Motor Engineering therein.

The application was withdrawn, it having been pointed out to the Council that the committee were holding these classes instead in the Market Hall, Tinahely.

A communication dated the 24th May, 1923, from the Clerk of the Urban District Council of Wicklow, in which the Council was asked if they are prepared to make application to have a supply of electricity laid down throughout the entire Court House, Wicklow, and the various offices contained therein, was submitted.

Order.—Electric light to be installed in the building—the Secretary to complete a form of application on our behalf.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 28th May, 1923, from the Honorary Secretary of the County Wicklow Poor Rate Collectors' Association in which the Council was asked to make good to the several Collectors concerned the monetary losses they suffered by reason of internment and otherwise whilst carrying out the Council's orders during the Black and Tan regime.

Order.—To be referred to the Ministry of Local Government.

Letters were submitted from the Clerks of Rathdown No. 2 and Shillelagh Rural District Councils, and from the Secretary of the County Board of Health, in which these bodies pointed out the urgent necessity for the County Council to make immediate transfers of monies to credit of these bodies on foot of their annual demands.

Order.—The Council regret they have no funds on hand out of which these transfers can at present be made.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the steps taken by our Law Agent in conjunction with Mr. Daniel Condren, Auctioneer, Arklow, with a view to the collection and lodgment of the outstanding arrears standing in the name of Mr. James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, ex-Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 district.
Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

FROM THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1. Ref. No. 7923/23, 1st March, 1923, approving of the transfer of spare sums from other Sections to Ashford, Rathnew, Aghrim and Arklow Sections, and also approving Expenditure on Roads of additional sums of £400 and £300 in Shillelagh Rural District.
2. 27th February, 1923, fixing dates in connection with the preparation of the current register of electors.
3. Ref. No. G35/207/32, 3rd March, 1923, stating that the question of County Councils applying for compensation in respect of destroyed Courthouses, etcetera, is dealt with under Section 14 of the Criminal Injuries Bill.

4. 5th March, 1923, intimating that future contracts in connection with the Collective Buying Scheme will terminate half-yearly on 30th September or 31st March.

5. Ref. No. RG/33/Wicklow, regretting that the Ministry are not yet in a position to consider applications for grants to Local Authorities out of the Road Fund.

6. Ref. No. G14821/1923, 20th April, 1923, intimating that the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, now empowers County Councils to raise in the financial year 1923/1924 a sum equal to a rate of 1d. in the £ for the purpose of providing instruction in the Irish Language, in addition to the powers heretofore vested in the County Council for striking under the Technical Instruction Acts a total rate not to exceed 2d. annually.

7. Ref. No. G15711, 23rd April, 1923, stating that copies of all Public General Acts affecting County Administration are generally supplied to local authorities, and that any such acts which do not directly concern local authorities may be obtained through the Government Publishers on payment of the prescribed cost.

8. Ref. No. G19491, 11th May, 1923, stating that the amount of the Agricultural Grant for the half-year ended 31st March, 1922, has not yet been transferred to the County Council from the Guarantee Fund owing to the calls made upon that fund in consequence of large arrears of Land Purchase Annuities.

9. Ref. No. F21828/1923, 24th May, 1923, stating that, having regard to the terms of Sub-Section 4 of Section 4 of the Local Elections Postponement Act, 1922, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council in office at the passing of the Act continue in office until the appointment of their successors at the first meeting after the Statutory Elections.

9A. Ref. No. 23764/1923, Undated, acknowledging the Council's resolution fixing Polling Districts and Polling Places.

9B. 5th June, 1923, letter from Mr. G. O'Sullivan, Manor-Kilbride, relative to the possibility of electors from Registration Union of Kilbride being allowed to vote at Kilbride N.S.

9C. 1s June, 1923, No. G22841/1923, stating that it has been decided to revert to the regular legal procedure in regard to the payment of Prosecutors and Witnesses' expenses which was temporarily suspended during the conflict with the British Administration.

9D. 16th June, 1923, from same as duly appointed Auditor asking the Council to appoint representatives to appear at an enquiry to be held at Board Room, Baltinglass, at noon on the 26th June, 1923, on the financial adjustment between three counties of the assets and liabilities of the late Baltinglass Union.

Order.—That the Secretary to the County Board of Health and the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mr. Eamonn O'Neill, be asked to attend the enquiry.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

10. 13th March, 1923, asking for the Council's views as to the practicability and usefulness generally of the proposed appointment of a National Film Censor, whose duty it would be to censor all Cinematograph Films prior to their exhibition.

10A. 15th June, 1923, from Ministry of Industry and Commerce, outlining the arrangements being made for putting the Weights and Measures Acts into operation again.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

11. Ref. No. A608/23, 16th March, 1923, circular letter and copies of the prospectus of the examination to be held in June next for Scholarships in Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, and Creamery Management, tenable at the College of Science.

12. Ref. No. G1077/23, 16th April, 1923, informing the Council that four samples of butter taken up in Greystones and three samples taken up in Bray were found on analysis to be genuine.

12A. File of correspondence with Department of Agriculture and the Sergeant, Civic Guard, Blessington, relative to two aged horses found wandering at Blessington.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT—J. H. McCARROLL, ESQ., SOLICITOR, CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

13. 9th April, 1923, reporting the result of the proceedings taken on the Council's direction against Kelly and another for erecting part of a building within 30 feet of the public road at Blacklion.

14. 5th May, 1923, reporting on the steps being taken to collect the rates due by A. W. Panton, Baltiboys, Blessington.

15. Letters dated 3rd, 14th, 22nd, and 24th May, 1923, reporting on the steps being taken to recover rates which should have been collected and lodged to credit of the County Council by Mr. James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, ex-Poor Rate Collector for No. 14 District.

FROM P. W. SHEEHAN, CLERK, COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, RATHDRUM.

16. 22nd May, 1923, applying for refund to his Board of certain sums paid as Travelling Expenses to Patients attending Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin, for treatment for Venereal Disease.

FROM CHIEF CLERK, GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

17. Letters dated 13th and 22nd December dealing with sums still due by the County Council in respect of the Joint Committee's Annual Estimate and Demands.

Letters dated 13th February and 16th March, 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government relative to same.

17A. Further letters re same, dated 6th and 13th June, 1923.

18. 14th April, 1923, intimating that an enquiry was about to be held by the Ministry of Local Government with reference to an application for sanction to a loan for providing additional housing accommodation for married attendants at Portrane, and for sewerage works in connection with the existing cottages.

19. 23rd April, 1923, from the local manager, Royal Insurance Company, 45 Dame Street, Dublin, relative to a claim made on the Company by Mr. Thomas Birney, of Albert House, Bray, in connection with the overturning of his Hackney Car in Newtownmountkennedy stated to be due to a cutting which had been made in the road for the purpose of carrying off water.

8th May, 1923, letter from County Surveyor enclosing copy of Road Overseer's report on same.

20. 7th May, 1923, from the Secretary, Irish Library Conference, 16 Harcourt Street, Dublin, inviting the appointment of a representative of the Council to attend an Irish Library Conference which is to be held in Dublin in June, 1923.

21. 12th April, 1923, from the Honorary Secretary, Dublin Sinn Fein Peace Committee, Mansion House, Dublin, asking the Council to pass a Resolution, draft of which is given, in the interests of peace.

21A. From P. Belton, Esq., 41 Parnell Square, Dublin, Secretary to the Land League, outlining the position of Unpurchased Tenants.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

22. 28th February, 1923, resolution from Donegal County Council congratulating the Government on the steps taken by them to establish District Sessions Courts with a view to ridding the country of crime.

23. 28th February, 1923, from Limerick County Council asking the Government to eliminate from the Criminal Injuries Bill the clause which prohibits citizens who have been killed or injured either maliciously or with criminal intent from claiming compensation from the State.

24. 13th March, 1923, from Westmeath County Council, resolution calling on the Government to expedite the payment of compensation to members of the police force who resigned when called upon to do so.

25. 13th April, 1923, from the Central Executive Council of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland, submitting resolution passed by Dublin Corporation approving of the claims put forward by their members, and asking the Council to pass same.

26. 16th April, 1923, from the County Borough Council of Cork, resolution urging that the presence of the Papal Envoy be availed of to secure peace.

27. 25th May, 1923, from Rathdown Board of Guardians, Resolution re peace.

28. 1st June, 1923, from Dublin County Council, resolution re growth of Insanity.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 7th August, 1923.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman. Councillors M. Fleming, Patrick Doyle, J. J. Redmond, Seamus Turner, James Everett, T.D., and J. J. Metcalfe.

Letters regarding their inability to be present were submitted from Councillors Eamonn O'Neill and Edward Byrne.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To receive, consider, and approve, of the Resolution passed by the Special Committee appointed by the County Council on the 18th June, 1923, for the purpose of reviewing the Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities recommended to Officials whose positions were abolished by the Workhouse Amalgamation Scheme coming into operation.
- 2.—To consider the Council's financial position, and if so decided, to take steps to obtain a substantial Overdraft from the Treasurer, so that the subsidiary bodies in the County may be financed up to 30th June, 1923.
- 3.—To consider the present unsatisfactory condition of the Poor Rate Collections, and to take such serious action in that connection as the Council may deem necessary.

**WORKHOUSE AMALGAMATION SCHEME
SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES.**

The Secretary submitted letters dated, respectively, the 26th June, 1923, from Mr. P. W. Sheehan, Secretary to the County Wicklow Board of Health, Rathdrum, and dated 6th July, 1923 (No. P. 27397/1923) from the Ministry of Local Government, in connection with the Resolution passed by the Special Committee appointed by the County Council on the 18th June, 1923, for the purpose of reviewing the Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities recommended to Officials whose positions were abolished by the Workhouse Amalgamation Scheme coming into operation.

Comhaltas na Slainte,
Cille Manntain,
Teaghlach an Contae,
Rathdroma,
June 26th, 1923.

A Chara—

The Meeting of the County Council called to deal with the question of the superannuation allowances and retiring gratuities to officers whose services had been discontinued as a result of the County Wicklow Scheme of Union Amalgamation was held yesterday, 25th instant. Members present—Messrs. James Byrne, Tinnakilly, in the chair; W. J. Doyle, Felix O'Rafferty, James Turner, Eamonn O'Neill, Michael Fleming, and Patrick Doyle. Lists were submitted showing the sums awarded to the different officers and the amounts sanctioned by the Local Government Department.

It was proposed by Mr. James Turner, seconded by Mr. Felix O'Rafferty:—

That the Council dispute the awards of pensions and gratuities in the cases of all officials whose services were discontinued as a result of the County Scheme of Union Amalgamation, and that we ask the Local Government Department to fix the amounts to be paid in these cases. We particularly desire to call the attention of the Department to the cases of Miss A. C. Keating, late nurse in the Fever Hospital, Wicklow, and Miss Mary Magee, late attendant in the Rathdrum Workhouse. We ask them to deal sympathetically with the proposals for retiring allowances in these cases.

Carried by six votes to one vote.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. W. SHEEHAN,
Secretary.

P.S.—Two copies of list of amounts voted officers are enclosed herewith.

I am posting you list of addresses of the various officers named in lists.
P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary, County Council,
Wicklow.

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Sraid Mhuirbhtheann Uach,
Baile Atha Cliath,
6th July, 1923

P. 27397/1923.
Wicklow County,
The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

A Chara—

With reference to your letter of the 26 ultimo in regard to the decision of the Committee of the Wicklow County Council to dispute the compensation of certain Poor Law Officers in Wicklow, on termination of their services as a result of the operation of the County Scheme, the Minister for Local Government desires me to state that the Resolution of the Committee in this matter should be formally approved by the County Council, and each of the officers concerned notified of the effect of the resolution.

The Minister will be prepared to consider any representations which the County Council or the Officers may wish to make in the matter provided that such representations are received in this Department on or before the 7th proximo, and he would be glad if you notified each of the officers accordingly and furnish him with a communication certifying that this has been done.

Is mise, le meas,
(Signed) TOMAS MACARDGHAIL,
Ar son an Aire.

The Secretary further submitted a notice which he had issued to the various officials concerned, on behalf of the Council's intention to dispute the figures of Superannuation Allowance and Gratuities, which had been received from the County Board of Health.

Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow,
26th June, 1923.

A Chara—

By direction of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, I hereby give you formal notice that the County Council, pursuant to the powers conferred on them by Section 11, Sub-Section 4 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, have notified the Minister of Local Government of their intention and desire to dispute the amount of the Superannuation Allowance or Gratuity recently awarded to you because of the fact that the official position held by you was abolished in consequence of the coming into operation of the Union Amalgamation Scheme in the County of Wicklow.

The amount of each Superannuation Allowance or Gratuity will, therefore, under the Section referred to, be now determined by the Minister for Local Government.

Le meas mor,
Is mise,
(Signed) P. T. HEALY.

Proposed by Councillor James Turner,
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming, and

Resolved—That having received, considered and approved, of the Resolution passed on the 25th June, 1923, by the Sub-Committee appointed by the County Council on the 18th June, 1923, for the purpose of reviewing the Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities recommended to Officials whose positions were abolished by the Workhouse Amalgamation Scheme coming into operation in the County. We, the Wicklow County Council, hereby formally notify the Minister for Local Government that we dispute the amounts of such retiring allowances or gratuities, as the case may be, with the exception of the cases of the Clerk and other Officers of Shillelagh Union, and we appeal to the Minister to have each such disputed amount carefully investigated again and determined, and the result communicated to this Council for their approval.

This Council, however, particularly desire to call the attention of the Minister to the cases of Miss A. C. Keating, late nurse in the Fever Hospital, Wicklow, and Miss Mary Magee, late attendant in the Rathdrum Workhouse, and we would

ask the Minister to deal sympathetically with the proposals for retiring allowances in these cases.

Passed unanimously.

Having very carefully considered the Council's financial position, as disclosed by the returns read by the Secretary, and having had before them the following letter from the Ministry of Local Government, addressed to the Chairman of the Council.

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Sraid Mhuirbhtheann Uach,
Baile Atha Cliath,
3rd August, 1923

SS.

A Chara—

With reference to the recent interview in regard to the present financial position of the Wicklow County Council, at which the amounts due to the Council in respect of Local Taxation Grants were discussed, I am to state that the matter has been very carefully considered by the Minister for Local Government, and in the special circumstances he would advise the County Council to approach their Treasurer with a view of securing such amount by way of overdraft as will enable the Council to meet their pressing liabilities and to continue to make advances to subsidiary bodies in the County. If this course is adopted the Minister will be prepared to accord his sanction to the arrangement.

As explained at the interview, the withholding of the Local Taxation Grants are due largely to the demands made on the Guarantee Fund in consequence of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities during 1921 and 1922. There has latterly been an improvement in the payment of Land Purchase Annuities, and with normal conditions ensuing it is hoped that the position of the Guarantee Fund will soon permit of the release of a large proportion of the Grants withheld, when the due share accruing to the Council will be paid over. In the meantime every effort will be made to have such instalments on account paid to the County Council as the position of the Guarantee Fund will permit.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McGARRON,
Runaidhe.

It was
Proposed by Councillor C. M. Bydne, T.D.,
seconded by Councillor M. Fleming, and

Resolved—That the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, the Treasurer of the County Council, be requested to grant an overdraft of Twenty Thousand Pounds (£20,000) upon the account of Wicklow County Council for a period of six months, for the purpose of financing the subsidiary bodies in the County, such Overdraft to bear interest at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Irish Banks' rate, per annum, from time to time rising and falling therewith, with a minimum of 4 per cent., and that application be made to the Ministry of Local Government for sanction to this proposed overdraft.

Passed unanimously.

POOR RATE COLLECTIONS.

The following letter from the Ministry of Local Government was submitted:

Aireacht um Rialtas Aitiuil,
Sraid Mhuirbhtheann Uach,
Baile Atha Cliath,
3rd August, 1923.

G. 28410/23.
Wicklow County.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara—

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the state of the rate collection in County Wicklow, from which it appears that rates are outstanding for the past six half-years. No reason can now be put forward on the part of the Collectors for failure to proceed with their duties energetically. The collection of arrears cannot be allowed to proceed indefinitely, and the Collectors must be given to understand that delay in closing their warrants will not be tolerated.

The Collectors should be immediately notified to this effect, and further that if they fail to have outstanding rates lodged by the end of August it will be necessary to consider their removal from office.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) M. DE LASAIGH,
Ar son an Aire.

The Secretary submitted a return showing the total amounts of rates still outstanding in each Collecting District in the County in respect to (a) year ending 31st March, 1921, £2,217 odd; (b) year ended 31st March, 1922, £4,749 odd; (c) year ended 31st March, 1923, £8,808 odd; and (d) half-year ending 30th September, 1923, £50,589 odd.

The Council noted that of the rates struck in respect to the three years ending 31st March, 1923, there was still uncollected and unlodged £15,774 odd, of which sum, however, the Secretary mentioned the £774 odd might be looked upon as irrecoverable rates which would in due course be claimed as such by the Collectors on the appropriate forms.

The Secretary further mentioned that owing to the amount of rates outstanding in respect to previous years only nine collectors had been issued the Collecting Books in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1924.

Authority having been given to the Secretary to issue the Collecting Books in respect to No. 12 District,

It was
Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., and

Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the letter dated the 3rd August, 1923, No. G. 28410/23, from the Ministry for Local Government, each Poor Rate Collector in the employment of the Council who has in his books rates for any period prior to the 31st March, 1923, still uncollected and unlodged, is hereby formally and definitely notified that if he fails to have such outstanding rates (other than rates declared to be irrecoverable) lodged with the Council's Treasurer on or before the 31st August, 1923, this Council will proceed to remove him from his position as Poor Rate Collector.

Passed unanimously.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 20th August, 1923.

The following Members were present:
Councillor C. M. Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors J. J. Redmond, Sean Fleming, James Everett, Seamus Turner, James Byrne, Eamonn O'Neill, and J. J. Metcalfe.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To authorise the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands to the County Board of Health and Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To consider Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 4.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 5.—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 6.—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7.—To Sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—
"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of this Council: That the motion relative to the fixing the charge for Home Help in the Draft Amalgamation Scheme now submitted be rescinded, and that the County-at-Large area of charge outlined in the scheme be adhered to without change."
- 9.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:—
"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council: That in pursuance of the powers vested in the Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Arklow Urban District Council to change the name of the town of Arklow to the Irish form, an t-Inbhear Mor."
- 10.—To consider a further application from Miss Bridget Redmond, 9 Rathmines Road, Dublin, for a Fourth Year of the University Scholarship held by her and which lapsed in the year 1921. (Referred to the Council by the Finance Committee.)
- 11.—To consider the present unsatisfactory condition of the Poor Rate Collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts, in which Mr. John Cullen, Donard is the Collector. (Referred to the Council by the Finance Committee.)
- 12.—To consider what steps should be taken regarding Baltinglass Workhouse, now vacant, and, if deemed necessary, to arrange for the appointment of a Caretaker for same. (Referred to the Council by the Finance Committee.)
- 13.—To take such action as may be considered necessary to ensure the attachment of rebuilding conditions to all awards made in Criminal Injury cases—in accordance with the terms of the Council's Resolution passed on the 20th November, 1922.
- 14.—To consider the letter, in the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, from Mr. James Cassidy, D.C., Farmer, Blackhill, Dunlavin—in which certain charges are made against Road Overseer D. Fay, Dunlavin, of negligence in the discharge of his duties.
- 15.—To consider the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated the 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, requesting the Council to make arrangements for the discharge of their duties under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918. (Referred to the Council by the Finance Committee.)
- 16.—To consider an application from Mr. James Kane, Dunlavin, to have his boy James—for the past scholastic year a Secondary School Scholarship holder in St. Peter's College, Wexford, under the Council's Scheme—transferred for the coming Scholastic Year to Knockbeg Lay College, Carlow.

- 17.—To consider a Requisition signed by 56 Voters, and forwarded by Mr. G. O'Sullivan, Manor Kilbride—to have a Polling Station in Kilbride National School—the approved Scheme having fixed Blessington as the Polling Place for all Electors in Blessington and Kilbride Registration Units.
- 18.—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 19.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 20.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 21.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 22.—To consider General Correspondence.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor James Byrne; and

Resolved—That this Council has heard with deep regret of the death of our esteemed and valued colleague, Councillor John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones, and we desire to tender to Mrs. Healy and the other members of his family the assurance of our deep sympathy in the great loss that has befallen them.

Passed unanimously.

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 Tuesday, the 24th July, 1923.

The following members attended: Councillor Seamus Turner, Presiding Chairman; Councillors John J. Redmond and B. Kelly.

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

COUNTY-AT LARGE	...	...	...	...	£5721 13 1
BALTINGLASS No. 1.	Proposals	Committee's	Proposals	...	542 18 11
RATHDOWN No. 2	Proposals	Committee's	Proposals	...	152 15 1
RATHDRUM	Proposals	Committee's	Proposals	...	287 5 4
SHILLELAGH	District	Proposals	...	£45 3 0	
	Proposals	Committee's	Proposals	...	8 5 8
					53 8 8
RE PAYMENT OF LOANS	...	...	...	...	364 7 6

The Committee examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and from the Rural District Councils, and recommended the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH IN RESPECT TO QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1923.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (A)	...	...	...	£1018 10 0
" " (B)	...	...	...	335 0 0
" " (C)	...	...	...	1234 15 0
" " (D)	...	...	...	4639 10 0
" " (E)	...	...	...	1371 5 0
Total				8599 0 0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS IN RESPECT TO QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1923.

BALTINGLASS No. 1	...	...	...	£262 0 0
RATHDOWN No. 2	...	...	...	£294 0 0
RATHDRUM	...	...	...	£904 5 0
SHILLELAGH	...	...	...	£279 0 0
Total				£2739 5 0

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Reports dated the 25th April, 1923, and the 28th June, 1923, respectively, were submitted from the President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, and from the Mother Prioress, Loreto Abbey, Gorey, on the progress and conduct, etc., of the Council's first year Secondary School Scholarships holders in these colleges. These reports being of a satisfactory nature the Committee recommend the Council to renew for the second year, without change in the terms of the approved scheme or the arrangements made thereunder, the Scholarships held by the following six students:—

Evelyn Whittle, Dunlavin,
Rosie Walsh, Donard,
Anastasia Greene, Loreto Lodge, Bray,
Gregory Doyle, Irishtown, Donard
James Keane, Dunlavin,
Michael Wogan, Enniskerry.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The attendance, conduct, and progress of the two following holders of the Council's University Scholarships having been satisfactory during the last scholastic year the Committee recommend the Council to renew their Scholarships for a third year, in accordance with the terms of the approved scheme:

Mary M. Sheehan, Corballis House, Rathdrum.
Louise M. Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.

A letter dated the 9th July, 1923, was submitted from Miss Bridget Redmond, 9, Rathmines Road, Dublin, in which she again applied for a fourth year of her University Scholarship, which after being held for three years, lapsed in June, 1921.

Order.—Referred to County Council.

A letter dated the 17th July, 1923, was submitted from the Rev. Michael Murphy, C.C., Tinahely, who applied for the Council's permission to control and regulate the traffic on the road near Mr. Pasley's land, Lugduff, Tinahely, on Thursday, the 9th August, 1923, between the hours of 3.0 and 7.0 p.m., on the occasion of a races, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to parochial purposes.

Order.—In the absence of a meeting of the County Council, the Finance Committee are not empowered to give authority to close to ordinary traffic the road between the points indicated in Father Murphy's letter, at Mr. Pasley's land, Lugduff, Tinahely, but the Committee have no objection to the Bazaar Committee or the promoters of the races taking steps to see that such ordinary traffic is not allowed to loiter on the 9th August, 1923, between the hours of 3.0 and 7.0 p.m., on that portion of road, for the purpose of viewing without payment such races.

It is, however, clearly to be understood that the promoters take full responsibility for any accident, or damage to person or property in any way arising out of or consequent to this permission.

CONDITION OF RATE COLLECTION IN Nos. 5 & 6 DISTRICTS.

The Committee had under consideration the following resolution passed by the County Council at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of that body held on the 18th June, 1923:—

“Resolved:—

“That in any case where rates outstanding are not paid within fourteen days from this day, Collector John Cullen be hereby ordered to place all such unpaid rates in the hands of our Law Agent for the institution of legal proceedings for the recovery thereof, the Collector to be warned that if he fails to carry out this order the Finance Committee is hereby empowered to order his suspension forthwith. In the event of the Collector satisfactorily carrying out the Council's order herein, the Finance Committee is hereby empowered to direct the issue to Collector Cullen of the Collecting Books for “Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts for the financial year 1922-1923.”

and also a letter dated the 19th July, written by the Secretary to Collector John Cullen, and a report dated the 20th July, 1923, from the Council's Law Agent, from which it would appear he is not in a position to advise that Collector John Cullen be given the Collecting Books in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1923.

Order.—Referred back to County Council for consideration.

A letter dated the 6th July, 1923, was submitted from Mr. J. R. Dagg, clerk to Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, in which he suggested to the County Council the necessity which now existed for their appointing a caretaker for their property at the Workhouse, Baltinglass, to take up duty on the 1st August, 1923, on which date the Rural District Council's offices are being permanently removed to Blessington, it being understood the Clerk proposed to change his residence from Baltinglass to Dublin.

A letter dated the 10th July, 1923, was also submitted from Mr. Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, in which he asked the Council's permission to continue using the District Council's Offices in Baltinglass Workhouse for the purpose of checking the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts, and further asking to be appointed caretaker of the Workhouse Building for the County Council.

Order.—Referred to County Council for consideration.

The Committee had the following letter under consideration, and the Secretary was instructed to embody it in full in the Committee's report for the information of the Council:—

COMPENSATION SECTION,
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,
AIREACHT AIRGID,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
13th July, 1923.

405/128
A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, relative to the attachment of rebuilding conditions to awards of the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, I am directed by the Minister of Finance to state that the attaching of such conditions rests entirely with the Commission, and this Ministry has no power to intervene in the matter. It is understood, however, that the Commission are careful to consider the imposing of rebuilding conditions wherever desirable.

I am to add that no part of the Commission's award respecting the burning of Glenart Castle is conditional.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) S. FLANAGAN.

The Clerk of the Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Committee referred to the Council for consideration the following letter dated the 6th July, 1923, submitted from James Cassidy, D.C., Blackhill, Dunlavin:—

BLACKHILL,
DUNLAVIN,
Co. Wicklow.
6/7/23.

Sir,

As representing the ratepayers of Dunlavin I wish to bring under your notice that Overseer D. Fay, of Dunlavin, is not attending to his duties according to Direct Labour. I believe he has absented himself without leave. On April 11th he was away at races. From May 2nd to 6th, inclusive, he was under doctor's care. On June 13th I saw him in Dunlavin from 12.0 a.m. to 3.0 p.m. On June 25th he was at the Law Courts in Dunlavin from 12.30 to 4.20 p.m. I know him to be in Dublin on different occasions, also to be out making settlements with farmers.

I respectfully request that you will bring this under the notice of the County Council as soon as possible, as I believe that Fay has no authority from the County Council to carry on in this fashion.

Hoping you will oblige me in my request,

I remain,
Yours respectfully,
(Signed) JAMES CASSIDY, D.C.,
Farmer, Dunlavin.

Letters were submitted from Mr. James Tomkins, Tullowclay, Tullow, Co. Carlow; the Council's Law Agent; and Collector John Byrne, Seskin, Tinahely; regarding certain rates stated to have been collected by Mr. James O'Rourke,

whilst temporarily employed in No. 19 Collecting District, but for which it is alleged no official receipts were issued by him, and application for payment of which is now being made, for the same sums, by the permanent Collector, John Byrne.

The Committee recommend the Council to place these matters in the hands of their Law Agent to be dealt with by him as he may deem advisable for the protection of the Council's interest.

MIDWIVES (IRELAND) ACT, 1918.

A circular letter dated the 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, was submitted from the Ministry of Local Government, in which the Council is asked to at once make arrangements for the discharge of their duties in the County under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.

Order.—Referred to County Council for consideration.

The Secretary submitted letters dated the 17th and 19th July, from the Accountant, Office of Public Works, Dublin, reminding the Council of the necessity for discharging with the least possible delay the arrears of loan instalments due to the Board of Public Works.

Order.—Paying Orders to be issued when the Government Grants due to the Council are received in full.

Letters dated the 11th and 14th July, 1923, were submitted from William J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, in which the Council is requested to forward without further delay a Paying Order for £500 in respect to the Guaranteed Dividend on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1922.

Order.—Noted.

(Signed) SEAMUS TURNER,
Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus Turner;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond; and

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Sean Fleming; and

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 in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill; and

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby instructed to issue a Paying Order for £500 already authorised in respect of dividend on the Guaranteed Stock of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway for the half-year ended 31st December, 1922.
Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Rooms, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, the 20th August, 1923.

The following Members were present:

Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Presiding Chairman; Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D., and James Byrne.

The Committee recommend the following Additional Proposals to the County Council for payment:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS £147 0 0

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

A letter dated the 4th August, 1923, was submitted from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, intimating the result of the recent special examination of the three candidates competing for the County Council's University Scholarships,

Only one candidate qualified under the Council's approved scheme, and consequently the Committee recommend the Council to award a University Scholarship to that candidate, Mr. Mortimer Hourihane, Mill Street, Baltinglass.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Committee had under consideration a letter dated the 15th August, 1923, from the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Dublin, enclosing a tabulated statement showing the result of the recent special examination of the twenty-one applicants for the Secondary School Scholarships offered by the Council. The Committee had before them the birth certificate of the candidate, Laurence Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry, who was placed first in order of merit by the Ministry of Education, from which it appeared that he was over 15 years of age on the 1st June, 1923, the prescribed date, and was therefore ineligible for a Scholarship under the terms of the Council's approved scheme.

The Committee recommend the Council to grant Secondary School Scholarships to the following six applicants, who were placed next in order of merit by the Ministry of Education:

- Walter Kane, Dunlavin.
- May Kinsella, Castle Street, Wicklow.
- Ellen Kearney, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.
- Annie Byrne, Convent Lodge, Wicklow.
- Kathleen Corrigan, Dunlavin.
- Mary White, 4 Bath Street, Wicklow.

The Committee further recommend the Council to send the five girl Scholarship holders to Loreto Convent, Gorey, and the boy Scholarship holder to St. Peter's College, Wexford, in accordance with the approved arrangements entered into with these colleges.

The Committee recommend that their reasonable expenses, if any, be paid in the cases of Walter Kane, May Kinsella, Ellen Kearney, Annie Byrne, Kathleen Carrigan and Mary White, who alone are entitled to receive same under the terms of Article 7 of the approved scheme.

(Signed) EAMONN O'NEILL,
Presiding Chairman,
Finance Committee, Wicklow Co. Council.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report, No. 2, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLO:

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor J. 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 £5,721 13s 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 J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £542 18s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor John Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £152 15s. 1d. (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 J. Turner;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £287 5s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor John Fleming;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £53 8s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS:

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £364 7s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payment, amounting to £147 (any modification 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 Seamus Turner;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,

14th August, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 20th August, 1923.
Gentlemen—

A Proposal to build a Footbridge on the bounds of Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural Districts was passed at Rathdrum, but no similar Proposal appears to have been passed at Rathdown No. 2 Meeting. I wish to point out that the proposed bridge is not on a County road.

Owing to the dry season and the large volume of Motor Traffic it has been difficult to maintain many of the roads. However, generally speaking, the roads were kept fairly passable.

A large number of applications are being received for permission to erect Petrol Pumps, etc., on the road. As these are for the benefit of the public, you have so far permitted them, but I would ask for a ruling as to the placing of Petrol Tanks under public roads or footpaths. The presence of these Tanks might cause difficulties in the event of future work either by the Road or Sanitary Authority.

Having regard to the fact that the Court Houses are being used for purposes other than for the holding of Courts of Law, I recommend that special Insurance Policies be taken out, as the present Policies appear not to cover risks arising through the use of the buildings for Meetings, etc.

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

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;

Resolved—That all applications to erect a Petrol Pump at the street or roadside be accompanied by a detailed map and any other information asked for, and that the County Surveyor be hereby empowered, where he is satisfied as to the conditions, etc., to give authority for the erection of these Petrol Pumps.

Passed.

A PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WAS SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

To the County Printing Works (Wicklow), Limited, Main Street, Wicklow, for printing, providing and supplying for the year ending 30th September, 1924, the requisite books, forms, notices, circulars, etc., etc., required for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Peace and their several offices, as the same may be ordered—exclusive of the Registration Lists—Irish materials (ink, paper, etc.) to be employed in the execution of the work. Amount of accepted contract, £674 2s. 6d. Guarantors: Sylvester V. Delahunt, Abbey Hill, Wicklow; David H. Haskins, The Cedars, Dunganstown, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett;

Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved at this quarterly meeting be now signed and sealed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the Council hereby grants Miss Bridget Redmond, 9 Rathmines Road, Dublin, a fourth year of the University Scholarship held by her, which expired in the year 1921.

Passed.

BANK OVERDRAFT OF TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS.

At the request of the Council's Treasurer the following resolution was submitted and adopted:—

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor James Byrne;

Resolved—That the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, the Treasurer of the Council, be requested to grant an Overdraft not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds upon the account of the Council for a period of six months, to bear interest at the rate of one-half per cent. under the Irish Banks' Rate, rising and falling therewith from time to time, but at no time to be less than Four Pounds per cent. per annum, said loan to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates available for the purpose, and that the seal of the Council be attached to such Mortgage.

Passed.

The mortgage referred to in the resolution was thereupon sealed with the seal of the Council and signed by the Chairman as witness thereto.

Having considered a File of Correspondence submitted by the Secretary, including the letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 15th August, 1923, No. G33,933/1923, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Resolved—That our Law Agent be hereby instructed to make the appropriate representations that it is this Council's considered opinion and wish that reinstatement conditions should be imposed in every individual case where compensation is awarded in respect of damage to buildings and machinery under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, or under any other authority, as the absence of such reinstatement conditions has led and will lead to a very considerable financial loss to the Council by way of rates.

Passed.

The Secretary read an application, dated the 2nd August, 1923, from Mr. James Kane, Dunlavin, to have his boy, James—for the past year a Secondary School Scholarship holder in St. Peter's College, Wexford, under the Council's scheme—transferred for the coming scholastic year to Knockbeg Lay College, Carlow.

After a discussion, and having heard Mr. Kane, who was present, the Council permitted Mr. Kane to withdraw the application.

The Secretary submitted letters dated 9th and 17th August, 1923, from the Secretary to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Power Section), 24 Kildare Street, Dublin, in which the Council was asked is it their desire to have their requirements embodied in one inclusive contract for such Standards and Sub-Weights and Measures Acts.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Resolved—That in accordance with the terms of the letter dated the 9th August, 1923, the Minister of Industry and Commerce be hereby requested to have the ascertained requirements of this County embodied in one inclusive contract which he proposed entering into for the supply of the Standards and Sub-Weights and Measures Acts.

Passed.

Letters were submitted dated the 13th July, 1923, from the Council's Law Agent, and dated 21st July, 1923, from the County Surveyor, in connection with proceedings which were being instituted against three persons found on the 19th June, 1923, obstructing and damaging the road at Ballymaghroe Hill.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve and confirm the order given to the Council's Law Agent for the institution of proceedings against Michael Duffy, Patrick Jameson, and Thomas Sheane, who on the 19th June, 1923, obstructed the road at Ballymaghroe Hill by drawing sticks along the road and damaging same, the Overseer having reported through the County Surveyor that this damage is persistent.

Passed.

The following two letters addressed to the Chairman by the Secretary to the Ministry of Local Government were read:

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIIL,
SRAID MHUIRBHITHEANN UACH.
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
10th August, 1923.

Secretariat.

A Chara,

With reference to the deputation which attended yesterday at the Ministry's offices on the subject of the financial burden borne by the ratepayers of County Wicklow in connection with the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he views with grave concern the fact that the under-

taking not only heavily onerates the local ratepayers but has also involved increases in the State contributions payable under Section 9 of the Tramways Act, 1883, and Section 58 (4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. The Minister proposes to avail of an early opportunity to review the whole position and to consider what means may be devised to relieve public funds either wholly or partially of the heavy annual charges involved.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH.
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
18th August, 1923.

L.G.

A Chara,

I have just received your letter. I am very sorry that I cannot yet give any reliable estimate as to the amounts which will be payable out of the Motor Duties for particular Counties. This is due to the fact that we cannot yet accurately estimate the total amount which will be received from the Motor Duties. Until quite lately the collection throughout the country was very slack, but we have speeded it up, and my latest information is that a sum of nearly £250,000 has been received. As I have mentioned to you when I saw you last we have just appointed Mr. Quigley, who is one of the most experienced authorities in Ireland, as our Chief Roads Adviser. He does not join us officially until the 1st September, but he has been working on this question of the grants during the last few days and is developing principles for the distribution of the money. I am sorry not to be in a position to give you more definite information.

As you are aware the Minister has already given an assurance that special consideration is to be afforded to County Wicklow by reason of its proximity to the Metropolis. You may feel quite assured that we do not minimise the importance of pushing forward as rapidly as possible with the Roads question, in view of the necessity for getting the work done at the suitable season of the year. I am urging this personally every day and hope when I see you next to be able to give you reassuring information.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—

"I beg to give notice that I, or some one for me, will move at the next ordinary meeting of the County Council—That, having regard to the systematic recurrence of strikes, and the consequent hold-up of business throughout Saorstát Éireann, the Government be requested to devise a scheme to set up a Department to deal effectively with this all-important matter."

The Chairman read a letter in connection with Tinahely Courthouse which he had received from Councillor W. J. Doyle

After some discussion the County Surveyor was directed to furnish a Special Report on the subject, and the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor W. J. Doyle:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next ordinary meeting of the County Council that our County Surveyor be directed to provide additional room in Tinahely Courthouse by making therein certain structural alterations suggested by the people of the town interested in that building, the question of bearing the cost of these alterations to be decided by the Council."

At this stage the Council made the following order:—

"This quarterly meeting of the County Council stands adjourned to Monday, the 10th September, 1923."

The adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.0 o'clock, Noon, on Monday, the 10th September, 1923.

The following members attended:—
Councillor C. M. Byrne, Chairman; Councillors J. J. Redmond, Seamus Turner, James Everett, F. O'Rafferty, James Byrne, M. Fleming, E. O'Neill, and J. J. Metcalfe.

A letter dated the 5th September, 1923, was read from the Council's Law Agent, in which he regretted his inability to be present at the meeting, owing to his having to be in attendance on the same day at Blessington District Court to conduct prosecutions on behalf of the Council.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider items of business on the agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on the 20th August, 1923, which were postponed at the stage when the Meeting adjourned.
- 2.—To transact such other business as may be deemed necessary.
- 3.—To consider Reports from Committees.
- 4.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 5.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 6.—To consider general Correspondence.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
14th August, 1923.

ROADS COMMITTEE.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

REPORT OF MEETING OF ROADS COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th AUGUST, 1923.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

The Roads Committee met on Tuesday, 14th August, 1923, when the following Members attended:—
Councillors James Byrne (presiding), John J. Redmond and James Turner.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To consider and make suggestions for the future Direct Labour Scheme, to be brought forward provisionally at November Quarterly Meeting, 1923.
The Roads Committee made the following Recommendations:—
 - (1) That a permanent staff of workmen be provided for in the Scheme and that temporary men be employed for specific work and their services dispensed with after said work is completed.
 - (2) That Baltinglass Rural District will have 5 Sections instead of 4.
That Rathdown No. 2 be as it is in the 1923 Scheme.
That Rathdrum Rural District will have 9 Sections instead of 7.
That Shillelagh Rural District will have 3 Sections instead of 2.
- 2.—To consider the number of men to be employed in the different Areas for the remainder of the year.
The Committee recommended that the County Surveyor reduce the number of men employed on the roads to suit the money available for expenditure to 31st March, 1924. The latest men employed to be dispensed with.
3. To consider the periodical changing of men.
The Committee recommended that the periodical change of men cease as from 31st August, 1923.

(Signed)
JAMES BYRNE, Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Turner;

Resolved—That the Roads Committee's Report, as submitted, be approved and adopted, subject to the question of the number of Sections required under the Direct Labour Scheme being further considered before being finally approved.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to transfer from the unexpended balance, under the head of Contingencies and Sudden Damages in the

various Rural Districts such sums as he may consider necessary to carry on the ordinary Road Work in the Sections of these Rural Districts.

Passed.

The following resolution, which was forwarded from Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, was submitted:-

"Resolved-That in the areas of Blainroe and Rathnew the Road Overseer, change the Surface Men and Carters month about and consult with the Secretary of Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union as to men to be employed."

As this matter was dealt with in Paragraph 3 of the Roads Committee's Report, as adopted by the Council, no further action was taken thereon.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved-That this Council, viewing with alarm the increasing number of unemployed workers in the county, request the Government to make an immediate disbursement of the Motor Tax, or make a Grant from some other source, to provide employment for the unemployed upon the roads in the County during the winter months.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:-

BALTINGLASS No. 1:-

No Proposals.

A letter dated the 30th June, 1923, was submitted from W. A. Lamphier, Esq., Solicitor, Naas, in which he claimed payment of the sum of £37 10s. 0d., stated to be still due by the Council to his client, ex-Road Contractor John Carroll, Lugnagun Little, Blessington, in respect of Road Contract No. 8N, formerly held by him prior to the coming into operation of the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads. In this connection, a report dated 27th July, 1923, was submitted from the County Surveyor, in which he stated that the road in question was not satisfactorily attended to by the Contractor, as the attached reports indicated.

NO ORDER.

The following letter from the Secretary to Dublin County Council was submitted:-

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL,
SECRETARY'S OFFICES,
11 PARNELL SQUARE,
DUBLIN.

18th August, 1923.

Re AUGHFARRELL BRIDGE.

A Chara,

It came to my notice that some work was being done to above Bridge by our County Surveyor. On questioning the matter I found that the latter was acting on a letter from your Surveyor, Mr. S. G. Gallagher.

As my Council's offer to provide £150 for above work was conditional on your Council providing an equal sum, and as you have not as yet made any provision for this work, I brought the matter before the Finance Committee last Thursday, and they have decided that no further work is to be done by our Surveyor pending definite information from the Wicklow County Council as to provision of their share of the cost.

Is mise le meas,
(Signed) S. UA LAOIDHLEIS,
AN RUNAIDHE.

To County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

NO ORDER.

RATHDOWN No. 2:-

No Proposals.

A letter dated the 30th June, 1923, was submitted from Mr. George G. Barney, Silverwell, Kilmacanogue, Bray, in which he strongly protested against the Council's proposal to place a Steam Stone Crusher in the Rocky Valley, at a short distance from his house.

NO ORDER.

RATHDRUM:-

Proposal No. 498 in the District Register was submitted as follows:-

To erect a footbridge over river on laneway leading from Drummin to Delgany-half the cost to be borne by Rathdown Rural District-at a cost not exceeding £10, the work to be done by Direct Labour.

ORDER.-Adjourned.

The following letters regarding the condition of the road near Rathdrum, at a point known as The Dell, were submitted:-

AIRE ACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIIL,
ROINN NA MBOTHAR,
65 MERRION SQUARE, S.,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

17th August, 1923.

R/RM/33.

Tel. No. 3033, Ex. 14.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to draw your attention to the following rider to a verdict returned at an inquest held in Rathdrum, County Wicklow, on the 6th instant, on the body of Francis Murphy, of 10, North Portland Street, North Circular Road, Dublin, who was killed in a charabanc accident at The Dell, near Rathdrum, on the 5th idem:-

"We would wish to draw the attention of the responsible authorities to the condition of the road where the accident occurred, and we think that it is desirable that the curve at the point should be rendered safe."

I am to ask you to be so good as to take the necessary action in the matter.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McCARRON,

RUNAIDHE.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

CW/DB.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE,
WICKLOW.

10th September, 1923.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

A Chara,

In reference to the sharp turn at "The Dell"-on the Rathdrum-Laragh road. I consider the work necessary should be done from a Special Grant as the amount of work to do anything useful is too large to do from the ordinary road work.

I have directed some work to be done on the North approach, but am unable to touch the really sharp turn.

Le meas mor,
is mise,
(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett;

Resolved-That the Wicklow County Council apply to the Ministry of Local Government to enable that body to carry out the work of removing the dangerous corner at "The Dell," on the Rathdrum-Laragh road.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider Councillor James Byrne's Notice of Motion:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Council: That the motion relative to the fixing the charge for Home Help in the "Draft Amalgamation Scheme now submitted be rescinded, and that the "County-at-Large area of charge outlined in the scheme be adhered to without change."

The Secretary submitted the following letters in that connection and read Article 13 (1) of the Wicklow County Scheme Order, 1923, which states: "The expenses of the Board of Health shall be raised by means of the Poor Rate as a County-at-Large charge."

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUIL,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
6th July, 1923.

P. 27526/1923.
Wicklow County.

A Chara,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, in regard to the amendments and modifications made by the Minister for Local Government in the Wicklow County Scheme, and the Minister desires me to state in reply that the question of the area of charge was fully considered by him before he decided that the expenses should be raised by means of County-at-Large charges. This system has been in operation in other Counties for some time past and has worked satisfactorily.

Is mise, le meas,
(Signed) TOMAS MAC ARDGHAIL,
Ar son an Aire.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

No 20882/1923.
Wicklow County.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
UPPER MERRION STREET,
DUBLIN.
28th August, 1923.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to enclose, for your information, a copy of an Order made by him on the 28th ultimo, in pursuance of Section 5 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, amending and modifying the Wicklow County Scheme.

You will observe that this Order is now on sale and may be purchased through Messrs. Eason and Son, Ltd., 40 and 41, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin.

Is mise, le meas,
(Signed) TOMAS MAC ARDGHAIL,
Ar son an Aire.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Thereupon Councillor James Byrne withdrew his Notice of Motion with the Council's consent.

The Council adjourned consideration of the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:-

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council:-That in pursuance of the powers vested in the Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Arklow Urban District Council to change the name of the town of Arklow to the Irish form, an t-Inbhear Mor."

A letter dated 5th September, 1923, was submitted from the Clerk of Bray Urban District Council, in which he enclosed resolution passed by his Council restoring to Bray its old name, Bri Chualann, and asking to have the sanction of the County Council thereto.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in in that connection by Councillor John J. Redmond:-

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council:-That, in pursuance of the powers vested in the Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Bray Urban District Council to change the name of the town of Bray to the Irish form, Bri Chualann, and that due Notice of this change be given to the general public by means of a poster put up throughout the entire county, and by means of an advertisement in the three Dublin morning papers, in the weekly papers circulating within the county, and in at least one issue of Iris Oifigiuil."

The Council proceeded to consider the present unsatisfactory condition of the Poor Rate Collections in Numbers 5 and 6 Districts, in which Mr. John Cullen, Donard, is the Collector, and, in this connection, reviewed the entire file of cor-

respondence which was passed between the Ministry of Local Government, the Poor Rate Collector, and the Council's Law Agent, including letters from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 17th August, 1923, No. G.3265/1923; 10th January, 1923, No. G.10/206/1923; and the 19th January, 1923, No. G.2220/1923.

The Council had also before them a letter addressed by the Collector to the Chairman, dated the 10th September, 1923, explaining why he found it impossible to have all outstanding rates in his Districts collected before the 31st August, 1923, as required by the Council's Resolution passed at the special meeting held on the 8th August, 1923.

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;
Seconded by Councillor James Byrne;

Resolved-That we, the Wicklow County Council, having satisfied ourselves that the Poor Rate Collector for Numbers 5 and 6 Collecting Districts in this County, Mr. John Cullen, has continuously neglected to perform the duties of his position for a prolonged period, we, hereby, under the provisions of Article 88 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, remove him from the position of Rate Collector for the districts in question, and we apply to the Minister of Local Government for approval of the Council's action in that connection, the Secretary to advertise for candidates for the vacant position when the Minister's approval of this resolution has been received. The Council's Solicitor is hereby directed to take all necessary steps to secure the Collecting Books, etc.,

The following letter was submitted from the Clerk to Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council:-

The Secretary to County Council,
Wicklow.

Baltinglass,
6th July, 1923.

A Chara-

I wish to inform you that as the County Council is, I believe, now owner of the old Workhouse, it would be well a Caretaker was appointed to take up duty on the 1st prox.

Is mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. R. DAGG.

A letter dated the 10th July, 1923, was read from Mr. Patrick Furlong, Rural District Council's Offices, Baltinglass, pointing out that he was Caretaker of the Workhouse Buildings for the District Council from January, 1922, and applying to the County Council to continue his appointment in that capacity.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Resolved-That Mr. Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, be hereby appointed Caretaker of Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings at a remuneration of Five Shillings per week in accordance with the terms of an agreement to be prepared by the Council's Lag Agent.

Passed.

A letter dated 6th July, 1923, from Mr. James Cassidy, D.C., farmer, Blackhill, Dunlavin, in which certain charges are made against Road Overseer D. Fay, of negligence in the discharge of his duties, was considered by the Council. This letter appeared in full in the Report No. 1 submitted by the Finance Committee to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on the 20th August, 1923.

NO ORDER.

The Council adjourned consideration of a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated the 30th June, 1923, No. 22005/1923, requesting the Council to make arrangements for the discharge of their duties under the Midwives' (Ireland) Act, 1918.

The Secretary submitted a requisition-signed by 56 voters and forwarded by Mr. G. O'Sullivan, Manor-Kilbride-to have a Polling Station in Kilbride National School, the approved Scheme having fixed Blessington as the Polling Place for all electors in Blessington and Kilbride Registration Units.

ORDER.-Received too late.

A letter was submitted dated the 4th September, 1923, No. 3137, from Laurence J. Kettle, City Electrical Engineer, Fleet Street, Dublin, with which he enclosed a map showing the suggested supply area for the Electrical Scheme now under consideration, and inviting the Council to appoint representatives to a conference to be held at the Mansion House, Dublin, on Monday, the 17th September, 1923.

ORDER.-The Vice-Chairman, Eamonn O'Neill, and Councillor J. J. Metcalfe to attend the conference on behalf of the Council.

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

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That this Council views with favour the proposal to have, at an early date, an informal meeting of representatives from Dublin and Wicklow County Councils to investigate the full facts and circumstances connected with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, and that the following represent Wicklow County Council at such informal meeting:

- C. M. Byrne, Esq., T.D., Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
- James Everett, Esq., T.D., St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
- W. Henry, Esq., Burgage, Blessington.
- D. J. McEvoy, Esq., Ballyknocken, Blessington.
- P. P. O'Reilly, Esq., Ballynastockan, Blessington.
- Eamonn O'Neill, Esq., Main Street, Baltinglass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That notwithstanding anything to the contrary at present appearing on the Council's records, we hereby empower our County Surveyor to make such repairs to the roads in the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway as he may consider advisable.

Passed.

Public Health Laboratory,
University College,
Earlstort Terrace,
Dublin,

11/7/23.

Report on work done for Wicklow County Council for Quarter ended 30/6/1923.

- 31 Samples of Drugs examined. All genuine.
- 6 Samples of Milk examined for Bray Urban Council. All genuine.
- 1 Water examined for Arklow Urban Council. Condemned.

(Signed) JOHN KEANE, M.Sc., A.I.C.

Read and Noted.

The following letter was submitted:

Grangegorman Mental Hospital,
Dublin,
17th August, 1923.

A Chara—

The Joint Committee understand that a Meeting of the County Council will be held on the 20th instant, and they directed me to write pointing out that a sum of £14,290 17s. 6d. is now due to them, made up as follows:—

Arrears of 1922-23 Demand	...	...	...	£6,476	7	6
First Instalment 1923-24 Demand	...	...	...	3,483	15	0
Second Instalment 1923-24 Demand	...	...	...	4,330	15	0
				£14,290	17	6

The Joint Committee hope that the Council will be in a position to pay these sums immediately, or at all events make a substantial payment on account thereof. If the financial position of the Council does not permit of such payment they will be glad to be informed if the Council are willing that an Order should be obtained from the Ministry of Local Government authorising the Committee to borrow the amount from our bankers on the security of the County funds of Wicklow, the interest on which would be debited to the account of the Co. Wicklow.

They consider that it is not reasonable to expect that the County Wicklow patients should continue indefinitely to be cared for and maintained in this institution out of the funds provided by other contributing bodies.

Please let me know after the meeting the decision arrived at by your Council.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) JAMES J. DOYLE,
Chief Clerk and Accountant.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary pointed out that on the same date this letter was written the Council had remitted to the Hospital Authorities the first-mentioned sum of £6,476 7s. 6d. He further stated that the total sums now due by the County Council are £7,814 10s. 0d., and that of this sum £4,330 15s. 0d. only became due on the 20th August, 1923.

Noted.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett;
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleming;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 31st August, 1923, No. PH. 35417/23, and the letter dated the 4th September, 1923, from the Superintendent of the Garda Siotchana for County Wicklow, We, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, being the Local Authority under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1899, hereby appoint the following twelve Sergeants of Garda Siotchana as Inspectors of Food and Drugs with full power and authority under the said Acts and every Act amending same, to take samples, to cause analyses to be made by the County Analyst, and to do all other acts, matters, or things authorised by the said Acts or any of them:—

- Sergeant Michael McGill, Arklow.
- .. Denis Somers, Anghrim.
- .. Michael Ryan, Baltinglass.
- .. James O'Dwyer, Dunlavin.
- .. Thomas Clarke, Blessington.
- .. Thomas Dowd, Bray.
- .. James Gallagher, Tinahely.
- .. John Houlihan, Carnew.
- .. John Cartwright, Rathdrum.
- .. Michael McKenna, Wicklow.
- .. William Leahy, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
- .. Edmond Grey, Greystones.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming;
Seconded by Councillor James Turner;

Resolved—That the agreement entered into with Mr. John Roberts, Callowhill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, in connection with the hire of one of the Council's engines for threshing purposes, be now executed and the Seal of the Council attached thereto.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

Wicklow County Council,
Court House,
Wicklow,
30th August, 1923.

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

Gentlemen—

Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Co.

I beg to report that, in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Council passed on the 28th May, 1923, I have to-day inspected the Accounts of the above undertaking for the half-year ended 30th June, 1923.

The Receipts of every nature from the working of the Line during the period under review amounted to £5,471 3s. 6d., showing a decrease of £301 16s. 4d. under the figures for the previous half-year. I observe this decrease occurs in the receipts under the heading "Carriage of other minerals," and I understand this is due mainly to the closing down of the De Selby Quarries, near Tallaght, consequent upon an injunction being obtained against their being worked. The Expenditure amounted to £9,345 6s. 1d., showing a decrease of £209 10s. 3d. under the figures for the previous half-year.

Normally these figures would mean a sum of £3,874 2s. 7d., with a further sum of £1,000 to pay Guaranteed Dividends as being due for payment by both Counties in equal moieties in respect to the half-year ended 30th June, 1922, representing £2,437 1s. 4d. to be paid by Co. Wicklow. The same procedure has, however, been adopted again this half-year by the Company, and the deficit of £3,874 2s. 7d. in the Revenue Account has been discharged by crediting that Account with £3,874 2s. 7d. out of the monies received by the Company under the Railways' Settlement of Claims Act, 1921.

Some £13,000 was received by the Company under this Act, of which £1,276 was applied towards meeting the deficit in the Accounts for the half-year ended 30th June, 1922; £3,871 16s. 6d. was applied to discharge the deficit in the Accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1922; and, as stated, £3,874 2s. 7d. has been similarly applied in the accounts for the half-year ended 30th June, 1923. On making inquiries I was informed that the balance of the £13,000 not yet allocated will, it is hoped, be sufficient to wipe out any deficit that may arise in the Company's Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December, 1923.

It is right I should remark that the accounts submitted to me were previously audited by Messrs. Kevans and Son, Chartered Accountants and Auditors, 31 Dame Street, Dublin, who certified therein that they accurately disclose the true financial position of the undertaking.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. T. HEALY.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

FROM THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1. 28th June, 1923, stating the Ministry has made an Order amending and modifying Wicklow County Scheme of Union Amalgamation, in accordance with the notice served on the Council on the 16th May.

2. H. 501/2521/1923, 5th July, 1923, enclosing for the Council's information extracts from the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1923.

(16th August, 1923, from the Council's Law Agent, re same, and the effect of this Act on the claims to be made by Poor Rate Collectors for Irrecoverable Rates on houses declared to be vacant.)

3. G. 28268/23, 10th July, 1923, stating the Minister will raise no objection to the payment of Poundage Fees to those Collectors who closed their Collections for the years 1921-1922 and 1922-1923.

4. 10th July, 1923, intimating that an enquiry will be held in the Board Room, Naas, on the 21st July, 1923, at 12 noon, with a view to placing the Minister in a position to make an Order determining the division of the Assets and Liabilities of the late Naas Union as between the Counties of Kildare and Wicklow.

The Council confirmed the Chairman's action in appointing Mr. P. W. Sheehan, Secretary to the County Board of Health, and Councillor Eamonn O'Neill as the Council's representatives.

5. Ref. No. S., 12th July, 1923, acknowledging copy of the Council's resolution on the subject of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

6. 27392/1923, 13th July, 1923, sealed Order fixing Newcastle Dispensary District as the area of charge for the sum of £24 6s. 8d., for a period of seven years, in respect to the extension of telegraphs and telephones at Newcastle Post Office.

7. No. 30330/1923, 17th July, enclosing for the Council's information copy of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923.

8. F. 27273/1923, 17th July, 1923, enclosing for the Council's information sealed copy of the Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for County Wicklow as approved and confirmed by the Minister.

9. 24th July, 1923, copy of the "County Boards of Health (No. 1) Order, 1923."

10. G. 30505/1923, 27th July, 1923, circular letter enclosing copy of Order, dated the 10th July, 1923, made by the Minister under Section 15 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, governing all future appointments made by Local Authorities.

11. F. (Miscellaneous), 2nd August, 1923, circular letter postponing the next Local Government Elections, in the case of County Councils and Borough Councils to the 1st November, 1923, in the case of Urban Councils, to the 15th November, 1923, and in the case of Rural District Councils, to the 22nd November, 1923.

12. G. 33728/1923, 9th August, 1923, conveying the Minister's sanction to the borrowing by the Council of a temporary overdraft, not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds, for a period of six months, bearing interest at a rate not in excess of one-half per cent. under Irish Banks' Rate from time to time.

12A. 7th September, 1923—on the subject of allocation of Grants from the Road Board Fund.

12B. L.G. 34798, 8th September, 1923—regarding claims of Local Authorities in connection with the occupation of Workhouses by British Crown Forces.

12C. G. 32998/1923, 8th September, 1923—regretting inability to be of service in connection with claims of Rate Collectors interned or on the run during troubled times, as there appears to be no Statutory Authority under which Council could make payments.

Adjourned.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

13. 746/23, 16th July, 1923, circular letter outlining the Council's functions in connection with claims for compensation made under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

14. 9th and 17th August, 1923, asking if the Council desires to have their requirements embodied in one inclusive contract for such standards and sub-standards as will have to be provided by the County Councils under the Weights and Measures Acts.

ORDER.—See Resolution passed on 20th August, 1923.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

15. No. 1607/23, 3rd August, 1923, enclosing, in connection with the County Council's decision to re-enforce the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, of 1914, copy of the scale of fees sanctioned by the Department on the 25th March, 1915, in respect of duties under that Order, and stating the Department would be prepared to consider any alternative scheme that may be submitted for their approval.

16. G. 2359/1923, 15th August, 1923, notifying that four samples of butter taken up by a Departmental Inspector in Arklow, and four samples taken up in Wicklow, were certified by the Public Analyst to be genuine.

FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION.

17. 23982/23, 2nd July, 1923, intimating that the Minister of Finance has sanctioned, under Section 17 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1911, an expenditure by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee not exceeding £1,664 in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis during the current year, which involves an estimated deficiency of £800 to be met as provided by that Section.

18. No. 27243/1923, 31st July, 1923, again applying for payment of the Council's moiety (£11 7s. 4d.) of the deficit of £22 14s. 9d., as disclosed, of debt which was incurred by the County Insurance Committee in excess of the amount provided for by the Council and the Treasury in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis for the year 1919.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor James Turner;

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Local Government, authority be hereby given for payment of £11 7s. 4d., being the Council's moiety of the deficit of £22 14s. 9d. as disclosed at audit of debt which was incurred by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee in excess of the amount provided for by the Council and the Treasury in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis for the year 1919.

Passed.

19. 13th July, 1923, from J. H. McCarrroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, reporting that, as requested by the County Surveyor, proceedings were being instituted against Michael Duffy, Patrick Jameson, and Thomas Sheane, who, on the 19th June, obstructed the road at Ballymaghroe Hill by drawing sticks along the ground and damaging the road, the Overseer having reported through the County Surveyor that this practice is persistent.

19A. 18th August, 1923. From Council's Law Agent suggesting that as a precautionary measure the Council should insure Overseers using Motor Cycles against third party risks.