

Undated, received 14th April, 1924, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Regional Committee, Irish Agricultural and Technical Officers' Organisation, Technical School, Baltinglass, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Committee relating to the reduction in the County Rate for Agricultural and Technical Instruction in respect of the financial year 1924/1925.

17th April, 1924, from the Town Clerk, Dublin Corporation, Exchange Buildings, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Corporation calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners.

23rd June, 1924, from the Secretary, Leix County Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council proposing an amendment of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924.

12th July, 1924, from the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council demanding that the Malicious Injuries Act be withdrawn from the Statute Book.

15th July, 1924, from the Secretary, Leix Co. Board of Health, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Board calling for the release of the political prisoners.

9th August, 1924, from the Secretary, Co. Galway Hospital and Dispensaries Committee, Central Hospital, Galway, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Committee, in which they state they view with horror the desecration of their dead, which the removal of patriot Irishmen from their graves at Tuam entailed.

20th August, 1924, from the Secretary, Roscommon County Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council regretting the delay in dealing with Pre-Truce Personal Injury Claims.

9th October, 1924, from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council dealing with the taking over by the National University of the College of Science.

2nd December, 1924, from the Secretary, Meath County Council, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council, calling upon the Free State Government to revise the personnel of its several Departments.

Local Bodies

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 2 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors M. Fleming; L. Redmond; A. Kinsella; W. Grainger; R. C. Barton; J. J. Redmond; B. Kelly; J. J. Metcalfe; Daniel Condren; John Fleming; William Byrne; Morgan Travers; P. Lee; Patrick Murphy; James Byrne; W. J. Doyle; James Everett, T.D.; F. O'Rafferty; D. J. MacEvoy; P. P. O'Reilly.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider Finance Committee's Report.
- 2.—To appoint a Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 (Brockagh) District, in strict accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement; and to Sign and Seal the usual Warrants for Collection.
- 3.—To appoint a Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 (Ballinlen) District, in strict accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, and to Sign and Seal the usual Warrants for Collection.
- 4.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor A. Kinsella:—"That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor Laurence Redmond, that the Surveyor be instructed to employ only men who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, be rescinded."
- 5.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that local Roads Committees shall be held in the several areas, and that these meetings shall be attended by the Assistant Surveyor for the area, and the Road Overseers to give such information as the Committee may require, as regards to the road work carried out in the area."
- 6.—To consider Correspondence from the the Transport and Marine Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, suggesting the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway."
- 7.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move that owing to the fact that the 'Wicklow Newsletter' has ceased to be printed in Wicklow, but on the contrary it is printed in Dublin, and if that is true, I do not see why ratepayers should be called upon, through their representatives, to give any portion of the printing contracts from this Council, as the paper has not kept faith with the Council when entering into their contract in 1920, on a preference vote, and further, that the mover of the motion was not present, and I say emphatically, as the seconder, that the Chairman ruled me out of order."
- 8.—To consider a letter and Resolution from Shillelagh Rural District Council requesting the use of a room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, to be granted to the local Sinn Fein Club, for the purpose of holding meetings therein.
- 9.—To make an order regarding all decrees in respect to Poor Rates returned marked "Nulla Bona."
- 10.—To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting the Council to make immediate arrangements for the transfer to a Sanatorium of a man suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, who is about to be discharged from the National Army.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925, in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, when the following members were present:—

Councillor R. C. Barton, Presiding Chairman; Councillors W. J. Doyle; A. Kinsella; Liam Grainger; Patrick Murphy; J. J. Metcalfe; James Everett, T.D.; D. J. MacEvoy; P. P. O'Reilly; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; F. O'Rafferty, and J. J. Redmond.

Very full consideration was given to Counsel's legal opinion regarding Mr. Patrick Short. The Committee recommend the Council to follow the Counsel's advice and to pay Mr. Short, subject to Ministerial sanction, £3 10s. 0d. per week as from August 27th, 1924, to 31st January, 1925, the Secretary to see that the sums due to the County Council in respect of rates by Mr. Short are deducted before the aforesaid payment is made.

The Committee further recommend the Council to terminate Mr. Short's employment as from the 31st January, 1925.

The Committee considered correspondence from Mr. E. J. Hopkins, solicitor, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, threatening legal proceedings on behalf of his client, Miss Mary Fleming, Shillelagh, late Matron of Shillelagh Union Workhouse, unless a sum of £60 11s. 5d., claimed to be due to her in respect of pension, be paid before the 15th January, instant, this sum being calculated on a higher annual figure than that approved by the Minister for Local Government.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the County Council to direct the Secretary, if and when he receives a Civil Bill in this connection, to hand it over to the Law Officer, with a direction that he take such action as he deems advisable to fully protect the Council.

Having considered the finances of the County Wicklow Board of Health, in so far as the County Council is concerned therewith, the Committee recommend the Council to sign an advice note to-day for the transfer of the sum of £2,000 to the credit of the County Board of Health, with a view to relieving the immediate financial pressure upon that body.

The Committee deferred final consideration of the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, and Orders in that connection, to the Quarterly Meeting of the Committee, which will be held on the 27th January instant.

After due consideration of the facts and figures connected therewith, the Committee recommend the Council to grant a superannuation allowance of £30 7s. 4d. per annum, from the date of his resignation—viz., the 21st August, 1922—to ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, Rock Bog, Arklow, after twenty-one completed years of service, calculated on the average remuneration paid him by the Council for the three years completed prior to his resignation.

The Committee recommend the Council to direct to-day that the Finance Committee re-consider on the 27th January, instant, the terms of the superannuation allowance granted to ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan.

After due consideration of the facts and figures connected therewith, the Committee recommend the Council to grant a superannuation allowance of £54 6s. 2d. per annum, from the date of his resignation—viz., the 15th December, 1923—to ex-Poor Rate Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood, after twenty-five completed years of service, calculated on the average remuneration paid him by the Council for the three years completed prior to his resignation.

The Committee deferred to its Quarterly Meeting on the 27th January, inst., consideration of the draft schemes for the award of University and Secondary School Scholarships, already printed and circulated to each member of the Council.

Applications were received from Road Overseers Michael Turner and Joseph Brady for extra remuneration for their services in connection with the administration of road grants.

ORDER.—The Committee regret there are no funds available.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 17th December, 1924, No. 6694, A.B., from the Revenue Commissioners, Dublin Castle, requesting the Council to make certain monthly deductions from Mr. P. J. Foley's salary, and to transfer to them the total of the sums thus deducted, under Section 6 of the Finance Act, 1923.

ORDER.—The Committee directed that the deduction asked for be deferred to the 1st March, 1925, Mr. Foley to be instructed to interview the revenue officer and to have his income-tax account adjusted if possible within the three weeks from this date, failing which adjustment the indicated deductions are to be made.

Correspondence was submitted from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the sum of £8,256, now due by the Council to Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

ORDER.—To be paid as soon as the financial position of the Council will allow.

The Committee recommend the Council to approve and confirm the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable:—

1923-1924 RATE.	
3. Edward Lynch	£18 14 7
9. John Manley	52 16 3
18. Thomas Fleming	26 5 9
19. John Byrne	1 3 7
1924-1925 RATE.	
14. Michael Roche	£2 5 2

(Signed) R. C. BARTON,
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

14th January, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor R. C. Barton;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That the Report of the Finance Committee, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and confirmed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfer of the sum of £2,000 to credit of the County Wicklow Board of Health be now signed, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Finance Committee's Report.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor P. Murphy;

Resolved—That this Council hereby terminate the services of Mr. Patrick Short, as from the 31st January, 1925, and that notice thereof be forthwith given to Mr. Short.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 (Ballycullen) Collecting district, and also three applications received from Thomas Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood; George Byrne, Ballylusk, Ashford; and Patrick J. O'Neill, Ardairy, Tonleage, Wicklow.

An application from E. O'Rafferty, of 58 Ferrybank, Arklow, was withdrawn with the Council's permission.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925, proceed

to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector temporarily for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycullen, Brockagh, Calary, Glendalough, Moneystown, Oldtown, and Togher, at a remuneration of 7d. in the pound, collected and lodged within each financial year.

No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the Warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable rates approved by the Ministry for Local Government will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties in a sum of £2,000. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon on the 14th January, 1925.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
1st January, 1925.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR MURPHY:—Councillors James Byrne; William Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; J. J. Redmond; R. C. Barton; P. P. O'Reilly, and Patrick Lee ... 10

FOR BYRNE:—Councillors W. J. Doyle; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; James Everett, T.D.; B. Kelly, and Laurence Redmond ... 6

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors D. Condren; F. O'Rafferty; M. Travers; M. Fleming, and John Fleming ... 5

In the final round, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR MURPHY:—Councillors James Byrne; William Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; M. Travers; P. Murphy; J. J. Redmond; R. C. Barton; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; P. P. O'Reilly; M. Fleming, and Patrick Lee ... 13

FOR BYRNE:—Councillors D. Condren; W. J. Doyle; F. O'Rafferty; Wm. Byrne; James Everett, T.D.; B. Kelly; J. Fleming, and Laurence Redmond ... 8

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That Mr. Thomas Murphy, of Mullinaveige, Roundwood, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 (Brockagh) Collecting District, at a poundage fee of 7d., in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government, and we approve of John Murphy, of Mullinaveige, Roundwood, and William Byrne, of Tomriland, Roundwood, as his sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £2,000 for the due performance of his duties as Collector.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 Collecting District be now Signed and Sealed for the year 1924-1925.

Passed.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement for a temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 (Ballinglen) Collecting District, and also four applications received from Edward O'Rafferty, 58 Ferrybank, Arklow; James O'Neill, Raheengreany, Shillelagh; Michael J. Doyle, Annacurra, and Denis J. Kinsella, Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely.

An application from Joseph S. Murphy, Tinahely, was withdrawn with the Council's consent.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

TEMPORARY POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1925, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector temporarily for the Electoral Divisions of Ballinglen, Ballybeg, Coolballintaggart, Kilballyowne, Kilpipe, and Tinahely, at a remuneration of 7d. in the pound, collected and lodged within each financial year.

No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the Warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable rates approved by the Ministry for Local Government will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11.30 o'clock on the morning of the Meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into the prescribed joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £3,000. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 noon on the 14th January, 1925.

By Order,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

County Council Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
1st January, 1925.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR O'NEILL:—Councillors J. Everett, T.D.; Laurence Redmond, and Michael Fleming ... 3

FOR O'RAFFERTY:—Councillors D. Condren; F. O'Rafferty; Morgan Travers; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; Bernard Kelly, and Patrick Lee ... 7

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors James Byrne; W. J. Doyle, and J. J. Redmond ... 3

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors William Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; R. C. Barton; P. P. O'Reilly, and John Fleming ... 8

A poll was taken between the candidates O'Neill and Doyle, who had tied, and the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR O'NEILL:—William Grainger; A. Kinsella; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; J. Everett, T.D.; Laurence Redmond, and Michael Fleming ... 7

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors James Byrne; D. Condren; W. J. Doyle; F. O'Rafferty; D. J. MacEvoy; Morgan Travers; J. J. Redmond; R. C. Barton; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; Bernard Kelly; P. P. O'Reilly; Patrick Lee, and J. Fleming ... 14

The third round was between the candidates O'Rafferty, Kinsella, and Doyle, and the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR O'RAFFERTY:—Councillors D. Condren; F. O'Rafferty; Morgan Travers; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; J. Everett, T.D.; Bernard Kelly; Patrick Lee and Michael Fleming ... 9

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors W. Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; R. C. Barton; P. P. O'Reilly, and J. Fleming ... 8

FOR DOYLE:—Councillors James Byrne; W. J. Doyle; J. J. Redmond, and Laurence Redmond ... 4

In the fourth and final round it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR O'RAFFERTY:—Councillors D. Condren; F. O'Rafferty; Morgan Travers; J. J. Redmond; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne; J. Everett, T.D.; Bernard Kelly; Patrick Lee, and M. Fleming ... 10

FOR KINSELLA:—Councillors James Byrne; W. J. Doyle; W. Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; R. C. Barton; P. P. O'Reilly; Laurence Redmond, and John Fleming ... 11

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

Resolved—That Mr. Denis J. Kinsella, of Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 (Ballinglen) Collecting District, at a poundage fee of 7d., in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government and we approve of Michael Kavanagh, of Croghan, Ballyfad, Kilanerin, and Martin Byrne, of Craan, Tinahely, as his sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £3,000 for the due performance of his duties as Collector.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District be now Signed and Sealed for the years 1921-1922, 1922-1923, 1923-1924, and 1924-1925.
Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor A. Kinsella;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;

That the Resolution proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor Laurence Redmond, that the Surveyor be instructed to employ only men who are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, be rescinded.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION.—Councillors James Byrne; D. Condren; W. Grainger; A. Kinsella; D. J. MacEvoy; J. J. Metcalfe; P. Murphy; R. C. Barton, and William Byrne

AGAINST THE MOTION.—Councillors W. J. Doyle; F. O'Rafferty; M. Travvers; J. J. Redmond; C. M. Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D.; Bernard Kelly; P. P. O'Reilly; Laurence Redmond, and Michael Fleming

Councillors Patrick Lee and John Fleming declined to vote.
The motion was thereupon declared by the Chairman to be lost by ten votes to nine.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle, and

Resolved—That local Roads Committees shall be held in the several Electoral Areas, and that these Meetings shall be attended by the Assistant Surveyor and the Road Overseers for the area, to give such information as the Committee may require as regards the road work carried out in the area, the working of this Resolution to be carried out by the County Surveyor's office.
Passed unanimously.

The Secretary again submitted the entire correspondence received from the Transport and Marine Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, from the Dublin County Council, and from the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, pointing out the urgent necessity for the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

After a considerable discussion, the Council decided to make no appointments.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, and
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

That, owing to the fact that the "Wicklow Newsletter" has ceased to be printed in Wicklow, but on the contrary it is printed in Dublin, and, if that is true, I do not see why ratepayers should be called upon, through their representatives, to give any portion of the printing contracts from this Council when entering into their contract in 1920, on a preference vote, and, further, that the mover of the motion was not present, and I say emphatically, as the seconder, that the Chairman ruled me out of order.

The Chairman declared the Motion lost, on a show of hands being taken.

The Council had under consideration the following letter:—

COISTE CEANNTAIR TUATHA SIOL ELLIGH,
Oifigi and Coiste, Seomra an Bhuid,
SIOL ELLIGH,
22nd December, 1924.

Dear Sir—I have been directed by the Council of Shillelagh Rural District to transmit to you the accompanying letter received by them from Messrs Martin Kehoe and Michael Byrne, relative to the use of a room in Shillelagh Workhouse building, for the local Sinn Fein Club.

At the Meeting of the Council, in 15th instant, it was proposed by Councillor P. Donoghue, seconded by Councillor M. Brennan, and passed—"That the County Council be requested to grant this application."

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN HOPKINS, Clerk.

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

ORDER. Granted.

The Secretary directed the Council's attention to the provisions of the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924, which he had explained by circular and leaflet to each Poor Rate Collector, and suggested that the Law Agent should be given specific directions regarding all Decrees relating to poor rates returned to him by the Sub-Sheriff marked "Nulla Bona."

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

Resolved—That the Council's Law Agent be directed, wherever he is returned a Decree marked "Nulla Bona," to take any further steps the law allows to see that the rates referred to in such Decrees are collected and lodged to credit of the Council.
Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letters received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—No. P. H. 57948-24, dated 19th December, 1924; No. P. H. 58433-24, dated 22nd December, 1924, and No. P. H. 58962-24, dated 30th December, 1924, requesting the Council to make immediate arrangements for the provision of sanatorium treatment to Private William Lavery, Market Square, Wicklow, who is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, and who is about to be discharged from the National Army.

After a discussion, the following Order was unanimously made by the Council:

"That this Council consider the Government should give this soldier the treatment he requires."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—
Resolved—That Councillors D. J. MacEvoy and P. P. O'Reilly be added to the sub-committee recently set up for consultation by the Solicitor and Counsel regarding the Electric Supply Bills.
Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

20th December, 1924, No. R-RS-33, stating that it is essential to efficient Road Administration in Co. Wicklow that two full-time Assistant Surveyors should be appointed.

ORDER. Referred to local Roads Committee.

22nd December, 1924, No. G. 57704-1924, outlining the procedure to be followed in cases where the Council is not satisfied that the Under-Sheriff has taken sufficient pains to levy the amounts of decrees for rates.

ORDER. Read and noted.

31st December, 1924, No. G. 58928-1924, stating that there is no objection to the proposed form of advertisement for Rate Collectors for Nos. 10 and 17 Districts

1st January, 1925, No. I.R.-104, with reference to alterations in Telegraph Plant, rendered necessary by Road Improvement Schemes carried out under Government Grants.

2nd January, 1925, No. 264-1925, sanctioning continuance to the 31st March, 1925, of the Overdraft of £20,000 on the County Council's account.

5th January, 1925, No. P.57753-1924 (with enclosed copy of letter from Kildare Co. Council), suggesting a revision of the figure of Mr. J. R. Dagg's pension, in view of further data that has come before the Ministry.

8th January, 1924, No. 1111, Miscellaneous(m), circular letter dealing with forthcoming local elections, and intimating that the elections to County Councils, etc., are further postponed to the 31st March, 1925.

16th December, 1924, from the Secretary, Rathdown Union Ploughing Match Committee, containing copy of Resolution passed by the Committee protesting against the withdrawal of their subsidy.

19th December, 1924, from the Vice-President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, 35 Parnell Square, Dublin, drawing attention to a report that carters in West Wicklow are compelled to work a full day on Saturdays.

7th January, 1925, from Mr. Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, intimating that the Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings have been much damaged by the recent storm, asking for the Council's directions as to disposal of blown-down parts of the buildings, and seeking their approval to his sale of part of a staircase and two doors to Mr. Peter Jackson, Deerpark.

9th January, 1925, from Mr. Patrick Byrne, Main Street, Baltinglass, Secretary, Baltinglass and Kiltaly School Attendance Committee, drawing attention to the discrepancy between his salary and that of the Clerks to Dunlavin and Blessington Committees.

10th January, 1925, from the Secretary of West Wicklow Sinn Fein Comhairle Ceanntair, Drummin, Annamoe, containing copy of resolution passed by his Committee demanding the release of all Irish political prisoners.

15th December, 1924, from the Secretary, Irish County Council's General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, intimating that the Annual Meeting of that body will be held on the 28th January, 1925.

C. M. Byrne

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 28th February, 1925.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T. D., Chairman; Councillors Andrew Kinsella, J. J. Redmond, William Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, J. Everett, T.D.; James Byrne, E. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, Morgan Travers, F. O'Rafferty, P. Murphy. Councillor James J. O'Toole also attended, and signed before the Secretary his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman read a medical certificate received from Councillor Michael Fleming, showing that the state of his health would not allow of his attendance at the meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.
23rd February, 1925.

To Each Members of Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

No Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held on Monday, the 16th inst., owing to the fact that the Finance Committee were kept till 6 o'clock, p.m., considering the Rate Estimates for the service of the year ending the 31st March, 1926, in conference with representatives of the Executive Committee of the Farmers' Union, and with representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, with a view to effecting economies, if possible, in local administration.

I am, therefore, to summon you to attend the forthcoming Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 28th February, 1925, for the purpose of transacting the business on the printed Agenda, copy of which has already been forwarded you.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)—P. T. HEALY, Secretary.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To pass Resolutions approving and adopting the Finance Committee's recommendations to award superannuation allowances to ex-Poor Rate Collectors James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow (No. 14 District), and John Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood (No. 10 District).
- 3.—To pass a Resolution approving and adopting the Finance Committee's recommendation varying the superannuation allowance of £24 13s. 7d. already awarded to ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan (No. 2 District), and increasing the said allowance to £30 13s. 4d. per annum.
- 4.—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and the several Rural District Councils.
- 5.—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 6.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 7.—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils.
- 8.—To receive a Deputation from Carlow County Council with reference to (a) the payment to Carlow County Council of one-half the expenditure already incurred on war-damaged bridges; and (b) the re-construction of Knockloe and Rathglass bridges.
- 9.—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 10.—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 11.—To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1926, and to receive a Deputation in that connection from the Executive of the Co. Wicklow Farmers' Union, who wish to discuss the possibility of effecting economies in the cost of local administration.
- 12.—To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable to ensure that all outstanding rates be lodged to credit of the Council prior to the 31st March, 1925, and to consider important correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government with regard thereto.
- 13.—To make such arrangements as will place the Council in a position to finance the dependent Subsidiary Bodies, and to consider letters from the Ministry of Local Government in that connection.
- 14.—To pass a Resolution applying to the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) for an extension of the Limits of Road Expenditure in the several Rural Districts for the service of the Financial Year 1925-1926.
- 15.—To reconsider the question of filling the position of Assistant Surveyor in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and portion of Rathdrum Rural District, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Joseph P. Doyle, B.E.
- 16.—To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting the Council to re-consider their decision on the Minister's application to have immediate arrangements made by the Council for the transfer to a sanatorium of a man suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, who is about to be discharged from the National Army.

- 17.—To fill a vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Shillelagh Rural District.
- 18.—To fill a vacancy existing on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
- 19.—To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1925 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.
- 20.—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and direct that legal proceedings be instituted with regard thereto.
- 21.—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 22.—To consider County Analyst's Report for the past Quarter.
- 23.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 24.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 25.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 26.—To consider General Correspondence.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.
16th January, 1925.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of 28 and 29 Vic., cap. 26, Notice is hereby given that it is intended at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, the 16th February, 1925, to propose Resolutions granting superannuation allowances to the following two ex-Poor Rate Collectors whose resignations were accepted by Wicklow County Council.

Collecting District.	Name.	Annual amount of Proposed Pension.
14.	James Byrne	£30 7 4
10.	John Murphy	54 6 2

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)—P. T. HEALY, Secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 27th January, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. Redmond, Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Everett, T.D.; J. J. Metcalfe, Andrew Kinsella, and William Byrne.

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

	£	s	d	£	s	d
COUNTY AT LARGE:				98	15	1
BALTINGLASS No. 1:						
District Proposals	81	5	2			
Committee's Proposals				81	5	2
RATHDOWN No. 2:						
District Proposals	38	19	7			
Committee's Proposals				38	19	7
RATHDRUM:						
District Proposals	399	0	5			
Committee's Proposals				399	0	5
SHILLELAGH:						
District Proposals	275	13	7			
Committee's Proposals				275	13	7
REPAYMENT OF LOANS:						
				364	7	6

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same, in respect to the quarter ending 31st March, 1925:

TRANSFERS TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

County Board of Health	£1000	0	0
County Board of Health	1000	0	0
County Board of Health	1000	0	0
County Board of Health	470	16	5

Total £3470 16 5

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Baltinglass No. 1	£312	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	269	0	0
Rathdrum	399	5	0
Shillelagh	136	10	0

Total £1116 15 0

The Secretary submitted the following Resolution which was passed by the Co. Council at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of that body held on the 15th December, 1924:

"Resolved—That Ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan's superannuation be referred to the Finance Committee for further investigation and report."

The Committee, having examined and reviewed the facts and figures relating to Mr. Geoghegan's pension, recommend the County Council to add, for the purpose of calculating his pension, to his twenty-one completed years of service five years approximately in recognition of his good service.

This recommendation, if adopted, will have the effect of increasing, as from the 1st January, 1925, Mr. Geoghegan's pension from its present approved figure of £24 13s. 7d. to £30 13s. 4d. per annum, the latter being the annual sum recommended by this Committee to be paid to Mr. Geoghegan so far back as the 26th April, 1921.

As instructed by the Council, the Committee proceeded to consider the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, and the Orders issued in that connection, and to draft the following Scheme thereunder:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) ACT, 1924.

- The Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1924.
- The Housing (New Houses) Order, 1924.
- The Housing (Re-constructed Houses) Order, 1924.

The Finance Committee recommend the County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the above-mentioned Act and Orders, to approve and adopt the following Scheme for the purpose of giving supplementary Local Assistance to persons in a position to satisfy the Council that a Grant has already been made by the Minister for Local Government in respect to a New House, or a Re-constructed House, for which a claim for such supplemental Local Assistance has been received by the Council.

NEW HOUSES.

No. of Houses.	No. of Rooms in each House.	Maximum Amount of Co. Council's Grant available for such House.	Total sums set aside by the Co. Council for Local Assistance
12	3	£40 0 0	£480 0 0
12	4	50 0 0	600 0 0
12	5	60 0 0	720 0 0
			£1800 0 0

RECONSTRUCTED HOUSES.

2	3	£33 6 8	£66 13 4
2	4	46 13 4	93 6 8
2	5	60 0 0	120 0 0
			£280 0 0
Total			£2080 0 0

This £2,080 the Committee recommend should be made available out of revenue accruing from the proceeds of County Rates. The Committee deliberately refrain from allotting a specific number of houses to each Rural District, the object being to place the County Council in a position to deal with each application on its merits, in so far as the sum of £2,080 set aside for the Scheme will allow.

All New Houses or Reconstructed Houses, for the purpose of this Scheme, shall be in strict accordance with Plans approved by the Minister for Local Government, and evidence of such approval must be produced by the applicant in each case for inspection by the Council.

If, for any reason, the Minister refuses or reduces a Grant or any Instalment thereof, the Council will accordingly refuse or reduce proportionally the Grant or Instalment thereof payable under the provisions of this Scheme.

LOANS.

The Committee also recommend the County Council to entertain, in such cases as it may be deemed advisable to do so, applications for Loans from persons to whom Grants are payable by the Minister of Local Government, such Loan to any person not to exceed twice the amount of the Grant payable by the Minister, and to be repayable to the Council by instalments within a period of fifteen years, with interest at a rate not to exceed one-half per cent. above the rate at which the County Council can, at the date of making the Loan, themselves borrow the money, repayment to be secured by a Mortgage or charge on the house, in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the Order. Applicants to whom a Loan may be granted shall pay all costs in connection with such Loan, including the Investigation of Title, and the preparation and execution of any Deed of Mortgage, Charge or Bond.

REMISSION OF RATE.

The Committee further recommend the Council to give effect to the provisions of Section 7 of the Act, by remitting during the first nineteen years after each house has been valued for rating purposes, the amounts of rates specified in Part 2 of the Schedule to the original Act, as follows:-

Number of Year after Valuation for rating purposes.	Proportion of Rates which may be remitted.
1st	Nineteen-twentieths
2nd	Eighteen-twentieths
3rd	Seventeen-twentieths
4th	Sixteen-twentieths
5th	Fifteen-twentieths.
6th	Fourteen-twentieths
7th	Thirteen-twentieths
8th	Twelve-twentieths
9th	Eleven-twentieths.
10th	Ten-twentieths
11th	Nine-twentieths
12th	Eight-twentieths
13th	Seven-twentieths
14th	Six-twentieths
15th	Five-twentieths
16th	Four-twentieths
17th	Three-twentieths
18th	Two-twentieths
19th	One-twentieth.

UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

The Secretary again submitted for consideration draft Schemes for the award of University and Secondary School Scholarships during the scholastic year 1925/1926, as already circulated to each member of the Council.

The Committee referred both draft Schemes back for consideration by the County Council, with special reference to the present low standard of marking necessary to obtain a scholarship.

A letter dated 26th January, 1925, was received from Mrs. Patrick Short, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, in which she asked the Council not to deduct all poor rates due out of any payment to be made by the Council to her husband.

The Committee regret they find themselves unable to accede to this request.

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

27th January, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted—for economic reasons no Schemes of University and Secondary School Scholarships or under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, to be put into operation for the year ending 31st March, 1926—the portions of the Report dealing with these three matters are therefore hereby to be deleted from the Report prior to its adoption.
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

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, T.D. :
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That this Council hereby approves and adopts the recommendations of the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, varying and increasing ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan's Superannuation Allowance from £24 13s. 7d. to £30 13s. 4d., five additional years having been added for this purpose—as a recognition of good service—to his twenty-one years' completed service.
Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Adjourned Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 16th February, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors W. J. Doyle, J. J. Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; William Byrne, J. J. Metcalfe, and E. O'Neill.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS £1,642 3 4

A letter dated 12th February, 1925, was submitted from ex-Poor Rate Collector Michael Magrath, Broadleas, Ballymore-Eustace, in which he stated that his solicitor has advised him that he is entitled to be paid a further quarter's pension for the period from 1st January, 1921, to the 31st March, 1921.

ORDER. Referred to the Law Agent.

An application dated the 14th February, 1925, was submitted from Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, under Article 15(3) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, the District Justices (Temporary Provision) Act, 1923, and the Provision of District Courts Order, 1924, for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his private house as offices in which to discharge his duties as District Court Clerk, in respect to the period from the 1st October, 1922, to the 31st December, 1924.

ORDER. Consideration deferred.

The Committee confirmed and approved the Secretary's action in applying to the Minister of Finance, Post-Trustee Property Compensation Branch, 34 Molesworth Street, Dublin, for payment in cash to the County Council of the sum of £271 0s 9d due to Andrew Shirran, Ballyward, Manor-Kilbride, under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, so as to reduce the sum due by Mr. Shirran for poor rates by the full amount of that award, in respect of which the Minister intimated he is prepared to issue £250 in 5 per cent. Compensation Stock, the balance of £21 0s 9d to be paid in cash.

The Secretary reported to the Committee that the charge of embezzlement of £310 0s 1d made against ex-Poor Rate Collector Charles Byrne, of The Height, Ballinglen, by direction of the Minister of Local Government and the County Council, was heard in the Circuit Court, Wicklow, on Saturday, the 7th February, 1925, when a jury was found to acquit him, notwithstanding the fact that after the information had been sworn Mr. Byrne had lodged to credit of the Council £180 0s 0d, thereby reducing the afore-mentioned £310 0s 1d to £130 0s 1d, which sum has been collected and is still unlogged.

ORDER. To be referred to the Minister for Local Government for advice.

The following letter was submitted:—

General Prisons Board,
Dublin Castle,
17th January, 1925.

1046.

A Dhuine Uasail,

With reference to your letter of 15th instant respecting the taking over by your Council of the Closed Wicklow Prison, subject to the absence of binding conditions, I am directed to inform you that the Board are willing to hand over these premises fully and unconditionally to become the property of the Wicklow County Council.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) N. McCLURE, Runaidhe.

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

ORDER. Secretary to take over the keys.

A letter was submitted dated 21st January, 1925, No. R/RM/33, from the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the working of the Direct Labour Scheme in Roundwood Section, and drawing attention to Article 18 of the Public Bodies Order, 1901, with regard to which the Minister states the practice of issuing Paying Orders to the Overseers for distribution among the workmen should cease forthwith.

Having ascertained that the system of payment recommended in the Report above referred to, and now directed by the Ministry of Local Government, would cost the ratepayers an additional £149 odd, the Committee are of opinion that the County Council should continue for at least its period of office the present system of distributing Paying Orders in each Section by the Overseer for the Section.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence from Bri Chualann Urban District Council and the Department of Agriculture with regard to the proposal of the Urban District Council to have herds of dairy cattle from which milk is distributed in the urban area inspected by the Council's Veterinary Inspector, Mr. W. J. Richardson, Leabeg, Newcastle, who claims that such inspections are outside the scope of his regular duties and should be paid for by the Urban Council.

NO ORDER, as legal action is pending between Mr. Richardson, V.S., and Bri Chualann Urban District Council.

The following letter was submitted:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiula Agus Slainte Puibli (Bofhar),
Sraid Uachtarach an Mhota, 51,
Baile Atha Cliath,
11th February, 1925.

R/RU/33.

A Chara,

With reference to the application of the Wicklow County Council for a Grant to relieve unemployment in the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received authority from the Minister for Finance to make a grant of £1,000 from the Relief Schemes Vote towards the relief of unemployment in the districts of Tinahely and Shillelagh. The general conditions and rate of wages applying to the Trunk Road Grant of last year apply to the Grant now notified.

I am to point out that any portion of this Grant unexpended on the 1st April next reverts to the Exchequer.

Forms No. 11 (Roads) are enclosed, on which proposals are to be submitted with detailed specifications in relation thereto.

Requisition Forms (97) are also enclosed.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) _____, a/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

ORDER. That the County Surveyor be authorised to expend the £1,000 Grant for Relief of Unemployment in quarrying stone at Tomacork, Ballyconnell, Coolroe, and Whiterock Quarries, in widening the Corner at Killaveney Church (building a stone-faced sod fence at said widening), also should the County Surveyor find a fair quality stone at any other quarry near Coolroe and Tinahely to quarry stone therein.

He is also authorised to carry out such extra work at side and back drains as he may find of utility to the roads.

RATE ESTIMATES, 1925-1926.

The Secretary submitted the Annual Estimates on Forms 44A and 44B of the amounts required to be raised as General Charges Rate during the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the sums demanded in respect to that period by the subsidiary bodies.

He pointed out that there were no figures available in respect to the Demand from the County Wicklow Board of Health, as up to that date no Demand had been approved by or submitted from that body.

At this stage the Committee entered into a Conference with representatives from the county appointed by the Executive Committee of the Farmer's Union, and by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, to discuss the possibility of effecting economies in the cost of local administration.

The Committee submit for the information of the Council the following extract from a letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dealing with the subject of Rate Estimates:—

COPY.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Upper Merrion Street,
Baile Atha Cliath,
21st January, 1925.

ESTIMATES 1924-25.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that inquiries have recently been addressed to this Department by some local authorities as to the amount of the grants in aid of Local Taxation likely to be payable within the financial year commencing on the 1st April, 1925. Information has also been requested as to the manner of providing for repayment of instalments of loans obtained in pursuance of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924. The Minister deems it well to issue an Instructional Circular dealing with both these points.

LOCAL TAXATION GRANTS.

The principal Grants payable to County Councils in aid of Local Taxation in which this Department is concerned are:—

- (1) Estate Duty Grant.
- (2) Agricultural Grant.
- (3) Grants under Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as amended, being grants in aid of:—

- (a) Medical and Educational Expenditure by Boards of Health.
- (b) Sanitary Salaries (Urban and Rural Councils).
- (c) Maintenance of Lunatic Poor.
- (d) Harbour Guarantees.

Local Taxation Grants are in the first place paid into the Land Purchase Guarantee Fund established under the Land Act. They comprise the greater part of that Fund and are liable to become attached therein to meet deficiencies caused by the non-payment of Land Purchase Annuities.

(1) ESTATE DUTY GRANT.

The Estate Duty Grant constitutes the first item of the cash portion of the Land Purchase Guarantee Fund. As a consequence of the large arrears of purchase annuities since 1921, the major portion of this Grant, for the financial years ended the 31st March, 1922, 1923, and 1924 has been absorbed in the Fund, with the result that the Local Taxation Account has not received the full monies in respect of this Grant which normally would have passed to it for distribution to local bodies.

In framing their Estimates for the past three years most County Councils took credit for Estate Duty Grant at the full rate. For the reasons above explained, the greater share of the Grant could not be issued. Its non-receipt has to some extent dislocated the finances of the Council. The position has somewhat improved, but as there is not yet a complete return to that prompt payment of annuities as they fall due, which would permit of the normal issue of the Estate Duty Grant, the County Council would do well to take due cognisance of this fact in the preparation of their Estimates for the coming year and should frame their budget so as to secure that in the coming financial year it will be possible to meet ordinary expenditure in the County without resort to overdrafts or borrowing for current expenses. To attain this end the assets and liabilities of the Council will require to be carefully considered. In present circumstances, the Minister cannot advise the Council to count upon the full amounts included in previous estimates in respect of Estate Duty Grant being paid in the coming financial year. This will affect the estimated assets of the Council at the end of the present year. On the information set out later in this Circular as to the arrears of Land Purchase Annuities in the County, the Council will have to determine to what extent they should reduce the amounts for which credit was taken in the estimates for the present and two previous years in respect of Estate Duty Grant, with a view to making provision therefor out of rates levied in the coming year. As a precautionary measure, the amount of the Grant for which credit should be taken in the coming year's estimates should be reckoned at one-half of the sum estimated for in past years.

The share of each County in the Estate Duty Grant absorbed in the Guarantee Fund in respect of Land Purchase arrears for the financial years ended the 31st March, 1922, 1923, and 1924 has been ascertained for the purpose of charging against each County the actual arrears of annuities in the County, in accordance with statutory regulations made in pursuance of the Purchase of Land Act, 1891.

The ascertained share of County Wicklow in the Grant for the period mentioned is £8,775 9s 6d, and the net amount of arrears which accrued in the County during the like period and were outstanding at the commencement of the year 1924 is £11,265 7s 3d.

As the amount of land purchase arrears in the County during the three years in question exceeds the ascertained share of the County of the Estate Duty Grant absorbed in the Guarantee Fund up to the 31st March, 1924, it will be necessary to charge the excess arrears against the County's share in the Agricultural Grant for the present half-year, unless there has been a reduction of arrears in the meantime. A more definite statement in regard to this matter will be made towards the middle of March next, when the position of the Guarantee Fund at that time is ascertained.

(2) AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

This Grant has been paid in full to the 30th September, 1924. The grant for the current half-year will be payable in March but may be subject to abatement, as already indicated. The full credit of the Grant should be given to agricultural land in the County for the year 1925-26.

(3) GRANTS UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898, AS AMENDED.

An advance on account of this Grant for 1924 has already been issued and the balance will be payable about March. In framing the Estimates for 1925-26 credit should be taken in the usual manner on the basis of the sums received for past years. The grant in respect of Medical and Educational Expenditure is to be applied in aid of expenses of the County Board of Health.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

To the Secretary of the County Council.

The terms of this letter, and each figure in the Form 44A submitted (copy of which form accompanies this Report), having received the most careful attention of the Conference, and having heard the Secretary's explanation as to the basis on which each figure in the Form was arrived at, the Committee made certain reductions under the following heads:—

- Debit Balance (Overdraft of £20,000);
- Maintenance of Courthouses;
- Reformatories and Industrial Schools;
- Assistant Surveyors;
- Maintenance of Steam-Rolling Plant;
- Postage;
- University Scholarships;
- Secondary School Scholarships;
- Scheme under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924;

and a revised copy of the Form 44A, showing the figures as modified by the Committee, is submitted herewith for the approval of the County Council, with a recommendation that these amended figures be approved and adopted for the purpose of calculating the rates for the service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1926.

The Committee had also under consideration the sums approved by the several Rural District Councils for Road Expenditure during the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, as appearing on Form 44B, a copy of which Form is submitted with this Report.

It was decided to refer these Road Expenditure figures to the County Council for consideration and decision.

(Signed) C. M. BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

16th February, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

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

Passed—Councillor P. Murphy dissenting from the recommendation in the Report dealing with Bri Chualann Urban Council's correspondence about Veterinary Inspection of Dairy Herds of Cattle in that urban area.

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

Resolved—That ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, of Rockbog, Arklow (No. 14 District), who has devoted his whole time to the service of Wicklow County Council, and who was at the date of his resignation, according to medical certificate, incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body, be granted a Superannuation Allowance of £30 7s. 4d., subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

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

Resolved—That ex-Poor Rate Collector John Murphy, of Mullinaveige, Foundwood (No. 10 District), who has devoted his whole time to the service of Wicklow County Council, and who was at the date of his resignation, according to medical certificate, incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body, be granted a superannuation allowance of £54 6s. 2d., subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

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

COUNTY AT LARGE:—

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large, amounting to £9,835 15s. 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 Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £813 5s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £38 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 James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £399 0s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:—

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £275 13s. 7d. (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 Felix O'Rafferty;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments 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, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £1,642 3s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

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 OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
11th February, 1925.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT
To
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON 16th FEBRUARY, 1925.

GENTLEMEN,

The Council having dispensed with the services of Mr. Patrick Short, Clerk in my Office, it will be necessary to replace him by a Clerk regularly appointed as the employment of temporary clerks cannot be continued.

A sum of £1,155 has been requisitioned from the Ministry for Local Government to recoup the Council for those sums expended in completing the repairs to certain Bridges damaged during the disturbances. I request permission to expend on the road maintenance as much of this amount as was expended from the road maintenance money during the present financial year.

I will also require to re-distribute, as circumstances may indicate, the balances available in each Rural District, over the various Sections to enable the roads to be kept passable to the 31st March, 1925.

Arrangements must be made to provide money for the re-construction of Bridges at Knockloe, Rathglass, Ballingate, Ballisland, and Knockagilkey, and also to consider what is the most expedient course to adopt regarding Blessington and Humphreystown Bridges. The Bridges at Blessington and Humphreystown require special consideration inasmuch as that should any of the Schemes before the Oireachtas for the impounding of the River Liffey become operative both these Bridges will be submerged and replaced by new Bridges, therefore, I consider it would be unwise to proceed with any repairs until this matter is definitely settled. I would remind you that you are seeking to have protective Clauses inserted to meet this contingency.

The matter of Compensation for the destruction of Baltinglass Court House has been before the SHAW-RENTON Commission and a provisional award of £2,743 has been recommended, but you will require to definitely decide as to whether or not you propose to reinstate this building and also to appoint an Architect to undertake the work. You also require to appoint an Architect to undertake the work at Bri Chualann Court House.

Your Obedient Servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

PARAGRAPH 1:—ORDER. Advertisement to be issued for the appointment of a Clerk to succeed Mr. Short when the salary and terms of such appointment are recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Council: the services of the present temporary girl clerks to be continued until this new appointment is made.

PARAGRAPH 2:—ORDER. Granted.

PARAGRAPH 3:—ORDER. Granted.

PARAGRAPH 4:—ORDER. Consideration adjourned to next meeting.

PARAGRAPH No. 5:—ORDER. See Resolution.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond.

Resolved—That the sum of £2,743 as compensation for the destruction of Baltinglass Courthouse be accepted, provided that law costs properly incurred by the Council be also paid, and that this resolution is without prejudice.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

Resolved—That Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan be hereby appointed as architects to undertake the work of restoring the Courthouses of Baltinglass and Bri Chualann, on the usual professional terms, and report to this Council on the advisability of using the existing walls and making such diversions as will bring the finished structure to meet the requirements of a modern Court House, as well as altering the outside architectural features to make the aesthetic appearance of the building more pleasing.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the Ministry for Local Government be asked to increase the Limits of Expenditure for 1925-1926 to the amount of the County Surveyor's Estimate to the various Rural District Councils viz:—

Baltinglass No. 1	£9647
Rathdown No. 2	7285
Rathdrum	19601
Shillelagh	6796

Passed.

The following letters were submitted:—

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

Wicklow Branch,

WICKLOW.

16th February, 1925.

To the Presiding Chairman, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

A Chara,

Organiser Houston and myself were appointed by East Wicklow Branches of above to attend your Council to-day, for the purpose of placing before your Council the views of the workers in above area, as to the urgent necessity of improving the county roads, and thereby providing much wanted employment.

Hoping you will be able to arrange to receive deputation.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—JOHN CONROY, Secretary.

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

COUNTY WICKLOW BRANCH.

16th February, 1925.

To the Presiding Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

At a Meeting of Delegates held at Donard and Tinahely on yesterday, 15th instant, representing all South and West Wicklow Branches of above Union, Denis Houston, Organiser, and John Conroy, Secretary, Wicklow, were appointed and requested to attend your Council Meeting to-day as a Deputation

with a view to urging on your Council the necessity for providing more money for the maintenance of the Roads in the County in a state consistent with the dignity of your Council and those whom you represent.

Hoping you will arrange to receive Deputation.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—

Laurence Moore, Donard.
James Murphy, Tinahely.

It was mentioned that the Finance Committee had received the members of the deputation at their Meeting held on the 16th February, 1924, when the Estimates for 1925/26 were under consideration.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

A Proposal was submitted to make sundry repairs to the County Court House, including:—(i) Outside repairs to roof of strong room at Peace Office; (ii) Judge's Room (Agricultural Office); (iii) W.C. at main stairs; (iv) Windows of Record Court; (v) Caretaker's apartments—in accordance with the specifications submitted. The Tender of James J. Finlayson, Market Square, Wicklow, was accepted at the sum of £42 16s. 0d.

The Proposals Committee recommend that where works are urgently necessary, which will not exceed in cost the sum of £5 0s. 0d., that the County Surveyor be empowered to seek at least three tenders locally, and to get the person with the least tender to execute such urgent works.

Order.—Recommendation adopted.

A Proposal to set aside the sum of £500 for the purpose of overhauling and maintaining steam-rolling plant was submitted and approved.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

Resolved—That this Council directs that a Loan of £8,000 be obtained for steam-rolling and repairing the road from the County Dublin bounds near Blesington via Blessington and Baltinglass to the County Carlow bounds, and we hereby ask the Minister for Local Government to give a Grant to help this project of £9,000.

Passed.

The Secretary intimated that he understood, in view of the correspondence which had recently passed, with the Roads Department of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Carlow County Council did not now consider it necessary to send a deputation with reference to (a) the payment to Carlow County Council of one-half the expenditure already incurred on war-damaged bridges, and (b) the re-construction of Knockloe and Rathglass bridges.

RATHDOWN No. 2.

The following Proposals, which were approved by the Rural District Council, were submitted:—

District Register No. 657. To repair, where dangerous, the fencing on the East Side of "Scalp"-Enniskerry Road, from the point where the stone-wall stops and the sunk fence begins. Not to exceed £50—work to be carried out by the County Surveyor.

District Register No. 668. To construct a concrete curb to footpath leading from Messrs. Dann's shop at the Beach, Greystones, to overhead railway bridge on Dublin and South Eastern Railway. Not to exceed £30—work to be carried out by County Surveyor.

District Register No. 669. To construct a footpath, with containing curb of concrete of usual section, from the boat-slip at Greystones Harbour, in a westerly direction to end of wall at junction of Trafalgar Road. Not to exceed £40—work to be carried out by County Surveyor.

District Register No. 670. To take over and maintain remainder of Marine Road, Greystones, from Coastguard Station to Railway station. Not to exceed £25—work to be carried out by County Surveyor.

District Register No. 665. To take over, fence, repair, and maintain the road leading from Three Trout Bridge, by Old Mill, to Mill Road, Greystones (passed provisionally at the Quarterly Meeting of the District Council on 8th October, 1924). Not to exceed £700—County Council to borrow the amount and to urge execution of work.

A Deputation consisting of Messrs. Raymond F. Fry and Thomas W. Batey was received by the Council, who heard from them the views of the motor-owners of Greystones and district as to the condition of the Greystones-Bray Road over Windgates, and the necessity for having it classified as a trunk road.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

Resolved—That we thoroughly agree with the views now placed before us by the Deputation representing the residents of Greystones and district, and we strongly urge the Minister for Local Government to classify the road from Greystones to Bray over Windgates as a trunk road, and to allocate a substantial Grant from the Road Fund for steam-rolling and repairing this road at the earliest possible date. Also the road from Rathnew to Arklow, which is the principal road for motor traffic from Dublin to Wexford.

Passed.

A further Deputation, consisting of Messrs. Henry J. Evans and William Archer, was received in connection with the great destruction caused by the recent storm and spring tides at Beach Road, Greystones, thereby threatening to render some twenty-four families homeless, and a loss of thousands of pounds in property, if immediate steps be not taken to prevent further encroachment by the sea.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we unanimously agree with the views now placed before us by the Deputation representing the residents of Beach Road, Greystones, and supported by various photos of the destruction wrought by the recent storm and spring tides, and fully appreciating the hourly menace and jeopardy in which upwards of two dozen families and £30,000 worth of property are placed, we strongly urge on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to allocate a substantial grant to place a suitable rampart wall similar to that which on

a small section of this road has withstood the eroding influence of the encroaching sea successfully.

Passed.

A letter dated 17th January, 1925, from Pennick and Co., Delgany, protesting against the condition of the Upper Kindlestown Road—chiefly between Richview and Easton—was submitted.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 19th January, 1925, was submitted from C. R. O'Callaghan, Esq., Goodbrooke, Delgany, also complaining about the Kindlestown Road from Delgany to Blacklion, the stones put out on it, and the manner they are spread.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 30th January, 1925, was submitted from Joseph Martin, Waterworks House, Kileroney, Kilmacanogue, complaining of an unprotected dangerous dyke at Kileroney Lane.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 25th January, 1925, was submitted from Mr. M. Whiston, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Greystones, asking for an equal share of the work in that area for members of his Branch.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A Memorial was submitted, signed by prominent ratepayers and motor-owners of Enniskerry, regarding the condition of the Wicklow Section of the Dublin-Enniskerry and Enniskerry-Kilbride roads.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 24th February, 1924, was submitted from I. W. Judd, Riversdale, Delgany, complaining of the flooding of his premises, which he states is due to the stopped condition of the sewers along by the Dargle Road.

ORDER.—Referred to the County Surveyor.

RATHDRUM.

The following Proposals, which were approved by the Rural District Council, were submitted:—

District Register No. 512. To repair and maintain permanently road and footpath (if any) from Avoca to Barraniskey, between the three-roads on Ballinastraw and the three-roads on Kilmagig Lower. No sum specified—County Surveyor to report on this proposal before next Quarterly Meeting.

District Register No. 513. To repair and maintain road and footpath (if any) from Avoca, between the three-roads on Ballinastraw and the three-roads at the Avoca-Arklow road on Kilmagig Lower. No sum specified—the County Surveyor to report on this proposal before next Quarterly Meeting.

District Register No. 514. To build a bridge over the river at Sheeanamore. No sum specified—the County Surveyor to report on this proposal before next Quarterly Meeting.

District Register No. 515. To raise by loan the sum of £1,964 to re-surface the road from Rathnew to Wicklow Urban District Bounds at Bollanney.

ORDER.—Approved (see Resolution).

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

Resolved—That this Council direct that a loan of £1,000 be obtained in order to re-surface the road from Rathnew to Wicklow U.D. Bounds and that we ask the Ministry for Local Government to give a Grant for an equal amount for this purpose.

Passed.

The following telegram was submitted by the Secretary:—

"Roundwood.

The Clerk, County Council, Wicklow.

Thanks for order made at your Meeting, December 15th. Would respectfully suggest time now ripe to follow up order.

Laurence Murphy, Secretary, Toggler and Glendalough Motor Union."

SHILLELAGH.

No Proposals.

The following letter was submitted:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
BOTHAR,

SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA 51,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

11th February, 1925.

A Chara,

With reference to the application of the Wicklow County Council for a Grant to relieve unemployment in the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received authority from the Minister for Finance to make a grant of £1,000 from the Relief Schemes Vote towards the relief of unemployment in the districts of Tinahely and Shillelagh. The general conditions and rate of wages applying to the Trunk Road Grant of last year apply to the Grant now notified.

I am to point out that any portion of this grant unexpended on the 1st April next reverts to the Exchequer.

Forms No. 11 (Roads) are enclosed on which proposals are to be submitted with detailed specifications in relation thereto.

Requisition Forms (97) are also enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—J. HUISON,

Runaidhe

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. O'Toole;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe

Resolved—That we now sign the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts incurred during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1924.

Passed.

At this stage the Council went into committee to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the Forms 44A and 44B, in connection with the Estimates of Rates required for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1926. A prolonged discussion thereon ensued, and after the committee stage of the proceedings had terminated the Council decided to vary the recommendation of the Finance Committee—to spread the repayment to the Treasurer of the Council's overdraft of £20,000 over a period of ten years, i.e., ten annual payments of £2,000 each—and directed that instead the

Council's Treasurer be asked to sanction a Loan of £30,000 (which £30,000 is to include the Council's present overdraft of £20,000) repayable in five years, in five annual instalments of £6,000, in accordance with the terms of the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, which was submitted by the Chairman:-

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
9,585/1925. SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
Wicklow County. BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
27th February, 1925.

A Chara,
With reference to previous correspondence relative to the Council's overdraft, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions a loan of £30,000 repayable in five years under the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921.

Mise, le meas,
Signed)-E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.
The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary was instructed to make arrangements-at as early a date as possible after the additional £10,000 included in the before-mentioned Loan became available-to transfer £6,000 out of the £10,000 to credit of the County Wicklow Board of Health, with a view to relieving the present acute financial pressure on that body-this payment of £6,000 to the County Board of Health, in respect to the financial year 1925/26, to be in addition to the £30,128, at which latter figure that body's demand was finally approved and adopted by the County Council for the financial year in question.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers:
That this Council, for economic reasons, decide to strike no separate rate this year for the teaching of Irish under the County Technical Instruction Committee.

On a show of hands being taken the motion was declared lost by five votes to four.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved-That the sums to be expended in each Rural District on Road Expenditure during the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, be exactly the same amounts as were assessed for the same purposes during the financial year 1924/1925.

On a show of hands being taken the motion was declared passed by nine votes to three.

In this connection, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:-

"I beg to give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at next meeting of the County Council:-That Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, reducing the County Surveyor's Estimates, be rescinded."

Consequent on the reduction made in the Estimate for the year 1925-1926, under the heading "Maintenance of Children from County Wicklow in Reformatory and Industrial Schools," the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:-

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council.-That the contribution allowed by the Council of 5s. per head per week for children from County Wicklow admitted to Reformatory or Industrial Schools be reduced to 4s. per head per week, and that all Resolutions or orders to be contrary in the records be rescinded as from the 1st April, 1925."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill.

Resolved-That we hereby confirm, adopt, and seal the Estimates (Forms 45 and 46) now submitted to us, and determine the rates in the pound to be levied in each Rural District in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1926, as follows:-

Table with 3 columns: District, Land, Other Hereditaments. Rows include Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdown No. 2, Rathdrum, Shillelagh.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Unit. Rows include Public Health-Baltinglass No. 1, Water Supply-Ballyknockan, Greystones Water Supply, etc., Criminal Injuries-Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Unit. Rows include Adjustment Order-District first known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural, Same-Rathdown No. 2 Rural and Bri Chualann Urban Districts, Compulsory Education-Avoea Dispensary District and Arklow E.D., etc.

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

Resolved-That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 45 and 46, and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office) do determine the amounts to be demanded, from each Urban District Council, as follow:-

Table with 4 columns: Name of Urban District, General Charges, Separate Charges, Total. Rows include Arklow, Bri Chualann, Wicklow.

Passed.
The Secretary submitted a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting the Council to reconsider their decision on the Minister's application to have immediate arrangements made by the Council for the transfer to a Sanatorium of a man suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, who was about to be discharged from the National Army.

NO ORDER. The Secretary having intimated that the man referred to had since died.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

Resolved-That licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1903, be hereby renewed to the following:-

- Thomas Miller, Blessington; Samuel Colz, Kilboy, Wicklow; Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh; William Alcorn, Wicklow; Laurence Murphy, Fogher; S. V. Delahunt, Wicklow; G. B. Hopkins, Wicklow; John E. Griffin, Bri Chualann; Thomas M. Barker, Coolboy, Tinahely; James Bradshaw, Kiltegan; Mrs. M. Toomey, Hollywood; James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride; Denis J. Cogan, Laragh; J. P. Deegan, Ashford; Michael Tutty, Hollywood; James Healy, Rathdangan; John Kilmartin, Rathdangan; F. J. Allen, Donard; Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan; Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum; P. J. Graham, Knockananna; J. W. Hanbidge, Dunlavin; James Lawler, Dunlavin; Robert Griffin, Bri Chualann; F. J. Sutton, Rathdrum; John M. Geraty, Carnew; Arthur Hennessy, Blessington; W. F. Murphy, Aghrim; Samuel H. Correll, Carnew; Arthur R. H. Pasley, Tinahely.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond.

Resolved-That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1903, be granted to Simon Lambert, Rathdrum.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved-That a Licence be granted to the Trustees of Trafalgar Hall, Greystones, under the Cinematograph Act.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Peadar P. O'Raghallaigh;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

Resolved-That, in the event of any of the Electric Supply Bills passing, the solicitor of the Council be directed to summon a meeting of the persons affected by the Act, and consult with them and the local councillors and obtain their views as to the facilities and disabilities necessarily imposed by the Act.
Passed.

Mr. Everett
Chairman
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The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 25th May, 1925.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors, M. Fleming, Liam Grainger, Patrick Doyle, Andrew Kinsella, Robert C. Barton, James J. O'Toole, Bernard Kelly, Laurence Redmond, F. O'Rafferty, William Byrne, E. O'Neill, D. J. MacEvoy, James Everett, T.D.; W. J. Doyle, J. J. Metcalfe, Padraig Ua Murchadha, James Byrne, John Fleming, P. P. O'Reilly, and John J. Redmond.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and from the several Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To consider an application received from Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his private house in Bri Chualann as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st October, 1922, to the 31st December, 1924.
- 4.—To consider an application received from Mr. Michael Kelly, District Court Clerk (Blessington and Dunlavin), for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his father's private house at Harristown, Hollywood, as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st November, 1922, to date.
- 5.—To receive from Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, 102 Grafton Street, Dublin, reports and plans for the rebuilding of the courthouses in Baltinglass and Bri Chualann.
- 6.—To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that immediate arrangements may be made for the provision of sanatorium treatment for a private who is about to be discharged from the National Army on account of pulmonary tuberculosis.
- 7.—To consider a communication from Mr. J. R. Dagg, 4 Palmerston Road, Dublin, demanding payment of two sums, viz., £42 10s. and £167 9s. 4d., which he claims are due to him by the Council.
- 8.—To consider a communication from Mr. James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, claiming the sum of £3 0s. 0d., stated to be due to him as wages whilst acting as overseer in the Baltinglass section.
- 9.—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government in connection with the rates collected and uncollected in Ex-Collector Charles Byrne's district (No. 17), and to give a direction as to the steps to be taken in that connection.
- 10.—To consider a letter from Mr. John P. Hickey, ex-Poor Rate Collector in No. 7 District, claiming a gratuity which he states is due to him under the terms of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919.
- 11.—To consider a communication from Mrs. M. Short, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, in which she asks the Council to award a pension to her husband, Mr. Patrick Short, late clerk in the County Surveyor's Office.
- 12.—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 13.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
- 14.—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils.
- 15.—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that the sum of £10,350 has been provisionally allocated to the Council from the Trunk Road Grant of £450,000 for the improvement of Trunk Roads.
- 16.—To consider a series of resolutions passed by the local roads committee for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, at the meeting of that committee held on the 20th April, 1925.
- 17.—To decide what representations, if any, will be made by the Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the routes passing through Co. Wicklow on which the Dublin United Tramways Company propose to run omnibuses.
- 18.—To consider the decision of the National Health Insurance Commission under Section 66 of the Act of 1911, regarding the stamping of insurance cards for carters and stone-breakers.
- 19.—To consider a letter dated 13th April, 1925, from Mr. James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, containing general complaints as to the working of the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads in West Wicklow.
- 20.—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 21.—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

- 22.—To consider communications dated 23rd, 28th April, 1925, and 7th May, 1925, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, regarding the proposal of the Minister for Finance to pay to the Council, in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, double the amount of Agricultural Grant made for the relief of agricultural ratepayers.
- 23.—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, and Sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.
- 24.—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year 1925-1926.
- 25.—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.
- 26.—To Sign and Seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bri Chualann, and Wicklow.
- 27.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I beg to give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at the next meeting of the County Council—That Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, reducing the County Surveyor's Estimates, be rescinded."
- 28.—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 for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council—That the contribution allowed by the Council of 5s. per head per week for children from Co. Wicklow admitted to Reformatory or Industrial Schools be reduced to 4s. per head per week, and that all Resolutions or orders to the contrary in the records be rescinded as from the 1st April, 1925."
- 29.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I beg to give Notice that I, or some other member for me, shall move at the next meeting of the Council—That the Resolution passed in year 1924 reducing the wages of the road workers be rescinded and that the rates of wages to be paid to all permanent road workers be increased to the rates existing before reduction, and that each permanent road employé be supplied with a suit of oilskins and leggings."
- 30.—To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable to ensure that all outstanding rates be lodged to credit of the Council forthwith, and to consider important correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government with regard thereto.
- 31.—To consider a communication dated 13th March, 1925, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in which he states that Mr. D. J. Kinsella is not sufficiently old for the responsible position of rate collector for No. 17 Collecting District, and accordingly is not prepared to sanction his appointment.
- 32.—To consider communications from the Minister for Local Government regarding the superannuation proposed to be allowed by the County Council to Ex-Poor Rate Collectors John Murphy (No. 10 District), and James Byrne (No. 14 District).
- 33.—To consider a communication dated 27th April, 1925, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health urging that suitable arrangements be made by the County Council for affording treatment to inhabitants of the County notified under Section 17 of the Local Government Act, 1925, as suffering from tuberculosis.
- 34.—To consider communication from the Council's Law Agent, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Church Street, Wicklow, dated 4th May, 1925, regarding the Electricity Supply Bills.
- 35.—To receive a deputation from Wicklow Urban District Council relative to the instalments on foot of Wicklow Harbour Loan still remaining unpaid, and to consider a communication dated 23rd April, 1925, from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners in that connection.
- 36.—To execute a Mortgage submitted by the Treasurer (the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow) in connection with the Loan of £30,000, repayment of which is spread over a period of five years.
- 37.—To execute an Agreement with Miss Phyllis Ryan for the discharge of her duties as County Analyst.
- 38.—To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, dealing with casualties to sheep on account of worrying by dogs during the year 1924, and enclosing draft Order in that connection which the Department is prepared to issue on the application of the Council.
- 39.—To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1925 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.
- 40.—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and direct that legal proceedings be instituted with regard thereto.
- 41.—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 42.—To consider County Analyst's Report for the past Quarter.
- 43.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 44.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 45.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 46.—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby place on record our sense of the great loss this Council has sustained by the death of our esteemed colleague, Mr. Daniel Condren, and we tender to his wife and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Councillor James Everett, T.D., challenged the accuracy of the minutes, and objected to their being signed by the Chairman. He pointed out that whilst the printed summons convened the meeting for 12.30 o'clock, the Council did not, in point of fact, begin its deliberations until after 2 p.m. He requested that the Council's standing order in that connection be read to the Meeting, as he held that every action taken by the Council that day was illegal.

The Secretary thereupon read the Council's Standing Order No. 20, as follows:—"If at the expiration of one hour after the time at which any Meeting of the Council is appointed to be held, a quorum shall not be present, no meeting shall take place." It was

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor A. Kinsella, and

Resolved—That the Minutes, as printed and circulated, are a true record, and that they be now signed by the Chairman.

Passed. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting on the ground that the Meeting was not held at the hour mentioned in the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 28th April, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor John J. Redmond, Presiding Chairman; Councillors John Fleming, J. J. Metcalfe, and F. O'Rafferty.

The Committee had before them in connection with the financing of the County Wicklow Board of Health the following letter from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council:—

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH,
Secretary's Office,
COUNTY HOME, RATHDRUM,
April 27th, 1925.

Dear Mr. Healy,

As you are aware the £6,000 recently sent the Board of Health was required to meet the liabilities of that body up to 31st March, this being due to previous under-estimating, and as you are also aware it is very hard on this body to carry on. We understand that the Board will not be entitled to an instalment of their Demand until the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council on 25th May, and that the amount then due will be somewhere about £7,500. If you could possibly manage it, we would be very anxious that you send them £2,000 on account, so as to keep Home Help running.

Councillors James Byrne, Doyle, Everett, and Fleming, who were here today, all agree with us in asking you to do this.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—

C. M. Byrne, Chairman.

Eamonn O'Neill, Vice-Chairman.

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

The Committee directed that a sum of £2,000 be paid to credit of the account of the County Wicklow Board of Health with as little delay as possible, and an Advice Note was signed with a view to giving effect to the terms of this order.

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

COUNTY AT LARGE	£7,901 10 1	
BALTINGLASS No. 1:—		
District Proposals		
Committee's Proposals	£351 0 1	351 0 1
RATHDOWN No. 2:—		
District Proposals		
Committee's Proposals	79 12 9	79 12 9
RATHDRUM:—		
District Proposals		
Committee's Proposals	333 14 9	333 14 9
SHILLELAGH:—		
District Proposals		
Committee's Proposals	298 1 3	298 1 3
REPAYMENT OF LOANS		1,333 6 8

The Committee having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and from the Rural District Councils, recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same, in respect to the Quarter ending 30th June, 1925:—

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

County Board of Health	£1000 0 0
" " " "	2000 0 0
" " " "	1000 0 0
" " " "	2000 0 0
" " " "	1000 0 0
TOTAL	£7000 0 0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Baltinglass No. 1	£1200 5 0
Rathdown No. 2	1240 0 0
Rathdrum	2022 0 0
Shillelagh	958 0 0
TOTAL	£5418 5 0

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rate declared to be irrecoverable, received from the under-mentioned Rate Collectors, and subject to the approval of the Ministry for Local Government recommend them for the Council's approval as follows:—

1920/1921 RATE.	
No. 4 District—William Burke	£3 4 2
1921/1922 RATE.	
No. 4 District—Patrick Doyle	9 0 3
1922/1923 RATE.	
No. 6 District—Mrs. K. Doyle	40 12 5

1923/1924 RATE.	
No. 2 District—Michael Halpin	13 4 5
No. 3 District—Edward Lynch	15 5 1
No. 6 District—Mrs. K. Doyle	36 0 5
No. 11 District—James J. Porter	120 17 7
1924/1925 RATE.	
No. 8 District—Patrick Mulligan	47 18 5
No. 13/15 District—William J. Quinn	209 8 3
No. 14 District—Michael Roche	2 8 9

The Committee had again before them an application dated 14th February, 1925, received from Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his private house in Bri Chualann as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st October, 1922, to the 31st December, 1924, the office in the Court House, Bri Chualann, used for that purpose, not being available in consequence of the building having been destroyed.

ORDER.—Referred to County Council.

A communication dated 2nd March, 1925, No. Z.26, was submitted from the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, 5 Ely Place, Dublin, stating that the Commission are reporting that the County Council are entitled to £2,743 in respect to the Courthouse at Baltinglass, this sum to be expended in reinstatement of the structure, and also a communication dated 22nd April, 1925, No. D.46/364, from the Ministry of Finance, Dublin, indicating the conditions which, if complied with, will secure payments by the Minister of Finance up to, but not exceeding, the sum of £2,743, in connection with the reinstatement of the Courthouse.

The Secretary reported that in compliance with the County Council's order, he had taken over unconditionally on the 24th March, 1925, from the General Prisons Board all the premises and land comprised in the old Prison at Wicklow.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to appoint a Committee of Inspection to report generally as to the disposal or otherwise of these premises.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated 31st April, 1925, No. P.H.13597/25, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that immediate arrangements may be made for the provision of sanatorium treatment for a Private who is about to be discharged from the National Army on account of pulmonary tuberculosis.

ORDER.—Referred to the County Council.

A communication dated 10th March, 1925, was received from Miss A. Conway, Salem, Wicklow, intimating that her brother, S. Conway, Esq., V.S., veterinary inspector under the Council, met with a very serious motor accident on the 24th ult., while returning from a professional call, in consequence of which he is unable to discharge his duties, and submitting Dr. W. J. McCormack's certificate in that connection.

A further letter dated 19th March, 1925, No. L.1196-1925, was submitted from the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture, approving of the arrangements under which Mr. Robert Joseph Nolan, V.S., is to act for Mr. Conway during the illness of the latter, Mr. Nolan to receive the same rate of wages as is being given to Mr. Conway.

ORDER.—Arrangements confirmed and recommended for approval to the Council.

A letter dated 31st March, 1925, was submitted from Mr. J. R. Dagg, 4 Palmerston Road, Dublin, in which he demanded payment of two sums, viz., £42 10s. 0d. for discharging duties in January and February of 1922, for the County Wicklow Board of Health, following the abolition of Unions, and £167 9s. 4d., which he claims is still due to him in respect to arrears of pension.

ORDER.—Referred to County Council.

The Secretary submitted correspondence which had passed in connection with the apportionment of the salary of £100 per annum paid to the County Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, as between the County Council and the County Wicklow Board of Health. Included in the correspondence was a letter dated 30th March, 1925, intimating that the County Board of Health was of opinion that the amount might be borne in equal proportions by these two bodies, and a letter dated 9th April, 1925, No. P. H. 15479/25, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in which the Minister states that it appears to him that the proposal of the County Board of Health to contribute £50 a year (half the salary) is approximate to the expenditure under the old system.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to apportion, as from the 1st July, 1924, the salary of £100 per annum paid to the County Analyst as follows:—£50 per annum to be paid by the County Council, and the remaining £50 to be paid by the County Wicklow Board of Health.

A letter dated 13th April, 1925, was submitted from Mr. James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, in which he applied, under the threat of legal proceedings, for payment of a sum of £3 0s. 0d., claimed to be due to him as wages while acting as overseer in the Baltinglass Section for the week ending 11th July, 1922, during which week he was engaged by the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., to take charge of the roadmen during the absence of Overseer Patrick Keogh.

ORDER.—Referred to the County Council for consideration.

The Committee also referred to the County Council for consideration a circular letter dated 21st April, 1925, No. G.15477/25, which had been addressed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to each Rural District and County Council in connection with the transfer of officers of Rural District Councils, under Section 82 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The following letter from the Minister of Local Government in connection with the rates outstanding in Ex-Collector Charles Byrne's district (No. 17) was referred to the County Council for consideration and appropriate action:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
UPPER MERRION STREET,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

Wicklow County.

A Chara,

9th April, 1925.

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, regarding rates collected but not lodged, by Ex-Collector Charles Byrne, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Council should place

the matter in the hands of their Solicitor with a view to proceedings being taken against the Collector and his Sureties under his bond.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed)—M. De LASAIGH,
Leas Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The following letter from Ex-Poor Rate Collector John P. Hickey (No. 7 District) was also referred to the County Council for consideration:—

GLEANN NA SMOL,
BOGHALL ROAD,
BRI CHUALANN,
20th March, 1925.

Dear Mr. Healy,

Re attached copies of correspondence, I am informed, that, having complied with the conditions of Section 8 of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1919, I am entitled to some consideration from your Council under the provisions of said Act, because of having to resign my position as Rate Collector, owing to the conditions imposed upon me by your Council at the time.

I shall be glad if you will kindly inform me, what amount I am entitled to under the Sections of the Act.

Yours faithfully
(Signed)—JOHN P. HICKEY.

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

Correspondence was submitted from the Power Section, Department of Industry and Commerce, regarding the necessity of providing certain fittings required by the Sand Blast Machine, forming portion of the County's Standard Weights and Measures.

The Committee recommend that authority be given to the Department of Industry and Commerce for the provision of the necessary items of equipment.

The Secretary reported that, following the existing practice, he had caused the lands attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse Premises to be set by public auction, at which they realised a total sum of £23 18s. 0d., as compared with a total sum of £23 5s. 0d. for the previous year.

The Secretary also reported that he had consulted with Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, Vice-Chairman, as to the most profitable course of action that might be adopted in connection with the lands attaching to Baltinglass Workhouse premises, as a consequence of which he believed the Council would derive most profit by letting the land run to meadow, and by selling the meadow at the appropriate time later in the year, as had been done last year.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to approve of these letting arrangements at the figure mentioned.

It was reported to the Committee that a room in the workhouse premises, Shillelagh, were being used for carrying on a wood industry, under the patronage of Lady Albreda Bourke, at a rent of 6d. per week.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to approve of this room being so used, the rent to continue at 6d. per week.

The following letter was submitted:—

NEWTOWN-MT.-KENNEDY,
CO. WICKLOW.
15/2/25.

Gentlemen,

As you all know the sad circumstances about my husband, Patrick Short, and as I am left with four young children totally unprovided for, I would respectfully ask you to give him a pension. I know the L.G.B. are anxious to do something for him, as his case has been explained to them, and they are prepared to go into it if the Council grant pension.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)—MARIA SHORT.

ORDER.—Recommended to the County Council for consideration.

The Secretary again brought to the notice of the Committee the entire facts relating to the very large sums still outstanding in Ex-Poor Rate Collector John Cullen's districts (Nos. 5 and 6) for the years 1920/1921 and 1921/1922, and submitted a full report in that connection.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to order the Law Agent to take immediately such steps as will secure the definite closing of these two collections.

A letter was submitted from Sister Mary de Sales, Convent of Mercy, Arlow, in which she asked the County Council to offer at least one University Scholarship this year, with a view to meeting the case of a very deserving pupil, at present in that College.

ORDER.—The Committee regret not being able to accede to this request.

The Secretary again submitted correspondence from the Hibernian Insurance Company, and from the Ministry for Local Government, regarding the Insurance Company's Collective Fidelity Bond, at present in operation for the majority of the rate collectors in the county, which form of Bond falls far short of the requirements of the Public Bodies Order of 1904 in that connection.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to issue the collecting books for 1925/1926 to those rate collectors only who have first furnished the old form of Collector's Fidelity Bond with personal sureties, thereby ensuring, apart altogether from several other most important considerations, a saving to the rates of between £80 and £70 per annum.

(Signed)—JOHN J. REEMOND,
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

28th April, 1925.

Following a discussion which took place on the last two paragraphs of this Report, as to the class of Bond which should be in operation with regard to the rate collections, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor F. O'Rafferty, and

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be and it is hereby, approved and adopted—the last two paragraphs in the Report dealing with the Bonds for Poor Rate Collectors having been first expunged therefrom.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor F. O'Rafferty;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Redmond.

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.

The Finance Committee recommended for the Council's consideration an application received from Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his private house in Bri Chualann, stated to be used as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st October, 1922, to the 31st December, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly.

Resolved—That Mr. M. J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, be paid the sum of Five Shillings (5s.) per week, as from the 1st October, 1922, for the use of two rooms in his house stated to have been devoted exclusively to the duties of his office, consequent upon the Court House in Bri Chualann having been destroyed.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor P. Murphy;

Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill.

That Bri Chualann Urban Council be asked to provide the necessary office accommodation for Mr. M. J. Hoey, and that Mr. Hoey's claim for the period that has elapsed be referred to the new Council for consideration.

On a show of hands being taken, it was found that 8 of the Councillors present voted for the amendment, and 10 against. The Chairman thereupon declared the amendment lost and Councillor William Byrne's motion passed by 10 votes to 8.

The Finance Committee further recommended for the Council's consideration an application received from Mr. Michael Kelly, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, for Blessington and Dunlavin districts, for a weekly rent of 10s. for the use of two rooms in his father's private house at Harristown as offices for the discharge of his duties from the 1st November, 1922, to date.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly.

Resolved—That Mr. Michael Kelly, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, be paid the sum of 5s. per week, as from the 1st November, 1922, for the use of two rooms in his father's house, stated to have been devoted exclusively to the duties of his office, consequent upon the Court Houses in Blessington and Dunlavin having been destroyed.

Passed. The Secretary to be furnished with the usual certificates necessary for audit purposes.

The Secretary submitted correspondence dated 4th and 21st May, 1925, received from Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, Grafton Chambers, 102 Grafton Street, Dublin, who had been entrusted by the Council with the preparation of Plans and Specifications for the rebuilding of the Courthouses destroyed in Baltinglass and Bri Chualann, and also communications dated 2nd March and 22nd April, 1925, received from the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, and from the Ministry of Finance, respectively, in that connection. The Secretary further submitted Plan and Specification in respect to Baltinglass Courthouse, and Plan only in respect to Bri Chualann Courthouse. Mr. P. J. Foley, who was present at the meeting, explained these documents in detail to the Council. It was

Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy, and

Resolved—That tenders be invited for Baltinglass and Bri Chualann Courthouse for the next Meeting of the Proposals Committee, according to Plans and Specifications prepared by Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan, which Committee will submit a conditionally accepted tender to the County Council.

Passed.

Acting on the suggestion of Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., the Council proceeded to appoint a Quantity Surveyor for these works. The Secretary submitted in this connection an application dated 21st May, 1925, received from A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., Chartered Quantity Surveyor, 5 St. Andrew Street, Dublin. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. C. Barton.

That Mr. A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., of 5 St. Andrew Street, Dublin, be appointed Quantity Surveyor for the rebuilding of both Baltinglass and Bri Chualann Courthouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor John Fleming.

That Messrs. Morris and Kavanagh, Surveyors and Civil Engineers, of 68, Harcourt Street, Dublin, be appointed Quantity Surveyors.

It was

Proposed by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;

Seconded by Councillor William Grainger.

That Thomas F. Slevin, Esq., C.E., 23 Stephen's Green, N. Dublin, be appointed Quantity Surveyor.

On a show of hands being taken it was found that the members present voted as follows:—For Smith, 8 votes; for Messrs. Morris and Kavanagh, 6 votes and for Slevin, 3 votes.

Mr. Slevin's name having been eliminated, it was found on a show of hands that in the second round the voting was as follows:—For Smith, 13 votes; for Messrs. Morris and Kavanagh, 6 votes.

The Chairman thereupon declared Mr. A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., appointed to the position by 13 votes to 6.

The Finance Committee referred to the Council for consideration communications dated 31st April, 29th April, and 7th May, 1925, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that immediate arrangements may be made for the provision of sanatorium treatment for Private George Carroll, of Killalash, Kiltegan, who was about to be discharged from the National Army suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. It was stated in the discussion which followed that it was not now necessary for the Council to provide treatment as required, inasmuch as the man was an insured person he required would be provided by the County Insurance Committee, to whom the Council now referred the matter.

In accordance with the recommendation made by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 28th April, 1925, the Secretary submitted a voluminous file of correspondence regarding the claim of Mr. J. R. Dagg, 4 Palmerstown Road, Dublin, for the payment of two sums, viz., £42 10s. 0d. and £167 9s. 4d. stated to be due to him by the Council as arrears of pension. After a protracted discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
seconded by Councillor Eamon O'Neill, and

Resolved—That Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, as Law Agent to both the County Council and the County Board of Health, be instructed to go fully into the facts connected with Mr. J. R. Dagg's claims with Mr. P. W. Sheehan, Secretary to the County Board of Health, our Secretary, and the Secretary to the Ministry for Local Government, and that he furnish a report thereon afterwards, to this Council.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

Straford-on-Slaney,
County Wicklow.
13th April, 1925.
Mr. P. T. Healy,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,
I have to apply to the Wicklow County Council for the sum of £3 as wages due while acting as Overseer in the Baltinglass section for the week ending 11th July, 1922, I was engaged by Mr. Foley to take charge of the roads during the absence of overseer Patrick Keogh. I have applied to Mr. Foley on two occasions for this money, and he seem to have taken no notice of it.

I wish to remind the County Council that if the above sum is not paid to me on or before 26th of April, 1925, I will be obliged to place the matter in the hands of a solicitor to have the amount collected.

Yours,

(Signed), JAMES MAHER.

as were also communications in that connection dated 25th April and 12th May, 1925, from Road Overseer Patk. Keogh, and S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor.

Order. Council accepts no responsibility.

The following letter which was referred to the Council by the Finance Committee, was submitted by the Secretary:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
G.15689/1925,
Wicklow County.
9th April, 1925.

A Chara,
With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant regarding rates collected but not lodged by ex-Collector Charles Byrne, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Council should place the matter in the hands of their Solicitor with a view to proceedings being taken against the Collector and his sureties under his Bond.

Mise, le meas.

(Signed) M. de Lasaigh,
Leas Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Matter to be referred to the Council's Solicitor for him to take whatever steps he considers necessary to recover the monies due to this Council.

The Secretary submitted the following letter which had been referred by the Finance Committee to the Council for consideration:—

Glenn-naSmol,
Boghall Road,
BRI CHUALANN,
20th March, 1925.

Dear Mr. Healy,
Re attached copies of correspondence, I am informed, that having complied with the conditions of Section 8 of the Local G. B. (Ireland) Act, 1919, I am entitled to some consideration from your Council under the provisions of the said Act, because of having to resign my position as Rate Collector owing to the conditions imposed upon me by your Council at the time. I shall be glad if you will inform me what amount I am entitled to under the section of the Act.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed), John P. Hickey.
P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

The Chairman read the following letter which he had received from the wife of Mr. Patrick Short, formerly a Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, in connection with the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, and now a patient in Grangegorman Mental Hospital:—

NEWTOWN-MOUNT-KENNEDY,
COUNTY WICKLOW,
15-2-25.

Gentlemen,
As you all know the sad circumstances about my husband, Patrick Short, and as I am left with four young children totally unprovided for, I would respectfully ask you to give him a pension. I know the L. G. B. are anxious to do something for him as his case has been explained to them, and they are prepared to go into it if the Council grant pension.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed), Maria Short.

ORDER. Referred to the Council's Law Agent and the Minister for Local Government for a ruling as to the manner in which any payment made by the Council in this connection could be legally made to Mr. Patrick Short.

The Council had before them a circular letter from the Minister of Local Government, dated 21st April, 1925, No. G.15477/1925, reviewing the Council's position regarding transfer of officers following the abolition of Rural District Councils under the Local Government Act, 1925.

ORDER. Referred to the new Council for consideration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 25th May, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Presiding Chairman; Councillors D. J. MacEvoy, Patrick Murphy, Peter P. O'Reilly, and James Byrne.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.—£1,131 19s. 5d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rate declared to be irrecoverable, received from the under-mentioned Rate Collectors, and subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government recommend them for the Council's approval as follows:—

No. 10 District	1920/1921 RATE. John Murphy	£21 11 4
No. 19 District	1921/1922 RATE. John Byrne	156 12 8
No. 10 District	1923/1924 RATE. John Murphy	41 15 1

Applications for increase of salary were submitted from Messrs. W. C. Byrne and M. J. Fox, of the Council's permanent clerical staff.

The Committee recommend that the sum of £20 be paid to each of these clerks for the extra work performed by them during the past two years. The Committee consider that the new Council should take into consideration at an early date the question of drafting a scale of annual increments for the permanent clerks.

The Committee had under consideration the question of terms of appointment of the new clerk required in the County Surveyor's Office in room of Mr. Patk. Short.

ORDER. Referred to the new Council for consideration, the present arrangement providing temporary assistants to be continued meantime.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 7th May, 1925, from the Minister for Local Government, in which he sanctioned the proposal of the County Council to pay Mr. Patrick Short, late clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, the sum of £78 15s. 0d., being £3 10s. per week in respect of salary from 27th August, 1924, to the 31st January, 1925.

ORDER. Referred to the Solicitor and the Minister for Local Government, for a ruling as to the manner in which this payment shall be made. The Secretary is hereby authorised to deduct from any payment made in this connection the total amount of poor rates at present due by Mr. Short, amounting in all to £29 15s. 9d.

A letter dated 20th May, 1925, was submitted from Collector Michael Roche (No. 14 District) in which he asked the Council to undertake such legal proceedings as are necessary under the provisions of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1923, to collect the rates on Mr. Myles Doyle's vacant house at Ballyraine, this being the only item of rates now outstanding in his district.

ORDER. Referred to the new Council for consideration and decision.

A letter dated 20th May, 1925, was submitted from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, 4 Church Street, Wicklow, the Council's Law Agent, in which he enclosed a draft drawn in favour of the County Board of Health and the County Council for the sum of £101 19s. 6d., forwarded him by the Secretary to the Office of Public Works in full discharge of all claims incidental to the use of or interference with the Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh during the period of occupation by National Troops.

ORDER. Referred to the Law Agent to have details regarding same cleared up.

A communication dated 15th May, 1925, was submitted from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bri Chualann, asking the Council to provide an office and working accommodation in Bri Chualann for the Inspector of Weights and Measures whilst discharging the duties of his position.

ORDER. The Committee consider that storage, etc., in this connection might be provided in the Garda barracks for the present, pending the rebuilding of the Courthouse in Bri Chualann.

A letter dated 23rd January, 1925, No. G.58420/24, was submitted from the Minister for Local Government, relative to the Council's proposal to pay the sum of £200 in discharge of Mr. P. J. Foley's second account for professional services rendered in rebutting Malicious Injury Claims.

The Committee noted that the Minister is prepared to sanction the payment of a sum of £154 7s. 0d. in full settlement of this account.

A third detailed account was submitted by the Secretary from Mr. P. J. Foley, in similar circumstances, amounting in all to the sum of £211 12s. 0d.

ORDER. The Committee recommend Mr. Foley to be paid the sum of £200 0s. 0d. in full discharge of this account, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Correspondence (including a letter dated 14th May, 1925, No. G.22941/25) was submitted regarding a claim by Mr. A. Chatterton, Estate Office, Enniskerry, for refund of rates amounting to £10 4s. 10d., which had been paid by him on a damaged building in Enniskerry, formerly used as an R.I.C. Barracks.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the Council should point out to the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the County Council has no legal power to refund rates paid on a destroyed building in the circumstances.

A communication dated 15th May, 1925, was received from A. Cullen, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, urging the Council to pay to Miss Agnes E. Keating, formerly a nurse in Wicklow Fever Hospital, arrears of pension claimed to be due to her.

ORDER. Referred to the Minister for Local Government, for sanction for amount already passed by County Board of Health.

A letter dated 22nd May, 1925, was received from Miss Mary Manifold, Fever Hospital, Arklow, in which she asked the Council to grant her a pension, stated to have been recommended to her two years ago on abolition of office, after twenty years' service as caretaker of the Fever Hospital.

ORDER. Referred to the County Board of Health for consideration.

A letter dated 6th November, 1924, No. L.25540/24, was submitted from the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, on the subject of the renewal of Secondary School Scholarships awarded by the Council for the scholastic year 1924/1925.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the Chairman of the Council, C. M. Byrne, Esq., T.D., be asked to interview the Minister with a view to urging him to approve and sanction the renewal of such Secondary School Scholarships as the County Council may recommend, for the scholastic year 1925/1926.

(Signed) C. M. BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

25th May, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read, 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 Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor James Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £7,901 10s. 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 J. J. O'Toole;
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £351 0s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Murphy.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £79 12s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Bernard Kelly;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £333 14s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £298 1s. 3d. (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, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £1,134 19s. 5d. (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne;

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 Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
20th May, 1925.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 25th May, 1925.
GENTLEMEN,

A Road Improvement Grant of £10,350 has been indicated to County Wicklow; the roads to be improved are Trunk Roads, and the general conditions of the Grant are identical with the Grant of last year.

I recommend that the undernoted roads be improved:—

- (1). Trunk Road T.43, Dublin to Bri Chualann, between the Co. Dublin Bounds at the Scalp and the Junction with the Trunk Road T.7 at Kileroney. Estimated cost £3,446.
- (2). To complete the rolling of that part of Trunk Road T.7, Rathnew to Rathdrum, at Glenealy, from Deputy's Pass to Kilecommon and from Glasnarget Railway Bridge to Rathdrum Bridge. Estimated cost £3,102.
- (3). To re-surface the road from Wicklow U.D. Bounds at Bolarny and Rathnew. Estimated cost £1,747. (Using local stone and only putting a light surface coat).
- (4). To improve the Trunk Road T.42 starting at the County Bounds at Brittas and working South, towards Baltinglass and to roll in stone already prepared. Estimated cost £2,055.

These estimates do not include any appreciable widening and aim mainly at producing a reasonable lasting road surface. I do not consider that patch work rolling is justifiable having regard to the object of the Road Grants, as this class of work is merely a temporary smoothing of the road.

I understand that further Grants may be made on the recognised Tourist Routes, viz.—to Glendalough and to Greystones, via Windgates. In the case of the Bolarny-Rathnew road I would strongly recommend Tar Bitumen macadam at a probable cost of £3,000, but this would leave insufficient money to do other necessary work.

I beg to report that at the entrance to the Graveyard at Glendalough a permanent wooden shed has been erected and I consider that this should be removed as it now forms an obstruction. The owner of this shed refuses to remove it on the grounds that for over thirty years during the tourist season a temporary canvas refreshment booth occupied the site.

The work of maintaining the roads by tar dressing and tar patching pot holes is greatly hampered owing to the difficulty in obtaining a sufficient quantity of chippings. I strongly recommend that at least two Granulating Crushers for the production of chippings be obtained. The probable cost would be £550. Also some more tar or bitumen boilers are required at a probable cost of £100.

Considerable damage is being caused on the edges of the roads, on the near side, in descending steep hills, owing to the driving of heavy laden vehicles in the water tables. This is most noticeable on the hill at Ballywallickin from Holybrook to the Killarney and towards Kileroney road; the long Hill and the hill from Knockmore to Dargle Bridge. This practice arises from want of proper braking arrangements on the vehicles.

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

ORDERS:—

Paragraph 3.—Referred to Council's Solicitor.

Paragraph 4.—To be purchased by the County Surveyor out of whatever monies he may have in hand.

Paragraph 5.—Referred to the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to take into consideration, when deciding the question of making the main trunk road from Dublin to Cork, the road via Blessington, Baltinglass, and Carlow, or such minor deviation as may seem expedient.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter in connection with Trunk Road Grants was submitted by the Secretary:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH
(ROADS), 51 UPPER MOUNT STREET,
DUBLIN.

SGB/202.

TRUNK ROAD GRANT, £450,000.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Wicklow County Council that a sum of £10,350 has been provisionally allocated to the Council from the above-mentioned Grant for the improvement of Trunk Roads.

The conditions (Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive) governing the Trunk Road Grant notified by Circular Letter SGA/201 of the 18th February, 1924, apply to the Grant now notified.

The Council in apportioning the grant should take into consideration the necessity for improving Trunk roads in the urban districts in their County as well as Trunk Roads in the rural areas.

While the sections of road selected for improvement must not be too numerous, separate proposals for tar or bitumen treatment of any section or sections of Trunk Roads in the County may be put forward.

Proposals should be submitted on the enclosed Form 11, and should be accompanied by specifications and a statement showing what provision has been made by the Council for the maintenance and improvement of roads during the current financial year in each Rural District.

As the name of the stone proposed to be used is frequently omitted from specifications care should be taken to insert the name of the stone proposed.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) E. P. McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

As was also a communication dated 22nd April, 1925, with enclosures, received from the Clerk to Bri Chualann Urban District Council, in reference to the monies being expended in patching and tarring the road from Sunnybank to the Vevay Boundary, which is the portion of the proposed Trunk Road to Greystones within the urban area.

It was
Proposed by Councillor P. Ua Murchadha;
Seconded by Councillor John Fleming;

That the recommendation in the County Surveyor's Report, as printed and circulated be hereby adopted.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy.

That the Grant of £10,350 be equally divided between the four Rural Districts in the county.

After a protracted discussion these motions by Councillors P. Murphy and Eamonn O'Neill were withdrawn with the Council's consent, after which it was Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle; and

Resolved—That the figures estimated in the County Surveyor's Report be amended and reduced as follows:—

- (1). From £3,446 to £2,046.
- (2). From £3,102 to £2,200.
- (3). From £1,747 to £1,547.

and that this gross reduction of £2,502 be expended as follows:—£1,000 on the temporary Trunk Roads in Shillelagh Rural District, £702 on the Avoca to Aghrim Road, via Woodenbridge, and £800 on repair work on the Rathnew-Arklow road—and that the Minister for Local Government be asked to schedule the latter as a Trunk Road, and also temporarily schedule as a Trunk Road the road from Aghrim to Woodenbridge, for tourist traffic purposes.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:

Temperance Hotel,
Glendalough,
Rathdrum,
March 12th, 1925.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,
I beg to apply for permission to erect a railing to enclose the frontage opposite my house. It is general knowledge that during the summer months a

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lot of inconvenience and annoyance is caused me by motors and char-a-bancs parking in front of my house, thereby blocking up the passage to the house and yard, etc. Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours truly,
(Signed) LAURENCE KAVANAGH.

ORDER.—Permission granted.

The Council proceeded to consider the following letter relative to Mr. D. J. Kinsella, recently appointed Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

18th March, 1925.

G.11615/1925.
Wicklow County.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 10th, instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he does not consider that Mr. Kinsella is sufficiently old for the responsible position of Rate Collector, and, accordingly he is not prepared to sanction his appointment. The Council should take steps to make a fresh appointment.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) M. DE LASAIGH.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by Councillor D. J. MacEvoy;

Resolved—That this Council again request the Minister for Local Government to sanction their appointment of Mr. D. J. Kinsella, of Tubberpatrick House, Tinahely, as Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District, two birth certificates being now before us showing that he is over twenty-one years of age—and there is a very large sum outstanding on rates in that District which is urgently needed by this Council.

Passed.

At this stage the meeting adjourned, the Secretary having been first directed to convene the adjourned Quarterly Meeting on Monday, the 8th June, 1925.

The Adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 8th June, 1925, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., Chairman; Councillors M. Fleming, Laurence Redmond, A. Kinsella, Patrick Doyle, James Everett, T.D.; William Byrne, E. O'Neill, P. P. O'Reilly, J. J. Redmond, Bernard Kelly, J. J. Metcalfe.

A letter dated 8th June was read from the Council's Law Agent, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., regretting that he was unable to attend in consequence of having to be present at a Meeting of Rathdrum Rural District Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Resolved—That we have learned with deep regret of the sad loss that has befallen Mr. P. J. Noonan, the popular representative of the "Wicklow People" at meetings of this Council, by the death of his mother, and we tender to him and the other members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly.

Resolved—That we tender to Dr. D. P. Kenna, our Coroner for West Wicklow, the assurance of our sincere sympathy on the death of his brother, Dr. Michael Kenna.

Passed.

Court House,
Wicklow,
2nd June, 1925.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara—

You are hereby summoned to attend the adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 8th June, 1925, to consider the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 25th May, ulto., which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.

Mise, le meas,

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

Form X. 54.

The accompanying copy of the Memorandum of Decision of the National Health Insurance Commission on a question recently submitted to them for formal decision under Section 66 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, is enclosed for information.

National Health Insurance Commission,
Upper Mount Street, Dublin.

Form X. 39.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS, 1911 TO 1924.

Memorandum of Decision of the Irish Insurance Commissioners on Application under Section 66 (1) of National Insurance Act, 1911, as amended by Section 10 (1) of the National Health Insurance Act, 1920, or under Section 27 (2) of National Insurance Act, 1913.

The decision of the Irish Insurance Commissioners on the question raised on the application, dated the 11th day of December, 1924, made by the County Council of the County of Wicklow, is as follows:—

The employment by applicant of Mr. Patrick Short, of Ballylusk, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, as carter under the conditions set out in the application and as detailed at the Hearing which was held at Wicklow on 12th March, 1925, is employment within the meaning of the Acts.

Signed (on behalf of the Irish Insurance Commissioners),
(Sgd.) PIERCE KENT.

Dated 5th May, 1925.

N.B.—The above decision has been given on the facts disclosed in connection with the case, and is not applicable to any case in which the circumstances, or terms of employment, are materially different.

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The decision of the Irish Insurance Commissioners on the question raised on the application, dated the 11th day of December, 1924, made by the County Council of the County of Wicklow, is as follows:—

The employment by applicant of Mr. Thomas Reilly, of Delgany, Co. Wicklow, as stonebreaker under the conditions set out in the application and as de-

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tailed at the Hearing which was held at Wicklow on 12th March, 1925, is employment within the meaning of the Acts.

Signed (on behalf of the Irish Insurance Commissioners),
(Sgd.) PIERCE KENT.

Dated 5th May, 1925.

N.B.—The above decision has been given on the facts disclosed in connection with the case, and is not applicable to any case in which the circumstances, or terms of employment, are materially different.

4 Church Street, Wicklow,
7th May, 1925.

Wicklow County Council and Insurance of Patrick Short,
Ballyusk, Ashford, Carter, and Thomas Reilly, of Delgany,
Stonebreaker.

Dear Sir—

I beg to advise that I was to-day notified of the decision of the National Health Insurance Commission under Section 66 of the Act of 1911. The Commission have decided that the employment of Messrs. Short and Reilly is employment within the meaning of the Acts.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the County Surveyor, and will be obliged if you let me know do the Council desire to have the question further tested by appeal.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. H. McCARROLL,
Law Agent to the Council.

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

P.S.—I have been speaking over this matter with Mr. Canniam, B.L., who held the Briefs on the two Inquiries, and he strongly suggests that an appeal should be taken.

ORDER.—Cards for the two classes of employes indicated to be stamped so that the men referred to may be put in benefit, the Secretary to be guided in this connection by the instructions received from the National Health Insurance Commission.

The Secretary submitted the two following letters which he had received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the administration of Trunk Road Grants and the necessity for an adequate survey staff:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI BOTHAR,
SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA 51,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
3rd June, 1925.

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Wicklow County: Survey Staff.

A Chara—

Adverting to his letter of the 30th May, 1924, and subsequent references relative to the appointment by Wicklow County Council of an Assistant Surveyor, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the grants made from State Funds to County Wicklow for road improvement work have been unsatisfactorily administered owing to the failure of the Council to provide adequate properly qualified assistance for the County Surveyor. The returns of material supplied and work done furnished by gangers and foremen are unreliable and the County Surveyor cannot possibly be expected to vouch for expenditure in such circumstances. Work done in the County under the grants compares unfavourably regarding cost, etc., with that in other counties. The surfaces are so deteriorated after a few months' wear it is impossible to believe that the quantities of stone returned as put into these surfaces have actually been supplied.

In the circumstances the Minister does not propose to make available the grant of £10,350 recently notified until such time as the Council have made arrangements to employ adequate assistance for the County Surveyor.

The Minister considers that the County Surveyor should have at least one capable whole-time clerk and three whole-time Assistant Surveyors. Mr. P. J. Foley, Assistant Surveyor, who, it is understood, engages in private practice from his Office in Dublin, can scarcely give sufficient attention to his duties as Assistant Surveyor.

Any future appointments should be made on the basis of whole-time service.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) M. de LISAIGH,
Leas Runaidhe.

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

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI BOTHAR,
SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
5th June, 1925.

R/SGB/33

Trunk Road Grant—£450,000.
Wicklow County Share—£10,350.

A Chara—

With reference to his letter of the 3rd instant, relative to the appointment by Wicklow County Council of an Assistant Surveyor, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is prepared to approve of the work recommended by the County Surveyor to be carried out on the Rathnew-Rathdrum and Bray-Wicklow Road, under the above-mentioned Grant, on the understanding that the Council will appoint an additional Assistant Surveyor at least temporarily.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E. P. McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

ORDER.—Temporary Assistant Surveyor to be appointed, to be remunerated at the rate of £5 5s. 0d. per week, with travelling expenses allowed by the Minister's scale, all claims submitted to the Secretary in connection with such expenses to be first checked and approved by the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor Laurence Redmond.

Resolved—That Mr. M. O'Brien, of Roslyn, Aylesbury Park, Pembroke, Dublin, be appointed as Temporary Assistant Surveyor for the district now vacant; that his remuneration be fixed at £5 5s. 0d. per week, with travelling expenses according to the Minister's approved scale; and that the appointment be terminable on one month's notice being given by either party.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, and
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:

That Mr. Cecil Gelittie, of Main Street, Wicklow, be appointed as Assistant Surveyor temporarily.

On a show of hands being taken the Chairman declared the amendment lost and the original motion passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
8th June, 1925.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I request more definite instructions as to the nature and extent of the work to be done in expending the following sums:—

1. £1,000 on the Shillelagh "Temporary" Trunk Roads. I recommend the drainage, widening, strengthening, and surfacing of that part of the Shillelagh-Carnew Road, known as the "New Line," as far as the money will admit. This portion of the road is in a very bad condition.

2. £702 on the "Temporary" Trunk Road, Avoca-Aughrim, via Woodenbridge. I recommend the strengthening and surfacing that part of the road from near Ballycoogue Steps towards Woodenbridge, as far as the money admits.

3. £800 on the "Temporary" Trunk Road, Rathnew-Arklow. I recommend surfacing that part of the road from Coolbeg towards Barndarrig, as far as the money admits.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDER.—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly,
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed to have the war-damaged bridges at Blessington and Humphreystown restored, immediately, as they are in a dangerous condition, more particularly Blessington Bridge, which should have preference, and as the County Surveyor has pointed out it is impossible to do the work by Direct Labour, work to be done by contract.

Passed.

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

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the widening and reconstruction of Ballingate small bridge, work to be done by Direct Labour, and that he be authorised to proceed with the reconstruction of Balisland Bridge by contract if possible. The funds necessary for these works to be taken from the road money, provided that this fund be recouped from monies provided from the Bridge Reconstruction sixpenny rate; and the County

Surveyor be also authorised to proceed with repair of Knocknagilky Bridge by contract if possible.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 11th May, 1925, from Laurence Lennon, of Deerpark, Baltinglass, in which he offered the sum of £1 10s. 0d. for two small broken-down sheds at Baltinglass Workhouse.

ORDER.—Tender accepted.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

No Proposals.

A letter dated 9th April, 1925, was submitted from the Clerk to the Rural District Council, forwarding a resolution asking the County Council to speed up the Ministry's decision regarding the Grant and Loan to be expended in that area, and requesting the Council to send only new plant to West Wicklow.

ORDER.—See Report.

The following Report from the local roads committee for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District was submitted:—

Turnant House,
Dunlavin,
25th April, 1925.

P. T. Healy, Esq.

Dear Sir—

Below are copies of resolutions passed by the Local Roads Committee on Monday, 20th inst., which I am directed to forward to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. J. FOLEY, Assistant Surveyor.

1. Proposed by Mr. Edward O'Neill,
Seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:

That all metal be broken by crusher except where it is impossible to bring the crusher.

2. Proposed by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly,
Seconded by Mr. D. MacEvoy:

That Carrigower or other similar stone be used in preference to any limestone where possible.

3. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:
That the names of persons taking Council's road metal be referred to the Council's Solicitor.
4. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:
That Carrig quarry be acquired and opened at once.
5. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. Edward O'Neill:
That a quarry be acquired and opened at Hollywood at once; that all the hedges be cut, and if not done the occupiers to be prosecuted.
6. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. Edward O'Neill:
That caretakers be appointed to keep such mountain roads as the assistant may direct and the amount payable to be approved of by the County Surveyor, and that damages to the roads by tractors in Kiltegan area to be referred to the Council's Solicitor.
7. Proposed by Mr. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. Edward O'Neill:
That the two new Marshall rollers be kept permanently in the Baltinglass No. 1 area.
8. Proposed by Mr. D. MacEvoy,
Seconded by Mr. Edward O'Neill:
That the assistant dismiss any man found idle.
9. Proposed by Mr. Edward O'Neill,
Seconded by Mr. P. P. O'Reilly:
That Morrissey's crusher be put to work immediately at Carrigower and that as soon as our own crushers are available the local men be employed to work them as required.
- Note.—All resolutions were passed unanimously and an order made that a copy be furnished direct to the Secretary of the County Council.

- Resolution No. 1: ORDER—Adopted.
Resolution No. 2: ORDER—Adopted.
Resolution No. 3: ORDER—Approved.
Resolution No. 4: ORDER—Referred to Solicitor.
Resolution No. 5: ORDER—Adopted if possible.
Resolution No. 6: ORDER—Referred to New Council.
Resolution No. 7: ORDER—Deleted.
Resolution No. 8: ORDER—Permitted.
Resolution No. 9: ORDER—Approved.

The following two letters were, after a discussion, marked read:—

Stratford-on-Slaney,
Co. Wicklow,
13th April, 1925.

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

A Chara—

In the interests of fair play and justice I would be grateful to you if you would bring the following matter under the notice of the members of the County Council at their next meeting.

That a large number of reports in connection with the mismanagement of the Direct Labour Scheme in West Wicklow has been submitted to the authorities of the County Council, and as a result of those reports not being investigated a large number of workers has been deprived of their employment.

The question may arise that those men were not members of the Transport Union, but the answer to that is that they were all members of the Transport Union but were obliged to withdraw from that Union as a protest against a certain official of the Transport Union in putting to his own use the members' contributions. The Union's Executive were asked to investigate the matter but they refused.

I consider that it is most unjust to have to suffer the loss of employment because the Transport Union has mismanaged the affairs of the Union and misapplied the funds.

I wish to suggest that a Committee be appointed to investigate the serious charges that have been made against the overseer, as I am aware that the rate-payers have been defrauded of thousands of pounds by their (the overseer's) mismanagement and neglect of duty.

Yours,

(Signed) JAMES MAHER.
Independent Co-Operative Trades Union,
Baltinglass Branch,
24th April, 1925.

To Mr. P. T. Healy,
Sec., County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Sir—

I have been informed by our Organiser, Mr. J. Maher, that on a complaint received by you from him re mismanagement of Direct Labour in West Wicklow you intend to bring same before the Council meeting on Monday next.

I can assure you that there is a large number of men, farmers and workers, and myself who can bear him out in all his statements to you.

It is nothing short of a scandal to cause unnecessary suffering to unfortunate men with large families by the spiteful manner by which the overseers carry out the administration. I would be very pleased if you would bring this letter before the Council, as the Ratepayers are unaware of how they are plundered by the overseers in the spending of the rates. This matter is now going on for the past three years and we consider that it is now time to bring it to a close.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) PATRICK MURPHY, Chairman.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Honorary Secretary, Baltinglass Athletic Sports Committee, dated 6th June, 1925, in which he asked for permission to use the steam-roller to roll the track, prior to the sports to be held on the 14th instant.

ORDER.—Granted.

The Secretary also submitted a letter dated 8th June, 1925, from Mr. Matthew Byrne, Baltinglass, asking for permission to erect a paling outside his house.

ORDER.—Granted.

RATHDOWN No. 2:—

Form 20 was submitted by the District Council containing the following four proposals, which the Rural District Council recommend as needing urgent attention:—

District Register No. 1. To take over, fence, repair, and maintain the roadway leading from Three Trout Bridge, by Old Mill, to Mill Road, Greystones. Cost not to exceed £600.

District Register No. 2. To take over, repair, and maintain the road from Glen of the Downs to Delgany, via Ballydonagh House. Cost not to exceed £30.

District Register No. 3. To continue the concrete curbing of footpath on road leading from Delgany to Killincarrig, from Avenmore House to the extreme end of wall on East Side of Mr. Ludlow's House. Cost not to exceed £48.

District Register No. 4. To construct a concrete curb to existing footpath from easterly end of wall at East Side of Mr. Ludlow's House at Killincarrig to Killincarrig cross roads, situated on road leading from Delgany to Killincarrig. Cost not to exceed £48.

A letter dated 16th March, 1925, was read from R. H. Hill, 23a Burgh Quay, Dublin, in which he complained of the state of the Beach Road, Greystones, near his cottage, which is called "The Bungalow."

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 15th May, 1925, was received from T. Fitzpatrick, Enniskerry, asking permission to erect a petrol-filling station at Killarney Road, Bri Chualann, on the cross-roads.

ORDER.—Petrol pump alone to be on the road, rent to be fixed by County Surveyor after consultation with the Ministry.

A letter dated 19th May, 1925, was received from Mr. W. Q. Fitzgerald, Glen Owen, Delgany, complaining of the causes which lead to the periodical flooding of his premises.

ORDER.—Referred to the County Surveyor.

A letter dated 6th June, 1925, addressed to the Chairman, was submitted from S. A. French, Secretary, Greystones and District Development Association, "Tripletton," Greystones, in which he drew attention to the urgent need for a water-tap on the South Beach, Greystones.

ORDER.—Referred to Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, in pursuance of Section 3 (a) of the Dublin United Tramways Omnibus Services Act, of 1925, containing particulars of routes passing through County Wicklow on which the Dublin United Tramways Company propose to run omnibuses.

ORDER.—Representations to be made by the County Surveyor that the Roads in County Wicklow are wholly unsuited to such heavy traffic.

RATHDRUM:—

No Proposals.

A letter dated 7th May, 1925, was submitted from the Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Kilcoole, asking to have a large share of monies expended on roads in that area, and enclosing a communication from Dr. Finnegan outlining the need for employment in the district of Kilcoole.

A letter dated 15th May, 1925, was submitted from Arklow Development Association, enclosing resolution complaining of the road between Rathnew and Arklow, and also referring to the need for regulations controlling the speed of motors.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A further letter, dated 15th May, 1925, was submitted from the Clerk of Arklow Urban District Council, containing a resolution calling the Council's attention to the bad state of the road between Rathnew and Arklow, and requesting to have it put into proper repair.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 6th June, 1925, was submitted from Michael Duffy, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, in which he asked to be re-employed on road work.

The County Surveyor submitted two letters dated 16th May and 4th June, 1925, which he received from Patrick Barrett, Laragh Bridge, Rathdrum, relative to a tent or stand erected by him at the Churches, which was reported to the County Surveyor as being an obstruction which should be removed.

ORDER.—No proceedings to be taken.

The County Surveyor also submitted a communication dated 20th April, 1925, which he had received from Mr. T. Grant, Secretary, Rathdrum Handball Club, asking for permission to build an addition of three feet to the main road wall at Lower Street, Rathdrum, for the purpose of a handball alley.

ORDER.—Granted.

SHILLELAGH:—

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
Passed.

The Secretary, on being asked if the Minister for Local Government had accorded his sanction to Mr. Denis J. Kinsella's appointment as Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District, submitted the following communication in that connection which had reached him that morning:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEAN UACH,
BALE ATHA CLIAH,

G. 26280/1925.
Wicklow County.

6th June, 1925.

A Chara—

Adverting to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose herewith a Declaration Form to be subscribed by Mr. Kinsella and submitted to this Department for inspection.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) M. de LASAIGH,

Leas Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary having read communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 23rd and 23th April, 1925, No. G.19559/1925, and 7th May, 1925, No. G.22431/1925, on the subject of the proposal of the Minister of Finance that the Agricultural Grant, to be paid to County Councils by the Government during the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, be doubled, and that the benefit of such increased Grant be allowed to agricultural ratepayers in the present year of assessment, it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the Secretary's action in altering the Poor Rate Books, Demand Notes, and Rate receipts for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1926, so as to give effect to the provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act of 1925, referred to in the letters from the Ministry of Local Government dated 23rd April, 28th April, and 7th May, 1925.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne,
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:

Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books—including the separate rate of 6d. in the £ under the Criminal and Malicious Injuries (Amendment) Act, 1923—and that we Sign and Seal the Poor Rate Books and Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Neill,
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Secretary to the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the books, etc., of the collectors of Poor Rate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

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

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £1,818 19s. 0d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

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

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bri Chualann, for the amount of £7,323 11s. 0d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

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

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £2,574 16s. 0d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

Passed.

The Chairman ruled that the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda paper in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D., was not in order:—
"I beg to give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at the next meeting of the County Council—That Resolution proposed by Councillor James Byrne, reducing the County Surveyor's Estimates, be rescinded."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

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

Resolved—That the contribution allowed by the Council of 5s. per head per week for children from Co. Wicklow admitted to Reformatory or Industrial Schools be reduced to 4s. per head per week, and that all Resolutions or orders to the contrary in the records be rescinded as from the 1st April, 1925.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., and
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

That the Resolution passed in the year 1924 reducing the wages of the road workers be rescinded and that the rates of wages to be paid to all permanent road workers be increased to the rates existing before reduction, and that each permanent road employe be supplied with a suit of oilskins and leggings.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, and
Seconded by Councillor Eamonn O'Neill:

That Councillor Everett's Notice of Motion, No. 29 on the printed Agenda, be left over for the new Council, for consideration.

A poll having been taken it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT:—Councillors A. Kinsella, J. J. Metcalfe, E. O'Neill, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, B. Kelly, and M. Fleming—7.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:—Councillors J. J. Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; P. P. O'Reilly, Laurence Redmond, and Patrick Doyle—5.

The Chairman declared the original motion lost by five votes to seven. The amendment was thereupon put as a substantive resolution and declared by the Chairman to have been passed by seven votes to five.

The Secretary again drew the Council's attention to the large sums of rates outstanding and unlogged in respect to the financial years 1920/1921 and 1921/1922 in Districts Nos. 5 and 6, for which Mr. John Cullen, Donard, was the Collector, and submitted the following up to date statement of the position of the collections, from which Mr. John Cullen was dismissed by the Council with the approval of the Minister:—

SUMMARY OF JOHN CULLEN'S COLLECTIONS,
DISTRICTS No. 5 and 6.

Totals of Abstracts:—		
5.	20/21	£1445 6 5
5.	21/22	1301 12 10
6.	20/21	2329 12 5
6.	21/22	4264 2 9
		£9340 14 5 (a)

Receipts not in books when handed in, but which are not brought to a/c in the Deputy Checker's

Abstracts:—		
5.	20/21	£3 16 6
5.	21/22	136 7 4
6.	20/21	21 5 1
6.	21/22	1077 1 5
		£1238 10 4 (b)

Receipts still in books in County Council Office, but on which rates have been paid direct to

Office:—		
5.	20/21	£10 19 10
5.	21/22	353 18 11
6.	20/21	3 13 3
6.	21/22	1498 5 6
		£1866 17 6 (c)

Receipts still in books in County Council Office, on which rates have not been lodged to the credit of

the County Council:—		
5.	20/21	£14 0 7
5.	21/22	85 14 11
6.	20/21	111 15 7
6.	21/22	525 4 1
		£736 15 2 (d)

WARRANTS:—		
5.	20/21	£1474 3 4
5.	21/22	1877 14 0
6.	20/21	2466 6 4
6.	21/22	7364 13 9
		£13182 17 5

STATEMENT OF POSITION ON 25/4/1925 IN RESPECT TO
JOHN CULLEN'S COLLECTIONS.

Lodged in respect to receipts taken from books by John Cullen

£8719 7 3 (e)

Lodged in respect to receipts still in books in Co. Council Office

1854 17 6 (f)

John Cullen's Liability:—
Total of (a) and (b) on Summary

£10579 4 9

Less total (e) above

8719 7 3

Collected and unlogged

1859 17 6

Add £12 paid on a/c (R. No. 477) which Cullen said he received

12 0 0

R. No. 412. Summons-server says Cullen admitted in Blessington Court this was paid him

2 0 3

CULLEN'S TOTAL LIABILITY

£1873 17 9 (g)

VALID RATE RECEIPTS:—

Total (d) on Summary

£736 15 2

Less R. No. 412 (above)

2 0 3

£734 14 11 (h)

TOTAL OF WARRANTS

£13182 17 5

N.B.—To avoid complication the amount collected and lodged by Ex-Collector Michael Magrath (£16 1s. 5d.) is not included. As this sum is included in totals (b) and (e) above, the matter adjusts itself and Cullen's liability is not affected.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor E. O'Neill:

Resolved—That, with a view to giving effect to the repeated instructions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the recommendations of the Finance Committee in Report No. 1, relative to the large sums still outstanding in Ex-Poor Rate Collector John Cullen's districts (Nos. 5 and 6) for the years 1920/21 and 1921/1922, we hereby direct the Law Agent to take immediately such steps as will secure, within six weeks from this date, the definite closing of these two collections to the satisfaction of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly:

Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby directed to issue to each Poor Rate Collector the Collection Books respecting his District for the year 1925/1926, with the least possible delay, so as to relieve financial pressure on the Council.
Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

Gentlemen—

Newtown, 8/6/25.

As you all know, I have been left with four young children totally unprovided for. I would respectfully ask the Council to give me time to pay rates that is to be stopped out of the pay due to my husband. I want the money to pay back rent; if not paid I will be evicted with my children. I am trying to keep a home and if evicted will be compelled to look for home help for myself and little ones. The L.G.B. are quite willing for the rates to be taken in instalments over a couple of years. Trusting you will rescind the order and meet me in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) MARIA SHORT.

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

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, we allow Mrs. Maria Short to pay in instalments the £29 15s. 9d. Poor Rates due by her up to the 31st March, 1925, and that the two Orders already made by the Council in this connection be hereby rescinded—the Secretary to pay the full arrears of salary due to Mr. Patrick Short, amounting to £78 15s. 0d., when the Minister has approved hereon.
Passed.

The Chairman ruled out of order the following motion:

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

That instructions be given to the Returning Officer to not employ persons who are receiving salaries from other sources, or engaged in other occupations as whole-time officers receiving salaries, as Presiding Officers or Poll Clerks, and that suitable persons unemployed be given the positions providing they are qualified.

Colle Byrne

Wicklow County

The Annual Meeting of the newly-elected Council for the County of Wicklow was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 6th July, 1925.

The official Form No. 2—Notice of Result of the Election of County Councillors held on Tuesday, the 23rd June, 1925—having been submitted, the following Councillors, who were present, signed in the presence of the Secretary their Declarations of Acceptance of Office:—

Councillors J. J. Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely; P. J. Carey, Tomanerrin, Aughrim; Denis Condren, 81 Lower Main Street, Arklow; Patrick Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely; W. J. Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely; M. Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh; C. Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow; J. Kavanagh, Kilballyowen, Aughrim; Joseph Burke, Rathmoon, Baltinglass; George Fisher, Merginstown Demesne, Dunlavin; William Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington; D. J. Kehoe, Weaver's Square, Baltinglass; John Metcalfe, Ballydonarea House, Kilcoole; Laurence Moore, Blessington; Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bri Chualann; Joseph Byrne, Kilbride, Bri Chualann; David Frame, Corke Abbey, Bri Chualann; George Heatley, 42 Dublin Road, Bri Chualann; Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bri Chualann; S. E. Pim, "Shandon," Greystones; J. J. Redmond, 4 Kenmare Terrace, Greystones; J. J. Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum; C. M. Byrne, T.D., Ballykillavane, Glenealy; William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew; James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; D. H. Haskins, "The Cedars," Dunganstown, Wicklow; J. J. Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow; and John Lawlor, Main Street, Rathdrum.

BUSINESS.

1. Councillors present to sign their Declarations accepting Office.
2. Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
3. To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.
4. To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
5. To elect the County Wicklow Board of Health.
6. To appoint Proposals and Finance Committees.
7. To appoint a County Committee of Agriculture.
8. To appoint a County Committee for Technical Instruction.
9. To appoint Representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Joint Committee of Management.
10. To appoint Representatives from the Council on the Irish County Councils' General Council.
11. To appoint Representatives on the Council of Agriculture.
12. To pass a resolution constituting the members of the County Council for the time being as the County Old Age Pension Committee.
13. To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.
14. To fix dates in the ensuing year for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and the Proposals Committee.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D. and the Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

That Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., be re-elected Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.
Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., having refused to allow his name to be put forward as a candidate for the Chairmanship, declined to accept this motion.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey;
Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

Resolved—That Councillor David Frame be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor is appointed.
Passed unanimously.

Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., the outgoing Chairman, thereupon left the Chair which was taken by the newly-elected Chairman, Councillor David Frame.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

That Councillor John J. Redmond be elected Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.
This motion was withdrawn at Councillor Redmond's request.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;
Seconded by Councillor John J. Kennedy.

Resolved—That Councillor James Everett, T.D., be elected Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.
Passed.

The Secretary read the regulations regarding the constitution of the County Board of Health, as set out in the second schedule of the Local Government Act of 1925, and also the following circular letter received in that connection from the Minister for Local Government:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUBLI.
SRAID MHUIRBHTEAN UACH.
BAILE ATHA CLIATH
1st July, 1925.

F.31727/1925.
Miscellaneous.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to remind you that in the Order of the 28th March last, the 6th July next was prescribed as the date for the first meeting of the County Council after the elections. It is enacted by Section 4 (2) of the Local Elections (Postponement) Act, 1922, that there shall be transacted at such meeting all the business which the Council is by any statute order or regulation required to transact at an annual meeting or a quarterly meeting (as the case may be) held next after a statutory election.

Part of the business to be transacted at the meeting on the 6th July is therefore the election of a Board of Health. The regulations governing the election are contained in the Second Schedule to the Local Government Act, 1925. It will be observed that the intention of the rules is to secure that no area or substantial interest is unrepresented on the Board of Health.

The Board of Health shall consist of ten persons, all of whom must be members of the County Council. One member must be elected by the Council for each county electoral area in the County Health district from among the County Councillors elected for that area. The remaining members must be elected by the Council or nominated by groups in the manner provided in Rule 2.

The procedure is outlined in the following example:-
 Number of Members of County Council 25.
 Number of County Electoral Areas 4.
 Number elected from County Electoral areas (Rule 2 (a)) 4.
 Additional Members to be elected 10-4-6.
 Number of Councillors necessary to form a group $\frac{25-4-5}{6}$ (next whole number) Rule 2 (d).

Assuming one group is formed the number of Councillors who are not members of groups is then 25-5-20, and those members may then elect successively by a majority the remainder of the additional members (i.e. 10-(4x1)-5. Any five of those twenty members may form a second group, leaving 15 members to elect the remaining members i.e. 4.

Additional groups may be formed up to 4. At that stage four members would have been elected for County Electoral areas and four elected by groups. Two members would then remain to be elected, by members of the County Council not being members of a group, i.e., five Councillors. In such a case it would obviously be unnecessary for those five members to constitute themselves a group.

It will be seen that this provision for nomination by groups is mainly to secure the representation of minority interests which might otherwise be unrepresented as the result of a majority vote.

Attention is also drawn to the provisions of sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Local Elections (Postponement) Act, 1922, whereby such of the existing members of any board Committee, Joint Board or Joint Committee as are nominated or elected by the County Council shall continue in office as such members until the day after the date on which the first meeting of the County Council is held after the statutory election.

The provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, enabling County Councils to co-opt one or two additional members are repealed.

Mise, le meas,
 E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

To the Secretary of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
 Seconded by Councillor Joseph Burke.

Resolved-That Councillors Patrick Doyle (Arklow County Electoral Area), J. J. Metcalfe (Baltinglass County Electoral Area), S. E. Pim (Bri Chualann Electoral Area), and C. M. Byrne, T.D. (Wicklow County Electoral Area) be elected as representatives for their respective areas on the County Wicklow Board of Health.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Fisher;
 Seconded by Councillor W. J. Henry.

Resolved-That the following five members form a group-Councillors George Fisher, William Henry, Joseph Burke, John Metcalfe and Denis Condren-and they select to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health-Joseph Burke.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor S. E. Pim;
 Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne.

Resolved-That the following five members form a group:- Councillor James Kavanagh, George Heatley, Joseph Byrne, S. E. Pim, and David Frame-and they select to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health:-George Heatley.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
 Seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey.

Resolved-That the following five members form a group:- Councillors William Byrne, J. J. Bourne, P. J. Carey, Denis Condren, D. H. Haskins-and they select to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health:-J. J. Bourne.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Lawler;
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kennedy.

Resolved-That the following five members form a group:-Councillors John Lawler, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne, J. J. Kennedy, and J. J. Redmond-and they select to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health:-James Everett, T.D.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Lawler;
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kennedy.

Resolved-That the following five members form a group:-Councillors Joseph Metcalfe, Charles Gaule, W. J. Doyle, Patrick Doyle, and Laurence Moore-and they select to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health:-Joseph Metcalfe.
 Passed.

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

Resolved-That Councillors C. M. Byrne, T.D.; D. J. Kehoe, and Michael Fleming, who have not already voted, nominate Councillor Michael Fleming on the County Wicklow Board of Health.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;
 Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

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

- JACOB JAMES BOURNE, Ballyraheen, Tinahely;
- JOHN J. KENNEDY, Main Street, Wicklow;
- PATRICK J. CAREY, Tomanerrin, Auhgrim;
- DENIS CONDREN, 31 Lower Main Street, Arklow;
- DAVID H. HASKINS, "The Cedars," Dunganstown, Wicklow;
- WILLIAM BYRNE, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow;

- JOHN J. REDMOND, 4 Kenmare Terrace, Greystones;
 - C. M. BYRNE, T.D., Ballykillavane, Glenealy;
 - JOSEPH BURKE, Rathmoon, Baltinglass.
- Passed.

Proposed by Councillor S. E. Pim;
 Seconded by Councillor John Metcalfe.

Resolved-That the following be appointed to form the County Committee of Agriculture:-

- WILLIAM BYRNE, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow;
- C. M. BYRNE, T.D., Ballykillavane, Glenealy;
- JOSEPH BYRNE, Kilbride, Bri Chualann;
- J. J. BOURNE, Ballyraheen, Tinahely;
- P. J. CAREY, Tomanerrin, Auhgrim;
- JAMES KAVANAGH, Kilballyowen, Auhgrim;
- JOHN METCALFE, Ballydonarea House, Kilcoole;
- GEORGE FISHER, Merginstown Demesne, Dunlavin;
- WILLIAM HENRY, Burgage More, Blessington.
- JOSEPH BURKE, Rathmoon, Baltinglass;

- W. J. DOYLE, Lugduff, Tinahely;
- J. J. BARRY, Main Street, Rathdrum;
- MICHAEL FLEMING, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh;
- CHARLES GAULE, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow;
- REV. JAMES McCARTHY, C.C., Annacurra, Auhgrim;
- REV. JOHN QUIGLEY, M.A., Dunganstown, Wicklow;
- R. CONNELL, Blainroe, Wicklow;
- T. MULCAHY, Ballinakil, Rathdrum;
- LAURENCE MURPHY, Togher House, Roundwood;
- PATRICK CULLEN, Bonabrocka, Wicklow;
- S. J. DELAHUNT, Ballygonnell, Wicklow;
- EDWARD VICKERS, Kilmurray, Kilbride, Wicklow;
- G. P. MANNING, Newcastle;
- LAURENCE CULLEN, Rathmore, Ashtford;
- PATRICK BYRNE, Rahaval, Redcross;
- WALLACE HAMMOND, Paulbeg, Shillelagh;
- SAMUEL MEREDITH, Ballyherring, Kilbride, Wicklow.

and that any representative appointed by this Council on the Committee who may absent himself for six months from meetings of that body be automatically disqualified from membership.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
 Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.
 Resolved-That the following be appointed to represent the County Council on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee:-

- SAMUEL EVES PIM "Shandon," Greystones;
- PATRICK J. CAREY, Tomanerrin, Auhgrim;
- DENIS CONDREN, 31, Lower Main Street, Arklow;
- JOSEPH BURKE, Rathmoon, Baltinglass;
- JAMES EVERETT, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow;
- C. M. BYRNE, T.D., Ballykillavane, Glenealy;
- JOHN J. KENNEDY, Main Street, Wicklow;
- JOHN METCALFE, Ballydonarea House, Kilcoole;
- JOSEPH BYRNE, Kilbride, Bri Chualann;
- J. J. REDMOND, 4 Kenmare Terrace, Greystones;
- WILLIAM HENRY, Burgage More, Blessington;
- MICHAEL FLEMING, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh;
- REV. BROTHER JARLATH, St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.
- REV. CANON A. D. MOORE, B.A., Ashford;
- EAMONN O'NEILL, Main Street, Baltinglass.

and that any representative appointed by this Council on the Committee who may absent himself for six months from meetings of that body be automatically disqualified from membership.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne.
 Resolved-That the following represent the Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Grangeogorman Mental Hospital:-

- JAMES EVERETT, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow;
 - RICHARD WILSON, T.D., Ballyknockan, Rathdrum;
 - C. M. BYRNE, T.D., Ballykillavane, Glenealy;
 - D. J. COGAN, 37 Pembroke Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin.
- Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
 Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne.

Resolved-That the following be appointed to represent the Wicklow County Council on the Irish County Councils' General Council:-
 C. M. BYRNE T.D., Ballykillavane, Glenealy;
 JOHN METCALFE, Ballydonarea House, Kilcoole;
 GEORGE FISHER, Merginstown Demesne Dunlavin.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey;
 Seconded by Councillor William Henry;
 Resolved-That Councillors C. M. Byrne T.D., and John Metcalfe be re-appointed as the Council's representatives on the Council of Agriculture.
 Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
 Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.

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

- CHARLES GAULE, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow;
 - JAMES EVERETT, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow;
 - GEORGE HEATLEY, 42 Dublin Road, Bri Chualann;
 - J. J. REDMOND, 4 Kenmare Terrace, Greystones;
 - DAVID FRAME, Corke Abbey, Bri Chualann;
 - EDWARD BYRNE, 9 Florence Villas, Bri Chualann;
 - JOSEPH METCALFE, 23 Pearse Square, Bri Chualann;
 - W. J. DOYLE, Lugduff, Tinahely;
 - MRS. K. DOYLE, Wentworth Place, Wicklow;
 - MISS ANNIE FRAME, Corke Abbey, Bri Chualann.
- Passed.

Proposed by Councillor S. E. Pim;
 Seconded by Councillor John Metcalfe.

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

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
 Seconded by Councillor S. E. Pim.

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

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
 Seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey.

Resolved-That the following be the dates fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the Proposals and Finance Committees and the County Council for the year 1925-1926:-

Name of District and Place of Meeting	Hour	Summer Quarter, 1925.	Autumn Quarter, 1925.	Winter Quarter, 1926.	Spring Quarter, 1926.
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PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, Wicklow Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Mon. July 27	Mon. Oct. 26	Mon. Jan. 25	Mon. Apl. 26
CO. COUNCIL, Wicklow Courthouse, Wicklow	12	Mon. Aug. 24	Mon. Nov. 16	Mon. Feb. 15	Mon. May 24

Passed.

David Frame 24 Aug 1925

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 24th August, 1925.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David Fraue, Chairman; Councillors D. J. Kehoe, John J. Redmond, W. J. Doyle, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, D. H. Haskins, George Heatley, George Fisher, Joseph Burke, James Kavanagh, J. J. Bourne, Edward Byrne, William Byrne, P. J. Carey, John J. Barry, Patrick Doyle, James Everett, T.D.; W. J. Henry, J. J. Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, Denis Conren, Charles Gaule, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; M. Fleming, John J. Kennedy.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To consider the Government Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Council's Accounts for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1924, and 30th September, 1924.
- 3.—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
- 4.—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.
- 5.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 6.—To consider Proposals (if any) for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 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 Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10.—To consider the following adjourned Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I beg to give Notice that I, or some other member for me, shall move at the next meeting of the Council—That the Resolution passed in year 1924 reducing the wages of the road workers be rescinded, and that the rates of wages to be paid to all permanent road workers be increased to the rates existing before reduction, and that each permanent road employe' be supplied with a suit of oilskins and leggings."
- 11.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John Metcalfe:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Resolution passed at the meeting held on 18th August, 1924, on the motion of Councillor J. Everett, seconded by L. Redmond, directing the County Surveyor to employ only men who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union when he requires men for road work, and to apply to the Local Transport Secretary for these men' be rescinded, and from this date be no longer operative, and that from this day forward every man be considered eligible for work who is suitable and willing and who is a member of either the Farmers' Union, the Workers' Union of Ireland, the Transport and General Workers' Union, or the Independent Co-operative Union—or any other Union approved of by this Council, and further, that the County Surveyor alone be held by this Council responsible for the employment of men, whether such responsibility be exercised through his Assistant Surveyors and Road Overseers or not."
- 12.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that at the Meeting to be held on the 24th day of August, 1925, I will move—That the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several Roads in the County, be rescinded, in so far as same relates to other than Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by Contract for a term of years."
- 13.—To consider the following recommendation made by the local Roads Committee for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District:—"That caretakers be appointed to keep such mountain roads as the assistant may direct and the amount payable to be approved of by the County Surveyor, and that damages to the roads by tractors in Kiltegan area to be referred to the Council's solicitor."
- 14.—To consider the following Resolution passed by the Executive of the Wicklow Farmers' Union on the 3rd August, 1925:—"That we call on our representatives to take steps at once to have the main roads in the County defined by the County Surveyor, so that steps may be taken to put up the remaining roads by contract at the earliest possible moment, certainly before the winter sets in."
- 15.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John Metcalfe:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council that Standing Order No. 34—which deals with the handing in of Notices of Motion between meetings to the Chairman—be varied, and rescinded, and that in future no Notice of Motion be discussed or considered by this Council unless that Motion has been read to the last previous meeting of the Council, and has been marked "Accepted" by the Presiding Chairman at that Meeting and further that no Notice of Motion be accepted from any Councillor by the Presiding Chairman at a Council Meeting the subject of which motion has been discussed and decided on at any meeting which may have been held within the previous twelve months by the Council."

- 16.—To take such steps as the Council may deem desirable regarding the following resolution passed by Bri Chualann Urban District Council:—"That the name of Bri Chualann be changed back to that of Bray, and that it be an instruction to the Town Clerk that both English and Irish be used on all stationery and publications of the Council, and that all resolutions to the contrary to be rescinded."
- 17.—To consider a communication from the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital, in which it is intimated that the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, have not been complied with, inasmuch as two of the four representatives appointed on the Joint Committee by the County Council are not members of the Council, where as the proportion should not exceed one-fourth.
- 18.—To reconsider the advisability of putting into operation the Scheme for the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep, as drafted and recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture, and to hear the views of the Department of Agriculture on this subject.
- 19.—To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1925 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.
- 20.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor W. J. Henry:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council—That Blessington School Attendance Committee cease to function as from 1st July, 1925."
- 21.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor W. J. Henry:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Co. Council—That the Co. Council do not pass payment of three months' salary as School Attendance Officer to John Moore, Blessington, as signed for by Mr. Laurence Moore, Co.C., and Mr. J. J. Dowling, Acting Chairman of the School Attendance Committee meeting held on the 9th July, 1925—the reason for objection being that the salary was unearned."
- 22.—To appoint the Council's moiety of the new School Attendance Committees for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District; for Shillelagh Rural District; for the Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division; and of such other School Attendance Committees in the County as the Minister for Education may direct.
- 23.—To appoint a Veterinary Inspector for the portion of Co. Wicklow formerly known as Naas No. 2 Rural District, in succession to Mr. John Malone, V.S., resigned.
- 24.—To take such steps as the Council may deem advisable to ensure that that all outstanding rates be lodged to credit of the Council forthwith, and to consider important correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government with regard thereto.
- 25.—To consider communications from the Minister for Local Government regarding the superannuation proposed to be allowed by the County Council to Ex-Poor Rate Collectors John Murphy (No. 10 District), and James Byrne (No. 14 District).
- 26.—To execute a Mortgage submitted by the Treasurer (the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow) in connection with the Loan of £30,000, repayment of which is spread over a period of five years.
- 27.—To execute an Agreement with Miss Phyllis Ryan for the discharge of her duties as County Analyst.
- 28.—To execute an Agreement with Mr. Laurence Lennon, of Deerpark, Baltinglass, in connection with two acres of meadow attached to the Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass.
- 29.—To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, dealing with casualties to sheep on account of worrying by dogs during the year 1924, and enclosing draft Order in that connection which the Department is prepared to issue on the application of the Council.
- 30.—To draft a scale of annual increments for Messrs. W. C. Byrne and Michael Fox, of the Council's permanent clerical staff, in accordance with the recommendation of the County Council at their Meeting on the 25th May, 1925.
- 31.—To consider the Finance Committee's recommendation regarding the appointment of the new Clerk required in the County Surveyor's office, in room of Mr. Patrick Short.
- 32.—To appoint the Sergeants-in-Charge of the Dunlavin and Aughrim Garda Síochana stations as Food and Drugs Inspectors for the County.
- 33.—To receive a deputation from Bri Chualann Urban District Council urging the necessity for appointing a permanent Veterinary Surgeon for the whole County.
- 34.—To consider an application from Bri Chualann Urban District Council for permission to place a urinal in the underground portion of the north-west corner of the old Court House in Bri Chualann.
- 35.—To consider the decision of the Minister for Local Government, relative to the routes within the County upon which the Dublin United Tramways' Company propose to run omnibuses.
- 36.—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government, relative to Miss Agnes E. Keating's application for payment of pension, consequent upon abolition of her office as nurse in Wicklow Fever Hospital.
- 37.—To consider an application from Miss Mary Manifold for a pension following the abolition of her office as Caretaker of Arklow Fever Hospital.
- 38.—To consider a resolution received from the Association of Managers of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, requesting the Council to review their decision to reduce from 5s. to 4s. per head per week their contribution towards maintenance of children from Co. Wicklow in these institutions.
- 39.—To consider a communication from the Council's Law Agent, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Church Street, Wicklow, dated 4th May, 1925, regarding the Electricity Supply Bills.
- 40.—To consider a circular letter from the Minister of Local Government, reviewing the Council's position regarding transfer of officers following the abolition of Rural District Councils under the Local Government Act, 1925.

- 41.—To consider a communication from Very Rev. R. J. Connell, Parochial House, Avoca, pointing out the necessity for putting into operation a scheme for the lighting of Avoca.
- 42.—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and direct that legal proceedings be instituted with regard thereto.
- 43.—To consider County Analyst's Report for the past two Quarters.
- 44.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 45.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 46.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 47.—To consider General Correspondence.
- Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 27th July, 1925.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors D. H. Haskins, David Frame, John J. Kennedy, and William Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That Councillor David H. Haskins be appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed unanimously.

The Chair was then taken by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

The Committee having examined the Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, recommended them for payment as follows:—

COUNTY AT LARGE	£5530 17 8
BALTINGLASS No. 1	799 6 3
RATHDOWN No. 2	65 14 1
RATHDRUM	226 16 5
SHILLELAGH	235 14 10
REPAYMENT OF LOANS	364 7 6

The Committee having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and from the Rural District Councils, recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same, in respect to the Quarter ending 30th September, 1925:—

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

County Board of Health	£1,000 0 0
" " "	2,000 0 0
" " "	1,000 0 0
" " "	2,000 0 0
" " "	1,000 0 0
TOTAL	7,000 0 0

TRANSFERS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

BALTINGLASS No. 1	£621 15 0
RATHDOWN No. 2	279 0 0
RATHDRUM	361 0 0
SHILLELAGH	44 0 0
TOTAL	£1,305 15 0

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Reports dated 25th July, 1925, and 17th June, 1925, were submitted from the Mother Prioress, Loreto Abbey, Gorey, and from the President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, respectively, as to the progress, conduct, etc., of the Council's scholarship holders in these colleges.

These reports being considered of a satisfactory nature, the Committee recommend the Council to renew for a further year without change in the terms of the approved scheme, or the arrangements made thereunder, the scholarships held by the following eighteen students:—

Students who have completed three years:

Evelyn Whittle, Dunlavin.
Rosie Walsh, Donard.
Anastasia Greene, Loreto Lodge, Bri Chualann.
Gregory Doyle Irishtown, Donard.
James Kane, Dunlavin.
Michael Wogan, Enniskerry.

Students who have completed two years.

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.

Students who have completed one year:

Annie M. Hopkins, Kevin Street, Tinahely.
John Traynor, Tinahely.
Monica Larkin, 3 Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann.
John Geoghegan, Aughrim.
Mary Nolan, Ballyvroghan, Donard.
John A. O'Grady, Main Street, Baltinglass.

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, according to the Report dated 13th July, 1925, received from the College authorities, the Committee recommend the Council to renew their Scholarships for a further scholastic year, in accordance with the terms of the approved Scheme:—

Mortimer Hourihane, Mill Street, Baltingless (who has completed two years), and Mary A. Callaghan, "Inishowen," Bray Head, Bri Chualann (who has completed one year).

The Committee had under consideration a file of correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, with reference to the Provisions of Article 13 of the Public Bodies Order, of 1904, and intimating that the practice of issuing Paying Orders to the Road Overseers for distribution amongst the workmen employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads must cease forthwith.

The Secretary stated that to continue in the face of this correspondence to send the Paying orders through the Overseers would constitute an illegality, the responsibility for which might eventually fall on his shoulders, under the terms of Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and that consequently he had reverted to the original practice of sending direct to each workman his Paying Order by post.

The Committee, whilst approving of the Secretary's action, directed that the deputation about to wait upon the Minister of Finance in connection with the restoration of Bri Chualann Courthouse be requested to wait on the same date on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to place all the facts before him, with a view to his waiving, in the interests of economy, the obligation cast upon the Council by the terms of Article 13 of the Public Bodies Order of 1904, before referred to.

A letter dated 20th July, 1925, was submitted from Councillor Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, in which he pointed out that portions of the fences of the lands attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse, which the Council had recently set for eleven months, are in urgent need of repairs, which he estimated were unlikely to exceed about £6 0s. 0d.

The Committee directed that these repairs be carried out at a cost not exceeding £6. Mr. Joseph Boyd, Assistant Surveyor, to be asked to give what assistance he could in the matter.

A file of correspondence was submitted from the Ministry of Local Government and from Mrs. Maria Short, relative to the arrears of wages due to Mr. Patrick Short, late Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office (payment of these arrears, amounting to £78 15s. 0d., having been sanctioned by the Minister), and to the Council's proposal to accept by instalments the arrears of rates due to the Council's Poor Rate Collector by Mr. Short, amounting in all to £42 4s. 8d.

The Committee directed that Mrs. Short be given until the 30th September, 1925, to pay up all arrears of rates to that date, subject to an agreement being entered into by herself and by two solvent sureties that such arrears will in fact be paid by the 30th September, 1925, and also subject to the Court's nominating a person legally entitled to receive these arrears of wages due, and to give a valid discharge therefor.

A letter dated 20th May, 1925, was submitted from Collector M. J. Roche, in which he asked the Council to take such legal proceedings as may be necessary under the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, of 1923, to collect the rates of Mr. Myles Doyle's vacant house at Ballyrairie, it being the only outstanding item of rates in his district.

The Committee recommend that the Council's Law Agent be instructed to take up this case on behalf of the Council, with a view to legally enforcing the payment of such rates as are outstanding in respect to this house of Mr. Doyle's at Ballyrairie.

The Committee deferred to their next Quarterly Meeting on the 26th October next, consideration of the terms of appointment of the new Clerk required by the County Surveyor in his office, to replace Mr. Patrick Short. The Committee at the same time authorised the County Surveyor to continue to employ the present temporary clerical help as, and when required.

The Secretary submitted correspondence which had passed between the Council's Office and Mr. John Malone, V.S., Bridge Hotel, Baltinglass, the Council's Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Orders including a letter from Mr. Malone dated 6th July, 1925, in which he tendered his resignation of that position.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to issue an advertisement inviting applications for the position, so that the appointment to fill the vacancy might take place at the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 24th August, 1925.

A letter dated 24th July, 1925, was received from Mr. A. Manning, Assistant Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District Council, in which he gave notice that he does not intend to avail himself of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Order—Noted.

The Committee adjourned to a future date the proposal to inspect the old Gaol premises, with a view to reporting to the Council what might be most advantageously done with these buildings in the interest of the Council.

The Secretary submitted schedules showing in detail the entire expenditure incurred by him as Returning Officer at the Local Government Elections held on the 23rd June, 1925.

The Committee noted that the net actual cost of the elections amounted to £929 10s. 9d., which sum compares favourably with the £1,147 15s. 4d. which the Local Government Elections cost in 1920.

Following a discussion on the subject of holding meetings of Committees on the mornings of Quarterly Meetings of the Council, with the inevitable result that the business of the Council was greatly interfered with, the Committee directed the Secretary to see that no Committee Meetings be summoned for or held on the morning of Quarterly Meetings of the Council in future.

The Committee had under consideration a proposal to rebuild Bri Chuann Court House. The amount of the award for such rebuilding was £1,985, whereas the amount claimed by the County Council was £3,156. The Council's Architect estimated for three different styles of building, as follows:—No. 1, £7,500; No. 2, £6,000; No. 3, £3,220. The amount of the Award, the Committee observed, is £1,235 short of the Architect's least estimate for rebuilding this Courthouse.

The Committee, after due consideration of all the facts, made the following order and directed the Secretary to make arrangements for the proposed interview: "As the amount of the Award viz., £1,985, is £1,235 short of the Architect's Estimate for rebuilding, and no provision for same was made in the Council's approved estimates for the current year, we request Councillors Frame, Everett, T.D., and C. M. Byrne, T.D., and also R. Wilson, T.D., to wait upon the Minister of Finance, with our County Surveyor and Law Agent, to ascertain from what Government source this additional £1,235 can be provided."

(Signed)—D. H. HASKINS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

27th July, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor D. Frame;
Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The usual fortnightly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, 7th August, 1925.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman; Councillors James Everett, T.D., and John J. Kennedy.

The following communication from the County Surveyor was submitted:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
7th August, 1925.

The Finance Committee.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that I have received a medical certificate stating that Mr. Foley, Assistant Surveyor, has fractured his arm, and will be unfit to attend to his duties for about two months. I request that you authorise me to appoint a Temporary Assistant for that area, subject to the sanction of the Ministry for Local Government.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—S. G. GALLAGHER.

Having fully discussed the matter with the County Surveyor, who was present at the Meeting, the Committee made the following Order:—"Authority given the County Surveyor to engage a temporary Surveyor for Mr. Foley's District at £5 5s. 0d. per week, and expenses certified according to scales, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

(Signed)—D. H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

7th August, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne.

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

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 24th August, 1925.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor David H. Haskins, Chairman; Councillors James Everett, T.D.; P. J. Carey, William Byrne, Denis Condren, David Frame and Joseph Burke.

The Committee had before them the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the under-mentioned Rate Collectors, and, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, recommend them for the Council's approval as follows:—

1922/1923 RATE.		£4 12 9
No. 5	Frank Healy	
1923/1924 RATE.		
No. 3	Edward Lynch	2 12 8
No. 5	Frank Healy	2 5 5
1924/1925 RATE.		
No. 1.	Luke McDonnell	£28 9 3
No. 3	Edward Lynch	9 5 11
No. 4	William Burke	20 5 7
No. 7	P. J. Doyle	199 13 4
No. 9	John Manley	18 18 11
No. 10	Thomas Murphy	33 13 8
No. 11	J. J. Porter	85 3 4
No. 12	Garret Byrne	12 17 4
No. 16	P. J. O'Byrne	82 19 4

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS ... £1652 0 7

The Committee, having considered a file of correspondence relative to a claim for refund of rates paid by Lord Powerscourt on the destroyed building in Enniskerry, formerly used as an R.I.C. barracks, amounting to £10 4s. 10d., directed that this sum be refunded to Lord Powerscourt in the exceptional circumstances.

An application was submitted from Mr. Stephen Conway, V.S., to have R. J. Nolan, V.S., who acted as his locum-tenens for the three months during which he was laid up following a severe motor accident, paid at the rate of £4 4s. 0d. per week, which would include all travelling expenses, instead of at the annual rate of £70 0s. 0d., the salary payable to Mr. Conway himself.

The Committee note that they have already ordered the sum of £17 9s. 0d. to be paid to Mr. Nolan, V.S., by way of salary, being calculated at the same rate as Mr. Conway's salary, and they now recommend the Council to pay Mr. Nolan a further £17 11s. 0d., as his travelling expenses in respect to the full time of his employment.

The Committee noted the following letter, and directed it to be embodied in their Report for the information of the Council:—

4 CHURCH STREET,
WICKLOW,
14th August, 1925.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL AND BRAY COURT HOUSE.

Dear Sir,

I beg to say that the Deputation appointed by the County Council waited upon the Minister for Finance to-day and the question of providing for the amount in excess of the Award was very fully discussed. The suggestion thrown out by the Authorities is that the Council should advertise for tenders and then when the tenders are received the question should again be brought before the Minister for Finance.

Re ISSUING OF PAYING ORDERS TO MEN EMPLOYED ON THE ROADS.

The Deputation also waited upon the Minister for Local Government and were assured that the present practice of paying the individual road workers by paying order payable to each individual can be adhered to and the paying orders forwarded to the Overseer. At the same time, an intimation was given that each Governor should be informed that if any paying order was cashed by an Overseer or payment made to the individual worker in cash that instant dismissal would follow.

Re RATES DUE BY A. W. PANTON.

I also brought under the notice of the Authorities the question of the payment of these rates and was assured that the compensation of £300 and the report for £50 would be paid direct to the County Council.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)—J. H. McCARROLL.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Secretary, Wicklow.

The Secretary reported that the Numbering Machine, which had been twenty-six years in use in the Council's Offices, was now worn out and of no further use.

The Committee authorise the Secretary to purchase a new one which he said would probably not cost more than £3 0s. 0d.

(Signed)—DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

24th August, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

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

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following communication from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:—

AIREACHT UM RIALTAS AITIUL,
SRAID MHIURBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

Ref. No. 36258.

A Chara,

A copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the two half-years ended the 30th September, 1924, is enclosed together with attested abstracts of the Accounts.

Mise, le meas,
E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 36258/25
WICKLOW COUNTY.

D'on Aire Rialtais Aitiula agus Slainte Phuibli,
29th July, 1925.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of Wicklow County Council for the two half-years ended 31/3/1924 and 30/9/1924. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

In my last Audit Report I made reference to the backward state of the rate collection, and again at this audit I found that so little improvement had been made in Collection Districts Nos. 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 19, that I thought it necessary to interview the collectors concerned for the purpose of receiving their explanations of their continuing default. The conviction remains in my mind as a result of these interviews, that the majority of these collectors have not been reasonably energetic in the prosecution of their collections. Moreover they all seem disposed to take the easy view, based on doubt on past disorganisation, that when two or three applications for rates have not resulted in payment, they fulfil their duty by handing the debts over for collection to the Law Agent. Now I have deliberately called their attention to the legal machinery available to them—including the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924, to which in fact the Secretary had already directed their attention—for the collection of debts, and I have warned them that a merely formal routine of legal procedure, originating in a request by them to the Law Agent, a civil process by the latter, and a return of "Nulla Bona" by the officers responsible for the execution of decrees, will no longer be accepted as evidence that they have seriously performed their duty. I have also warned them that unless their collections are in a satisfactory condition at my next Audit, it will rest with them to prove that they have really exhausted the legal machinery for the reinforcement of decrees, failing which I shall do whatever is possible for me to see that drastic penalties are enforced against the collectors themselves.

An amount of approximately £2,500 remains uncollected in respect of the 1920/21 and 1921/22 rates in the Districts for which Mr. John Cullen was acting as Collector at that time. The collection of the unpaid rates in these districts was placed in the Law Agent's hands for his examination and preliminary action. I have had an interview with him in reference thereto, and have suggested to him the necessity for prompt legal action in appropriate cases. He has assented to my suggestion, and has promised compliance at the earliest opportunity.

All the Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date.

The Accounts were well kept, and were presented for Audit in a satisfactory manner.

SEAN O HEALUIGHTE,
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The Secretary also submitted the following detailed statement showing the condition of the several Poor Rate Collections in the County on the 24th August, 1925:—

COUNTY WICKLOW.

RETURN OF OUTSTANDING ARREARS ON 24th AUGUST, 1925.

Collector.	1920/21 and 1921/22 Rate.	1922/23 Rate	1923/24 Rate.	1924/25 Rate.	Collected. 1925/26 Rate
Luke McDonnell	—	—	—	£28 15 7	£262 4 3
Michael Halpin	—	—	—	92 1 0	137 15 11
Edward Lynch	—	—	—	9 5 11	168 14 3
William Burke	—	—	—	20 5 7	449 2 6
Frank Healy	£33 2 2	—	—	85 6 11	24 3 3
Mrs. K. Doyle	£2548 14 4	£116 2 1	£233 1 7	681 14 3	—
P. J. Doyle	—	—	—	199 13 4	—
Patrick Mulligan	—	—	—	21 15 11	250 4 9
John Manley	7 8 0	48 7 11	—	444 13 11	365 13 5
Thomas Murphy	—	—	—	85 11 10	—
J. J. Porter	167 17 0	—	69 18 10	330 10 4	784 12 6
Garret Byrne	—	—	—	673 6 8	240 4 0
W. J. Quinn	—	—	—	—	329 1 8
Michael Roche	—	—	16 8 0	13 8 6	400 0 0
P. J. O'Byrne	120 18 2	—	—	121 14 10	170 1 8
D. J. Kinsella	35 1 4	124 16 10	588 15 5	3574 16 1	—
Thomas Fleming	—	—	—	328 17 5	575 11 6
John Byrne	—	—	—	166 9 7	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—
Outstanding	£2913 1 0	£289 6 10	£908 3 10	£6863 8 1	—

After a protracted discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins, and

Resolved—That, having considered the Auditor's Report regarding the Poor Rate Collections, this Council hereby calls upon the Rate Collectors who, up to this date, have failed to close their collections to do so forthwith, and that the Secretary be hereby authorised and directed to write on behalf of the Council on the 1st October, 1925, after consultation with the Finance Committee, to the Minister for Local Government requesting him to forthwith issue Sealed Orders removing from office every collector who, on the 1st October, has not completely closed all warrants entrusted to the collector in respect to the period ending on the 31st March, 1925, and in respect to every financial year expiring prior to that period.

Passed.

PROPOSAL FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:—

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by Councillor David H. Haskins.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large amounting to £5,530 17s. 8d. (any modification

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

Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:—

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £ 6s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:—

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £65 14s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM:—

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £226 16s. 5d. (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 J. Kavanagh.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £235 14s. 10d. (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 John Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal 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 D. H. Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £1,682 0s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle.

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

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

18th August, 1925.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT No. 1.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 24th August, 1925.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report that owing to Mr. O'Brien, whom you appointed as Temporary Assistant (to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Doyle, B.E.) not accepting the position I was instructed by the Ministry for Local Government to make a temporary appointment myself. Acting on these instructions I appointed Mr. Joseph Byrne, B.E., of Wicklow, on the same terms upon which Mr. O'Brien was appointed. Mr. Byrne took up his duties on 1st July, and is carrying out same satisfactorily.

I regret to report that Mr. Foley, Assistant in West Wicklow, has had an accident and furnishes a Medical Certificate to the effect that he will be unfit for his official duties for at least 2 months. This I reported to the Finance Committee and they approved of my appointing a temporary Assistant during Mr. Foley's incapacity, on the same terms as the previous temporary appointment and subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. This consent has been obtained, and I am in communication with a qualified and experienced Engineer, suitable for the post.

Owing to the excessive motor traffic many of our roads have suffered heavily and although all available means were adopted to keep the roads from breaking up and keep pot holes filled nevertheless the roads are excessively rough and uneven and most unpleasant to travel over. The most notable roads affected are the Rathnew, Bardarrig-Arklow road, the Aughrim-Wooden Bridge road, the Rathdrum-Avooca-Arklow road, the Tinahely-Kil-

tegan-Baltinglass road, the Carnew-Shifflagh-Tullow road, the Enniskerry-Bray road, the Bray-Windgates-Greystones-Delgany road, and the Rathdrum-Togher-Kilmacanogue road.

No ordinary repair work is of any real use, and the only means which will give any satisfactory result is the complete resurfacing of these roads (with strengthening when required) with good metal with at least a surface dressing of tar or bituminous material. Ordinary water-bound macadam without surface dressing is wholly inadequate to cope with the high speed traffic of motor vehicles and especially that of motor lorries and chars-a-banc.

The works under the recent Grants are all in progress. Rolling is proceeding on the Rathnew-Rathdrum road and will be started as soon as Rollers are available and sufficient material is ready on the Rathnew-Wicklow, Scalp, and the Blessington-Brittias roads.

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

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey.

Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the County Surveyor's Report, we hereby confirm the temporary appointment of Mr. Joseph P. O'Byrne, B.E., as Assistant Surveyor, at a salary of £5 5s. 0d. per week and scale expenses, he having been already discharging the duties with the sanction of the Department of Local Government and to the satisfaction of our County Surveyor.

Passed on a show of hands.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT No. 2.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.
18th August, 1925.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

During the repairs to the Bridges it will be necessary to close against traffic, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health—the undernoted roads:—

Ballingate small Bridge, from the 3 roads immediately South of Ballingate Bridge to the 3 roads immediately North of same.

Ballisland Bridge, from the 3 roads immediately East of Ballisland Bridge to the 3 roads immediately West of same.

Blessington Bridge, from the 3 roads immediately East of Blessington Bridge to the 3 roads near the Main Street of Blessington.

Your obedient Servant,
(Signed)—S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor David Frame.

Resolved—That, having considered the County Surveyor's Report on the necessity for closing against traffic the roads leading to Ballingate small bridge, Ballisland Bridge, and Blessington Bridge, during the period required to repair these bridges, we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for his sanction to the closing of such roads, and we direct the County Surveyor to prepare the usual notices to users of the roads, for publication by the Secretary in the local papers.

Passed

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

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, we hereby prohibit the use of the road from Glenealy to Ashford via Cronroe by chars-a-banc and heavy motor traffic, and we direct our County Surveyor to have proper notices to that effect erected where they can be easily seen at the Glenealy and Ashford entrances to this road.

Passed

PETROL PUMPS.

The Secretary read the circular letter in above connection, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 6th July, 1925, No. R/93; the Petrol Pumps (Fees) Regulations, 1925, which accompanied same; and also Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1925. After a discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor D. Frame;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., and

Resolved—That, having considered the provisions of Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the terms of the Petrol Pumps (Fees) Regulations, 1925, we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to issue licences to such persons as have applied or may apply for permission to store and sell petrol, without waiting for meetings of the Council to obtain further authority, provided always that the County Surveyor has been supplied with the maps, plans, and such other information as he may require, to enable him to certify to our Secretary that he has no objection to the location of the proposed petrol pump; all licences to be issued by the Secretary to cover a period of one year from the date of issue and all licences in respect to pumps already existing and in operation to date from the date of the issue of the Regulations before-mentioned, viz., 30th May, 1925; fees for all licences to be those specified in the Regulations as applicable to the rural portions of the County, viz., one guinea for the complete period of twelve months.

Passed

The County Surveyor having stated in a letter dated 17th August, 1925, that the necessary requirements had been completed to his satisfaction, the Council granted a licence to erect a Petrol Pump to E. J. Murphy, Esq., Merchant, Dwyer's Square, Tinahely.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.
18th August, 1925.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I submit an Agreement for your approval and suitable action, proposed to be entered into between Lord Powerscourt and the County Council relative to the hiring of a Quarry at the Scalp for Grant Work.

Your obedient Servant,
(Signed)—S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;
Seconded by Councillor George Fisher.

Resolved—That the Agreement in respect to the hiring of the Quarry at the Scalp from Lord Powerscourt, in consideration of a yearly rent of £20, be now Sealed and Signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

The following application was received from the County Surveyor:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
24th August, 1925.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I request that I be granted three weeks' leave of absence on vacation from 31st August, 1925, to 21st September, 1925, both days inclusive.

The various Assistants require to be authorised to attend to any urgent matters which may occur during above period.

Your obedient Servant,
(Signed)—S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDER. Granted.

A letter dated 6th July, 1925, was submitted from John Dunne, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Bri Chualann, enclosing copy of a resolution passed at a conference held on the 5th July, 1925, in Rathdrum, calling on the County Council to put forward at once schemes for work to relieve distress existing in the County consequent on unemployment.

ORDER. Noted.

A letter dated 15th July, 1925, was submitted from John McCabe, Kilmoney, Avoca, in which he pointed out the urgent necessity for allocating a grant to repair roads in Avoca district, in which there is great distress consequent upon unemployment.

ORDER. Noted.

A letter dated 22nd August, 1925, was submitted from Patrick O'Connor, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, in which he pointed out the hardships which at present prevail in his area, owing to unemployment, and to the fact that workers in that area have not had any share of the Relief Grants being spent by the Council, for the reason that the roads adjacent to the village do not require attention. He suggested that the Council should inaugurate a Sewerage Scheme for the village which would give a certain amount of work, and some of the sixty men at present idle in the area would get employment.

Proposed by Councillor C. Gaule;
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle.

Resolved—That the attention of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health be drawn to the hunger, privation and want being suffered in different areas in Co. Wicklow owing to unemployment, and that they be requested to give a grant sufficient to tide the unemployed over the coming winter, to be expended on road work. Failing this we demand that the Unemployment Insurance Act be amended in order to bring into benefit those who are at present debarred, as the Home Help System as at present administered is doing nothing to relieve this kind of destitution.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

1. To set aside the sum of £500 for the Maintenance of Steam-Rolling Plant. Approved.

2. To Eugene Hetherton of Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, and Aughacordrinan, Aughnacliffe, Co. Longford, for re-constructing the Courthouse, Baltinglass, in accordance with the approved Plans and Specifications, for the sum of £2,695 17s. 4d., the work to be completed within six months. Sureties:—Francis Martin, 49 Patrick Street, Dublin, and Eamonn O Modhrain, Ballysax, The Curragh, Co. Kildare.

ORDER. Approved—the Council having first noted that Mr. Hetherton's original tender was for the sum of £2,795 10s. 4d., but that this sum was reduced by £100 with his consent and the consent of the Proposals Committee, consequent upon the Architect's deleting from the Specification: the clauses dealing with vaulting and the hot-water supply.

3. Proposal for rebuilding the Courthouse, Bri Chualann, in which the amount awarded for such rebuilding was £1,985.

ORDER. See Finance Committee's Reports Nos. 1 and 3—the Secretary to advertise for Tenders, to be submitted at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Proposals Committee.

4. To execute the whole of the Advertising in papers circulating in the County required by the County Council and the Clerk of the Peace, at a cost not to exceed 6d. per line.

ORDER. Letters from owners of the "Leinster Leader," "Wicklow News-letter," "Carlow Nationalist," and "Wicklow People" accepted at 6d. per line for such advertisements as the Secretary in his discretion considers necessary during the three years commencing 1st October, 1925, the Council's expenditure on advertisements to be cut to the lowest possible figure by the Secretary.

5. To the County Printing Works, Ltd., Main Street, Wicklow, for Printing, Providing, and Supplying the requisite Books, Forms, Notices, Circular Letters, etc., required for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Peace, and their several Offices, as ordered (exclusive of the Registration Lists) for the sum of £345 15s. 1d. per annum for the three years commencing 1st October, 1925, and ending 30th September, 1928. Sureties:—William John Haskins, Overdene, Wicklow, and George Birney, Brynogue, Foxrock, County Dublin. Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins; Seconded by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe.

Resolved—That such Contracts (2) as have been approved by the County Council be now Sealed and Signed by the Chairman.
Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO ROAD MAINTENANCE.

The Secretary submitted the following:—

Letter dated 15th June, 1925, from Tom Dunne, Sheilstown, and Mrs. Carroll, Foleystown, complaining of the condition of the road running through Sheilstown and Foleystown.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 27th July, 1925, from James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, again making serious charges relative to road administration in Baltinglass Section.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 12th June, 1925, from the Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society—re (1) the condition of the defensive railings along the sea front at Greystones, and (2) the necessity of tarring the Church and Tralgar Roads in Greystones as a remedy for the dust nuisance.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 19th June, 1925, from same, directing the Council's attention to the dangerous turn in the road at the Harbour, Greystones, near the old flagstaff.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letters dated 9th and 10th July, 1925, from same, asking the Council's permission to erect at the points indicated on attached map—in conjunction with the Automobile Association—warning signs for motorists, also Report dated 15th July, 1925, from the County Surveyor, re same, and also with regard to the Society's letter of the 10th July, 1925, relative to the wall at the North Foreshore.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 13th July, 1925, from the Roads Department, Ministry of Local Government, asking for the Council's observations regarding the removal of stone and gravel by officers of the County Council from the North Foreshore, Greystones, and Report dated 15th July, 1925, from the County Surveyor thereon.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letters dated 30th June, 1925, and 1st July, 1925, from Ireton P. Jones, Esq., Greystones, and Margaret Gilbert, Kileen Road, Rathmines, respectively, drawing attention to the perilous condition of the Seabeach Road, Greystones, consequent upon storms, also Report dated 15th July, 1925, from the County Surveyor thereon.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 29th July, 1925, from Greystones Electric Light and Power Co., asking permission to run overhead electric wires along the North Beach, Greystones, for the purpose of public and private lighting, so that the five public oil lamps there may be replaced by electric lamps.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letters dated 31st July and 22nd August, 1925, from same, directing the Council's attention to the disgraceful condition of the Bray-Greystones road, which is most detrimental to the residents and traders of Greystones—together with copy of letter from Local Government Department.
Proposed by Councillor J. J. Redmond;
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne.

Resolved—That this Council, having heard the letter addressed to Raymond F. Fry, Esq., A.M.I.E.E., Greystones, regarding the intention of the Local Government Board with respect to the Bray-Greystones Road, feel deeply disappointed at the nature of its contents—Kathleen Mavourneen in nature—and which recede from the Local Government Board's position when it received the joint Deputation last March representing the County Council and the residents of Greystones, the Local Government Board at that meeting having agreed to regrade the Bray-Greystones Road at the earliest opportunity, and to make a commensurate Grant to deal adequately with this much frequented short-cut to Greystones, Killeol, Newcastle, and the South-East. Further, We, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, request the Local Government and Roads Boards now to fulfil the promises made, on that occasion, and request forthwith the regrading of this road with a substantial Grant to place it in a passable condition.

Passed.

Letter dated 31st July, 1925, from A. Chatterton, Estate Office, Enniskerry, drawing the Council's attention to the deplorable condition of the road between the Scalp and Enniskerry.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 11th August, 1925, from W. Q. Fitzgerald, Glen Owen, Delgany, again complaining of the causes which lead to the periodic flooding of his premises.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 11th August, 1925, from Elizabeth M. Usher, Magheralin, Greystones, giving details of a fall she had on the footpath half-way up from the sea to the Library, Greystones, due, as alleged, to stones on the path, and asking the Council to pay half the £30 expenses she was put to.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 14th August, 1925, from The Irish Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Trust, 30 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, stating the Trust would be prepared to consider any reasonable payment if the Council would take over the

maintenance of the roadway between Kiltarney Road and Boghall Road, and reconstruct same.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Memorial signed by twelve ratepayers asking the Council to take what steps may be deemed necessary in order to take over and maintain Hillside Road, Greystones.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 29th June, 1925, from Messrs. Wyne, Glendalough, applying for leave to carry Electric Wires across the road at Glendalough in order to provide the Royal Hotel with Electric Light, also Report dated 2nd July, 1925, from the County Surveyor on same.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 27th July 1925, from W. J. Duffy, Hon. Sec., Toghier Town Tenants and Cottage Federation, asking the Council to give employment on the roads to Patrick Farrell, Parkmore, Ashford, who has a wife and young family and badly needs work.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Memorial dated 27th July, 1925, from the ratepayers in the district, asking the Council to have Gormanstown Lane put in sufficient repair to make it passable.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Memorial dated 5th August, 1925, from the ratepayers of Sheeanamore, pointing out the dangerous condition of the footbridge at Sheeanamore Ford, and asking the Council to replace it with a parapet bridge.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 23rd July, 1925, from the Rev. John Redmond, C.C., 9 Rathmines Road, Dublin, asking the Council to permit his sister to put a show-case under her shop window in Rathdrum, also County Surveyor's Report on same, dated 18th August, 1925.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 14th August, 1925, from D. B. Calder, 23 Castlewood Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin, asking the Council to pay £3 0s. 0d., representing half the cost of the damage caused to his tyres by a section of road near Rathdrum on the 13th inst., also Road Overseer Michael Turner's Report on same, dated 19th August, 1925.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Application from Mrs. Maria Short, Valli Pacis, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, for permission to erect a sign outside her gate.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter dated 24th August, 1925, from Mr. Peter Carroll, Liscolman, Tullow, protesting, on behalf of the ratepayers in his locality, against the present excessive cost of making bye-roads in that area.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke;
Seconded by Councillor George Fisher.

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

No applications were received by the Council for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, of 1908.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D., and
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle.

That the Resolution passed in year 1924 reducing the wages of the road workers be rescinded, and that the rates of wages to be paid to all permanent road workers be increased to the rates existing before reduction, and that each permanent road employee be supplied with a suit of oilskins and leggings.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, Charles Gaule, D. J. Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, J. J. Redmond, J. J. Barry, James Everett, T.D.; and John J. Kennedy.—11.

AGAINST:—Councillors J. J. Bourne, P. J. Carey, Denis Condren, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, and D. H. Haskins.—15.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion lost by fifteen votes to eleven.

Having been allowed, with the consent of the Council, to modify his Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, and
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Burke.

That the Resolution passed at the meeting held on 18th August, 1924, on the motion of Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Redmond, "directing the County Surveyor to employ only men who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union when he requires men for road work, and to apply to the Local Transport Secretary for these men," be rescinded, and from this date be no longer operative, and that from this day forward every man be considered eligible for work who is suitable and willing, and further, that the County Surveyor alone be held by this Council responsible for the employment of men, whether such responsibility be exercised through his Assistant Surveyors and Road Overseers or not.

A poll having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors J. J. Bourne, P. J. Carey, Denis Condren, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J. Henry, John Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Henry, and D. H. Haskins.—15.

AGAINST:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, Michael Fleming, Charles Gaule, D. J. Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, J. J. Redmond, John J. Barry, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D., and John J. Kennedy.—13.

The voting having been equal, the Chairman having refused to exercise his casting vote, the Motion was declared "Not Passed."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe, and accepted:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Resolution passed at the meeting held on the 18th August, 1924, on the motion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor L. Redmond "directing the County Surveyor to employ only men who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union when he requires men for road work; and to apply to the local Secretary of the Transport Union for these men, be rescinded, and from this date be no longer operative, and that from this day forward every man be considered eligible for work who is suitable and willing, and that the County Surveyor alone be held by this Council responsible for the employment of men, whether such responsibility be exercised through his Assistant Surveyors and Road Overseers or not."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;
Seconded by Councillor George Heatley; and

Resolved—That the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several roads in the County, be rescinded, in so far as same relates to other than Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by Contract for a term of years.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors J. J. Bourne, P. J. Carey, D. Condren, M. Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, John J. Barry, C. M. Byrne T.D.; William Byrne, and D. H. Haskins—16.

AGAINST:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, Charles Gaule, D. J. Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, J. J. Redmond, James Everett, T.D.; and John Kennedy.—10.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by 16 votes to 10.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Charles Gaule, and accepted:—

"I beg to give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that the Resolution proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, and seconded by Councillor Heatley, "that the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several roads in the County be rescinded, in so far as same relates to other Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by contract for a term of years" be rescinded."

After considering the recommendation made by the local Roads Committee for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe;
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Burke, and

Resolved—That caretakers be appointed to keep such mountain roads as the assistant may direct and the amount payable to be approved of by the County Surveyor, and that damages to the roads by tractors in Kiltegan area be referred to the Council's solicitor.

Passed.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Henry, Taylor, George Moore, James Kennedy, and Isaac Langrell, was heard by the Council on the subject of the maintenance of the roads in the Ballyconnell District, and the alleged unsuitability of the material used in the repair of such roads.

Having considered the resolution passed by the Executive of the Wicklow Farmers' Union on the 3rd August, 1925, it was
Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey, and

Resolved—That the County Surveyor take steps at once to define the main roads in the County, so that steps may be taken to put up the remaining roads by contract at the earliest possible moment, certainly before winter sets in.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
Proposed by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe; and
Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

That Standing Order No. 34—which deals with the handing in of Notices of Motion between meetings to the Chairman—be varied, and rescinded, and that in future no Notice of Motion be discussed or considered by this Council unless that Motion has been read to the last previous meeting of the Council, and has been marked "Accepted" by the Presiding Chairman at that Meeting, and further that no Notice of Motion be accepted from any Councillor by the Presiding Chairman at a Council Meeting the subject of which motion has been discussed and decided on at any meeting which may have been held within the previous twelve months by the Council, and at which fifteen or more members of the Council were present.

After discussion, consideration of the Motion was deferred.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Redmond, and accepted:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council—That this Council offer to any person building a house in accordance with the Housing Facilities Bills since passed by Dail Eireann the remission of rates as set out in the said bills."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J. Barry, and accepted:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council—That the Resolution passed by the Council on the 8th June, 1925, cutting from 5s. to 4s. the weekly contribution payable to Industrial and Reformatory Schools for children admitted from this County, be rescinded, and the 4s. per week above referred to be increased to the 5s. per week at which figure it has stood for years."

Proposed by Councillor David H. Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne.

Resolved—That the Mortgage submitted by the Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, in connection with the Loan of £30,000, repayment of which is to be spread over a period of five years, be now executed by the Seal of the Council being attached thereto, and the Mortgage signed by the Chairman.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey.

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be attached to the Agreement with Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., for the discharge of her duties as temporary County Analyst.

Passed

Proposed by D. H. Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey.

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mr. Laurence Lennon, of Deerpark, Baltinglass, for the purchase of (a) hay on the lands attaching to Baltinglass Workhouse, and (b) two small broken-down sheds, for the sum of £9 10s. 0d. and £1 10s. 0d., respectively, be now Sealed and Signed by the Chairman.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That We, the Wicklow County Council, by virtue of our powers as County Old Age Pensions Committee, hereby re-appoint on the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee the members we found thereon when we came into office, and we authorise them to continue discharging the several duties devolving on such Sub-Committees.

Passed unanimously.

The following letters from the Clerk to Bri Chualann Urban District Council, and from F. C. Heatley, Secretary to the Bray Cow-Keepers' Association, were submitted:—

BRI CHUALANN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

TOWN HALL,

BRI CHUALANN,

6th August, 1925.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Runaidhe,

Comhairle Chondae,

Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

At meeting of Council on Tuesday evening last a recommendation of the Public Health Committee was adopted that Councillors J. Ryan, J. Dunne, and P. Sexton, interview your County Council at its next meeting and urge the appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon for the whole County, and I am to ask that your Council will receive the deputation so as to enable them to put the case of this area before the County Council and also the great necessity there is for having a permanent Veterinary Surgeon appointed for the whole county, from which nearly all the milk is supplied to this Urban District with the exception of a few dairies inside the area. Under Section 22 of the Local Government Act, 1925, one of the sanitary officers must be a veterinary surgeon.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—S. Mac CATHMHAOIL,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

2 HEATLEY VILLAS,

BRAY.

August 21st, 1925.

To the Secretary,

Co. Wicklow Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to inform you that the Bray Cow-Keepers' Association have decided to send a deputation of three members to interview your Council at their meeting on Monday, the 24th inst., with regard to an important matter affecting the milk trade.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours truly,

(Signed)—F. C. HEATLEY,

Sec., Bray Cow-Keepers' Association.

Having received the views of Messrs. J. D. Ryan and P. Sexton on the subject, and heard the Secretary read Section 22 of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Deputation was informed that the matter was one for consideration by the County Board of Health, with whom it was suggested it be taken up.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:—

BRI CHUALANN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

TOWN HALL,

BRI CHUALANN,

22nd July, 1925.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Runaidhe,

Comhairle Chondae,

Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

At meeting of Council on 14th instant, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

"That the name of Bri Chualann be changed back to that of Bray, and that it be an instruction to the Town Clerk that both English and Irish be used on all stationery and publications of the Council and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

According to Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, it is necessary that the County Council should signify their sanction to the change.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)—SEAN MacCATHMHAOIL,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

In this connection, a Deputation, consisting of Messrs. Bethel, Collier, Clery, and Kelly voiced the views of the numerous persons in Bri Chualann Urban District who signed the following Memorial:—

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

We respectfully request the members of the Wicklow County Council to endorse the action of the Bri Chualann Urban District Council in restoring the name of the town of Bray.

We make this request for the following reasons:—

The People of the Town are overwhelmingly in favour of Bray.

The Business Community is in favour of Bray because it means better business and consequently more money in circulation and more employment.

Bray is famous throughout the world as a holiday resort and the change of name has resulted in a great falling off in the number of visitors and thus lessened the volume of money expended in the town during the summer months.

The assumption of the name Bri Chualann has been ignored by the general public which has adhered to Bray and will continue to do so.

In conclusion we beg to renew our request that the County Council confirm the Resolution adopted by our local Council.

We are, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

After considerable discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Henry, and

Resolved—That this Council now adjourns to the 14th September next without transacting any further business.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors D. Condren, Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, M. Fleming, C. Gaule, William Henry, D. J. Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, J. J. Redmond, J. J. Barry, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D.; and John J. Kennedy—15.

AGAINST:—Councillors J. J. Bourne, P. J. Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, John Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, and D. H. Haskins.—11.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by fifteen votes to eleven.

David Frame

12/11/25

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th September, 1925.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman:
Councillors P. J. Carey, Samuel E. Pim, J. Burke, George Fisher, Joseph Byrne, D. H. Haskins, J. J. Bourne, Daniel J. Kehoe, George Heatley, C. M. Byrne, T.D.; M. Fleming, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, James Kavanagh, D. Condren, J. J. Metcalfe, William J. Henry, W. J. Doyle, J. J. Redmond, Patrick Doyle, John Barry, William Byrne, John Kennedy, and James Everett, T.D.

BUSINESS.

County Council Office,
Court House,
Wicklow.

7th September, 1925.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

You are hereby summoned to attend the adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th September, 1925, to consider the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 24th August ulto, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.

Le meas mor,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the Council.

The Secretary read the following communication received from the Clerk to Bri Chualann Urban District Council:—

Bri Chualann Urban District Council.

Town Hall, Bri Chualann,

22adh la de Iul, 1925.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Runaidhe, Comhairle Chondae,

Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

At meeting of Council on 14th inst the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

"That the name of Bri Chualann be changed back to that of Bray, and that it be an instruction to the Town Clerk that both English and Irish be used on all stationery and publications of the Council and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

According to Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, it is necessary that the County Council should signify their sanction to the change.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) S MacCathmhaoil,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

The Secretary also read communications dated 12th and 14th September, 1925, received from Padraig Ua Murchadha, of 8 Pearse Square, Bri Chualann, protesting against the name of his town being changed, and also submitted again the Memorial signed by leading ratepayers in the urban area requesting that the name of their town be changed back to Bray from Bri Chualann.

Having heard the views expressed on the subject by Proinnsias O Fathaigh, Secretary to the Gaelic League, 25 Parnell Square, Dublin, it was

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley; and
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

That, in pursuance of the powers vested in this Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and sanction the proposal of Bri Chualann Urban District Council to restore to their town its former name "Bray," instead of its present name, and that due notice of this change be given to the general public by the Urban Council, by means of a poster put up throughout the entire County, and by means of an advertisement in each of the two Dublin morning papers, in the four weekly papers circulating in the County, and in at least one issue of "Iris Oifigiuil."

As an Amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.; and
Seconded by Councillor M Fleming;

That we regret that we cannot accede to the request of the Bri Chualann Urban Council to change back the name of that town to Bray, but we will be prepared to change it to Brè (Bray).

A poll having been called for it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, William J Doyle, M Fleming, Joseph Burke, William Henry, D J Kehoe, John Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D.; and John Kennedy—14.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, D Condren, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, Joseph Byrne, David Flame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and D H Haskins—11.

Councillor George Heatley's original motion was declared lost by eleven votes to fourteen. The Amendment was thereupon put as a substantive Resolution, and declared passed by fourteen votes, to eleven.

A letter dated 10th August, 1925, was submitted from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, in which he pointed out, by direction of his Committee, that the provisions of sub-section 2 of Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, had

not been complied with by the County Council, inasmuch as two of the four representatives appointed by that body on the Joint Committee of Management are not members of the Council, whereas the proportion should not exceed one-fourth.

A further letter dated 17th July, 1925, addressed by the Chief Clerk of the Hospital, to the Chairman of his Joint Committee, Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.; was also submitted.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor George Heatley;

Resolved—That, as this Council finds that the provisions of Sub-Section 2 of Section 9 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, have not been complied with with regard to the representation on the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital, inasmuch as two of the four representatives appointed to that Committee are not members of this Council, whereas the proportion should not exceed one-fourth, we hereby remove Mr Denis J O'gan, of 37 Pembroke Park Ballinbridge, Dublin, from the list of representatives so appointed, and we appoint Councillor S E Pim, of "Shandon," Greystones, to fill the vacancy on that Committee.

Passed.

The Council reconsidered the advisability of putting into operation a Scheme for the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep, as drafted and recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture. Having had under consideration a letter dated 15th May, 1925, No. U.2341/24, from the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture, and a number of memorials signed by sheep owners in the County protesting against the Enforcement of Compulsory Scheme of Sheep-Dipping, the Council decided to refer the draft Scheme to the County Committee of Agriculture for further consideration and report thereon.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 10th March, 1925, No. 1448/25, with which was enclosed copy of Estimate of the Receipts and Expenditure of County Wicklow Insurance Committee for the purpose of Sanatorium Benefit during the year 1925.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " W J Doyle;

Resolved—That the Council hereby agrees to pay to the Insurance Committee for the County of Wicklow the sum of Four Hundred Pounds (£400), for the year 1925, to enable that Committee to carry on their work of domiciliary treatment, etc., on condition that a similar grant be made by the National Health Insurance Commission, or by the State Exchequer—and, further, we hereby approve of the Estimate of the County Insurance Committee amounting to £1479 for the year 1925, as submitted by the National Health Insurance Commission.

Passed.

The Chairman ruled out of order the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor W J Henry, after a discussion had taken place on same:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council—That Blessington School Attendance Committee cease to function as from 1st July, 1925."

The Chairman also, after discussion, ruled out of order the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor W J Henry; the Secretary was directed, however, to conduct an investigation as to the manner in which Mr Moore, S.A.O., discharges his duties, and report thereon to the Council:—

I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council—That the County Council do not pass payment of three months' salary as school Attendance Officer to John Moore, Blessington, as signed for by Mr Laurence Moore, Co. C., and Mr J J Dowling, Acting Chairman of the School Attendance

Committee meeting held on the 9th July, 1925—the reason for objection being that the salary was unearned."

A letter dated 20th August, 1925, was submitted from the Secretary, Office of National Education, in which the Council was asked to take the necessary steps for the appointment of their societies on the new School Attendance Committees for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, Shillelagh Rural District, and for Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent this County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2, for the ensuing three years:—

1. Rev Father Finn, C.C., Delgany.
2. Patrick McGuirk, Tonygarrow, Enniskerry.
3. Joseph Byrne, Kilbride, Bri Chualann.
4. Rev Ernest Farrell, C.C., Greystones.
5. John Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent this County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Shillelagh, for the ensuing three years:—

1. Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
2. William J Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely.
3. R W Coates, Tankersley, Ballinglen.
4. J J Bourne, Forttown, Tinahely.
5. Father Luke Byrne, C.C., Ballyconnell, Coolkenno.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D Condren;

Seconded by " P J Carey;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent this County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division, for the ensuing three years:—

1. Laurence Wolohan, Ballintemple, Woodenbridge.
2. Edward Condren, Curranstown, Arklow.
3. Joseph Clarke, Ballanagh, Avoca.
4. Laurence Murray, Millmount Mills, Avoca.
5. John Timmons, Ballinvalley, Avoca.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted:—

Valli Pacis,

Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy,

Co Wicklow,

23-8-1925.

Gentlemen,

As the school attendance officers have all been reinstated except in this district, I would ask you to appoint me in my husband's place. He will not be able to resume work again. If appointed I will do my best to see that the children attend regular to school.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Maria T Short.

ORDER: No action.

The Secretary read the following advertisement which had been issued in the local weekly papers, inviting qualified applicants for the position of Veterinary Inspector for the portion of County Wicklow formerly known as Naas No 2 Rural District in succession to Mr John Malone, V.S., resigned, and the three applications received from the following:—

- George J. Richardson, V.S., Burkeen, Wicklow.
Gerald A. Morrin, V.S., Mill House, Baltinglass.
S. Conway, V.S., Salem, Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

VETERINARY INSPECTOR WANTED.

The above Council will, at their meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 24th August, 1925, proceed to elect a duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of West Wicklow formerly known as the Rural District of Naas No. 2, at a salary of £20 per annum to cover all expenses.

The Inspector appointed must reside within the county, and shall perform all the duties required by the said Acts, and by the several Orders from time to time issued in connection with them (including the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Orders), and carry out such Inspections at Fairs and elsewhere as may be required.

Applications for the above appointment, giving full name, address, and qualifications, to be lodged with the undersigned not later than 2

o'clock, p.m., on Saturday, the 22nd August, 1925.

By Order,

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

County Council Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
1st August, 1925.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted for the applicants as follows:—

FOR RICHARDSON—Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ... 1
FOR MORRIN—Councillors J J Bourne, D Conlren, W J Doyle, M Fleming, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, and D J Kehoe ... 8
FOR CONWAY—Councillors P J Carey, Patrick Doyle, James Kavanagh, John Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, S E Pim, J J Redmond, J J Barry, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., David H Haskins, and John Kennedy ... 16

The Chairman declared Mr S Conway elected by an absolute majority, and accordingly it was

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by " S E Pim; and

Resolved—That Mr Stephen Conway, M.R.C.V.S., of Salem, Wicklow, be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Orders, for the portion of County Wicklow comprised in the Electoral Divisions of Blessington, Burgage, Kilbride, and Lackan, in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, at an inclusive annual salary of Twenty Pounds (£20) to cover all expenses.

Passed.

A letter dated 10th September, 1925, was submitted from Mr William P Murphy, of Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, intimating that his brother Thomas, the Council's Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 District, had recently died, and applying, as his executor, for appointment to the vacant position temporarily to close the 1925/1926 collection, of which already a considerable sum had been collected and lodged.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe.

Resolved—That Mr William P Murphy, of Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, be temporarily appointed as Poor Rate Collector for No 10 Collecting District for the purpose of closing the rate collection in that district for the year 1925/1926; that the necessary warrants for this collection be now Signed and Sealed; and that we hereby approve of the following as Mr Murphy's personal sureties:—John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood; and William Byrne, Tomriland, Roundwood.

Passed.

The following application was submitted:—
Baltinglass,
11th September, 1925.

To the Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

Sir—We, the undersigned Rate Collectors, beg to apply for an extension of one month in which to close our collections for the half-year ending 30th September, 1925.

(Signed) LUKE McDONALD.
FRANK HEALY.
WILLIAM BURKE.
EDWARD LYNCH.
MICHAEL HALPIN.

P.S.—If extension be granted kindly do not have same published.
ORDER—Granted.

Letters dated 27th April, 1925, No. G.17705 and G.17706, respectively, were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister does not consider the medical testimony regarding the superannuations proposed to be allowed to ex-Poor Rate Collectors John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, and James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, evidences permanent bodily incapacity in the cases of men of only 52 years of age, and he is not accordingly prepared to consent to pensions to them.

Proposed by Councillor D. Frame;

Seconded by " M. Fleming.

Resolved—That Councillors C M Byrne, T D, and J Everett, T D, together with Mr Wilson, T D, be asked to wait upon the Minister for Local Government to press on him to accede to the Council's proposals to grant to ex-Collectors Murphy and Byrne the pensions awarded them by this Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Fisher;

Seconded by " P J Carey.

Resolved—That in accordance with the terms of the letters from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated 1st November, 1924, 30th March, 1925, and 9th April, 1925, and the letter from the Secretary of the County Wicklow Board of Health dated 30th March, 1925, this Council hereby decides that the annual salary of £100 payable to the

temporary County Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., be chargeable equally between this Council and the County Wicklow Board of Health, as from the date on which her appointment receive! official sanction, and we hereby request that body to formally approve, confirm and give effect to the Minister's suggestion, as herein adopted.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration a letter from the Department of Agriculture dealing with casualties to sheep on account of worrying by dogs during the year 1924, and enclosing a draft Order in that connection which the Department is prepared to issue on the application of the Council.

After a protracted discussion, consideration of this matter was adjourned to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

Following the consideration of a letter dated 12th August, 1925, from the General Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, 4 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D; and

Resolved—That the application from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, on behalf of Messrs W C Byrne and M J Fox, for a scale of annual increments for these officers, be referred to the Finance Committee, that committee to draft a suitable scale and submit same to the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council for approval and adoption.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That in accordance with the application of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochana for County Wicklow, we hereby appoint the following sergeants as Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts:—

Sergeant P McGillicuddy, Dunlavin.

Sergeant G Long, Aughrim.

Passed.

The following letter from the Clerk to Bri Chualann Urban District Council was submitted:—

Bri Chualann Urban District Council,
Town Hall, Bri Chualann,
Gadh la de Lughnasa, 1925.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Runaidhe, Comhairle Chondae,

Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

At meeting of Council on Tuesday evening last a recommendation of the Public Health Committee to remove a urinal from the north side of the river, where it is rather an eyesore and insanitary, to a position south of the old Court-house, was adopted. It was pointed out in the recommendation that a very suitable place for a urinal would be the underground portion of the north-west corner of the old Courthouse if this can be arranged with your Council, and I am to ask that you bring this matter before your next meeting and have some decision arrived at in reference thereto.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)

S. MacCathmhaoil,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

ORDER—The Urban District Council to be asked to send a plan explanatory of the recommendation referred to.

DUBLIN UNITED TRAMWAY COMPANY'S OMNIBUS ROUTES.

Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads)

51 Upper Mount Street, DUBLIN.

R/RV223/1.

A Chara,

1st July, 1925.

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the routes upon which the Dublin United Tramways Company propose to run omnibuses, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has carefully considered the representations of the Wicklow County Council in the matter, and he has decided that in the absence of any prohibition or restriction on the driving of mechanically propelled vehicles on the proposed routes he would not be justified in withholding approval. A list of the routes as approved is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)

E P McCarron, Runaidhe.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, WICKLOW.

ORDER—Noted.

Attention having been drawn to the dangerous driving of char-a-bancs and other forms of motor traffic through the Glen of the Downs on Sunday evenings and nights, the Secretary was directed to invite the attention of the Chief Superintendent, Civic Guard, Bri Chualana, thereto, in the hope that effective steps may be taken to put an end to same.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence, including a letter dated 8th July, 1925, No. P.31050/1925, regarding Miss A C Keating's claim for compensation for loss of office as nurse in Wicklow Fever Hospital, consequent upon the coming into operation of a Scheme of Union

Amalgamation in the County.

ORDER—Referred to Finance Committee.

An application dated 22nd May, 1925, was received from Miss Mary Manifold, for pension following the abolition in like circumstances of her office as Caretaker of Arklow Fever Hospital.

ORDER—Referred to Finance Committee.

The Council referred to their next Quarterly Meeting for consideration a resolution received from the Association of Managers of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, requesting the Council to review their decision to reduce from 5s to 4s per head per week their contributions towards the maintenance of children from County Wicklow in these institutions, and also letters in that connection received by the Chairman from the managers of St. Kevin's School, Lough Bray, and St. Kyran's School, Rathdrum.

The following letter from the Council's Law Agent was submitted:
4 Church Street, Wicklow,
4th May, 1925.

Wicklow County Council.

Electricity Supply Bills.

Dear Sir—I beg to advise that the Joint Committee have decided that the Preamble of the Dublin Corporation Bill has been proved, and the other two competing Bills have been rejected.

It will now be necessary to petition the Standing Committee for leave to come in on Clauses, and this ought to be done at once. I have, accordingly instructed Counsel to draft the Petition, and I have written to the Law Agent of the Dublin Corporation informing him of this, and at the same time telling him that the County Council do not propose to apply for costs. We would not get the costs in any event, and therefore it is no harm in mentioning it.

There will be a big fight with the Dublin Corporation relative to the application of the Acquisition of Land Act, 1919, which merely compensates owners and occupiers on market value and abolishes the idea of anything being added for compulsory purchase. I have every reason to believe that we will succeed in having the owners and occupiers compensated on the basis of "compulsory" acquisition.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

J. H. McCarroll.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Secretary,

Court House, Wicklow.

ORDER—Read.

TRANSFER OF OFFICERS FOLLOWING ABOLITION OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Consideration of the following documents in above connection was, after discussion, referred to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council:—

1. Letter dated 21st April, 1925, No G.15477/25, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, re transfer of officers following the abolition of Rural District Councils.

2. Letter dated 9th September, 1925, from same, on the same subject.

3. Letter dated 9th September, 1925, No G.42566/1925, from same, re financial arrangements to be made following the abolition of Rural District Councils.

4. Letter dated 9th September, 1925, No G.35/156/1925, from same, re appointment of "Authorised Committees" under the Local Government Act, 1925, following the abolition of Rural District Councils.

5. Letter dated 7th September, 1925, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, enclosing the following resolution passed by his Board:—

"That it be a recommendation to the Wicklow County Council to appoint Mr John Hopkins, Clerk of Shillelagh Rural District, as County Checker of Rate and other collections in the County, at a salary of £350 per annum."

6. Letter dated 9th September, 1925, from Mr Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, to the Chairman, asking to be retained in his present position as Deputy Checker of Poor Rate Collections for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

7. Letter dated 12th September, 1925, from same to the Chairman and members of the County Council, on the same subject.

8. Memorial from the Poor Rate Collectors and Cottage Rent Collectors for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, asking to have Mr Patrick Furlong retained as checker of rates and rents for that Rural District.

The Council referred to the Board of Health for consideration a communication from the Very Rev R J Connell, Parochial House, Avoca, dated 10th August, 1925, in which he pointed out the necessity for putting into immediate operation a scheme for the lighting of Avoca.

The Council referred the report dated 9th April, 1925, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, to their Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, Solicitor, with instructions that he

take such steps in connection therewith as he may deem advisable in the interests of the Council.

A letter dated 7th September, 1925, was submitted from the Secretary, Irish Motorists' Union and Transport Development Federation, 66 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, in which was pointed out the urgent necessity of providing the necessary funds for the improvement of the road from Greystones to Bray over Windgates, with which was enclosed copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public (Roads), to Raymond F Fry, Esq., Greystones, on the same subject.

Proposed by Councillor D Frame;
Seconded by " C M Byrne, T.D.;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government be asked to receive a further Deputation on the question of grading the road from Greystones to Bri Chualann over Windgates a Trunk Road, and the necessity for giving a substantial Grant to put this road in first class condition, and that the following be appointed on the Deputation:—

C M Byrne, T.D.

James Everett, T.D.

Richard Wilson, T.D.

David Frame, Chairman.

Samuel E Pim, and

J J Redmond,

with the County Surveyor, and three representatives appointed by the Irish Motorists' Union.

Passed.

The Council referred to their next Quarterly Meeting for consideration a circular letter dated 10th September, 1925, from the Irish Motorists' Union and Transport Development Federation, relative to the adoption of the simple device known as the "White Line" at corners and curves on roads, with a view to the avoidance of motor accidents.

Correspondence was submitted from Maurice Kenny, of Ballykelly, Shillelagh, ex road contractor, who alleged that he has been refused work under the Direct Labour Scheme in Shillelagh area in consequence of the action of Mr J Murphy, secretary to the local branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

ORDER:—The County Surveyor to investigate and report to the next Quarterly Meeting, supported by the reports thereon received by him from Mr Boyd and the Road Overseer.

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor thoroughly investigate and report to the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council on the charges made in Roundwood Section to be submitted in writing by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 7th September, 1925, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, enclosing the following resolution adopted by that body at its recent Meeting:—

"Resolved—That the operation of all Criminal Injuries Acts in the Irish Free State be rescinded or appealed, so that the condition of things shall be that all damage to property shall be paid through the medium of Insurance Policies only. Copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Wicklow County Council with a view to requesting the Government to accede to our request."

ORDER:—Adopted—copies to be sent to all other County Councils in Saorstát Éireann.

County Council Office,

Court House, Wicklow.

27th February, 1925.

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

I beg to report that I attended at Terenure and inspected the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, for the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1924.

The Receipts of every nature from the Undertaking during the Half-Year amounted to £5492 5s 10d, and the Expenses to £7037 13s 5d, leaving a deficit on the working expenses amounting to £1545 7s 7d.

This sum, when added to the Interest on the Guaranteed Capital, brings the total liability of the Guaranteeing Areas to £2545 7s 7d. for the Half-Year, one moiety of which (£1272 13s 10d) is due for payment by your Council. This is £659 2s 9d more than the amount paid for the previous corresponding Half-Year by County Wicklow, in the circumstances outlined in my Report dated 9th April, 1924.

The Gross Receipts for the Half-Year were less by £507 12s 2d than those for the corresponding Half-Year last year, but on the same comparison the Expenditure is less by £2700 12s.

I have only to add that these accounts were audited on behalf of Dublin County Council on the 22nd January, 1925, by Messrs Kevans and Company, of 31 Dame Street, Dublin, and that no item therein would ap-

pear to call for special comment on my part.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) — P T HEALY, Secretary.

ORDER :—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ;

Seconded by " W J Henry ;

Resolved—That Councillors C M Byrne, T.D., and James Everett, T.D., be asked to wait on the Minister for Trade and Commerce regarding the Dublin and Blessington Tramway's deplorable financial condition in so far as the ratepayers in the Guaranteed Area in this County are concerned, and to ask if this Council agrees to appoint a number of representatives on a Joint Committee of Management for the Tramway, equal to the number appointed by Dublin County Council, will the Minister appoint a member of his Ministerial staff as an independent Chairman of such Joint Committee.

Passed.

A communication dated 7th May, 1925, was submitted from the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, together with the following resolutions passed by his Council :—

1. Resolved—That we call upon the County Council to take immediate steps to compel owners of areas in West Wicklow denuded of trees during the period of the Great War to replant them without delay.

ORDER :—Council has no powers in this connection.

2. Resolved—That we request the County Council to put the work of reconstructing the Baltinglass Courthouse in hands with the least possible delay after the next meeting, so that sittings of the Court may be held in this District next year.

ORDER :—Noted.

Letters dated 1st August, 1925, were submitted from Messrs Pennick and Company, Nurserymen, Delgany, and from J Murphy, of Sunnville, Bri Chualann, urging the Council to take the necessary steps for the destruction of thistles and ragweeds on public roads, by reason of which their seeds are scattered all over the country.

The Secretary explained in detail the Council's powers under the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, and pointed out that no expenses would be incurred by the Council in putting the provisions of this Act into operation.

ORDER :—Noted.

A letter dated 21st August, 1925, was received from the Secretary, Newcastle (Co Wicklow) Farmers' Association, Tiglin, Newcastle, enclosing a Memorial signed by eight farmers in the Newcastle area, requesting the Council to inaugurate a Drainage Scheme under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, in the area situated between and Kilcoole and Wicklow.

ORDER :—Consideration postponed—the Secretary in the meantime to explain to the interested ratepayers the procedure to be followed in putting such Scheme into operation, and the considerable cost which would subsequently fall on the ratepayers benefited by such Scheme.

A letter dated 21st August, 1925, was submitted from Garret O'Sullivan, of Manor-Kilbride, County Wicklow, in which he renewed his application that Kilbride National School be a polling-place at future elections.

After discussion, the application was marked "Noted."

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That this Council, having heard the resolution adopted by a largely attended meeting of the unemployed in Shillelagh district area held in Tinahely last Sunday as follows :— "That we hereby call the attention of Wicklow County Council to the very large number of unemployed in this area and ask them to exert themselves in getting a Grant from the Government immediately to alleviate the terrible distress that is prevailing, and promote more work on the roads to commence at once, as throughout this district there is no employment at harvesting work this year, and we see nothing but want and distress facing us, and it is impossible for us to be silent any longer " request the Roads Board to give a Grant ameliorate the aforesaid distressing circumstances.

Passed.

Reports from the temporary County Analyst were submitted as follows :—

ANALYST'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1924.

3 Drugs, Delgany, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Rathdrum, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Arklow, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, County Home, Rathdrum, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, County Hospital, two genuine, one not genuine ; 3 Drugs, Dunganstown, two genuine, one not genuine ; 3 Drugs, Dunlavin, all genuine ; 2 Drugs, Annamoe, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Bray No. 1, all genuine. Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 26 drugs ; adulterated, 2 drugs.

(Signed) PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

Analyst's Report for Quarter ending 31st March, 1925.

10 New Milks, Arklow, 8 genuine, 2 adulterated ; 3 Whiskies, Arklow, not sufficient to complete ; 2 New Milks, Arklow, 1 genuine, 1 adulterated ; 2 Butters, Arklow, all genuine ; 2 Buttermilks, Arklow, all genuine ; 10 New Milks, Wicklow, 9 genuine, 1 not genuine ; 8 New Milks, Bri

Chualann, 5 genuine, 3 not genuine ; 2 New Milks, Blessington, all genuine ; 2 Whiskies, Blessington, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine ; 1 Oatmeal, Dunlavin, genuine ; 2 Whiskies, Dunlavin, genuine ; 1 Butter, Dunlavin, genuine ; 2 New Milks, Rathdrum, genuine ; 1 Margarine, Rathdrum, genuine ; 2 Whiskies, Rathdrum, genuine ; 1 Butter, Rathdrum, genuine ; 2 New Milks, Carnew, genuine ; 2 New Milks, 2 New Milks, Carnew, genuine ; 1 Butter, Carnew, genuine ; 2 New Milks, Aughrim, genuine ; 6 New Milks, Greystones, genuine ; 1 Butter, Dunlavin, genuine ; 1 New Milk, Dunlavin, genuine ; 2 Butters, Shillelagh, genuine ; 3 New Milks, Shillelagh, genuine ; 1 Margarine, Shillelagh, genuine ; 2 New Milks, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, genuine ; 3 Butters, Aughrim, genuine ; 1 Whiskey, Rathdrum, genuine ; 2 Butters, Rathdrum, genuine. Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 78 foods ; adulterated, 7 new milks, 1 whiskey.

3 Drugs, Baltinglass No. 1, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Newcastle, do ; 3 Drugs, Delgany, do ; 3 Drugs, County Home, do ; 3 Drugs, Arklow, do ; 3 Drugs, Rathdrum, do ; 3 Drugs, Kilcoole, do ; 3 Drugs, Blessington, do ; 3 Drugs, Baltinglass, do. Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 27 drugs ; all genuine.

1 Water, Rathdrum R D C, passed as fit for use ; 1 Water, Arklow Urban Council (a) condemned ; 1 Water, Arklow Urban Council (b), condemned. Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 3 waters ; 2 condemned ; 1 passed.

(Signed) PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

Analyst's Report for Quarter ending 30th June, 1925.

4 Butters, Arklow, per D.A.T.I., 3 genuine, 1 not genuine ; 1 Chocolate, Bray, passed as unharmed ; 1 New Milk, Aughrim, not genuine ; 4 Butters, Wicklow, per D.A.T.I., all genuine ; 4 Butters, per D.A.T.I., Bri Chualann, do ; 1 Buttermilk, Wicklow, genuine ; 1 Butter, Carnew, do ; 2 Whiskies, Carnew, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine ; 3 Butters, Baltinglass, all genuine ; 5 Whiskies, Baltinglass, 3 genuine, 2 not genuine ; 1 Whiskey, Aughrim, genuine ; 1 Buttermilk, Arklow, do ; 2 New Milks, Arklow, do ; 2 Butters, Arklow, do ; 1 Buttermilk, Arklow, do ; 1 New Milk, Arklow, not genuine ; 12 New Milks, Bri Chualann, 7 genuine, 5 not genuine ; 5 New Milks, Greystones, all genuine ; 2 Butters, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, 2 not genuine ; 7 New Milks, Greystones, all genuine. Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 60 foods ; adulterated 13 (butters, 3 ; milks, 7 ; whiskies, 3).

3 Drugs, County Hospital, genuine ; 3 Drugs, Avoca, do ; 3 Drugs, Dunlavin, do ; 3 Drugs, Bray No. 1, do ; 3 Drugs, Wicklow, do ; 3 Drugs, Newcastle, do ; 3 Drugs, County Hospital, 2 genuine, 1 poor ; 3 Drugs, Carnew, all genuine (not complete) ; 3 Drugs, Dunganstown, all genuine ; 2 Drugs, County Fever Hospital, genuine ; 4 Drugs, Tinahely, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Powerscourt, do. Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 36 ; adulterated, 1 poor, 3 insufficient to complete.

(Signed) PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

Reference having been made to the fact that the accepted contractor for the rebuilding of Baltinglass Courthouse was proceeding with the work, and that no provision had apparently been made for the appointment of a Clerk of Works to represent the County Council during the progress of the work, the Secretary, after discussion, was instructed to write to the Architects, Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, 102 and 103 Grafton Street, Dublin, on the subject, with a view to securing their assurance in writing that they had made arrangements whereby the Council's interests would be completely protected under the contract during the entire progress of the work.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted :—

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

- 17th January, 1925, No. P.H.56488/24 (Miscellaneous), setting forth the system of Notation suggested by the League of Nations' Health Committee, and to be adopted in connection with Venereal Disease.
- 28th January, 1925, No. RU/54, enclosing copy of letter sent to the Town Clerk, Bray, approving the suggested scheme of road work in his Council's area.
- 31st January, 1925, No. H 501/1193/1925 (Miscellaneous), circular letter enclosing copy of the Housing (Building Facilities) (Amendment) Act, 1924.
- 3rd February, 1925, sanctioning the appointment of Mr Thomas Murphy as Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 District.
- 3rd February, 1925, G.3506/1925, asking for the birth certificate of Mr Kinsella, the proposed Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 District.
- 6th February, 1925, No. DB.202, enclosing forms on which the Council may claim recoupment of expenditure on war-damaged bridges, this recoupment being conditional on the Council lodging to credit of the Exchequer the full sum due by them on foot of the 6d. rate.

- 7 Copy of the Local Elections Postponement Order, 1925, postponing the statutory elections of all local bodies, the election of County Councillors to take on the 19th March, 1925.
- 8 16th February, 1925, No. R/DB/33, notifying payment to the Council's Treasurer of the sum £1,155 18s 1d in final settlement of their claim in respect in Bridges Nos. (6A and 6B) 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 and 21.
- 9 20th February, 1925, No. R/RU/33, approving of the Scheme for the Expenditure of £1,000 on relief works in Tinahely and Shillelagh districts, under the conditions specified in circular dated 18th February, 1924, No. SGA/201.
- 10 27th February, 1925, No. MH.2027—re financing of Grangeogorman Mental Hospital.
- 11 Letters dated 27th February and 16th March, 1925, No. 9585/1925, sanctioning the borrowing of £30,000 for five years by the County Council, £6,000 of this loan being intended to meet the reduction in the estimate of the County Board of Health.
- 12 Local Elections Postponement (No. 3) Order, 1925, further postponing the election of County Councillors to the 23rd June 1925.
- 13 5th March, 1925, No. P.H.10291/25, asking for the Council's views with regard to the making of arrangements for promoting the welfare of blind persons in the County under Section 2 (1) of the Blind Persons Act, 1920.
- 14 10th March, 1925, No. M.H.2020, intimating that the Minister has refused for the time being to make County Louth a separate district under the Lunacy Acts.
- 15 21st March, 1925, No. G.13120, returning with the Minister's approval Collector T Murphy's Fidelity Bond.
- 16 3rd April, 1925, No. P.H.12479/25, stating that the Minister is in communication with the Authorities of the Pathological Laboratories with a view to reasonable reductions in the scale of charges in connection with the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease.
- 17 6th April, 1925, No. P.11611/25, enclosing Sealed Order made by the Minister on the 31st March, 1925, fixing Mr J R Dagg's pension at a sum of £276 4s 11d.
- 18 9th April, 1925, stating that it has been found necessary to deduct £154 17s 6d from Co Wicklow's share of the Agricultural Grant for the half-year ended 31st March, 1925, as well as to withhold all the Estate Duty Grant, in view of the abnormal amount of Land Purchase Annuities outstanding in the County.
- 19 16th April, 1925, No. G.16099/1925, consenting to the revised superannuation allowance granted by the Council to ex-Poor Rate Collector Richard Geoghegan.
- 20 7th May, 1925, No. H.501/13231/1925 (Miscellaneous), enclosing copy of the Housing Act, 1925.
- 21 9th May, 1925, No. IR./94, directing that in future, before purchasing Road Plant, the Council should furnish particulars to the Department.
- 22 13th May, 1925, No. R/RE/33, stating that it is no longer necessary to make an Order sanctioning the Limits of Road Expenditure.
- 23 23rd May, 1925, No. IR/3107, enclosing copy of Regulations made by the Minister with regard to the temporary closing of roads.
- 24 File of correspondence in connection with the financing of Grangeogorman Mental Hospital, and the application of the Joint Committee for an Order from the Minister under Section 9 (8) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.
- 25 25th May, 1925, No. P.24240/25, giving notice of the Minister's intention to amend and modify in certain particulars the County Scheme of Union Amalgamation.
- 26 25th May, 1925, asking the Council's co-operation in the working of the Commission recently set up to devise permanent legislation for relief of the sick, destitute and insane poor.
- 27 2nd June, 1925, No. H.501/13718/1925, in connection with Mr F F McCarthy's application for remission of rates on the house erected by him under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, at Whitshed Road, Greystones.
- 28 2nd June, 1925, No. R/RM/33, directing that the County Council should conform to the practice which obtains in every other County in Saorstát Éireann of posting each Paying Order direct to the payee.
- 29 19th August, 1925, stating the Department will raise no objection to the Secretary's making such arrangements as will enable the County Board of Health to meet its immediate liabilities at once, with other communications in this connection.
- 30 File of correspondence dealing with the provision by the Council of sanatorium treatment for George Carroll, Killalash, Kiltegan, an ex-member of the National Army, who has since died.
- 31 16th July, 1925, enclosing copy of the County Schemes (General Amendment) Order, 1925.
- 32 23rd July, 1925, No. G.32364/1925, sanctioning an additional payment of £20 each to Messrs Byrne and Fox, clerks in the Council's offices.
- 33 13th July 1925, No. G22432/1925, dealing with payment of interest on the debit balance left by the late Rathdrum Board of Guardians
- 34 20th June, 1925, No. 28705/1925, enclosing copy of the Rural District Accounts Order, 1925.

- 35 26th June, 1925, No. G.30172/1925, sanctioning the temporary appointment of Denis J Kinsella as Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District.
- 36 28th July, 1925, No. G.35215/25, returning with the Minister's approval the Bond of Denis J Kinsella, newly-appointed temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District.
- 37 1st July, 1925, No. H.501/19047/1925 (Miscellaneous), enclosing copy of the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1925.
- 38 File of correspondence dealing with the practice of issuing fortnightly Paying Orders to Road Overseers, for distribution among the workmen employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.
- 39 Letters dated 8rd and 25th June, 1925, No. R/SGB/33 and RS/33, respectively, dealing with road administration in County Wicklow.
- 40 16th July, 1925, No. G.34175/1925, outlining the procedure to be followed in connection with the payment of travelling expenses to Members of the County Council and Committees thereof.
- 41 23rd July, 1925, No. G.35166/1925 (Miscellaneous), dealing with the appointment by the County Council of local or general Committees.
- 41a 30th June, 1925, No 31801/25, dealing with short lettings of Work-house Lands and Buildings.
- 41b 9th September, 1925, No DB/202, dealing with the procedure for recoupment of expenditure in connection with the repair of damaged bridges.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

- 42 27th February, 1925, seeking authority for the repair of the Sand Blast Machine used by the Inspector of Weights and Measures.
- FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION.
- 43 26th February, 1925, No 40265/24, giving notice of an Inquiry to be held on the 12th March, as to whether the employment of Patrick Short, Ballylusk, by the Council, comes within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Acts.
 - 44 26th February, 1925, No X.40265/24, from same, giving notice of an Inquiry to be held on the 12th March, as to whether the employment of Thomas Reilly, Delgany, by the Council, comes within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Acts.
 - 44a 27th August, 1925, from same, stating that the question of arrears of Unemployment Insurance contributions in respect to employees of Wicklow County Council is still under consideration.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- 45 12th May, 1925, No L.1940/25, intimating that an officer of the Department, acting under section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1899, took eleven samples of butter at various places in the County which on analysis proved to be genuine.
 - 46 10th June, 1925, No E.1463/25, enclosing copy of the Epizootic Abortion Order, 1925.
 - 47 16th June, 1925, No E.2123/25, calling attention to the powers vested in Veterinary Inspectors for dealing with cases of parasitic mange, the existence of which is suspected amongst animals belonging to itinerant dealers and musicians, etc.
 - 48 14th August, 1925, No L 3079/25, calling attention to the powers conferred on Veterinary Inspectors under the Protection of Animals Act, 1911.
 - 48a 20th August, 1925, No 2382/25, intimating that four samples of butter taken by an officer of the Department in Baltinglass on the 16th July, proved to be genuine on analysis.
- 49 18th March, 1925, from the Irish Land Commission, enclosing schedule giving particulars of the defaulting Land Purchase Annuity holders in the County against whom the Commission propose to institute proceedings.
 - 50 20th May, 1925, from the Office of National Education, intimating that Rev J H Alcock, B.D, Enniskerry, has been appointed to fill the vacancy on Rathdown No 2 School Attendance Committee caused by the death of the late Rev H C S Mccredy, M.A.
 - 51 19th February, 1925, No 277/E, from the Department of Education, in which is suggested the procedure which might be adopted with regard to the renewal of Secondary School Scholarships.

FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

- 52 13th February, 1925, No 2573/25, from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, asking the Council for a lease of the disused Fever Hospital at Arklow as a barrack for the Civic Guard.
- 53 2nd January, 1925, demanding payment of a sum of 2s 7d, being penal interest incurred by the Council with respect to Loans on Work-house Buildings.
- 54 20th July, 1925, No 10290/25, dealing with the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, and enclosing Forms of Petition to be used in connection therewith.
- 55 24th July, 1925, No 10290/25, enclosing copies of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925.

- 56 20th February, 1925, with reference to the application for a lease of the disused Fever Hospital at Arklow as a barrack for the Civic Guard.
- 57 26th February, 1925, in the same connection.
- 58 17th January, 1925, No 1046, from the General Prisons Board, stating that the Board are willing to hand over Wicklow Gaol fully and unconditionally to the County Council.
- 59 Supplemental Roll of Midwives, from the 1st April, 1924, to the 31st March, 1925.
- 60 11th February, 1925, from John Hopkins, Esq, Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council, intimating that the School Attendance Committee for that Rural District have appointed a Secretary and School Attendance Officer at salaries of £10 and £30 per annum, respectively.
- 61 9th February 1925, from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, with enclosed statement showing the effect of a change from a capitation to a valuation basis in the apportionment of the expenses of that Institution.
- 62 11th February, 1925, from same, stating that £12,805 5s 0d is now due to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital by the County Council, and intimating that the Ministry of Local Government will sanction an overdraft for this purpose.
- 62a 5th September, 1925, from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, asking for payment of balance of 1924-1925 demand.
- 63 12th August, 1925, from the Irish County Council's General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking for the Council's views as to the changes which would be advisable in the programme of Primary Instruction at present in operation in the National Schools.
- 64 12th August, 1925, from same, asking for the Council's views on questions connected with the Relief of the Poor and Insane, for submission to the Commission now considering this matter.
- 64a 26th August, 1925, from same, asking the Council to contribute to the cost of a Lectureship in Irish Music.
- FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT—J. H. McCARROLL, ESQ., SOLICITOR, CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.
- 65 5th February, 1925, urging the advisability of putting the claims in respect to Baltinglass Workhouse in the hands of Mr P J Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor to the County Council.
- 66 23rd February, 1925, reporting on the present position with regard to the Electricity Supply Bills.
- 67 19th March, 1925, intimating that the Decree for £20 against the Council awarded Patrick Maguire was reversed at the sitting of the Appeal Commission on the 18th March, 1925.
- 68 19th March, 1925, intimating that the Decree for £39 8s 8d poor rates due by Miss E J Donville, Ballydonarea, Kilcoole, was affirmed by the Appeal Commission.
- 69 19th March, 1925, notifying the reversion by the Appeal Commission of the Dismissal of a Civil Bill for £38 18s 9d, against the persons rated in respect of Ballyremon Commons.
- 70 2nd May, 1925, intimating that the case of the County Council v O'Connor under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts was dismissed on the merits at Bray District Court, on the grounds that one sample contained an abnormally high percentage of fat.
- 71 7th May, 1925, notifying affirmation of the conviction in the case of Inspector Sergeant Rynne v Frederick Heatley, Bray, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.
- 72 13th August, 1925, intimating that he had marked Judgment against Alfred Hopkins, William Kidd, and Charles Byrne, for £130 0s 1d, being the amount collected and unlogged by ex-Collector Charles Byrne, in No 17 Collecting District.
- 73 18th August, 1925, stating that he is in communication with the National Health Insurance Commission, as to the back period for which carters' and stonebreakers' cards should be stamped.
- 73a 20th August, 1925, stating that he had obtained a certified copy of the Judgment in the case of the Wicklow County Council v Charles Byrne and others.
- 74 25th March, 1925, from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd, Wicklow, intimating that his Directors have agreed to advance the Council the Loan of £30,000.
- 75 11th April, 1925, from same, applying for payment of the debit balance left by the late Rathdrum Board of Guardians.
- 76 24th February, 1925, from H O Tisdal, Esq., Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Terenure, contrasting the Government's attitude towards the Tramway with its attitude to other Guaranteed Lines.
- 77 24th February, 1925, from the Irish County Councils' General Council, asking the Council to give financial assistance to a Lectureship in Irish Music.
- 78 30th May, 1925, from same, asking for the Council's decision in this connection.

- 79 24th February, 1925, from same, asking for the contribution due by the Council towards the expenses of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture.
- 80 19th January, 1925, from the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, intimating the existence of a vacancy on that Committee, caused by the death of Mr M Murtagh.
- 81 27th March, 1925, from the Secretary, County Joint Technical Instruction Committee intimating the existence of a vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Rev W Lillis, B.A., C.C.
- 82 27th February, 1925, from same, with enclosure, relative to the building by the Committee of a concrete wall round the well at the end of Arklow Technical School.
- 83 17th February, 1925, from E F L Ellis, Proby Estate Agent, Arklow, in the same connection.
- 84 22nd January, 1925, from the Simmath Press, 154 Perth Road, Dundee, asking for the Council's approval to the issue of a County Guide Book for County Wicklow.
- 85 22nd May, 1925, from C Traynor, Esq, Secretary, Greystones Parochial Hall Committee, strongly protesting against the issue of a second cinema licence for Greystones.
- 86 27th August, 1924, from Mr M Fleming, Shillelagh, suggesting Mr P J Maguire, Shillelagh, as a suitable person to fill the vacancy on the Shillelagh School Attendance Committee.
- 87 Circular and pamphlet from the Irish Tourist Association, Westland Row, Dublin.
- 88 28th March, 1925, from H W Braithwaite, 144 Abbey House, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, suggesting the procedure which the Council might adopt in order to broadcast the attractions of their resort to travelling Americans.
- 89 8th July, 1925, from Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, East Port, Dunfermline, outlining the terms upon which they are prepared to make grants for the establishment of County Library Schemes.
- 90 17th August, 1925, No. D.W.2259/25, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, intimating that the enforcement of the Noxious Weeds Act is a matter for Wicklow County Council, and that the Garda have no power whatever in the matter.
- 91 27th June, 1925, No. D.W.1771/25, from same, stating that there is no accommodation in the Garda Station in Bray for Weights and Measures work.
- 91a 24th August, 1925, from same, asking that the Bri Chualann Food and Drugs Inspector be provided with accommodation for the discharge of his duties.
- 92 27th July, 1925, from the Secretary, Tirconail County Council, enclosing copies of two reports from the County Surveyor for Tirconail County, dealing with the abnormally heavy cost to the ratepayers of heavy motor traffic.
- 93 17th June, 1925, from M O'Brien, Esq, Roslyn, Ailesbury Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin, stating that he is unable to accept the post of Assistant Surveyor to which he was appointed by Wicklow County Council.
- 94 25th July, 1925, from the Editor "Our Boys," Richmond Place, asking for the name of a person competent to write articles for his paper on the interesting parts of County Wicklow.
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Wicklow, 1st July, 1925.

A Chara,

Please convey to the members of your Council, and more particularly the proposer, seconder, and members of the old Council now remaining, my very sincere and appreciative gratitude for the kind note of sympathy which they, in their kindness and thoughtfulness, passed with me on the death of my mother.

Accept same too, personally, for your association in same.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) P J Noonan,

- 95a 2nd September, 1925, from James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, enclosing National Health and unemployment Insurance Cards to be stamped by the Council.
- 95b Circular dated 4th September, 1925, from the Clerk, West Sussex County Council, County Hall, Chichester, dealing with legal points arising in connection with the repair of County Bridges.
- 95c "Mrs Condren and family thank you very sincerely for your kind sympathy in their great sorrow.
81 Lower Main Street, Arklow."
- 95d 22nd August, 1925, from the Secretary, Enniskerry Library Sub-Committee, inquiring about painting and repairs needed in the Library.
- 96 10th August, 1925, from the Secretary, Irish National League of the Blind, 41 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking the Council to adopt a scheme for the benefit of the blind residing in their area, by virtue of their powers under the Blind Pensions Act, 1920.
- 97 3rd July, 1925, from Messrs Mattheson, Ormsby and Prentice, Solicitors, Unity Buildings, 16 and 17 Lower Sackville Street, Dub-

- lin, asking for a grant from the Council to assist a building scheme which it is proposed to put into operation in Kilcoole area.
- 98 15th July, 1925, from R S Webster, Esq, 163 Pearse Street, Dublin, intimating that he proposes to build a five-room cottage in Greystones under the Housing Act, 1924.
- 99 22nd July, 1925, from C Lambert, Esq, Honorary Secretary, Cahill Relief Fund, Lackan, Blessington, asking the Council to supplement a grant which the Government has made towards the building of a house in Lackan.
- 100 29th April, 1925, from E Jolly, Esq, Coolawinna, Rathnew, asking the Council to remit the rates on the house which he has erected at Coolawinna under the Housing Act, 1924.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

- 101 From the Blackwater Riparian Owners and Rod-Anglers' Association, requesting the Dail to provide in the Land Act for the transfer to purchasing tenants of the sporting and fishing rights attached to their holdings.
- 102 From Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, in connection with obtaining a Grant for repairing the Quays at Wicklow.
- 103 From Navan Urban Council, dealing with the injury done to home industry by unrestricted export of timber.
- 104 From the Co. Wicklow Committee of the Gaelic League, asking to have the penny rate for the teaching of Irish included in the Estimates of the County Council for the coming financial year.
- 105 21st February, 1925, from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Monaghan, with copy of resolution passed by his Joint Committee, condemning the Central Purchase Scheme.
- 106 From Galway County Council, drawing attention to the heavy loss suffered by local authorities by reason of the failure of the Land Commission to collect the outstanding annuities.
- 107 From Kildare County Board of Health, condemning the Treason Bill.
- 108 From the Joint Committee of Management, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, asking the Government to modify the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Bill, so as to make it more acceptable to local authorities.
- 109 From Dublin County Council, condemning the Treason Bill.
- 109a From Galway County Council, asking that only Irish Cement and Irish Slates be used for houses built under the new Housing Acts.
- 109b From Meath County Council, asking for an Inquiry into the Salaries of Government Officials by independent men.
- 109c From same, dealing with the damage caused to roads by heavy motor traffic, and asking for suitable restrictions in that connection.

David Frame
16 Nov 1925

Wicklow County Council

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow Co. Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 16th November, 1925.

The following members attended :

Councillor David Frame, Chairman :

Councillors Daniel J Kehoe, Joseph Metcalfe, William Byrne, D H Haskins, George Heatley, George Fisher, J J Bourne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Burke, Edward Byrne, W J Doyle, James Kavanagh, Patrick Doyle, J J Metcalfe, J J Barry, Joseph Byrne, P J Carey, M Fleming, William J Henry, Samuel E Pim, Denis Condren, John J Kennedy, Charles Gaule, J J Redmond, C M Ua Broin, T.D.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
- 3—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for Transfers on foot of Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Contracts (if any) from the Proposals Committee.
- 6—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe :—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, that the Resolution passed at the meeting held on the 18th August, 1924, on the motion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor L. Redmond, 'directing the County Surveyor to employ only men who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union when he requires men for road work, and to apply to the local secretary of the Transport Union for these men,' be rescinded, and from this date be no longer operative, and that from this day forward every man be considered eligible for work who is suitable and willing, and that the County Surveyor alone be held by this Council responsible for the employment of men, whether such responsibility be exercised through his Assistant Surveyors and Road Overseers or not."
- 9—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Charles Gaule :—"I beg to give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that the Resolution proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, and seconded by Councillor Heatley, 'that the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several roads in the County be rescinded, in so far as same relates to other than Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by contract for a term of years,' be rescinded."
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe :—"That Standing Order No. 34—which deals with the handing in of Notices of Motion between meetings to the Chairman—be varied, and rescinded, and that in future no Notice of Motion be discussed or considered by this Council unless that Motion has been read to the last previous meeting of the Council, and has been marked 'Accepted' by the Presiding Chairman at that Meeting, and further, that no Notice of Motion be accepted from any Councillor by the Presiding Chairman at a Council Meeting, the subject of which motion has been discussed and decided on at any meeting which may have been held within the previous twelve months by the Council."
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J. Redmond :—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council—That this Council offer to any person building a house in accordance with the Housing Facilities Bills since passed by Dail Eireann the remission of rates as set out in the said Bills."
- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J. Barry :—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council—That the Resolution passed by the Council on the 8th June, 1925, cutting from 5s to 4s the weekly contribution payable to Industrial and Reformatory Schools for children admitted from this County, be rescinded, and the 4s per week above referred to be increased to the 5s per week at which figure it has stood for years."
- 13—To elect Representatives on Arklow and Wicklow Harbour Boards.
- 14—To elect Representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

15—To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture declining to sanction the appointment of Mr. S. Conway, V.S., as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the portion of West Wicklow formerly known as the Rural District of Naas No. 2, on the grounds that he resides too far from that district.

16—To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, dealing with casualties to sheep on account of worrying by dogs during the year 1924, and enclosing draft Order in that connection which the Department is prepared to issue on the application of the Council, consideration of this matter having been deferred from the last meeting of the Council.

17 To consider correspondence received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, etc., and a resolution from the County Board of Health, dealing with the transfer of officers following the abolition of Rural District Councils.

18 To consider representations from District Court Clerk, M J Hoey, 83 Duncairn Avenue, Bri Chualann, as to the inadequacy of the weekly sum of 5s allowed him for the use of two rooms in his private house for the performance of his duties as District Court Clerk.

19 To consider correspondence from the Ministry of Education, intimating that the results of the recent examination do not warrant renewal of the Secondary School Scholarships for the current scholastic year held by:

Anastasia Green, Loreto Lodge, Bri Chualann.

Ellen Kearney, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.

Annie Byrne, Convent Lodge, Wicklow.

Kathleen Corrigan, Dunlavin.

Mary White, 4 Bath Street, Wicklow.

20 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, pointing out the necessity for the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor on a permanent basis for the north-eastern portion of the County.

21 To make certain appointments of Sergeants of the Garda Siochana as Food and Drugs Inspectors, at the request of the Chief Superintendent.

22—To consider a communication from the Clerk to Bri Chualann Urban District Council, relative to that Council's claim to a proportion of the Grants from the Road Fund received by the County Council.

23—To consider Report submitted by the Secretary as a result of his inquiry into the work done by Blessington School Attendance Committee during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1925.

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

25—To receive the County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1925.

26—To declare the vacancy occurring on the Council by reason of the death of Councillor John Lawler.

27—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

28—To consider Reports from County Officers.

29—To consider Official Correspondence.

30—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meetings, as printed and circulated, were confirmed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we hereby offer to his wife and the other members of his family our very sincere sympathy on the great loss she has befallen by the death of our esteemed colleague, Mr John Lawler.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Resolved—That the Council has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr Seamus Turner, Ballydoreen, Ashford, a former member of this Council, and we tender to his relatives the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed Councillor William Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we hereby place on record our deep sense of the loss this Council has sustained by the death of Mr Thomas Williams, who was for twenty six years a highly valued officer of this Council, and we hereby offer to his wife and the members of his family our condolence in their sad bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ;

Seconded by Councillor P J Carey ;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to the members of the family of a late esteemed member of this Council, Mr J J Reilly, the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m. on Monday, 26th October, 1925.

The following members attended :—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman ; Councillors William Byrne and John J Kennedy.

A letter was submitted from Councillor D Frame, in which he regretted that an urgent engagement prevented him from being present at the Meeting.

The Committee having examined the Proposals from the Proposals Committee, recommend them for payment as follow :—

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	16522	3	0
Baltinglass No. 1	368	12	1
Rathdown No. 2	147	7	5
Rathdrum	326	6	9
Shillelagh	336	0	6
Repayment of Loans	1333	6	8

The Committee having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same in respect to the quarter ending 31st December, 1925 :—

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

	£	s	d
County Board of Health	1000	0	0
Do	2000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Do	2000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Total	£7,000	0	0

TRANSFERS TO BOARD OF HEALTH—ACTING FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	621	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	279	0	0
Rathdrum	361	0	0
Shillelagh	44	0	0
Total	£1,305	15	0

Claims dated 15th August, 1925, were submitted from Mr P J Foley, B.E., for payment to him of the sum of £95 15s in respect to professional services rendered by him in connection with the claims made for the destruction of Baltinglass Workhouse, and also for the occupation of same by British Forces ; and for the sum of £152 15s 6d, in respect to professional services rendered in opposing nine further claims for Malicious Injury to Property occurring during the troubled times—these two claims totalling £248 10s 6d.

Having made a careful examination of the details of these claims, and having interviewed Mr Foley regarding same, the Committee recommend the Council to pay to Mr Foley, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the sum of £175, in full discharge of Mr Foley's two claims which sum Mr Foley agreed to accept therefor.

A claim was received from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects, 102 Grafton Street, Dublin, amounting to £106 16s 4d, representing fees now due to that firm as Architects for the rebuilding of Baltinglass Courthouse.

The Committee note that these fees are prepared in accordance with the scale of professional charges approved on the 1st May, 1922, by the Council of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland, and accordingly they recommend same to the County Council for payment.

The Secretary submitted the following two Reports from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects for the rebuilding of Baltinglass Court House, in reference to the discussion at the recent adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 14th September, 1925, on the subject of the protection of the Council's interests during the progress of the work in the absence of a Clerk of Works appointed by the County Council, for which no provision had been made for economic reasons :—

Grafton Chambers,
102-103 Grafton Street,
Dublin.

24th September, 1925.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 23rd inst., enquiring as to whether pro-

vision is made in the Bill of Quantities for a Clerk of Works, we wish to inform you that no such provision has been made.

We never provide in a Bill of Quantities any amount for the Clerk of Works for the reason that if such were done the Clerk of Works would be paid by the Contractor and obviously this would be a highly undesirable arrangement.

When a Clerk of Works is appointed it is always done by the Architect or on his recommendation to the Employer and the Clerk of Works is paid direct by the Employer and is not in any way under the Contractor's control.

Should your Council wish to appoint a Clerk of Works, we would welcome the assistance and it would relieve us of a good deal of worry.

For your Council's information and to assist them in deciding whether or not to appoint a Clerk of Works, we give you the duties and point out the necessity of a Clerk of Works on any work.

The duty of a Clerk of Works is to see by constant personal supervision that the work is carried out as specified.

The necessity for this constant supervision arises because in masonry, brickwork, concrete, drains, etc. defective materials may be used and such will not be seen during periodical inspections as it does not appear on the surface and the proportions of materials used cannot be determined by inspection.

The joinery, timber work in general and roofs can be dealt with by the Architects by periodical inspection because all the work can be seen and judged.

In the case of Baltinglass Courthouse the portions of the work which require constant supervision is practically confined to the concrete roof and certainly necessitate careful supervision.

The portion of the work will not extend over more than three weeks or a month.

We would have asked your Council originally to have a Clerk of Works had it not been for the difficulty of money and if your Council will appoint one now and pay him we shall greatly appreciate the assistance and we do not consider that the appointment is necessary over the whole period of the work.

We have made arrangements to protect your interests in this matter:—

- 1 Making inspection of sand and stone to be used.
- 2 Insisting upon a certificate from a competent person that the cement is up to the standard specified, and we intended in absence of the Clerk of Works to see the concrete mixed and placed in position.

We further arranged with the contractor that all joinery work should be inspected before receiving any paint so that the quality of the timber may be judged and in the case of expanded metal, we insisted that the Contractor buy direct from a firm of reputable manufacturers.

When the roof is completed the work which remains to be done, joinery, plastering, floors, etc. is such that any defects can be detected by the Architects in course of the periodical inspection.

In placing before you these facts indicating the nature of the work, the scope of a Contractor to scamp the work and the precautions we have taken and propose to take, we hope to place your Council in a position, to decide whether they will appoint a Clerk of Works or not.

We wish, however, to remind you that the most important part of the work will start and be completed inside the next month as the builder has notified us verbally that he is ready to put on the roof and has all his materials delivered on the site.

He has further notified us that he has his windows and doors ready for inspection.

We shall be glad to have a reply as soon as possible.

It may be well to mention that as far as the practical carrying on of the works that the specification provides that a competent foreman shall be constantly employed on the work by the builder.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Foley and O'Sullivan.

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

Grafton Chambers,
102-103 Grafton Street,
DUBLIN,

30th September, 1925.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter re Clerk of Works, and we can assure you that the Council's interest will be looked after by us until the Council can decide whether they want a Clerk of Works or not, and meantime the more critical part of the work will be finished.

It is our duty to see after the matter with or without a Clerk of Works, and you may take it, that will be done. We have only had the assistance of a Clerk of Works where constant supervision throughout the whole work was necessary.

We will arrange for personal supervision, or through one of our

assistants or probably both.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)

Foley and O'Sullivan.

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

ORDER—The Committee consider these reports satisfactory.

The Secretary also submitted the following report from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects, dealing with the progress of the work of re-constructing Baltinglass Court House:—

REPORT.

Baltinglass Court House.

We have made seven inspections of the above Court House and we have in addition inspected joinery work. With very small exceptions which the contractor has put right, the work is satisfactory. The roof is in progress of construction and should be finished this week.

The window and door opens have been repaired and some of the joinery is ready and has been inspected by us. The Contractor has placed his contract for pitch pine fittings with Mr Balfe, Rathmines, with our approval.

We have made the following alterations necessitated by the decision not to rebuild the vaults—viz., Alteration of floor levels in judge's room, and room over same, and alteration of steps leading to same.

We further considered it advisable to have the lantern lights in steel instead of timber and we gave the builder directions to that effect. The change in price is about £1.

We considered that a small skylight in the roof over the right hand room was desirable so as to give easy access to the roof, and we directed the contractor to put it in.

We enquired into the price of heating and we find that the Council will be entitled to a credit on that item.

Owing to the rain we had to suspend the work on the roof for three days.

We have had insurance taken in the joint names of the Contractor and the Council and have lodged same with the Secretary.

We, however, point out that the Builder is only bound to insure to the value of the Contract, and that the rule of averages which is inserted in the policy might work out rather awkward in event of any claim and we suggest that you refer this matter to the Law Agent.

23rd October, 1925. (Signed) Foley and O'Sullivan.

ORDER—The Committee consider this report satisfactory.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BRI CHUALANN COURT HOUSE.

The Committee had under consideration a Proposal from the Proposals Committee to accept provisionally the tender of Mr P. F. Fearon and Company, of Ranelagh, Dublin, for the reconstruction of Bri Chualann Court House for the sum of £2437 6s 9d, this being the lowest of three formal and one informal tenders received by that Committee.

As the amount of the Award for the reconstruction of this Court House is only £1985, the Committee recommend that the members of the deputation who recently waited on the Minister of Finance in this connection be again requested to seek a further interview with the Minister, with a view to urging upon him the necessity of supplementing the award of £1985 by the sum of £452 6s 9d, together with Architect's fees, so as to enable the Council to confirm and accept the proposal of the Proposals Committee to enter into a contract with Messrs P. F. Fearon and Company to reconstruct Bri Chualann Court House for the sum of £2437 6s 9d.

The Committee had under consideration all the relevant documents connected with Miss Agnes C. Keating's application for pension, consequent upon her position as nurse in Wicklow Fever Hospital having been abolished on the coming into operation of the Scheme of Union Amalgamation on the 16th November, 1921.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to grant to Miss Keating a pension of £70 per annum, based on an addition of 18 years for loss of office to her 18 completed years of actual service, and her Salary and Emoluments having been valued at £135 12s per annum. The Committee further recommend that the payment of this pension be retrospective as from the 1st January, 1922, and that any sums paid Miss Keating from that date to this by the Council be deducted prior to the payment of arrears due in respect of this pension.

The Committee had also under consideration the documents relative to the application of Mrs Mary Manifold, Arklow, for pension, consequent upon her position as attendant and caretaker to Arklow Fever Hospital having been abolished on the coming into operation of a Scheme of Union Amalgamation.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to grant to Mrs Manifold a pension of £20 5s per annum, based on an addition of 9 years for loss of office to her 18 completed years of actual service, her Salary & Emoluments having been valued at £45 per annum. The Committee further recommend that the payment of this pension be retrospective as from the 1st January, 1922.

The Secretary submitted the following Resolution which had been passed by the County Council at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 14th September:—

“Resolved—That the application from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, on behalf of Messrs W. C. Byrne and M. J. Fox, for a scale of annual increments for these officers, be referred to the Finance Committee, that Committee to draft a suitable scale and submit same to the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council for approval and adoption. Passed.”

Having given this matter very careful consideration, and having heard the views of these two officers as expressed by the General Secretary of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, of which they are members, the Committee recommend that Mr W. C. Byrne, who has 6 years and 4 months completed years service, be placed upon a scale of increases by sums of £10 per annum, until such time as his present salary of £180 shall have reached £250 per annum.

The Committee further recommend that Mr Michael Fox, who has 2 years and 7 months completed years of service, be placed upon a scale of increases by sums of £10 per annum, until such time as his present salary of £150 per annum has reached £200 per annum.

The Committee recommend that these two scales, when confirmed and approved by the Council, come into operation on the 1st October, 1925.

A letter dated 5th October, 1925, was submitted from Mrs Sarah Byrne, of Glenealy, National School teacher at Ballylusk, in which she asks the Council to make good the damage to slates and ceiling in her school at Ballylusk, which she alleges were caused by the Council's quarrying operations at Ballylusk.

ORDER. The Committee refer this application to the County Solicitor through the County Surveyor.

A communication dated 21st October, 1925, was submitted from J J Gleeson, Esq, 23 Newtown Avenue, Blackrock, in which he asked to be refunded at least his out-of-pocket expenses consequent upon an accident which he received whilst riding a motor cycle between Wicklow & Rathnew.

Having noted that whilst the envelope containing this application was addressed to the Secretary of the County Council, the application itself was addressed to the Urban District Council of Wicklow, the Committee directed the Secretary to refer it to the latter body for consideration.

The Committee had again under consideration the question of considering and recommending to the Council the terms of appointment of a Clerk in the County Surveyor's Offices, in room of Mr Patrick Short.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that consideration of this matter be deferred for a further three months, the present temporary clerical assistance to be employed meantime.

The Secretary submitted the following Resolution regarding defaulting Rate Collectors, which had been passed by the County Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 24th August, 1925:

Resolved—That, having considered the Auditor's Report regarding the Poor Rate Collections, this Council hereby calls upon the Rate Collectors who, up to this date, have failed to close their collections to do so forthwith, and the Secretary be hereby authorised and directed to write on behalf of the Council on the 1st October, 1925, after consultation with the Finance Committee to the Minister for Local Government requesting him to forthwith issue Sealed Orders removing from office every collector who, on the 1st October, has not completely closed all warrants entrusted to the collector in respect to the period ending on 31st March, 1925, and in respect to every financial year expiring prior to that period. Passed.

Having given careful consideration to the following Return prepared and submitted by the Secretary, showing the condition on the 24th October of the Poor Rate Collections for the years 1920/21 to 1924/25 inclusive, the Committee deferred further consideration until the Secretary brings the matter again before the Committee:

OUTSTANDING ARREARS ON 24TH OCTOBER, 1925.

No. of District	Collector.	1920/21	1921/22	1922/23	1923/24	1924/25	TOTAL
1	Luke McDonnell ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Michael Halpin ...	—	—	—	—	25 11 5	25 11 5
3	Edward Lynch ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	William Burke ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Frank Healy ...	—	—	—	—	43 13 0	43 13 0
6	Mrs. K. Doyle ...	—	—	115 16 11	233 1 7	484 9 4	893 7 10
5	John Cullen ...	11 14 2	21 4 8	—	—	—	32 18 5
6	John Cullen ...	421 7 0	1997 2 0	—	—	—	2418 9 0
7	P. J. Doyle ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Patrick Mulligan ...	—	—	—	—	21 15 11	21 15 11
9	John Manley ...	—	—	—	—	170 2 11	225 18 10
10	Thomas Murphy ...	—	—	48 7 11	—	—	—
11	Peter P. Doyle ...	—	—	—	—	—	167 17 0
11	James J. Porter ...	18 17 5	153 19 7	—	—	—	284 10 9
12	Garrett Byrne ...	—	—	—	62 15 4	221 14 10	255 16 3
13/15	W. J. Quinn ...	—	—	—	—	255 16 3	255 16 3
14	Michael Roche ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	Peter P. Doyle ...	—	120 18 2	—	—	—	120 18 2
16	P. J. O'Byrne ...	—	—	—	—	38 15 6	38 15 6
17	Charles Byrne ...	—	—	—	130 0 1	—	130 0 1
17	D. J. Kinsella ...	—	—	109 13 10	357 6 6	953 17 9	1448 14 7
18	Thomas Fleming ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	John Byrne ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		£146 18 7	£2323 8 6	£273 18 8	£783 3 6	£2215 16 11	£6043 6 2

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Thomas Williams, Court Keeper at Wicklow, and porter and caretaker of the Council's Offices, and intimated that it was the earnest wish of his widow, Mrs Maria T Williams, that she be appointed to these positions.

The Secretary having informed the Committee that, owing to the advanced age of the late Mr Williams, it was really Mrs Williams who had discharged the duties of the position for many years past, the Committee recommend that Mrs Maria T Williams be appointed Court Keeper at Wicklow, and that she be also appointed attendant to the County Council and caretaker of the County Council's Offices, as from the date of her husband's death (the 26th September, 1925) on the same terms and conditions and at the same salary and emoluments as her husband received.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS—YEAR 1925/1926.

Letters dated 21st September, 1925, and 7th October, 1925, were submitted from the Assistant Commissioners of Intermediate Education, 1 Hume Street, Dublin, in which it was stated that the Department is of opinion that the progress made by the undermentioned scholarship holders is not such as to justify the County Council's recent renewal for a further year of the scholarships held by them:—

At present in their third year. { Ellen Kearney, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.
Annie Byrne, Convent Lodge, Wicklow.
Kathleen Corrigan, Dunlavin.
Mary White, 4 Bath Street, Wicklow.

At present in her fourth year. { Anastasia Greene, Loreto Lodge, Bray.

Having noted that the Council's renewals of the scholarships of these five students were granted following the receipt of a favourable report on the conduct, application and progress, and attendance, of these students during scholastic year 1924/1925, and that no adverse report concerning these students had been received by the Scholarships Committee from any source, the Committee recommend that the Intermediate Education Commissioners be approached with a view to urging the according of sanction to these renewals for the scholastic year 1925/1926.

The Committee further approved of the Secretary's action in warning the college authorities, the parents, and the Scholarship holders themselves, that scholarships will not, on any future occasion, be renewed unless and until favourable reports are received, not alone from the college authorities, but from the Minister of Education, on the progress made in their studies during the previous scholastic year.

A letter dated 20th September, 1925, was received from the Superioress, Loreto Abbey, Gorey, in which the Council is asked to grant an extra or fifth year's studies to scholarship holder, Rosie Walshe, Donard, so as to enable her to win her Leaving Certificate.

ORDER. The Committee regret they are not in a position to recommend the extension of this scholarship for a fifth year.

A file of correspondence was submitted relative to legal proceedings threatened on behalf of the Joint Committee of Management of Grange-gorman Mental Hospital, with a view to recovering the sum of £512, which had been struck by the County Council out of that Committee's demand for the service of the financial year ended 31st March, 1925.

The Committee approved of the Secretary's suggestion to the Joint Committee's Law Agent that instead of adding law costs to the already heavily burdened ratepayers in this County in the collection of this sum, the £512 in question could be included as a debit balance in the next Estimate prepared and furnished to the County Council by the Joint Committee of Management of the Institution.

The following accounts were submitted by the Clerk to Shillelagh Rural District Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1925, representing the liabilities of that Council on the 1st October, 1925, the "appointed day" referred to in the Act on which the County Council becomes liable for all outstanding liabilities of Rural District Councils consequent upon their abolition:—

Samuel Weir—Roll of Netting Wire	...	£	s	d
James O'Neill—Poundage and Bonus on Collection of Rents of Cottages and Plots	...	0	16	0
Peter Coleman—Do., Do., and Fees on Annuities lodged	...	16	3	11
		24	13	0

The Committee, with a view to giving Committee's effect to the terms of Section 3 of the Act referred to, recommended that these accounts be paid.

The Clerk of Shillelagh Rural District Council, acting in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1925, also enclosed a Bill of Costs, amounting to £61 10s 4d, which had been submitted to the Rural District Council of Shillelagh by Samuel Roche, Esq., Solicitor, Tullow, for professional services rendered that Council during the period commencing 28th June, 1921, and ending 11th February, 1925.

For the same reasons that govern the Committee's order respecting the previous accounts received from that Rural District Council, the Committee recommend the County Council to have this Bill of Costs taxed and subsequently paid.

The Committee approved of the Secretary's action in stopping, under the provisions of Section 49 of the Local Government Act, 1925, payment of the pension awarded to Miss Margaret O'Meara, who occupied the position of nurse in Rathdrum Workhouse prior to the coming into

operation of the Scheme of Union Amalgamation, on his having ascertained from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and from the Secretary to Tipperary (South Riding) County Board of Health, and that Miss O'Meara was at present temporarily employed as nurse in Clonmel District Hospital, at a rate of salary and emoluments greater in value than that she enjoyed whilst nurse during the period of her service in Rathdrum Workhouse.

The Committee had under consideration a file of correspondence dealing with the vacant position of Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts, for the portion of West Wicklow known as Naas No. 2 Rural District, and they recommend the Council to approve of the arrangements made by the resigned Mr John Malone, V.S., providing for the discharge of the duties of the position by Mr Gerald A. Morrin, V.S., Mill House, Baltinglass, during the period commencing on the date Mr Malone left the district, and ending on the date the Department of Agriculture approve of the permanent appointment of Mr Malone's successor.

The Committee had under consideration the following communication received from the Department of Finance, and approve of the attached draft letter which the Secretary proposes to forward in reply, and also the Secretary's proposal to forward copy of the correspondence to the Minister for Local Government, with a view to enlisting his co-operation in securing that the interests of the overburdened ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area of Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway be protected:—

Department of Finance,
Upper Merrion Street,
Dublin.

12th October, 1925.

F. 62/11/25.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to transmit the enclosed copy of a Report by the Commissioner of Valuation under Section 58 (4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, together with a Payable Order for the sum of £479 17s 8d, being a payment on account of the amount payable to the Wicklow County Council from the Local Taxation Account in respect of certain charges for the period 1st April, to 31st December, 1924. The amount is to be placed to the credit of the areas off which the charges were originally levied, in accordance with the terms of the Section referred to.

It will be observed that recoupment is only made in respect of the nine months ended 31st December, 1924, and for explanation of this, I am to refer you to Section 63 (7) of the Railways Act, 1924, which provides, *inter alia*, that no money shall be payable out of the Local Taxation Account under Section 58 (4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to any County Council for any period after the 31st day of December, 1924, in respect of any baronial railway.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)

J. J. McElliggott.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council, WICKLOW.

Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow,
27th October, 1925.

The Secretary,
Department of Finance,
Upper Merrion Street, DUBLIN.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

A Chara,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 12th inst., No. F.62/11/25, with enclosed copy of Report made by the Commissioner of Valuation under Section 58 (4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, together with Payable Order for the sum of £479 17s 8d. This Payable Order I have lodged to credit of Wicklow County Council.

I have given very careful consideration to the remaining portions of this communication, and I submit that they are not relevant in this instance, and that Section 63 (7) of the Railways Act, 1924, is not applicable to the above Tramway. In this Section I would direct your special attention to the words "in respect of any included baronial railway," which occur in lines 4 and 5 of sub-section referred to, and I would point out that the above Tramway Company is one of the few companies in the Saorstát not absorbed in the first Schedule of the Railways Act, 1924.

If I be right in this contention, then the remaining portion of Wicklow County Council's claim over and above the sum of £479 17s 8d already received becomes due and payable, and I hereby make application to have the monies withheld transmitted to me, so that I may be in a position to lodge them to credit of my Council.

I return herewith Report of the Commissioner of Valuation which accompanied your letter, as I am under the impression that this has reached me inadvertently, and that it should have been transmitted to the Clerk of Arklow Urban District Council, who possibly may have been forwarded the Commissioner's Report relative to the Blessington Tram-

way which it was intended should accompany your letter to me.
I shall anxiously await your reply, when you have had an opportunity of again going into these matters.

Le meas mor.

(Signed) P. T. Healy, Secretary.

The Committee referred to the County Council for consideration a circular letter dated 22nd October, 1925, No. RD/201, with which was enclosed a schedule setting out details of the roads in rural and urban areas of the County, respecting which the Minister proposes at an early date to issue a Sealed Order declaring them to be Main Roads.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

26th October, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by Councillor William Byrne ;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James J Kavanagh ;

Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health, and to the County Board of Health on behalf of the several Rural District Councils, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by Councillor James J Kavanagh ;

Resolved—That in accordance with the recommendation in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, we hereby direct that the Bill of Costs, amounting to £61 10s 4d, covering the period from 28/6/1921 to 11/2/1925, furnished to Shillelagh Rural District Council by Samuel Roche Esq, Solicitor, Tullow, and transmitted by that Council to the County Council for settlement under the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1925, be taxed, and that the Council's Law Agent attend at the taxation with a view to affording the ratepayers all the protection thereat which it may be possible to secure.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby grant to Miss Agnes C Keating, consequent upon her position as nurse in Wicklow Fever Hospital having been abolished as a result of the coming into operation of the Scheme of Union Amalgamation, a pension of £70 per annum, based on an addition of 18 years for loss of office to her 13 completed years of actual service, her salary and emoluments having been valued at £185 12s per annum ; and further, that payment of this pension be retrospective as from the 1st January, 1922, the Secretary to deduct from the arrears now due any sums already paid Miss Keating.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby grant to Mrs Mary Manifold, Arklow, consequent upon the abolition of her position as attendant and caretaker of Arklow Fever Hospital as a result of the coming into operation of the Scheme of Union Amalgamation, a pension of £20 5s per annum, based on an addition of 9 years for loss of office to her 13 completed years of actual service, her salary and emoluments having been valued at £45 per annum, payment of this pension to be retrospective as from the 1st January, 1922.

Passed.

Following a discussion on the fact that seven or nine days elapse between the day up to which Wages Sheet are fortnightly made up, and the days (Saturday or Monday following) upon which workers employed on the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads receive their Paying Orders, the Secretary was directed to arrange to have all future fortnightly meetings of the Finance Committee held on the Wednesday following the Saturday up to which Wages Sheets are made up—the County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors, and Road Overseers to be notified accordingly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Friday, the 13th November, 1925.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H. Haskins, Chairman ; Councillors William Byrne and John J. Kennedy.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS ... £2153 15 3

The Committee had before them the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the undermentioned Rate Collectors, and, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and

Public Health, recommend them for the Council's approval, as follows:—

1921-1922 RATE.		
No. 7	Patrick Mulligan	£23 9 4
1922-1923 RATE.		
No. 3	Edward Lynch	2 9 5
1923-1924 RATE.		
No. 2	Michael Halpin	4 2 9
No. 14	Michael Roche	16 8 0
1924-1925 RATE.		
No. 14	Michael Roche	18 8 6
No. 18	Thomas Fleming	1 16 6
No. 19	John Byrne	2 18 1

The Committee had under consideration a letter dated 22nd October, 1925, from the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, intimating that the Council's proposed Secondary School Scholarship Scheme for the year 1926 should be sent in duplicate to the Minister of Education for his approval not later than the 1st June in the preceding year.

The Committee made the following Order thereon, Councillor Kennedy dissenting:—

ORDER—The present financial state of the Council will not, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, allow of any scholarships.

The Committee had under consideration a letter dated 9th November, 1925, from the Secretary, Irish County Council's General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking the Council to make a contribution of from £6 to £10 towards the cost of a Lecturership on Irish Music in University College, Dublin.

ORDER—The Finance Committee recommend that this be not paid owing to the depressed state of the Council's finances.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

13th November, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne.

Resolved—That Finance Committee Report No. 2, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed—Councillor Everett dissenting.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—
COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting to £16,522 3s (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;
Seconded by Joseph Burke.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Baltinglass No 1 Rural District, amounting to £368 12s 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 Edward Byrne;
Seconded by J Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £147 7s 5d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by Patrick Doyle.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £326 6s 9d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;
Seconded by W J Doyle.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £336 0s 6d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chair-

man), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by D H Haskins.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £1333 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 William Byrne;
Seconded by D H Haskins.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £2153 15s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by J J Bourne.

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

Passed.

The Secretary read the following letter, intimating to the Council the intention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to declare certain roads in the County to be Main Roads, subject to whatever representations they might desire to make in the matter:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads),
51 Upper Mount Street,

DUBLIN,

22nd October, 1925.

RD/201

MAIN ROADS.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to Sections 1, 24 and 27 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and to state that he proposes to make an Order to come into operation on 1st April, 1926, declaring the roads mentioned in the accompanying schedule to be Main Roads in County Wicklow, for the purposes of the Act. Under Section 1 a "main road" means any road which the Minister, by his Order, declares to be a main road.

The Minister is prepared to consider any representations which your Council may desire to offer concerning the inclusion in the proposed Order of any of the roads described in the Schedule, or the addition or substitution of other roads.

Any representations which it is desired to submit should be communicated to this Office as soon as possible, and in any event, within fourteen days from the date of this letter. If necessary, a special meeting should be summoned.

Mise le meas,

E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

To the Secretary, County Council of Wicklow, and
to the Clerk to each Urban District Council in the County.

WICKLOW COUNTY.

MAIN ROAD DECLARATION—SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION.

Route No.

WICKLOW COUNTY AREA.

- T.7 From County Boundary at Bray via Kilmacanogue, Kilpedder, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, Ashford and Rathnew to Wicklow U.D. Boundary at Bolarney.
- T.7 From Rathnew via Glenealy, Rathdrum, Avoca and Woodenbridge to Arklow U.D. Boundary at Ballyraine House.
- T.7 From Arklow U.D. Boundary at Money Little to County Boundary at Bounds Bridge.
- T.42 From County Boundary at Monaspick via Blessington, Poulaphouca, Hollywood Cross Roads, Mullycagh, Carriggower Bridge, Whitestown Bridge, Tuckmill and Baltinglass to County Boundary at Yellowford.
- T.43 From County Boundary at the Scalp via Western Loop Road, Enniskerry and Fassaroe to Dargle Bridge three roads.
- T.61 From Kilmacanogue three roads via Calary, Roundwood, Annamoe, Laragh and Clara Bridge to Rathdrum.
- L.19 From Woodenbridge three roads via Coats Bridge, Aughrim, Kilpipe, Tinabealy and Bridge land to County Boundary at Balinagilky Bridge.
- L.19 From County Boundary at Kiltegan Bridge via Fortgranite Bridge to Baltinglass.
- L.19 From Carriggower Bridge three roads via Dunlavin to County Boundary near Grangebeg House.
- L.25 From County Boundary at Whiteleas House to County Boundary at Alliganstown.

- L.29 From Bray Urban District Boundary at Kilruddery via Windgate, Ashley, Kindlestown, Knockroe, Kilcoole, Newcastle and Newrath Bridge to Rathnew.
- L.29 From Wicklow Urban District Boundary at Ballynerrin via the Beehive, Ballinaneesda, Ballyvaltron, Cronakip and Ticknock Bridge to Arklow Urban District Boundary at Kilbride.
- L.29A From Ashley three roads via Greystones, Killincarrig and Delgany to Glen of the Downs three roads.
- L.29B From Bray Urban District Boundary at Oldcourt to Hollybrook three roads.
- L.31 From County Boundary at Ballyellis Cross Roads, via Carnew, Cronyhorn, Rose Ville, Shillelagh and Harris's Hill to County Boundary at Knockloe Bridge.
- L.32 From Mines View three roads via Ballinaclash and Carty's Corner to Aughrim.
- L.32 From Tinahely via Deegan's Bridge to Shillelagh.
- L.32 From Cronyhorn three roads via Ballingate to County Boundary at Prospect.
- L.94 From County Boundary at Glasnamueky via Glencree and Liffey Head Bridge to Sally Gap.
- L.107 From Laragh three roads via Glendalough School, Brockagh, Ballinagee Bridge, Coonmore and Hollywood to Hollywood Cross Roads.
- L.161 From Ashford three roads via Trinity Well, Killiskey and Diamond Hill to Roundwood.
- L.161 From Togherbeg three roads via Annacarter Bridge, Boleyherrigan Bridge, Sally Gap and Cloghlea Bridge to Tinode House three roads.
- L.162 From Newtown-Mount-Kennedy three roads via Kilmurry and Waters' Bridge to Roundwood.

ARKLOW URBAN AREA.

- T.7 From U.D. Boundary as Ballyrairie House, via Yardland, Vale Road, and Wexford Road to U.D. Boundary at Money Little.
- L.29 From U.D. Boundary at Kilbride via Ferrybank, Arklow Bridge Street, Main Street, Parade Square and Upper Main Street to junction with Wexford Road.

BRAY URBAN AREA.

- T.7 From U.D. Boundary at Old Connaught Avenue via Dublin Road and Upper Dargle Road to U.D. Boundary at Glenburgh Cottage.
- L.29 From junction with Dublin Road via Castle Street, Main Street, and Vevay Road to U.D. Boundary at Kilruddery.
- L.29A From junction with Main Street, via Quinsborough Road (part), Adelaide Road, Albert Avenue, Strand Road (part) and Putland Road to junction with Vevay Road.
- L.29B From Town Hall via Killarney Road to U.D. Boundary at Oldcourt.

WICKLOW URBAN AREA.

- T.7 From U.D. Boundary to Bolarney via Abbey Street (part) to junction with Marlton Road.
- L.29 From Courthouse via Main Street, Abbey Street (part), and Marlton Road to U.D. Boundary at Ballynerrin.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, WICKLOW

10th November, 1925.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

TO

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING TO
BE HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER, 1925.

Gentlemen,

The Minister for Local Government has intimated his intention of declaring certain roads as Main Roads and that he is prepared to consider your representations concerning the roads included or the addition or substitution of other roads.

The Minister's Schedule includes certain roads in the Urban Areas, and for your convenience I have collected the various items of his Schedule into continuous routes.

Certain parts of the routes L161 and L162 includes portions of the roads about Dublin Corporation Waterworks at Togher Reservoir, and for the upkeep of which Dublin Corporation are responsible. Precaution should be taken to ensure that this liability of the Corporation be continued without any charge on the County.

Certain parts of T.7, at Bri Chualann, are within the County Dublin, though within the administrative County of Wicklow. A part of T.42

(Brittas to Blessington) at near Hempstown for about 190 perches is half in County Kildare.

Approximately, the mileage is:—

Bri Chualann U.D.	...	...	4½ miles.
Wicklow U.D.	...	...	3 "
Arklow U.D.	...	...	1½ "
County Rural	...	...	228½ "

237½ miles or roughly

1-5th of the total mileage of the County.

- T.7 County Dublin (Administrative Co Wicklow Bounds) at Old Connaught via Dublin Road, Upper Dargle Road, Kilcroe, Kilmacanogue, Newtown, Rathnew (with a Spur to Wicklow Town), Glenealy, Rathdrum, Avoca, Woodenbridge, Vale Road, Arklow Cross Roads, Gorey Road to Co. Bounds near Kish.
- T.42 County Dublin Bounds near Brittas (at Monaspick), Blessington, Poulaphuca, Hollywood Cross Roads, Carrigower, Tuckmill, and Baltinglass, Clough to the Co. Bounds at Yellow Ford.
- T.43 County Dublin Bounds at Scalp via Knocksink Cross Roads (in Enniskerry) by the lower road to join T.7 at Kileroney Gate.
- T.61 From T.7 at Kilmacanogue via Long Hill, Calary, Togher, Annamoe and Laragh, to join T.7 at Rathdrum (Sentry Box cross roads).
- L.19 From T.7 at Woodenbridge via Coates' Bridge, Aughrim, Kilpiper Togher, Lugduff Cross Roads, Tinahely, to Co. Bounds at White rock, and then from Co. Bounds at Kiltegan via Fortgranite to join T.42 at foot of Belan Street, Baltinglass, and also from T.42 at Carrigower through Dunlavin to Co. Bounds near Grangebeg, Co. Kildare.
- L.25 A short branch to link up Co. Kildare with T.42 near Hollywood.
- L.29 & L.29a and L.29b Castle Street, Bri Chualann, Main Street, Vevay Road, Kilruddery, Windgates, Ashley, Kindlestown, Killincarrick, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Newrath Bridge, to join T.7 at Rathnew; then from Abbey Street, Wicklow, at Marlton, via Beehive, Barndarrig, and Ferrybank, Arklow, to join T.7 at Gorey Road. Also spurs from Ashley through Church Road, Greystones, Killincarrig and Delgany, to join T.7 Glen of Downs. Also a spur from Town Hall, Bri Chualann, via Killarney Road, to join T.7 at Hollybrook Gate, and a spur from Abbey Street, Wicklow, to Court House, via Main Street. Also a loop from Main Street, Bri Chualann, via Adelaide Road, Albert Avenue, and Putland Road, to rejoin at Newtown Vevay.
- L.31 From Co. Wexford Bounds at Ballyellis, via Carnew, Cronyhorn, Roseville, Shillelagh, and Harris's Hill, to County Carlow Bounds at Knocklow Bridge.
- L.32 From T.7 at the Corballis 3 roads via Clash, Carthy's Corner, to join L.19 at Aughrim; then from L.19 at Tinahely (Court-house Corner) via Deegan's Bridge, to join L.31 at Court-house Cross Roads in Shillelagh; then from L.31 at Cronyhorn via Ballingate to Co. Wexford Bounds at near Prospect House.
- L.94 From the County Dublin Bounds at Featherbed Bog via Glencree and Liffey Head to join L.161 at Sallygap.
- L.107 From T.61 at Laragh via Glendalough School, Wicklow Gap (N), Ballinagee, Coonmore, Hollywood, to join T.42 at Hollywood Cross Roads.
- L.161 From T.7 at Ashford via Ballyduff Cross Roads, Gower's Gate, to join T.61 at Togher R.C. Church; then from T.61 at Togherbeg via Luggelaw, Sallygap, Cloughlea, Manor Kilbride, to join T.42 at Tinode.
- L.162 From T.7 at Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, via Ballinaslaught Hill, to join T.61 at near Water's Bridge, Togher.

In my opinion the routes, with some exceptions, so scheduled are the principal arteries for traffic, but suggest the addition of certain spurs and loops which, owing to the persistent use of the roads involved by heavy traffic, should be included—viz.:

A spur to L.31—from Roseville cross-roads via Ballingate Small Bridge to the County Wexford bounds at Glenashouk (for Clonegal).

A spur to L.19—from Killaveney cross-roads (at the Togher) to County Wexford bounds at Barnadown (for Wicklow Gap (S) and Gorey).

A spur to L.32—from Carnew via Kileavan and Stoneybatter to join L.19 at Killaveney cross-roads (the Togher).

A spur to L.29—from Coolbeg cross-roads to join T.7 at Rathnew.

A spur to L.107—from Glendalough School to the Glendalough end of the Upper Lake at Glendalough.

Those parts of the roads L.161 from Togherbeg cross-roads via Sallygap to Cloughlea and those parts of L.94 from Featherbed to Sallygap and those parts of L.107 from Glendalough School via Wicklow Gap (N) to Coonmore and Hollywood are wild mountain roads wholly unfit for any but the lightest horse traffic and of such a nature that no reasonable expenditure would render them suitable for heavy or motor traffic unless completely reconstructed at an expense which in my opinion would be wholly unjustified until the more useful roads, which carry more traffic, are put into a good condition. Under these circumstances the Scheduling

at the present time of those parts of the roads above indicated has only the effect of using up the quota of main roads allotted to County Wicklow; therefore, unless that quota is increased I recommend that the Minister be asked to omit for the present these indicated parts of the main roads in question and to permit you to substitute other routes of more use to the general public, such as the roads from Avoca to Arklow via Ballinaheese, and the road from Baltinglass to Carlow via Irongrange and Graney, the road from Carnew to Ferns via Umrygar and the spurs I recommend, or such other roads as the Councillors may, from their more acute knowledge of the traffic requirements, suggest.

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

This Report was, after a prolonged discussion, approved and adopted by the Council, the last paragraph of same, however, having been altered and modified to read as follows:

"I recommend you to ask the Minister to permit you to include other roads of use to the general public, such as the road from Avoca to Arklow via Ballinaheese (from T.7 at Avoca to join L.29 at Ticknock); the road from Baltinglass to Carlow via Irongrange and Graney (from T.42 to the County Carlow bounds at Irongrange); and the roads Carnew to Ferns via Umrygar (a spur to L.31); and the other spurs I recommend above; and such other roads as the Councillors, with their acute knowledge of traffic requirements, suggest."

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That, having considered his communication of the 23rd of October, 1925, No. RD/201, and the accompanying Schedule, we request the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to include the following additional roads in County Wicklow with the roads he has already intimated he intended to declare to be Main Roads, by Sealed Order:—

- 1 The road from cross roads at Ballinglen Station, via Moyne to Hacketstown.
- 2 From Carnew to County Bounds at Umrygar.
- 3 From Aughrim to Kiltegan via Roddenagh, Ballymanus, Ballygobban, and Kilearney.
- 4 From Coolalug three roads to Tinahely via Drummin.
- 5 From Tinahely Railway Station via Coolboy, Drumingle, Coolattin, to Shillelagh.
- 6 Road from Coolboy to Hillview at the County Wexford Bounds via the Catholic and Protestant Churches.
- 7 The road from Crossbridge to Knockananna.
- 8 The road from Dunlavin to Grangecon, via Rathallagh.
- 9 Baltyboys road to Vallemount cross roads.
- 10 From the north end of Church Road, via Harbour and Trafalgar Road, La Touche Place, to rejoin at Church Road, Greystones.
- 11 North end of Trafalgar Road, via Marine and La Touche Road, to meet La Touche Place.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT No. 2.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

16th November, 1925.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—I beg to inform you that after the payments made on Friday, 13th instant, the Balances available for road work are as follows:—

BALTINGLASS	...	£1821	11	1
RATHDOWN	...	933	6	7
RATHDRUM	...	3081	14	11
SHILLELAGH	...	488	12	0

As these amounts (especially in Shillelagh) are wholly inadequate, I suggest that I be authorised to utilise the amount provided for repayment of the balance of £1,200 due by Rathdown to County at Large and distribute same to supplement the funds in the areas [which I find necessary, and also that I be allowed to distribute among the Sections within each Rural District area such sums from available balances in each area as will enable me as far as possible to maintain the roads.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins.

Resolved—That the County Surveyor's Report No 2, dealing with the allocation of the unexpended balances of monies raised for road maintenance, be approved and adopted.

Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

16th November, 1925.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—I have received a copy of a Resolution passed at a Meeting held in Rathdrum, asking, among other things, that the stone from Ballece Quarries be used in Rathdrum. I have also received a quotation from Ballece Quarry offering to deliver on the road, between Glassnarget and Rathdrum River Bridge, suitable stone at 10s per ton. As the lowest cost we estimate for delivering of the stone from Carrigmore Quarry is 12s per ton, I recommend that you issue definite instructions as to whether or not the Ballece Quarry offer be accepted.

In view of the fact that such a tender has been received I am of opinion that all excess cost over the Ballece Quarry offer of procuring and delivering stone is likely to be surcharged.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe.

Resolved—That the tender of the Ballece Quarry Company for the delivery of stone on the road between Glassnarget Bridge and Rathdrum River Bridge at the rate of 10s per ton be hereby accepted, and the County Surveyor be directed to give effect to the terms of this Resolution.

Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO ROAD MAINTENANCE.

16th September, 1925, from the Secretary, Gaelic League, Dublin, asking the Council to see that all Notices erected by the Irish Automobile Association appear in Irish as well as English.

ORDER—The Secretary to ask the Irish Automobile Association to comply with this request.

18th November, 1925, from the County Surveyor, submitting reports from the Assistant Surveyor (Joseph Boyd) and the Road Overseer (John Kelly), regarding the complaints made at the Council's recent Meeting by Mr Maurice Kenny, Ballykelly, Shillelagh.

ORDER—Read.

10th September, 1925, from the Irish Motorists' Union, advocating the use of the White Line at blind corners and curves.

ORDER—Read.

4th November, 1925, from Very John Delaney, P.P., Rathvilly, directing the Council's attention to a dangerous corner on the road from Kiltegan to Hacketstown, just outside Kiltegan, and to another danger on the branch road—viz, a bump at the culvert where the Counties join.

6th November, 1925, from the County Surveyor on the same subject.

ORDER—Read.

5th November, 1925, from the County Surveyor, reporting on the road made by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Trust at the ex-Servicemen's houses, Boghall, Bri Chualann, as requested by the Council.

ORDER—Read.

5th November, 1925, from Messrs Stokes Bros & Pim, Accountants, 36 College Green, Dublin, Secretaries to the Grand Hotel Company, Ltd., Greystones, directing the Council's attention to the state of the road between the Hotel and the Railway Station, and alleging it is full of holes and in a very dirty condition.

ORDER. Read.

9th November, 1925, from S A French, Esq, Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, requesting the Council to complete the improvement of the road way and footpath at the Railway Bridge, Greystones.

ORDER. County Surveyor to take the matter up with the Railway Company.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond;

Seconded by " Samuel E Pim;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be instructed to provide Plans and a short Specification for taking down guard wall on South side of Bridge over Railway connecting Trafalgar Road and Church Road, via La Touche Place, in Greystones (the aforesaid guard wall having been reported by the County Surveyor to the recent Quarterly Meeting of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council held in the Carnegie Library, Greystones, and the Railway Company having sanctioned its removal with a view to widening the bridge), and to extend the bridge laterally in alignment with the existing road, making adequate provision for easing the approach by La Touche Place from Railway Station by an easy curve at its Eastern end and for carrying the new footpath provided for financially in the present Estimate (the present state of this Bridge being a death trap for pedestrians coming from the Railway and R. C. Chapel opposite on Trafalgar Road by the menace of motor traffic); and further, that an estimate for an amount to meet the case be also submitted.

Passed.

7th November, 1925, from Newcastle, (Co Wicklow) Farmers' Association, asking the Council to make much-needed improvements at the dangerous blind turns on the roads at Mr Douglas's gate, Killoughter, and at Mr W J Richardson's, Leabeg, Newcastle.

ORDER. To be dealt with by the County Surveyor as far as his power goes.

11th November, 1925, from Mr Thomas Byrne, Ard-na-Greina, Rathdrum, resolution passed at a public meeting of ratepayers held in

Rathdrum, recommending that Macadam from the Ballece Quarries be used on the streets of Rathdrum and roads adjoining; also drawing the Council's attention to the necessity for doing something to prevent serious accidents at the Sentry Box Cross Roads, and owing to the dangerous condition of "Jacob's Ladders" and high footpaths about Rathdrum.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

14th November, 1925, from Patrick Kelly, Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride, complaining of the road surface water at Oldcourt cross roads flooding his place.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Memorial from local residents, asking the Council's support towards the repair of the footbridge at Ballece which is alleged to be in a dangerous condition.

ORDER. The Council regret they are unable to do anything in the matter.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

1 To set aside the sum of £500 for the Maintenance of Steam-Rolling Plant.

ORDER. Approved.

2 To Messrs P F Fearon and Company, Ranelagh, Dublin, for rebuilding the Courthouse, Bri Chualann, in accordance with the approved Plans and Specifications, for the sum of £2437 6s 9d, the work to be completed within three months from the date of the signing of the Contract. A similar Bond to that prepared by the Council's Law Agent and entered into by the Contractor for Baltinglass Court House to be prepared and entered into by Messrs Fearon and Company. Tender accepted provisionally.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That this Council accepts the Tender of Messrs P F Fearon and Company, Ranelagh, for the reconstruction of Bri Chualann Court House for the sum of £2437 6s 9d, subject to the condition that the Minister of Finance makes a free Grant to the Council of the difference between the amount of £1985 awarded by the Court for such reconstruction and the £2437 6s 9d in this provisionally accepted Tender, together with the cost of a Clerk of Works and the fees legally payable to the Architects; and that, when this condition is fulfilled, the firm of Messrs P F Fearon and Company be required to complete a Bond for the due execution of the work, to be prepared by the Council's Law Agent—the members of the Deputation already appointed to be asked to again wait upon the Minister of Finance with a view to securing that effect be given to the terms of this Resolution.

Passed.

It having been mentioned that the Dublin and United Tramways Company would be willing, under certain conditions, to take over control and management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, it was

Proposed by Councillor S E Pim;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That Councillors C M Byrne, T.D.; David Frame (Chairman); W J Henry, and James Everett, T.D.; and R Wilson, T.D.; be asked to take any and every step within their power to protect the interests of the ratepayers of the Guaranteeing Area of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway by having that line taken over by the Dublin and United Tramways Company, or in such other manner as may be possible.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " W J Doyle;

Resolved—That the Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts, expended during the quarter ended 30th September 1925, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " George Fisher; and

Resolved—That the Resolution passed at the meeting held on the 18th August, 1924, on the motion of Councillor J Everett, T.D.; seconded by Councillor L Redmond, directing the County Surveyor to employ only men who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union when he requires men for road work, and to apply to the local secretary of the Transport Union for these men, be rescinded, and from this date be no longer operative, and from this day forward every man be considered eligible for work who is suitable and willing, and that the County Surveyor alone be held by this Council responsible for the employment of men whether such responsibility be exercised through his Assistant Surveyors and Road Overseers or not.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

That this discussion on the foregoing Motion of Councillor John J Metcalfe be postponed for six months.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Charles Gaule, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, J J Barry, C M Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D., and John J Kennedy ... 13

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, S E Pim, William Byrne, and D H Haskins ... 18

The voting having been equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote against the Amendment, which was accordingly declared lost.

A poll was then taken on the original Motion, the members present voting as follows:—

FOR—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Denis Condren, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, S E Pim, William Byrne, and D H Haskins ... 14

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Charles Gaule, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, J J Barry, C M Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D., and John J Kennedy ... 12

The motion was thereupon declared passed by 14 votes to 12.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, shall move that the Resolution proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Fisher, passed this day, in reference to employment of men upon roads, be rescinded, and that no further action in the meantime be taken."

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Charles Gaule, was postponed:—

"I beg to give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that the Resolution proposed by Councillor M Fleming, and Seconded by Councillor Heatley 'That the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several roads in the County be rescinded, in so far as same relates to other than Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by contract for a term of years,' be rescinded."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That Standing Order No 84—which deals with the handing in of Notices of Motion between Meetings to the Chairman—be varied and rescinded, and that in future no Notice of Motion be discussed or considered by this Council unless that Motion has been read to the last previous meeting of the Council, and has been marked "Accepted" by the Presiding Chairman at that Meeting, and further, that no Notice of Motion be accepted from any Councillor by the Presiding Chairman at a Council Meeting, the subject of which motion has been discussed and decided on at any meeting which may have been held within the previous twelve months by the Council.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Denis Condren, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, S E Pim, J J Barry, C M Byrne, T.D., and D H Haskins ... 15

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Charles Gaule, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, James Everett, T.D., and John J Kennedy ... 10

The motion was accordingly declared passed by 15 votes to 10.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond;

Seconded by " David Frame; and

Resolved—That this Council offer to any person building a house in accordance with the Housing Facilities Bills since passed by Dail Eireann the remission of rates as set out in the said Bills, as from 1st April, 1926.

Passed.

The Secretary having submitted a File of Correspondence and Returns from other Counties on the subject,

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Barry;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T.D.; and

Resolved—That the Resolution passed by the Council on the 8th June, 1925, cutting from 5s to 4s the weekly contribution payable to Industrial and Reformatory Schools for children admitted from this County, be rescinded, and the 4s per week above referred to be increased to the 5s per week at which figure it has stood for years—this 5s per week to be retrospective as from 1st April, 1925.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in

us by Section 3 (1) and Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following six representatives on the Wicklow Harbour Board, to hold office until their successors are appointed:—

- 1 C M Byrne, T.D;
- 2 J J Kennedy;
- 3 James Everett, T.D;
- 4 S E Pim;
- 5 J J Metcalfe;
- 6 William Byrne.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by Section 3 (1) and Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following two representatives on Arklow Harbour Board, to hold office until their successors are appointed:—

- 1 Denis Condren;
- 2 Charles Gaule.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby appoint the following eight representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

- 1 C M Byrne, T.D;
- 2 J J Kennedy;
- 3 James Everett, T.D;
- 4 D H Haskins;
- 5 William Byrne;
- 6 J J Barry;
- 7 S E Pim;
- 8 John J Metcalfe.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted letters dated 14th and 16th November, 1925, from Mr Charles Davis, Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, dealing with the deplorable condition of the harbour and quay walls at Wicklow, and asking the Council to receive a deputation from the Harbour Commissioners in this connection.

Having heard the deputation, it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " D H Haskins; and

Resolved—That the following represent this Council on the Deputation about to wait upon the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Industry and Commerce relative to the condition of Wicklow Harbour:—

- C M Byrne, T.D.
- James Everett, T.D.
- David Frame.
- S E Pim.
- D H Haskins.

Passed.

At the request of Councillor James Kavanagh, the Council decided to hear Mr M P O'Donnell, representing the Irish Life and General Assurance Company, who asked that the Council's insurance business be given to his Company.

ORDER. That our Secretary prepare a list of all our insurances, and submit same to the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

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

JOHN LAWLER, Esq,

Main Street Rathdrum,

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 Secretary of the County Board of Health.

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

Dated this 16th day of November, 1925.

Signed,

DAVID FRAME.	} Three Members of Wicklow County Council.
C M BYRNE, T.D.	
JOSEPH METCALFE.	

Signed,

P T HEALY,
Secretary to the said Council.

The Council decided to postpone consideration of a letter from the

Department of Agriculture, declining to sanction the appointment of Mr S Conway, V.S., as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the portion of West Wicklow formerly known as the Rural District of Naas No. 2, on the grounds that he resides too far from that district.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That this Council now adjourn to 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 14th December, 1925.

Passed.

David Frame

15/2/26

The Adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow Co. Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th December, 1925.

The following members attended :

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ; Councillors Samuel E Pim, George Heatley, Joseph Byrne, John J Kennedy, Joseph Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, Laurence Moore, Daniel J Kehoe, J J Bourne, M Fleming, James Everett, T.D ; William Byrne, D H Haskins, George Fisher, W J Doyle, James Kavanagh, Sean de Barra, Denis Condren, J J Redmond, J J Metcalfe, and William J Henry.

BUSINESS.

County Council Offices, Court House, WICKLOW,

7th December, 1925.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara—You are hereby summoned to attend the adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th December, 1925, to consider the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 16th November, ulto., which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.

Le meas mor,

P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor John J Kennedy ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the death of our esteemed colleague, Councillor Charles Gaule, and we hereby tender to his wife and the members of his family the assurance of our sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That this Council desire to offer to Lord and Lady Powerscourt the assurance of our sincere sympathy in the great loss that has befallen them in the death of their son, the Hon Bryan Wingfield.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

6th April, 1925.

L.1155-25.

Sir—The Department note from a Return recently furnished by the Department of Justice that the number of casualties to Sheep on account of worrying by dogs in the District of your Local Authority during the year 1924 has been so heavy as to suggest the necessity for some action in the matter on the part of your Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

In this connection it is desired to point out that, under Section 2 of the Dogs Act, 1906, it is competent for the Department to empower the Local Authority to make regulations for the whole or any part of their District with a view to preventing dogs, or any class of dogs, from straying during all or any of the hours between sunset and sunrise. The Department would be prepared to issue the necessary empowering Order without delay on receiving a request in the matter from the Local Authority.

Several such empowering Orders are at present in force. A copy of one of them, and a copy of local regulations made thereunder, will be found enclosed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. H. SMYTH,

Asst. Secretary.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That, owing to the number of casualties to cattle and sheep during the year 1924, in the County of Wicklow, on account of worrying by dogs, We, acting as local authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, hereby apply to the Minister for Agriculture to exercise the powers conferred on him by Section 2 of the Dogs Act, 1906, by empowering this Council to make the following regulations, to operate for the whole of the County, with a view to preventing dogs, or any class of dog, from straying during all or any of the hours between sunset and sunrise:—

1—No dog during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise shall be allowed outside the bounds of the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, unless such dog shall be under the control and in the company of its owner, or of some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog.

2—If a dog, during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise, is allowed outside the bounds of the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, and such dog is not under the control and in the company of its owner, or some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog, the owner of the dog and the person (if any) for the time being in charge thereof, and any person causing, directing or permitting the dog to be outside the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, shall each in respect of his own acts and defaults be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894.

3—Any dog in respect of which an offence is being committed against such Order and these Regulations, may be seized and treated as a stray dog under the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Dogs Act, 1906.

4—These Regulations shall apply to the whole of the Administrative County of Wicklow.

5—These Regulations shall take effect and come into operation on the 15th January, 1926, provided that they have, meanwhile, been submitted to and confirmed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, John J Barry, William Byrne, and David H Haskins ... 10

AGAINST—Councillors W J Doyle, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, Samuel E Pim, James Everett, T.D and John J Kennedy ... 8

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion passed by ten votes to eight.

The Secretary submitted a file of documents dealing with the transfer of officers following the abolition of Rural District Councils, including copy of a resolution from County Wicklow Board of Health, recommending the Council to appoint Mr John Hopkins, late Clerk to the Shillelagh Rural District Council, as County Checker of Rate and other collections in the County, at a salary of £350 per annum; letters dated 21st April, 1925, No G.15477/25, 9th September, 1925, 9th September, 1925, No G.42566/1925, and 9th September, 1925, No G.35/156/1925, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dealing with the transfer of officers; communications from Mr Patrick Furlong, present Deputy Checker of Rates in Baltinglass No 1 Rural District, protesting against any change in the present system of checking; a memorial from the five Poor Rate Collectors and two Rent Collectors in Baltinglass No 1 Rural District, asking to have Mr Patrick Furlong continued as checker of their collections; and a letter from Collector W J Quinn, complaining that any change in the present arrangement for checking his collections would very much inconvenience him.

The Secretary also submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to the recommendation of County Wicklow Board of Health, that Mr John Hopkins be appointed County Checker of Rates and Rents:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health, Upper Merrion Street,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

G.43240/1925.

14th November, 1925.

Wicklow County.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit for the information of the County Council the accompanying copy of a letter this day addressed to the County Board of Health regarding the allocation of staff consequent on the abolition of the late Rural Councils.

It is understood that the County Council are considering the propriety of employing Mr Hopkins (Shillelagh) as County Rate Inspector. Before this proposal is given effect to, the Minister would wish the considered views of the County Council on the extent of the work involved, in checking rate and rent collection in County Wicklow, and what would be deemed reasonable remuneration for the purpose either to include travelling expenses or for the payment thereof in addition. If it is considered that the position in itself would necessitate whole time services and thus warrant the engagement of Mr Hopkins at remuneration approximate to his present total emoluments without, of course, immediate superannuation, it is suggested that unless he could be assigned additional duties that would require whole time service it might be better that his position under the former Rural Council should be at once determined by way of superannuation. Then the Council could either engage his part time services as Rate Inspector, bearing in mind the provision of Section 49 of the Local Government Act, 1925, or make other arrangements for the purpose. In this connection it is thought well to explain that the forthcoming Public Bodies Order will not preclude the Council from appointing more than one

Inspector for the County Health District if considered desirable.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)

E. P. McCarron, Runaidhe.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

After a prolonged discussion on this matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ; and

Resolved—That the entire question of future checking of Poor Rate Collections and Rent Collections be referred back to the County Board of Health for further consideration, and new recommendations be submitted to this Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " J J Barry ;

Resolved—That the following Resolution, as submitted by County Wicklow Board of Health dealing with future arrangements for the due discharge of the office work of that Board, be hereby approved and adopted :—

"That the Wicklow County Council be asked to approve of the arrangements proposed for the carrying out of the office work of the Board of Health, as adopted at the meeting of the Board on 31st August, 1925—viz :

"P W Sheehan, Secretary, at a remuneration equal to the salaries and fees he at present receives from the Rathdrum Rural District Council and Wicklow County Board of Health.

"A Manning, Accountant, at a salary of £225 per annum.

"Thomas O'Byrne, Clerk, at a salary of £200 per annum.

"The Secretary to be authorised to employ typist at £1 per week ; the arrangement as to employment of typist to be reconsidered after a period of six months.

"Passed unanimously."

Passed.

The Council had under consideration a letter dated 30th November, 1925, from P Cunniam, Esq, Clerk, Rathdown No 2 Rural District Council, applying on behalf of himself and his assistants for superannuation following the abolition of their offices, and enclosing schedule giving particulars of the appointments, salaries, etc, of the office staff of that Rural District Council.

Proposed by Councillor J J Barry ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That the County Wicklow Board of Health be asked to take into consideration the superannuations now due to the abolished officers of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and to submit recommendations in that connection to this Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 8th October, 1925, from M J Hoey, Esq., District Court Clerk, 33 Duncairn Avenue, Bri Chualann, asking the Council to increase from 5s to 10s, the weekly rent paid him by the Council for the use of two rooms in his private house as offices for the performance of his duties as District Court Clerk, on the plea that 5s per week is wholly inadequate in a town like Bri Chualann.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by Councillor David H Haskins ;

That the 5s at present being paid to Mr M J Hoey for the use of his two rooms be adhered to.

This motion was withdrawn with the Council's consent, whereupon it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ; and

Resolved—That we accede to the application of Mr M J Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bri Chualann, to increase the remuneration allowed him for the use of two rooms in his private house as an office for the discharge of his duties as District Court Clerk, and increase such remuneration from 5s to 10s per week, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, payment hereunder to be made retrospective to 1st July, 1925.

Passed.

The Council deferred consideration of a file of correspondence relative to the refusal of the Intermediate Education Commissioners to sanction the renewal of the Secondary School Scholarships held in Loreto Convent, Gorey, by the following girls :—

Anastasia Green, Loreto Convent Lodge Bri Chualann.

Ellen Kearney, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.

Annie Byrne, Convent Lodge, Wicklow.

Kathleen Corrigan, Dunlavin ; and

Mary White, 4 Bath Street, Wicklow

on the grounds that the progress of these candidates has been so poor that any extension of their Scholarships would seem to be a grave mis-expenditure of public funds, including letters dated 7th October, 1925, from the Intermediate Education Commissioners, 1 Hume Street, Dublin and a letter dated 9th December, 1925, from the Superioress, Loreto Convent, Gorey, complaining that a grave injustice had been inflicted on

the Convent by the refusal to renew these scholarships, inasmuch as they had reserved places for the five girls in question.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

Department of Local Government and Public Health
(Roads)

51 Upper Mount Street,
Baile Atha Cliath,

15th September, 1925,

R/RS/33.

Wicklow County : Appointment of Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 4th instant enclosing a copy of the resolution of the Wicklow County Council in relation to the above mentioned subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to previous correspondence regarding the necessity for the Council to make arrangements for providing adequate technical assistance for the County Surveyor. Apart from work under Road Grants, it is necessary, as previously pointed out, that an Assistant Surveyor should be appointed on a permanent basis.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) E P McCarron,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary, County Council,

Court House, WICKLOW.

After a discussion, the Council decided to defer consideration of this matter until they should have an opportunity of considering the whole question of road maintenance, now coming up for consideration consequent upon the passing of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " J J Bourne ;

That we hereby, subject to Ministerial sanction, appoint Mr Joseph P O'Byrne, B.E., Wicklow, who has very efficiently discharged his duties in a temporary capacity, as Assistant County Surveyor, to devote his whole time to the duties of the position, he to be paid a salary of five pounds per week, and to receive the usual Ministerial scale of travelling expenses. This Council, however, will not object to Mr O'Byrne acting as Engineer for the Urban District Council of Wicklow. After discussion, this motion was withdrawn with the Council's consent.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Samuel E Pim ;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Siochana in this County we hereby appoint the following Sergeants as Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts :—

Sergeant Thomas McCaul, Shillelagh ;

Sergeant J Olwill, Blessington.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

Bri Chualann Urban District Council,
Town Hall, BRI CHUALANN,

14adh la de D. Foghmar, 1925.

P T Healy, Esq.,

Secretary, County Council,

Court House, Wicklow.

RE £450,000 ROAD GRANT.

A Chara,

In reference to above I have been informed that Wicklow County received £10,350 as the share of above amount and in the circular announcing the amount of the Wicklow Share I believe a direction was given that the Urban Areas through which main roads would run were to receive a share of this grant, but I have never heard any account of this matter being even dealt with by the County Council.

Can you let me have any particulars as to whether any share of this is to be allocated to the Bri Chualann Urban Area.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) S Mac Cathmhaoil,
Cleireach an Bhaile.

ORDER :— Read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

14th November, 1925,

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

In accordance with the directions given me at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council on the 14th September last, I beg to report that I have made inquiries into the administration by Blessington School Attendance Committee of the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Irish Education Act.

As the scope of such an inquiry on my part was necessarily

limited, I am not in a position to comment on the manner in which individual officers or members of the Committee discharged their duties. The evidence I have collected, however, clearly shows that the amount of useful work done by the Committee is wholly out of proportion to the cost of its maintenance, and I am of opinion that this Committee should be completely reorganised, or, in the alternative, abolished altogether.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P T HEALY,
Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor D Frame ;
Seconded by " D J Kehoe ;

Resolved—That the members of the School Attendance Committee administering the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, in the Dispensary District of Blessington, and the officers of that Committee, be informed that representations have been made to this Council that the amount of useful work performed by the Committee falls far short of what might be expected from the Committee's cost of administration, and we hereby direct the Committee to completely reorganise its administrative methods forthwith, failing which the Council will be reluctantly compelled to refuse to strike a rate in the Estimate for the purpose of continuing the administration of the Act by the aforesaid Committee.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle ;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, believe that the present administration of the Compulsory Education Act is satisfactory and successful, as has been proved in country districts, and deals adequately with the attendance of pupils in those districts where the Act is in force, and is admitted to be so, even in cities and large towns, as the Minister has admitted, and we believe the appointment of the Civic Guards as School Attendance Officers in country districts is un-
derstand for, and will be most unpopular with the people, and we condemn the enforcement of such a drastic and unpopular measure.

Passed.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Report of the County Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1925, was submitted as follows :—

4 Butters, Baltinglass, per D.A.T.I., all genuine ; 2 Butters, Rathdrum, all genuine ; 1 Whiskey, Rathdrum, genuine ; 1 Margarine, Rathdrum, genuine ; 3 Butters, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, all genuine ; 1 New Milk, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, genuine ; 1 Butter, Carnew, genuine ; 2 Whiskeys, Carnew, all genuine ; 4 New Milks, Greystones, all genuine ; 9 New Milks, Bri Cualann, all genuine ; 6 Drugs, Baltinglass No 1, all genuine ; 2 Drugs, County Home, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Coollatin, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Kiltegan, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Annamoe, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, (?), all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Aughrim, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Avoca, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Arklow, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Bray, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, County Hospital, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Delgany, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Rathdrum, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Dunganstown, all genuine ; 3 Drugs, Baltinglass, all genuine ; 4 Waters, Wicklow Urban Council, 3 passed, 1 condemned. Total number of samples analysed during the the Quarter—Foods, 28 ; Drugs, 47 ; Waters, 4—Total, 79. Number adulterated—1 Margarine ; Drugs, nil ; Waters, 1 condemned.

(Signed) PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.
23/10/1925.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

20th November, 1925.

Reference No. 55,225.

I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the half-year ended 31st March, 1924. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

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

(Signed) Sean O h-Ealuighthe
Inbhuicchoir

Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla
agus Slainte Puiblidhe.

ORDER. Considered, and very satisfactory.

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

CHARLES GAULE, Esq,
6 Bridge Street, Arklow,

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 Secretary of the County Board of Health.

A copy of said Circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door

of the Court House, Wicklow.
Dated this 14th day of December, 1925.

Signed, EDWARD BYRNE. } Three Members of
DENIS CONDREN. } Wicklow County
JOSEPH METCALFE. } Council.

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

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

4 Church Street,
Wicklow,
9th December, 1925.

Wicklow County Council and Dublin and Blessington Tramway

Dear Sir,

I beg to advise that as requested by the Chairman of the Council I attended yesterday at an informal consultation between the Dublin County Council, Wicklow County Council, and the D.U.T. Co. relative to the question of the general position of the two County Councils and more particularly the question of the two County Councils transferring their interest in the undertaking to the D.U.T. Co.

Certain proposals were made which will afterwards come before the County Council, but the net point at issue is : if the D.U.T. Co. can get control of the joint interest of the two County Councils there would be a flat rate of 1/- in the £ on the guaranteeing area pursuant to the baronial guarantee. This was the tentative proposal put forward by Wicklow County Council, but I have not the least idea that it will be accepted. I do not, for a moment, believe that the D.U.T. Co. will agree to

this, and I think they will insist on at least a flat rate of 1/8 or 1/9 for at least the first four years.

The Chairman of the Council will explain this more fully to you, but at the present moment the negotiations are pending.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J H McCarroll.

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

ORDER. The Chairman and Secretary empowered to attend any Conference that may arise—Messrs Henry, Everett, Byrne and Wilson to be summoned as required.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Rev Luke Byrne, C.C., Ballyconnell, Tullogh, as a member of the Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, to fill the reported vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Edward Keunedy, Killinure.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following representatives in Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee :—

- 1 Rev Ernest Farrell, C.C., Greystones.
- 2 Rev Eugene Finn, C.C., Delgany.
- 3 Rev M Mulcahy, C.C., Kilmacanoge.
- 4 Mr Joseph Byrne, Kilbride House, Bray.
- 5 Mr Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bray ;

to replace the following, who are dead or gone :—

- 1 Very Rev P J Crimmins, P.P.
- 2 Mr J J Healy, M.C.C.
- 3 Rev P Rafter, C.C.
- 4 Mrs Campbell.
- 5 Mrs R O'Toole.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration a resolution from Newcastle Old Pensions Sub-Committee, recommending that Mrs Maria Short, of Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, be appointed Clerk to that Sub-Committee, on the same terms and conditions as those under which the former Clerk held the position.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;
Seconded by " Samuel E Pim ;

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, we hereby confirm the appointment of Mrs Maria T Short, of Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, as Clerk of Newcastle and Annamoe Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, at the same salary and conditions as enjoyed by her husband, Mr Patrick Short.

Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE ON ROAD MAINTENANCE

received since previous Meeting.

16th November, 1925, from Rev H V Flint, Calary Rectory, Kildar, complaining of the deplorable state of the Roads in his district.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

23rd November, 1925, from Messrs Pennick Co., Delgany Nurseries, complaining of the condition of the Upper Kindlestown Road, and the road from Blacklion to Delgany.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

28th November, 1925, from Greystones and District Development Society, pressing upon the Council the urgent need for immediate action regarding the roadway on the North Beach, Greystones.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

7th December, 1925, from Messrs H T Dix & Sons, 24 Clare Street, Dublin, on the same subject, acting for their client, Mrs E M Eustace, portion of whose premises have been destroyed by erosion of the sea.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

30th November, 1925, from James Kelly, Carrick, Brittas, Co. Dublin, a memorial asking the Council to take over and put in repair the road known as "the Famine Road" from the public road at Lisheens to that at Ballyfolan cross roads, following which a hard green stone quarry at Carrick could be developed.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

8th December, 1925, from Captain M Gilvary, (Chairman, Old-court Branch, British Legion), Boghall Road, Bri Chualann, enclosing a memorial regarding the necessity of taking over, making, and maintaining the road at the ex-Servicemen's cottages, Boghall.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

To the Chairman, from Patrick O'Connor, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, calling attention to the serious unemployment prevalent in that area, and asking the Council to do something to alleviate the distress consequent thereon.

Proposed by Councillor J J Kennedy;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—In the event of the Grant being received for Relief of unemployment in County Wicklow not being allocated to any area, that the County Surveyor be empowered to expend same in the Avoca and Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy areas.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Barry;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That the Government be asked to give a special Grant to relieve the unemployment prevailing in the County—the money available from the rates being quite insufficient to relieve the present distress.

Passed.

26th October, 1925, memorial from ratepayers in Carnew and Parkmore districts, asking to have the road from Kilcavan Gap to the county bounds put in proper repair.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That the following roads be classified as main roads:—

- 1 From Oak's Cross to Knockballystine Bridge (Co Carlow) three roads.
- 2 From Oak's Cross to County Carlow Bounds at Leaney Brook.
- 3 From Auckinree Bridge to Knockloe Bridge at County Carlow Bounds.
- 4 From Knockloe Cross to Ardglass Bridge.
- 5 From Boley Cross (off Shillelagh Road) to Mullinacuffe.
- 6 From the Tanyard Cross or Deigan's Bridge, Lower Ballynultagh, to Broughan's Brook at County Carlow Bounds.

Passed.

26th November, 1925, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, circular letter outlining the new procedure relating to the repair of Public Works by County Councils, and enclosing in advance certain sections of the new Public Bodies Order, 1925, dealing with same.

ORDER. Consideration adjourned.

19th November, 1925, from Councillor Joseph Burke, Rathmoon, Baltinglass, forwarding particulars of three additional roads to be added to the List the Council asked to have scheduled as Main Roads by the Minister for Local Government.

ORDER. Noted.

1st December, 1925, from the Secretary, Kildare County Council, Court House, Naas, requesting the Council to agree, pursuant to the provisions of Section 24 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, to each Council maintaining certain indicated portions of roads running in and out through both counties; also a letter from the County Surveyor, Kildare, on the same subject.

ORDER. Agreed.

4th December, 1925, from M Meaney, Grand Hotel, Greystones, seeking permission to erect a Notice Board at the Glen of the Downs Road advertising her Hotel.

ORDER. Permission granted.

The Council had under consideration a letter addressed to the Chairman, dated 10th November, 1925, from the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Ltd, 22 Molesworth Street, Dublin, stating that the Irish Fertiliser Trade is at present passing through a period of grave depression, due to unrestricted foreign competition, and asking the Council to bring home to their constituents the importance of giving their support to this local industry by purchasing fertilisers of Irish manufacture.

Proposed by Councillor Samuel E Pim;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That a copy of the letter received by our Chairman from the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company be forwarded to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and that the Minister be informed that it is the considered opinion of Wicklow County Council that a small tariff should be enforced on all imports for artificial manures into this Country, so that our local industries manufacturing artificial manures shall be protected: a copy of this Resolution to be sent to the Secretaries of Farmers' Unions in County Wexford and County Wicklow.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in Councillor J J Redmond, and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some for me, shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council:—That the Council at its next Meeting consider the annulment of rates on all new dwelling houses, in a similar sense to the conditions now prevailing in Dublin City, and I or some other Councillor will move this motion."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor L Moore, and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the Wicklow County Council extend for another year the Secondary School Scholarship held by Miss Rosanna Walshe, Donard, who, owing to her age, was unable to complete the necessary course in the period granted."

The Council's attention was drawn to the case of Mr Gore A Tomkins Newtown, Tinahely, who claimed a refund from the Council of the cost of hiring a motor to Carlow to see Mr A F Walshe, V.S., on the grounds that Mr Walshe ignored repeated applications by letter to come and inspect a cow and bullock, the property of Mr Tomkins, which were believed by him to be suffering from bovine tuberculosis.

ORDER. Secretary to inquire into the matter and report on same to the next Meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " J J Kennedy;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government (Housing Department) be urged to favourably reconsider the application of Mr Joseph Jacob, of Rathnew in this County, for the award of a Housing Grant under the Recent Acts in respect to the house which he has erected in Rathnew in the face of very difficult financial circumstances, Mr Jacob being, as we understand, prepared to make the minor alterations which are thought to be necessary before the above Grant can be allocated.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

1—23rd September, 1925, No G.44168/1925 approving of the Temporary appointment of Mr W P Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood, as Poor Rate Collector for No 10 Collecting District.

2—23rd September, 1925, No G.44428/25, outlining arrangements arrived at with the Irish Banks for the financial accommodation of local authorities, as regards the obtaining of temporary overdrafts.

No Order.

3—23rd September, 1925, No G.44215/1925, circular letter outlining financial arrangements to be made following the abolition of Rural District Councils.

4—24th September, 1925, No R/RU/33, stating that it has been considered desirable to hold over the making of Relief Grants for the present, and reminding the Council apropos of the reduction of the County Surveyor's Estimates for Shillelagh Rural District by £2,989, that grants from the Road Fund cannot be made by way of relief of rates.

5—25th September, 1925, No IR/99, explaining the provisions of Section 34 of the Local Government Act, 1925, with respect to the cutting of hedges and trees prejudicial to roads.

6—25th September, 1925, No P.44362/1925, Tipp. (S.R.) County, and other correspondence; with reference to a deduction from the pension awarded Miss Margaret O'Meara, late nurse in Rathdrum Union, as a result of her employment as temporary nurse in Clonmel District Hospital.

7—3rd October, 1925, No IR/107/1, enclosing copy of an Order closing to traffic the road over Blessington Bridge from 1st October, 1925, to 28th October, 1925, and the road over Ballingate Small Bridge from 1st October, 1925, to the 12th November, 1925.

8—3rd October, 1925, No P.H.46066/25, asking the Council to put into operation in their area a Scheme for the treatment of tuberculous patients.

No Order.

9—6th October, 1925, No R/DB/33, approving of the plans and estimate of £300 for the repair of Ballingate Bridge.

10—7th October, 1925, circular letter outlining the provisions of the following Orders about to be issued: 1—The Public Bodies Order, 1925, regulating the procedure in regard to the keeping of accounts of local authorities, etc. 2—The Local Authorities (Application and Adaptation of Enactments) Order, 1925, applying existing enactments to Boards of Health.

11—15th October, 1925, circular letter asking for the Council's views as to the standards of quality for commodities for which official contractors are to be appointed.

No Order.

12—16th October, 1925, No G.47771/1925, returning with the Minister's approval the Fidelity Bond of Collector W P Murphy, newly appointed to No 10 Collecting District.

13—22nd October, 1925, No G.48713/1925, dealing with an application from the Clerk of the late Baltinglass No 1 Rural District Council for continuance to the 31st December next of his Council's overdraft of £825.

14—22nd October, 1925, No P.H.49701/25, dealing with the appointment of properly trained and qualified men as County Medical Officers of Health, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925.

No Order.

15—29th October, 1925, No G.50475/1925, intimating that the Minister has directed the Clerk of the late Baltinglass No 1 Rural District Council to furnish to the County Council a list, with the appropriate vouchers, of the undischarged debts of his Council.

16—4th November, 1925, intimating that the balance of the loan of £7000 sanctioned to the former Rathdrum Rural District Council in respect of Rathdrum Waterworks has been lodged to the credit of the County Council, and asking that it be transferred to the Board of Health, by whom the payments to the contractor should now be made.

17—12th November, 1925, outlining the existing powers for controlling dangerous driving of motor cars.

17a—16th November, 1925, enclosing copy of the Local Government (Application and Adaptation of Enactments) Order, 1925.

17b—19th November, 1925, No G.54552/1925, asking the Council's views on the question of transferring the responsibility for the payment of rates levied on small houses from the occupiers to the landlords, and on the question of fixing the limit of valuation for this purpose at £4.

No Order.

17c—21st November, 1925, No RD/201, stating that no application under Section 24 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1925, can be considered unless received in the Ministry before the 4th December, 1925.

17d—1st December, 1925, No G.56081/1925, stating that the changes recently made in the Standing Orders by the Council have been noted in the Ministry.

17e—2nd December, 1925, circular letter again asking for the Council's views as to the advisability of making changes or alterations in existing standards.

17f—4th December, 1925, No. 577/33822/1925, acknowledging receipt of copy of the Council's Resolution respecting the remission of rates on houses erected under the Housing Acts.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

18—12th October, 1925, No. F.62/11/25, stating that no recoupment will be made to Wicklow County Council out of the Local Taxation Account in respect to Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway charges for any period after the 31st day of December, 1924, in accordance with the provisions of Section 63 (7) of the Railways Act, 1924.

18a—12th November, 1925, No. F.62/11/25, stating that Section 63 (7) of the Railways Act, 1924, does not apply to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, and enclosing Paying Order recouping to the County Council the proportion of the charges thereon in respect to the quarter ended 31st March, 1925.

19—30th October, 1925, No. 20863/25, from the Office of Public Works, and 6th November, 1925, No. 21317/25, from same, stating that before a sum can be allocated from the Reliefs Grants Vote for the repair of the dock wall at Arklow an undertaking will be required from the County Council that instalments in respect to Arklow Harbour Loan will be paid punctually as they fall due.

No Order.

19a—19th November, 1925, from the Office of Public Works outlining the procedure necessary under Section 3 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, should the Council approve of any petition under that Act.

19b—Correspondence dated 10th December, 1925, from the Office of Public Works, applying for payment with penal interest of arrears due in respect of loans borrowed by the four Rural District Councils in the County under the Public Health, Labourers, and Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the liability for which has now been transferred to the County Council.

19c—From the Department of Lands and Agriculture, copy of the Animals (Transit and Exportation) Order of 1925.

20—21st September, 1925, No M.26093, from the Department of Industry and Commerce and other correspondence, dealing with the proposed appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for Dublin and

Blessington Steam Tramway.

21—29th October, 1925, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, stating that, subject to the Council's approval, the Minister had accepted the tender of Messrs John A Rooney, 8 College Street, Dublin, for certain articles of equipment required by Weights and Measures Inspectors.

ORDER—Approved.

22—14th October, 1925, No. 18846 A.B., from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, asking the Council to deduct from any sums payable by them to John Murphy, ex-rate collector for No. 10 Collecting District, an amount of £5 11s 3d, being arrears of income tax due by Mr Murphy.

23—20th October, 1925, from the Office of National Education, giving the names and addresses of their representatives on the new School Attendance Committee for Shillelagh Rural District.

24—28th October, 1925, from same, giving the names and addresses of their representatives on the New School Attendance Committee for Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division.

25—30th October, 1925, from same, giving the names and addresses of their representatives on the New School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

26—20th October, 1925, No. 1448/25, Wk., from the National Health Insurance Commission, stating that the Minister of Finance has sanctioned an expenditure by County Wicklow Insurance Committee, in respect to Sanatorium Benefit during the current year, of a sum not exceeding £1479, involving an estimated deficit of £800.

27—3rd October, 1925, from the Acting Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, stating that that Board has approved of the apportionment of the County Analyst's salary made by the County Council at their meeting on the 14th September, 1925.

28—29th October, 1925, from William Toomey, Esq, Sub-Sheriff Annarivey, Enniskerry, enclosing formal appointment of Mrs Maria T Williams as Court Keeper for the County Court House at Wicklow, in succession to her late husband.

29—3rd October, 1925, from Thomas G Kingston, Secretary, Newcastle (Co Wicklow) Farmers' Association, stating that the land owners in Newcastle District have decided not to avail of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, as they are of opinion it would prove oppressive in the case of small holdings.

30—17th October, 1925, from the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, stating that the taxation of road vehicles and the question of public bodies' insurance will come before the Annual Meeting of this Council, and asking for the County Council's views on the former matter for submission thereto.

No Order.

31—20th October, 1925, from Patrick H Gallagher, D.Sc., Ph.D., 1 Royse Road, Dublin, enclosing for the Council's consideration copy of an article on County Council University Scholarships which he had written for the "Irish Statesman."

32—Correspondence from the following Insurance Companies, asking to be allowed to transact the County Council's insurance business:—

The Celtic Insurance Company, 3 College Green, Dublin.

The New Ireland Assurance Company, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin.

The Irish National Assurance Company, College Green, Dublin.

The Irish Life and General Assurance Company, 69 and 1, Mountjoy Square, N, Dublin.

McDonagh and Boland, Ltd, 51 Dame Street, Dublin.

32a—5th December, 1925, from Michael Lalor, Mill Street, Baltinglass, applying for remission of portion of the rates on his newly-constructed house.

32b—8th December, 1925, from P Cunniam Esq, Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee, Loughlinstown, Co Dublin, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that Committee asking that more adequate compensation be paid to officials who will lose their positions on the coming into operation of the School Attendance Bill, 1925.

32c.

76 Haddington Road,
Dublin,

21st November, 1925.

P T Healy, Esq,
Secretary.

County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Please convey the sincere thanks of my family and myself to the Members of the Wicklow County Council for their expression of sympathy in the great loss we have sustained through the death of my Father.

We also thank you and the Members of the Staff for their association therewith.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) John J O'Reilly.

32d—25th November, 1925, from the Superioress, Loreto Abbey Gorey, hoping the Council will reconsider their decision not to extend the scholarship of Rosie Walshe, Donard.

33—28th November, 1925, from the Secretary, the Automobile Association, 23 Suffolk Street, Dublin, referring to the Council's Resolution in this connection, and offering to prepare Direction Sign Plates in Irish and English if the Council will erect and maintain them and spell the words in Irish.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

34—From the Union and Rural District Clerks' Association, 4 Palmerston Road, Rathmines, asking that the highest superannuation applicable to such officers under the Local Government Act, 1925, be paid to all officers whose positions are abolished under that Act.

35—From Kilkenny Urban Sanitary Authority, asking for a Bill providing that Irish parents who have a conscientious objection to vaccination will not be compelled to have their children vaccinated.

36—From Meath County Council, asking for legislation empowering County Councils to redeem the annuities payable under the Turnpike Abolition Commissioner's Award of 1856.

37—From Monaghan County Council, asking the Government, after twelve months to limit the use of Motor Lorries to those using any Pneumatic Tyres.

38—From Tipperary (South Riding) County Council, asking for a Conference to devise a scheme by which the valuable labour of those at present receiving unemployment insurance might be utilised for the Nation.

39—From Kildare County Council, drawing attention to the fact that a monopoly has the power of fixing the price of barley, to the great detriment of farmers.

40—From the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegormanau Mental Hospital, suggesting the feasibility of all Public Bodies of Ireland holding in combination all insurance risks on public property.

41—From Galway County Council, calling on the Land Commission to extend the terms for repayment of loans for Land Purchase to 120 years.

42—From Athy Farmers' Union, calling on the Government to criminally prosecute all rings, combines, and trusts, which interfere with legitimate trading, especially in the barley trade.

43—From same, asking that excess profits in any industry be taken by the Government and earmarked as a subsidy for the subsidiary industry from which they are taken.

David Frame
15/12/25

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 20th January, 1926.

The following Members attended :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ;
Councillors John J Kennedy, Laurence Moore, David H Haskins, Joseph Byrne, P J Carey, William Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, Seamus Everett, T.D. ; George Fisher, John J Metcalfe, James Kavanagh, W J Doyle, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, and William Byrne.

BUSINESS.

County Council Office,
Court House, WICKLOW,
12th January, 1926.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

Local Government Act, 1925,
Article 45—Public Bodies Order, 1925.

Dear Sir,

With a view to giving effect to the provisions of the above Act and Order, you are hereby requested to attend a Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 20th January, 1926, at which meeting the Minister's Sealed Order deciding what roads in the County shall in future be "Main Roads" will be submitted.

For your information I subjoin Article 45 (1) and (2) of the Public Bodies Order above referred to :

"Article 45. (1). The Council, on the advice of the County Surveyor, shall assign to every road in the County a distinguishing number, and shall, if they think fit, divide any such road into sections of a size and nature convenient for separate reference in relation to the repair or improvement of the road, and shall assign a distinguishing number to each such section.

(2) The number assigned to any road, the division of any road into sections, or the number assigned to any such section shall not be altered except with the consent of the Minister."

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. T. HEALY.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;
Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor Joseph Burke, the assurance of our sincere sympathy on the great loss he has sustained in the death of his wife.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC
HEALTH (ROADS)

51 UPPER MOUNT STREET,
DUBLIN,

4th January, 1926.

RD/33/25.

MAIN ROADS.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose a copy of an Order made under Section 1 of the Local Government Act, 1925, declaring certain roads in County Wicklow to be Main Roads.

It will be noted that the Order takes effect as from 1st April, 1926.

Mise le meas,

(Signed) E P McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

To the Secretary, County Council of Wicklow,
and the Clerk to each Urban District Council in the County.

RD/33/25

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

To the Council of the Administrative County of WICKLOW.
To the Councils of the various Urban Districts in the said County.
And to all others whom it may concern:

I, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in exercise of the powers vested in me by Section 1 of the Local Government Act, 1925, do hereby order and declare as follows, that is to say:

1. On and after the 1st day of April, 1926, and until I shall otherwise order, the roads situate in the Administrative County of WICKLOW, descriptions of which are set out in the Schedule to this Order, shall be main roads.
2. This Order may be cited as "the Wicklow Main Road Order, 1925."

Given under my seal of office this thirty-first day of December in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty Five.

L. S.

(Signed) Seamus de Burca,

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

SCHEDULE.

ROADS DECLARED TO BE MAIN ROADS

in the Administrative County of
WICKLOW.

From County Boundary at Bray via Kilmacanoge, Kilpedder, Newtownmountkennedy, Ashford and Rathnew to Wicklow U.D. Boundary at Bolarne.

From Rathnew via Glenealy, Rathdrum, Avoca and Woodenbridge to Arklow U.D. Boundary at Ballyraine House.

From Arklow U.D. Boundary at Money Little to County Boundary at Bounds Br.

From County Boundary at Monaspick via Blessington, Poulaphuca, Hollywood Cross Roads, Mullyeagh, Carrigower Bridge, Whites-town Bridge, Tuekmill and Baltinglass to County Boundary at Yellowford.

From County Boundary at The Scalp via Western Loop Road, Enniskerry and Fassaroe to Dargle Bridge three roads.

From Kilmacanoge three roads via Calary, Roundwood, Annamoe, Laragh and Clara Bridge to Rathdrum.

From Woodenbridge three roads via Coats Bridge, Aughrim, Kilpipe, Tinahely and Bridgeland to County Boundary at Ballinagilky Bridge.

From County Boundary at Kiltegan Bridge, via Fortgranite Bridge to Baltinglass.

From Carrigower Bridge three roads via Dunlavin to County Boundary near Grangebeg House.

From Grove House five roads to County Boundary at Whiteleas House.

From Bray U.D. Boundary at Kilruddery via Windgates, Ashley, Kindlestown, Knockroe, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Newrath Bridge, Rathnow, Ballynabarny, Ballinclogh, The Beehive, Ballinamesda, Ballyvaltron, Cronakip and Tiknock Bridge to Arklow U.D. Boundary at Kilbride.

From Wicklow U.D. Boundary at Ballynerrin via Marlton House to the Beehive Cross Roads.

From Bray U.D. Boundary at Oldcourt to Hollybrook three roads.

From County Boundary at Ballyellis Cross Roads via Carnew, Cronyhorn, Rose Ville, Shillelagh and Hurriss' Hill to County Boundary at Knockloe Bridge.

From Mines View three roads via Ballinaelash and Carty's corner to Aughrim.

From Tinahely via Deegan's Bridge to Shillelagh.

From Cronyhorn three roads via Ballingate to County Boundary at Prospect.

From County Boundary at Glassmucky via Glencree and Liffey Head Bridge to Sally Gap.

From Laragh three roads via Glendalough School, Brockagh, Ballinagee Bridge, Coonmore and Hollywood to Hollywood Cross Roads.

From Glendalough School to the Upper Lake, Glendalough.

From Ashford three roads via Trinity Well, Killiskey and Diamond Hill to Roundwood, excluding portion at Dublin Corporation Reservoir.

From Toberbeg three roads via Annacarter Bridge, Boleyherrigan Bridge, Sally Gap and Cloghleagh Bridge to Tinode House three roads.

From Newtownmountkennedy three roads via Kilmurry and Waters Bridge to Roundwood, excluding portion at Dublin Corporation Reservoir.

From Ashley three roads via Greystones, Killincarrig and Delgany to Glen of the Downs three roads and Killickabawn three roads.

From County Boundary at Ballycore Bridge, via Rathtoole, Tiuranhill Cross Roads and Stratford Lodge to Baltinglass.

(SITUATE IN ARKLOW URBAN DISTRICT.)

From U.D. Boundary at Ballyraine House via Yardland Vale Road and Wexford Road to U.D. Boundary at Money Little.

From U.D. Boundary at Kilbride via Ferrybank, Arklow Bridge, Main Street, Parade Square and Upper Main Street to junction with Wexford Road.

(SITUATE IN BRAY URBAN DISTRICT.)

From U.D. Boundary at Old Connaught Avenue via Dublin Road and Upper Dargle Road to U.D. Boundary at Glenburgh Cottage.

From junction with Dublin Road via Castle Street, Main Street, and Vevay Road to U.D. Boundary at Kilruddery.

From junction with Main Street via Quinsborough Road (part) Adelaide Road, Albert Avenue, Strand Road (part) and Putland Road to junction with Vevay Road.

From Town Hall via Killarney Road to U.D. Boundary at Oldcourt.

(SITUATE IN WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT.)

From U.D. Boundary at Bolarne via Abbey Street (part) to junction with Marlton Road.

From Courthouse via Main Street, Abbey Street (part) and Marlton Road to U.D. Boundary at Ballynerrin.

The Secretary also submitted the following:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health Roads,
51, Upper Mount Street,
DUBLIN,
12th January, 1926.

THE OFFICIAL ROAD MAP.

THE ROADS SCHEDULE.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to Sections 45, 46 and 47 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, and to state that in order to secure uniformity in practice in the preparation of the official Road Map and the Roads Schedule the following directions should be observed.

Since the passing of the Local Government Act, 1925, it is no longer necessary to preserve the Rural District Boundaries for road administration and in re-numbering the roads the most important change the County Surveyor will have to effect will be to transfer terminal points of roads from the old Rural District Boundaries to neighbouring road junctions.

In the draft schedule sent to you in connection with the Main Road Order, it will be observed that each Road described therein was designated by a Route No. These were given in the first instance merely in order that the roads would be readily identified by the Surveyors, but were omitted in the final schedules as they had no meaning in connection with the Order. These Route Nos. must not be utilised by a Surveyor in numbering the Main Roads for the official Road Map.

In assigning distinguishing numbers to the roads in his County the Surveyor is recommended to start at the top of the map with the number one, and work down from left to right, with consecutive numbers until the bottom of the map is reached. The use of letters of the alphabet, either as prefixes or affixes, must be avoided.

In allocating Road numbers no distinction need be made between Main and County Roads (they can be segregated in the Road Schedule) but care should be taken that the line or direction followed in the description of a Main Road as given in the Main Road Order should get precedence in marking off each road length to which a distinguishing number is to be given. This matter will be easily secured if the Main Roads are first marked on a map and divided into suitable road lengths, before the County roads are marked and before the distinguished numbers are allotted generally.

"The terminal points of each road to which a distinguishing number will be assigned should be at a road junction (e.g. "Grange three roads" or "Tully four roads," NOT at "Jack McGowan's forge" or "Tom Blank's back gate" or "Newtown Bridge.") In this way each stretch of road will assume a separate entity, and it will be possible to

make changes in the Main Road Order, general estimates, etc., at a future date without altering the Official Road Map. Of course, the terminal points need not be marked at every junction on Main Roads and on stretches of important County roads. This is a matter for a Surveyor's own discretion but it is desirable that no distinguishing number should refer to any road exceeding five miles in length.

The Official Road Map must be on the scale of one inch to One Mile, mounted on linen and bound with tape. Each County Boundary should be defined by a "Burnt Sienna" wash, 3/16" wide, on the outside of the line shown in the Ordnance Sheet, and the Urban District Boundary by a similar band, 1/8th" wide. Old Rural District Boundaries except in so far as they are already shown on the Ordnance Sheet, should not be marked. Main Roads should be shown with a full line in "Light Green" Ink, County Roads in "Black" Ink and Urban Roads in "Yellow" Ink. Arrowheads showing the terminal points of each road, and the distinguishing number of the road should in all cases be in black ink. A title as per attached specimen should be printed in black ink.

While distinguishing numbers must be assigned to unimportant County Roads (e.g. boreens, cul-de-sacs, etc.) and such roads must be coloured black, it is advisable that these should be shown on the map as dotted lines in black. For the present, except in cases where the Minister has made an Order under Section 24 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1925, transferring the construction and maintenance of "urban roads" to a County Council "urban roads" need not be shown if the Surveyor experiences difficulty in doing so. In any case, arrangements will be made at a later stage to have "Urban Roads" marked on a Six Inch Map.

In counties where there are two County Surveyors it is recommended that they should confer so that the road numbering system should be consistent and consecutive for the County as a whole. Where the dividing line of their divisions was at the Old Rural District Boundaries the re-numbering of the roads consequent on the change of terminal points to neighbouring road junctions will necessitate a slight alteration. It should be possible to readjust, if necessary, the areas in charge of each County Surveyor in an equitable manner and to the satisfaction of the Surveyors themselves, in such a way as to have a continuous stretch of the more important roads, and the whole length from road junction to road junction of minor roads in a particular area.

Mise, le meas,
E. P. McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

To each County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor E Byrne ;
Seconded by D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That the division of the County and Main Roads into suitable lengths for future reference, as recommended by the County Surveyor, be approved, and the County Surveyor be authorized to affix numbers, and proceed with the Road Schedule (Form 19).

Passed.

Following a discussion which was raised concerning the basis on which members' travelling expenses were to be calculated, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle ; and

Resolved—That the Secretary be instructed to take steps to make refund of travelling to such members as apply for same, notwithstanding the fact that no monies for that purpose were allowed to remain in the Estimate for the Financial Year 1925/1926, and that this Council call's upon the Government to take steps immediately to have the Local Government Act, 1925, amended so as to allow of members of the County Council being refunded their expenses of getting home from Meetings in addition to their expenses of getting from their homes to the said Meetings—a copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to the Government Executive, and to the Local T.D.'s also.

Passed.

Wicklow
David Frame
15/2/26

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 15th February, 1926.

The following members attended :
Councillor David Frame, Chairman ; Councillors Seamus Everett, T.D. ; Laurence Moore, W J Doyle, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, D H Haskins, William Byrne, George Heatley, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Fisher, James Kavanagh, J J Metcalfe, P J Carey, Sean de Barra, Patrick Doyle, John J Kennedy, J J Redmond, W J Henry, C M Ua Broin, M Fleming, and Denis Condren.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and the late Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments
- 5—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 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 and approve the provisional Roads Scheme prepared by the County Surveyor, under Article 48 of the Public Bodies Order 1925.
- 9—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, stating that he is prepared to make a Grant not exceeding £500 from the Road Fund towards the erection, in the ensuing financial year, of prescribed signs on roads, subject to the County Council contributing an equal sum.
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Charles Gaule :—
"I beg to give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that the Resolution proposed by Councillor M Fleming, and seconded by Councillor Heatley, 'That the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several roads in the County be rescinded, in so far as same relates to other than Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by contract for a term of years, be rescinded.'"
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—
"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, shall move that the Resolution proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Fisher, passed this day, in reference to employment of men upon roads, be rescinded, and that no further action in the meantime be taken."
- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J J Redmond :—
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some one for me, shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council :—That the Council at its next Meeting consider the annulment of rates on all new dwelling houses, in a similar sense to the conditions now prevailing in Dublin City."
- 13—To receive, consider and approve of a New Buildings' List, prepared under Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, so as to secure to the occupiers the reduction in rating contemplated by that section.
- 14—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Laurence Moore :—
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the Wicklow County Council extend for another year the Secondary School Scholarship held by Miss Rosanna Walshe, Donard, who, owing to her age, was unable to complete the necessary course in the period granted."
- 15—To fill by co-option the vacancy existing on the Council consequent upon the death of Councillor John Lawler, Main Street, Rathdrum.
- 16—To fill by co-option the vacancy existing on the Council consequent upon the death of Councillor Charles Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow.

Handwritten initials

17—To fill the vacancy existing in the County Council's representation on Arklow Harbour Board, caused by the death of Councillor Charles Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow.

18—To fill the vacancy existing on County Wicklow Insurance Committee, consequent upon the death of Councillor Charles Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow.

19—To fill two vacancies existing on the County Committee of Agriculture, caused by the death of Councillor Charles Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow, and the resignation of Mr Laurence Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.

20—To consider the following Resolution sent forward by Bri Chualann Urban District Council, and to take such action in that connection as the Council may deem advisable:—

"Resolved—That the previous resolution to change the name of the Town from Bri Chualann to Bray which was passed by 9 votes to 6 by this Council, be again sent to the County Council for their sanction and approval and that this Town be named Bray."

21—To pass a Resolution formally applying to the Department of Agriculture for confirmation of Regulations made by the Council under the County Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order, 1926.

22—To consider an application from the County Committee of Agriculture for an increased contribution from the rates in the forthcoming year, to be devoted to the purposes of that Committee.

23—To consider correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, urging upon the Council the necessity for immediate consideration of the requirements of the County as regards the formulation or development of arrangements for the treatment of tuberculosis.

24—To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1927.

25—To make certain appointments of Sergeants of the Garda Síochána as Food and Drugs Inspectors, at the request of the Chief Superintendent.

26—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, advising the Council to pass a Resolution transferring to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance all cottages and plots, or gardens, provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, by the Council of any Rural District in the County, and all lands provided by any such Council for any of the purposes of the said Labourers Acts, and also all rents due and unpaid in respect of any of the said cottages, plots, gardens, or lands.

27—To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture declining to sanction the appointment of Mr S Conway, V.S., as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the portion of West Wicklow, formerly known as the Rural District of Naas No 2, on the grounds that he resides too far from that District.

28—To consider the explanation furnished by Aiden F Walshe, Esq., V.S., Carlow, in reply to the complaint made by Mr Gore A Tomkins, Newtown, Tinahely, at the recent Quarterly Meeting, concerning the treatment afforded certain of his cattle by Mr Walshe.

29—To appoint representatives to attend a Conference on the 4th March, 1926, in Dublin, inaugurated by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, on the subject of Library Schemes.

30—To consider correspondence from the Rev J M Robinson, M.A., Avoca Manor, Avoca, advocating a change in the existing form of spelling Avoca.

31—To consider the following Resolution sent forward by the School Attendance Committee for the area hitherto known as Rathdown No 2 Rural District:—

"Resolved—That we, the Rathdown No 2 School Attendance Committee, respectfully request the Wicklow County Council to arrange for a conference of representatives of the various School Attendance Committees in the County, to consider the provisions of the School Attendance Bill, 1925, which proposes to institute very sweeping changes in the law regarding School Attendance."

32—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

33—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and direct that legal proceedings be instituted with regard thereto.

34—To consider County Analyst's Report for the past Quarter.

35—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

36—To consider Reports from County Officers.

37—To consider Official Correspondence.

38—To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock,

p.m., on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 1926.

The following members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman; Councillors John J Kennedy and William Byrne.

The Committee, having examined the Proposals from the Proposals Committee, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	10488	16	9
Baltinglass No. 1	3361	12	7
Rathdown No. 2	366	14	3
Bathdrum	2116	13	5
Shillelagh	667	8	6
Repayment of Loans	364	7	6
Criminal Injuries on 3 Urban Areas	363	17	3

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health, recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same, in respect to the quarter ending 31st March, 1926:—

	£	s	d
County Board of Health	1000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Do	1128	0	0
Total	£5,128	0	0

The Committee had under consideration the following claim for rates stated to be irrecoverable, and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, recommend same to the County Council for approval:—

No. 2 District—Michael Halpin, £6 16s 6d (1924/1925 Rate).

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

The Committee, after due consideration, recommend the Council to approve and adopt the following suggestion received from the Arbitrators of the Tramway:—

"Arbitrators of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, Company having examined the accounts of this Undertaking and having assured themselves that the present Management is as efficient as possible under the circumstances are of opinion that the annual loss on working of the line cannot be hoped to be less than £3000 per annum, over and above the guaranteed dividend of £2000 per annum, recommend the Dublin and Wicklow County Councils to consider the advisability of waiving any claim they may have in respect of the amounts paid by way of loss of working and payment of guaranteed dividends in order that this liability may not be a deterrent to the consideration of negotiations for the acquisition of the Undertaking by such a Company as the Dublin United Tramway Company.

(Signed)

Batt O'Connor

George P. Walsh

S. G. Gallagher

J. A. Ryan."

REBUILDING OF BALTINGLASS COURTHOUSE.

The Committee, having noted the contents of the following Report from the Council's Architects, submit same to the Council for their information:—

Grafton Chambers,

102-103 Grafton Street,

DUBLIN

22nd January 1926.

BALTINGLASS COURTHOUSE.

Dear Sir,

We have inspected the above work and report on it for the information of your Council.

The walls, parapet walls and stonework have been finished.

The windows are finished and the first floors are fixed.

The concrete roof has been laid but it has not yet been covered.

This is due to first, the frosty weather and subsequent wet weather.

In order to make this a satisfactory job, not liable to blister a fine mild day is required and we have directed the contractor not to get same done.

The first instalment of the Court joinery has been delivered.

The plastering and ceiling work is proceeding at present.

The work has so far been carried out to our satisfaction but has

been delayed somewhat owing to weather conditions.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Foley and O'Sullivan.

P. T. Healy Esq.,
Court House, WICKLOW.

The Secretary submitted the following communication dated 22nd January, 1926, from the Council's Architects for the re-building of Bri Chualann Courthouse:—

Grafton Chambers,
102-103 Grafton Street,
DUBLIN.

22nd January, 1926

BRAY COURTHOUSE.

Dear Sir—

We shall be glad to know if your Council proposes to take any further steps in this matter, and further, we shall be glad to have a copy of Fearon's tender.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Foley and O'Sullivan.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Courthouse, WICKLOW.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to postpone the the entire question of rebuilding this Courthouse until such time as the Government undertakes to provide the additional monies therefor, represented by the difference between Messrs P F Fearon and Company's provisionally accepted tender, £2487 6s 9d and the amount of the Court award, £1985.

An application was submitted from the Sergeant-in-charge of the Garda Síochána Barracks in Shillelagh, which is in the Workhouse Buildings, to have certain necessary repairs executed.

The Committee deferred consideration of this matter pending receipt of observations from the Office of Public Works on the question of rent.

The Committee had again under consideration the question of recommending the terms of appointment of Mr Patrick Short's successor on the clerical staff in the County Surveyor's Office.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to continue the existing arrangement, under which certain of the work is performed by temporary girl clerical assistants as and when required, until such time as it is possible to determine the amount of extra work involved in putting into operation the new Scheme of Road Maintenance outlined in the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

The Secretary again drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Council's Courthouse insurances were for amounts far below the sums that would be required to rebuild in the event of an outbreak of fire.

ORDER.—The Committee direct the Secretary to obtain and submit to a future meeting tenders from all Companies for the insurance of these buildings for such sums as might be considered sufficient to cover the Council's expenditure in the event of anything unforeseen happening.

The Secretary reported that considerable difficulty was being experienced in the collection of monies represented by licences issued to the owners of petrol pumps established within the rural portions of the County, certain petrol pump owners claiming that they are not liable by reason of the fact that the pumps are erected on private property.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to instruct their Law Agent to investigate the facts in all such cases, and to collect the sums outstanding where legal liability exists.

Letters were submitted from the County Board of Health and from Mr Samuel Roche, solicitor, Tullow, regarding the latter's application to have his pension fixed following the abolition of his office as Law Agent to Shillelagh Rural District Council.

The Committee deferred consideration of this matter to a future meeting, at the same time instructing the Secretary to obtain all the particulars available regarding the conditions under which Mr Roche held his appointment.

Correspondence was submitted with regard to the application of Mr Thomas Harte, Monaglogh, Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow, in which he stated that a foal, his property, had been injured on the public road near Ballinderry, due, as stated, to negligence on the part of Mr Patrick Brady, Road Contractor, who was riding a motor cycle at the time. In addition, a letter dated 27th January, 1926, was submitted from A Cullen, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, claiming damages on behalf of his client, Mr James Lynam, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, who was leading the foal at the moment the accident happened.

ORDER.—The Committee refer the application to the Insurance Company through the Council's broker.

Correspondence was also submitted from Mr J J Gleeson, of 23 Newtown Avenue, Blackrock, in which he claimed, without prejudice, refund of his out-of-pocket expenses consequent upon an accident which occurred to him opposite the churchyard, Rathnew, consequent upon a

barricade having been erected there at the time when certain steamrolling operations were being carried out by the Wicklow Urban District Council.

ORDER.—The Committee direct that the claim be referred to the Law Agent, with instructions to see that such steps are taken as may be necessary to protect the Council's interests.

A letter dated 23rd January, 1926, was received from the Secretary to Leix County Council, with which he enclosed copy of the following Resolution, which was passed on the 23rd November last at a Conference held in Port Laoighise, consisting of members of Leix County Council, local Dail representatives, and other representative persons residing in that County, relative to the present general economic position in so far as it referred to the Barrow Drainage Scheme:—

“Resolved—While approving of the Scheme for the Drainage of the River Barrow, we demand that the whole area of charge for the annual repayment should be the whole catchment area in the proportion of two-thirds in the benefited lands and one third on the rest of the catchment area.”

The Committee are of opinion that Wicklow County Council are not interested in this Drainage Scheme, and consequently should not be asked to undertake the payment of any portion of the cost thereof, and they recommend the Council to request the Law Agent and the three Teachtaí Dala for this County to watch Wicklow County Council's interests, so as to ensure that the County will not be included in the area of charge for the Scheme.

Letters dealing with the stamping of carters' and stonebreakers' insurance cards from Mr James Maher, of Stratford-on-Slaney, dated 26th January, 1926, and from the Secretary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mountjoy Square, Dublin, dated 27th January, 1926, were submitted, and also the following letter from the National Health Insurance Commission:

National Health Insurance Commission.

Baile Atha Cliath
27th January, 1926.

No. 40265/21.

A dhuine uasail,

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission to inform you that it appears from the report of their Inspector, D O'Dubghail, that the arrears of National Health and Unemployment Insurance contributions due in respect of stonebreakers and carters employed by the Wicklow County Council have not yet been made good.

I am to refer to the formal decisions given by the Commission on the 5th May last, in the case of Thomas Reilly, a stonebreaker, and Patrick Short a carter, which declared that their respective employments were insurable within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Acts. As these decisions have not been appealed from, they definitely establish the law.

I am also to refer to your letter received by the Commission on the 3rd July last, in which you stated that the Council had made an order with reference to their stonebreakers and carters as follows:—

“Cards for the two classes of employees indicated to be stamped, so that the men referred to may be put in benefit, the Secretary to be guided in this connection by the instructions received from the National Health Insurance Commission.”

The Commission have received authority from the Department of Finance to accept such arrears of National Health and Unemployment Insurance contributions as have accrued due since the 1st January, 1923, in settlement of their claim, but it is to be clearly understood that this would be without prejudice to the individual rights of the employees to have all arrears made good.

I am accordingly to request that you will furnish the Commission with lists of all employees of the Council for whom arrears of contributions are due from 1st January, 1923, to 2nd inst, with particulars of the periods of employment of each employee, together with a cheque for the total amount of contributions due, and further that you will arrange to have the current cards and books stamped and kept stamped punctually as from the 4th instant and henceforth.

The Commission also suggest that you should immediately insist that all stonebreakers and carters in the Council's employment must produce and surrender National Health Insurance contribution cards and Unemployment Books, and that each man's Regular Book number should be inserted on the list of employees to be furnished to the Commission.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed)

J A Daffy.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.
Courthouse, WICKLOW.

The Committee, after due consideration of these communications, suggest to the Council the advisability of selecting and putting forward two

test cases, one to be a carter and the other to be a stonebreaker, and they recommend the Council to have the arrears of stamping referred to in the Commission's letter, carried out, after the Law Agent advises that their doing so will not prejudice the further test cases suggested.

A file of correspondence was submitted from the Minister for Local Government, in which the Council is urged to draft and put in force a comprehensive Scheme for the Treatment of Tuberculosis in the County, towards which Scheme, when approved by the Minister, the sum of £1986 16s 6d had been allocated from the Sanatorium Grant in pursuance of the Finance Act, 1911 and the National Health Insurance Act, 1911.

ORDER.—The Committee refer consideration of the entire subject to the County Council.

The Committee considered a letter dated 12th January, 1926, No R/RU/83, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), in which it is stated that the Minister for Finance is prepared to make a further grant of £1000 to the Council for the relief of unemployment, on condition that the Council contribute the sum of £500 towards the proposed works, and drawing special attention to the fact that any portion of the Grant unexpended on the 1st April next reverts to the Exchequer, and that the possibility of a revote seems unlikely.

The Committee consider that the Council should ask the Minister to give this Grant of £1000 for the relief of unemployment without attaching thereto the condition that the Council should provide an additional £500, as the present high rates in the County practically prohibit the Council from raising the loan, which would be necessary to provide the £500 in question.

(Signed) D. H. Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

8th February, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded Councillor William Byrne;

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

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Denis Condren, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, William Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, T D; William Byrne, and D H Haskins 13

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T D, and John J Kennedy. 8

The motion was accordingly declared passed by thirteen votes to eight.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;
Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report, be now signed.
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting to £10,438 16s 9d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor George Fisher;
Seconded by " Laurence Moore.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Baltinglass No 1 Rural District, amounting to £3361 12s 7d (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 Edward Byrne;
Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £304 16s 9d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;
Seconded by " John J Kennedy

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2116 13s 5d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;
Seconded by " James Kavanagh.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £667 8s 6d (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 " Edward 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.

CRIMINAL INJURIES OVER URBAN DISTRICTS.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bri Chualann and Wicklow, amounting to £363 17s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins
Seconded by " William Byrne.

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

The Secretary submitted the following communications:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiula agus Slainte Publi,
Sraid Mhuirbhteann Uach,

Reference No. Baile Atha Cliath,
P.H. 55578/1925. 14th December, 1925.
Miscellaneous.

SANATORIUM GRANT.

A Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to previous correspondence relative to the Sanatorium Grant which was set apart in pursuance of the Finance Act, 1911, and of the National Insurance Act, 1911, for the provision of sanatoria and other institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis. The portion of that Grant earmarked for Ireland was provisionally allocated by the Local Government Board on a basis of population amongst the various counties and county boroughs in the country. Many of the Councils administering approved Tuberculosis Schemes subsequently operated on the Grant and expended substantial portions of the shares assigned to their areas in the establishment of Central Tuberculosis Dispensaries, in the purchase of contract beds in Peamount Sanatorium, or in the establishment of local Sanatoria. In August, 1915, the Sanatorium Grant was suspended on account of the financial exigencies of the Great War, and in consequence of the unsettled conditions subsequently prevailing remained in abeyance until recently.

The unexpended balance of the Grant for the Saorstát has now been made available and has been provisionally earmarked to the several counties and county boroughs in shares following, as closely as possible, the original allocation, deduction being made in each case of any sum already expended. The amount of the Grant provisionally assigned to Wicklow County after deduction of previous issues is £1986 16s 6d.

The distribution of the Grant is vested in this Department, subject to the consent of the Minister for Finance, who is prepared to consider applications for issues in cases of serious urgency.

From a recent survey of the numbers of beds unoccupied on different dates during the past year in the principal sanatoria, and from other sources of information, there are good grounds for believing that the present facilities for the residential treatment of early cases of tuberculosis are generally sufficient. There is, however, abundant evidence that a considerable expansion is required as regards the institutional accommodation available for the reception of advanced cases of the disease. The establishment of additional beds for this class of patient is a much needed

development of the anti tuberculosis arrangements so as to permit of the segregation of infective cases of the disease and of their thorough instruction in prophylactic requirements. These cases are too often to be found in overcrowded dwellings where through ignorance or neglect of suitable precautions they act as centres of infection and transmit the germs of the disease to members of their households or other habitual contacts.

Particular attention should accordingly be given by the Council without delay to this matter. It may be well to mention for their guidance that experience has shown that it is desirable that the accommodation for advanced cases of tuberculosis should be provided within a reasonable distance of the area from which the patients come, so that they may be easily accessible to their friends, and that where facilities for grading and isolation exist it is better to treat advanced patients in the same institution as less serious cases of the disease so that a more cheerful atmosphere and outlook may be maintained in the institution. In view of the limited amount of the Grant and the high cost of labour and material, it is advisable that existing buildings should, where possible, be utilized for the provision of the desired accommodation, and premises which with some alteration may be suited for the purpose in view may be found amongst the buildings vested in the County Authorities.

The Minister will be prepared to recommend to the Minister for Finance the issue to the Council of the above-mentioned sum from the Sanatorium Grant for the purpose of providing accommodation for advanced cases of tuberculosis or other approved purpose, subject to the following conditions:—

- A—That the proposals of the Council are suitable and are made in connection with an approved Tuberculosis Scheme.
- B—That such proposals with necessary plans, specification, and estimate shall be submitted to this Office before 31st March, 1927.
- C—That the work if approved shall be completed expeditiously and not later than two years after the date of the Minister's approval.

In accordance with previous practice, the National Tuberculosis Grant will be available for the recoupment of one half of any capital expenditure involved in an undertaking approved under the above conditions, in excess of the amount forthcoming from the Sanatorium Grant. If such excess expenditure is being defrayed by the Council by means of a loan, the annual charges for interest and repayment will rank for recoupment from the first-mentioned Grant.

I am to add that the provisional allocation of the Sanatorium Grant above referred to will, so far as the assigned share is not expended or earmarked for an approved undertaking, be subject to review after the 31st March, 1927, and the Minister may then, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, allocate amongst counties and county boroughs whose shares in the Grant have been expended in the provision of Dispensaries or of institutional beds in connection with approved Tuberculosis Schemes, the portions of the Grant now provisionally earmarked to other areas of which the Councils shall not have utilised the Grant for the purpose for which it was established.

I am, accordingly, to urge upon the Council the immediate consideration of the requirements of their County as regards the formulation or development of arrangements for the treatment of tuberculosis, and to remind them of the advisability of making suitable provision in their estimates for the coming financial year for the cost of providing institutional beds for advanced cases of the disease or of any other approved anti-tuberculosis measure which the circumstances of their area require, in so far as such cost is not likely to be covered by the portion of the Sanatorium Grant mentioned in the second paragraph of this letter.

Mise le meas,

E. P. McCARRON, Runaidhe.

The Secretary of each County Council.

The Town Clerk of each County Borough.

The following additional correspondence in this connection was also submitted:—

1. 17th December, 1925, No. P.H.49725/25, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, also urging upon the Council the advisability of their adopting an approved Tuberculosis Scheme, which it is pointed out would be no additional charge on the rates.
2. 26th January, 1926, No. P.H.8012/1926, enclosing copy of letter to County Wicklow Board of Health, in the same connection.
3. 9th February, 1926, from County Wicklow Board of Health, containing the following Resolution passed by that Body on the 15th December, 1925, and again on the 25th January, 1926:—
"That we decide to make no provision for a Tuberculosis Scheme in the County in the present estimate, as we consider the large expenditure involved in carrying out such a scheme should not be undertaken in the coming financial year."
4. 11th February, 1926, No P.H.6162/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, notifying the Council that the

Minister would arrange for the attendance at their Meeting of Dr J Boyd Barrett, Medical Inspector, to afford them any information in this connection they may require.

Having heard Dr J Boyd Barrett, who was present, the Council decided to go carefully into this matter when the Estimates came under consideration.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
15th day of February, 1926.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—The money provided for Road Work for the current year is practically expended, and I consider the least sum which might suffice to keep the roads to the 31st March, 1926, would be £3,000.

I recommend that I be authorised to expend this sum, otherwise necessary repairs, which may be required, cannot be carried out.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

ORDER—Consented to—provided the Minister's approval be received beforehand—and before any of next financial year's rates be expended.

Further discussion having taken place on the letters dated 29th January and 11th February, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), intimating that the Relief Grant of £1,000 would be made in the event of the Council putting up a contribution of £500 towards the proposed works, the Council decided that, in view of the Minister for Local Government refusing to accede to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, in which the £1,000 was asked for unconditionally, that the £500 required to secure the Grant be then looked upon as being included in the £3,000 additional monies required for road maintenance, sanctioned by the Council on this date.

A letter dated 5th February, 1926, from Jack Smith, Killiskey, Ashford, was submitted, asking to be allowed to hire one of the Council's engines for a few days.

ORDER—Permission granted on the usual terms.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO ROAD MAINTENANCE.

8th January, 1926, from J E S M Morgan, Innismore, Delgany, calling attention to the dangerous condition of the footbridge over the stream at Glenowen, and to the danger the blank wall outside Delgany Rectory is to motorists, as it completely obscures the view of traffic.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

29th January, 1926, memorial signed by the residents of Delgany district complaining of the methods used in repairing the road from Delgany to Blacklion.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

1st and 3rd February, 1926, from W Q Fitzgerald, Glen Owen, Delgany, again complaining of the damage done to his property by the road surface water.

ORDER.—Noted.

2nd February, 1926, from S A French, Greystones and District Development Society, letter complaining that no action has yet been taken to deal with erosion by sea of the North Beach, Greystones.

ORDER—Referred to County Board of Health.

9th January, 1926, letters from Samuel Tallon, Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry, and Collector Patrick Mulligan, The Paddock, Killedder, relative to the action of certain ratepayers in refusing to pay their rates as a protest against the bad condition of the Scalp and Enniskerry road, the withdrawal of labour, and the delay in having this road steam-rolled.

In this connection the Council had before them a memorial signed by the leading ratepayers of Enniskerry district, and they were also requested to receive a Deputation to lay the facts regarding the condition of the roads in the area in question before them.

Having heard the Deputation, comprised of Messrs A Chatterton, T Fitzpatrick and Samuel Tallon, the Council directed the County Surveyor to put work in hands on these roads immediately it was found possible to do so.

19th December, 1925, resolution from W Irvine Johnston, Secretary, Newcastle Farmers' Association, requesting that 3½ feet be left un tarred on each side of the main roads for the use of horse-drawn vehicles.

ORDER—Read.

11th January, 1926, from F Farrell, Baravore, Glenmalure, stating nothing has been done to Baravore Ford or Road for four years, and stating that he will hold the Council responsible for any loss he may suffer after the 20th January.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

18th January, 1926, memorial from ratepayers of Clonmannon, Killoughter, Ashford, Blackbull, Coolawinna, Rathnew, etc., asking the Council to take over the upkeep and maintenance of about one mile of

road from the County road on to the holding of Mr James J Loughlin, at Ballybla.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

4th February, 1926, from Mrs K M Baird, Broom Hall, Rathnew, complaining of the impassable and unsanitary condition of the road from Rathnew to her place.

ORDER. Referred to County Board of Health.

4th February, 1926, from Mrs H Dowse, School Height, Carnew, asking permission to erect a motor house opposite her residence, ten yards from the road.

ORDER. Plan to be sent County Surveyor, who will deal with the matter.

9th February, 1926, from Mr James Murphy, Secretary, Tinahely Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Grove Cottage, Ballyshonoge, intimating that at a Special Meeting of road workers and

unemployed Mr R Byrne and Mr P O'Donohoe were appointed as a Deputation to wait upon the Council.

Having heard the Deputation, which was in attendance, the Council intimated that the claims of the unemployed in these areas would be borne in mind.

15th February, 1926, from the Greystones and District Development Society, complaining of the condition of the footpath from Blacklion to Greystones.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

12th February, 1926, from same, again drawing the Council's attention to the condition of the foreshore at Greystones.

ORDER—Noted,

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

Seconded by " George Fisher.

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts, expended during the quarter ended 31st December, 1925, be now Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration the following advertisement which had been published :—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Notice.

Local Government Act, 1925.

Public Bodies Order, 1925.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Article 48 (3) of the above Order that the Provisional Road Works Scheme has been prepared by the County Surveyor for the County of Wicklow in accordance with the Form 20 of the Order referred to, and has been deposited with the Secretary in the Offices of Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow, where it may be inspected by any person interested on any day during office hours.

By Order, P. T. HEALY,
Secretary to the County Council

10th February, 1926.

and also the Provisional Road Works Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor in respect to the year ending 31st March, 1927, showing that the sum of £30,516 was needed for the repair of Main Roads in the County and £20,071 for the repair of County Roads during that financial year.

In this connection, the Chairman read the following correspondence which had taken place between him and the County Surveyor :—

Corke Abbey,
Bri Chualann,
12th February, 1926.

Dear Mr Gallagher,

Our conversations about your road estimates have made me very anxious, indeed, about next Monday's Council meeting. My anxiety is not any less as the result of inspecting the road from Kilmacanogue to Glendalough. It seems to me that some miles of that road must either be made immediately, or that it must be closed for char-a-banc and lorry traffic for this season. If such a decision is forced on us there will be a general outcry from the Irish Tourist Association and other parties. I would, therefore, like to have a clear expression of your views about that road in particular before next Monday's meeting.

But, as you said at our last conversation, the condition of that road is only part of the larger question, which is so serious that I feel bound to ask you to give me a general statement on the road position, which I can read to the Council. You said, if I remember correctly, that not less than £50,000 from the rates would be necessary this year to keep the roads in as good order as they were last year. This means about £20,000 of an increase and an increased rate of not less than 2s in the £1

That is bad enough, but when you tell me that even £50,000 will only be sufficient to provide for temporary repairs—and will not cover necessary outlay on permanent improvements—the prospect is so serious that I must advise the Council to come to the conclusion that they are really helpless to deal with the question.

In addition to the Glendalough, Enniskerry, and Rathnew-Arklow

Roads, which I know personally require immediate attention, there are the Shillelagh and other western roads which you mentioned; and also your opinion that heavy expenditure will be necessary during next year on the main road from Bray to Wicklow. I would like, even at such short notice, to have your opinion on these roads; and indeed your general advice as to how the whole situation should be dealt with.

From what you have said to me, and from my own observation, I have come to the conclusion that some kind of loan is absolutely necessary, as it is quite certain that the ratepayers are altogether unable to stand even the 2s increase which you say is required even for fairly good temporary repairs.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) David Frame, Chairman.

S G Gallagher, Esq.,
County Surveyor, Bray.
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, WICKLOW.
13th February, 1926

D. FRAME, Esq.,
Chairman, Wicklow County Council,
Corke Abbey, BRI CHUALANN.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 12th inst: The road from Kilmacanogue to Glendalough is not and never was suited to char-a-banc or motor lorry traffic—nor even for ordinary motor traffic, and nothing short of complete reconstruction of a most thorough character would suffice to make this road equal to the large volume of traffic which traverses it, especially in summer.

With the exception of the Bray-Wicklow, Rathnew-Rathdrum, and two miles of the Scalp-Enniskerry roads (which latter it is hoped to complete in about two months) all the Scheduled Main Roads in County Wicklow require to be strengthened and surfaced: the sum I ask the County Council to provide for 1926-1927 road work will (if passed) barely suffice to repair the worst weak spots and no permanent improvement can be expected.

I do not consider that Grants from Road Fund will, for many years to come be sufficiently largely to enable us to carry out all the necessary improvement work required on the leading Main Roads, and I am in accord with your opinion that the need of a loan for reconstruction work is clearly indicated.

Having regard to the estimate for 1926-27, I consider that it bears comparison with the actual expenditure for 1913-14 which (before the costs of material and labour increased) was £16,228; three times this sum would be a fair estimate based on material and labour costs alone, to say nothing of the increased work involved by motor traffic and the inclusion of Urban Main Roads: therefore the 1926-27 estimate, although unfortunately involving an increase in the rates, is an estimate very conservative.

Unless the County Council provide a sufficient sum for road repairs I consider that their claims to Grants for Improvement work will be prejudiced despite the fact that their roads are more largely used by outside traffic than that originating within the County.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S. G. Gallagher,
County Surveyor.

The following Statement in this connection was also read by the Chairman :—

The whole road problem of this County has, in my opinion, reached a crisis. The position, as I see it, is indeed so serious, that I have taken the very unusual course of putting my views on paper, so that there can be no doubt later as to what they are.

When you made me your Chairman I was quite determined that the rates to be struck this year would show substantial decrease on last year. It is still possible to do this, but we can only do it by leaving the roads of County Wicklow to take care of themselves. I now read you copy of a letter which I wrote last week to the County Surveyor, and his reply to that letter.

In view of Mr Gallagher's clearly expressed views, the Council, in my opinion, is in an extremely dangerous dilemma. If I were presiding over a meeting of shareholders I would feel bound to tell them the facts, and to give them such advice as I felt the situation demanded. It is from that point of view that I have tried to consider the problem which is now before you, and to tell you clearly the course which I feel that the Council should now take. Roads in County Wicklow are clearly a national asset and a national liability. It is no use collecting money for tourist development unless provision is made for tourists when they arrive. While we have probably one of the best roads in Ireland, from Bray to Wicklow, the greater part of our roads which are, and would,

be used by tourists are probably amongst the worst in the whole country. Wicklow is becoming not only the playground of Dublin, but should, and could, become a resort for visitors from every part of the world. It is therefore of extreme importance to the Free State that Wicklow roads should be amongst the best in the country. On the other hand it is impossible and absurd to suggest that the farmers and ratepayers of Wicklow can find the very large sums of money necessary for road reconstruction out of their own pockets year by year. By draining the last shilling we could carry on the system of temporary, wasteful, and tittle patchwork. If we are to undertake the work upon a business basis we must begin by making really good roads which it will be possible to maintain afterwards at a reasonable cost. To make such roads means borrowing upon a large scale. The Council has neither the power nor the ability to borrow what is necessary, and I therefore offer you the advice that this meeting should be adjourned, so far as roads are concerned, and that the Council should at once approach President Cosgrave and the Minister for Local Government, and ascertain immediately what remedy the Government—who are finally responsible—have to propose in the crisis which now faces us.

It is hardly necessary for me to say that this advice is given not alone in a spirit of friendship to the Government. Upon the other hand it means that we want to help the Government to solve one of the greatest problems which faces not alone our County Council, but other Councils throughout the Free State, and finally the Government itself. Whatever your decision is, or whatever the Government's action may be, I am quite clear in my view that it is impossible to deal with our road problem unless a much larger sum of money is immediately made available from other sources than the ratepayers' pockets.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That the admirable and comprehensive statement prepared and submitted by our Chairman, Mr David Frame, on the subject of road maintenance in this County be laid before President Cosgrave and the Minister for Local Government, and that the following be appointed as members of a deputation to wait upon the President with a view to amplifying and supporting the statement so that definite decisions may be arrived at—and that the adoption of our Rate Estimates may not be held up beyond the date set out in the Public Bodies Order, 1925, namely, the 1st March :—

Councillor D Frame,
" C M Byrne, T.D.
" James Everett, T.D.
" R Wilson, T.D.
" J J Bourne.
" John J Metcalfe.
" D H Haskins.
" Edward Byrne.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

Department of Local Government and Public Health
(Roads),
51 Upper Mount Street, DUBLIN
5th January, 1926.

R.D. /201.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has considered such applications as he has received from the Urban District Councils in the County Wicklow for Orders under Section 24 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1925, directing them to construct and maintain the roads in the Urban areas declared by his Order dated 31st December, 1925, to be Main Roads for the purposes of the Act.

The general principle laid down by Section 24 (1) of the Act is that the maintenance and construction of all Main Roads in a County shall be the duty of the County Council, and the Minister has decided that no sufficient reason has been advanced in the case of the Urban Districts in County Wicklow to warrant a departure from this principle. Accordingly it is the duty of the County Council to maintain and construct as from 1st April, 1926, all the Main Roads in County Wicklow, including those in the Urban Districts.

The County Surveyor will, therefore, make provisions in the Roads Works Scheme for the maintenance and construction of the Main Roads in each Urban District in the County as well as Main Roads situated outside Urban areas.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) E P McCarron,
Runaidhe.

To the Secretary County Council of
and to the Clerk to each Urban District
Council in the County.

ORDER. Read

A letter 30th January, 1926, was submitted from Mr James Corrigan, District Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Dunlavin, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the West Wicklow Committee of that Union, demanding that the Council maintain all

County Roads in West Wicklow by Direct Labour.
ORDER. Read and noted.

The Secretary submitted a circular letter dated 18th January, 1926, No. IR/39, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), asking the Council to make provision in the estimates for the forthcoming financial year for the erection of Direction and Warning Signs on at least their more important roads, and intimating that the Minister would be prepared to make a Grant not exceeding £500 for this purpose, subject to the Council contributing an equal sum.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter, and to go again into it when the Estimates were being considered at a future Meeting.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of the late Councillor Charles Gaule was adjourned :—

"I beg give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that the Resolution proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, and seconded by Councillor Heatley, 'That the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several roads in the County be rescinded, in so far as same relate to other than Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by contract for a term of years' be rescinded."

The Council deferred consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, shall move that the Resolution proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Fisher, passed this day, in reference to employment of men upon roads, be rescinded, and that no further action in the meantime be taken."

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Council consider the annulment of rates on all new dwelling houses, in a similar sense to the conditions now prevailing in Dublin City, and that the relief outlined in the Act of 1925 be granted.
Passed.

The Council had under consideration the New Buildings List for the year ending the 31st March, 1927, prepared and submitted by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Ratings of New Buildings Orders, 1925, and approved of same.

The Chairman at this stage (4 o'clock p.m.) informed the Meeting that owing to an important engagement he found it necessary to leave, whereupon it was

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;
Seconded by " P J Carey ; and

Resolved—That, owing to the large amount of the Agenda which it will be impossible to deal with, this Council declares the Meeting to now stand adjourned until the 1st of March, 1926, at 12 o'clock noon.

A poll having been called, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE MOTION :—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Denis Condren, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, William Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, and D H Haskins—12.

AGAINST :—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, J J Redmond, J J Barry, C M Byrne, T.D. ; James Everett, T.D. ; and John J Kennedy—11.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by twelve votes to eleven.

The following Councillors remained in the Council Chamber after the other Councillors had left :—Councillors James Everett, T.D., Vice-Chairman ; C M Byrne, T.D. ; John J Barry, John J Kennedy, Joseph Metcalfe, J J Redmond, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Laurence Moore, and Michael Fleming, at the same time declaring their intention to continue the Meeting and to transact the items on the printed Agenda which had not been dealt with when the Resolution formally adjourning the Meeting had been passed.

Councillor James Everett, T.D., as Vice-Chairman, thereupon took the chair, and the ten Councillors whose names have been given purported to continue the meeting, and to discuss and make orders relating to the items on the printed Agenda remaining unconsidered at the stage when the Council formally adjourned by Resolution.

It should be added for the purpose of record that they did so without the use of the Order Book or official papers, and without the assistance of the Council's officers, the opinion having been freely expressed that there was no desire to import the Secretary or members of the clerical staff into the situation thus created.

The Adjourned Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st March, 1926, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman;
Councillors Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, James Everett, T.D.; Patrick Doyle, Edward Byrne, John J Kennedy, William Byrne, D H Haskins, George Heatley, Joseph Burke, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Fisher, Samuel E Pim, William J Henry, James Kavanagh, John J Metcalfe, P J Carey, M Fleming, C M Ua Broin, T.D.; Sean de Barra, J J Redmond, W J Doyle, Joseph Metcalfe.

County Council Offices
Court House, WICKLOW,
22nd February, 1926,

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.
A Chara,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Adjourned Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 1st March, 1926, to consider the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 15th February, instant, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.

Le meas mor,
P T HEALY,
Secretary to the Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 26th February, 1926.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors John J Kenedy and William Byrne.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£1361 14s 9d.

The Secretary submitted the following Report from the Architects on the progress of the rebuilding of Baltinglass Courthouse:—

Grafton Chambers,
102-103 Grafton Street, DUBLIN.
11th February, 1926.

Dear Sir,

For the information of your Council we report on Baltinglass Courthouse. We have approved of the work as far as it has gone with the exception of some brickwork which we had taken down.

The cut stone work, masonry and brickwork is now entirely completed.

The concrete roof with lantern lights, asphalt covering, parapets, etc., has been completed and the tanks have been set.

The windows and doors have been made and the former fixed and glazed.

The plastering is in progress, and some ceilings have been finished. Delay, consequent to the weather, prevents the ceiling of the Court being done until the concrete roof dries out.

The first floors have been fixed and the joinery fittings for the Court have been delivered on the site.

The work remaining to be done is:—

- (1) Finish plastering and ceiling.
- (2) Ground floors.
- (3) Fixing of joinery in Court.
- (4) Heating.
- (5) Painting and plumbing.

The contractor on three occasions wrote us stating that the weather

conditions prevented him working, and on at least two occasions we had to order suspension of work.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed), Foley and O'Sullivan.

To P. T. Healy, Esq.,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Committee had under consideration a communication from the Architects, Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, intimating that they believe it possible to make reductions in the cost of reconstructing Bri Chualann Courthouse, so as to bring the expenditure within the amount of the proposed Award.

ORDER—Consideration adjourned to a future meeting of this Committee.

The Committee had under consideration an application from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects for the rebuilding of Baltinglass Courthouse, for the sum of £25, being second instalment of fees due on foot of this work, £25 being one-third of 5 per cent. of £1,500, the amount already certified as having been expended.

ORDER—Recommended for payment, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

A further application was submitted from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects, for the sum of £81 15s, amount of fees claimed as payable in connection with the proposed reconstruction of Bri Chualann Courthouse, this sum being two-thirds of 5 per cent. of £2,450, the amount of the accepted tender approximately.

ORDER—Consideration adjourned to a future meeting of this Committee.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in connection with the superannuation allowances proposed to be awarded to Miss Agnes C Keating:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUBLI,
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

P.58508/1926. 19th February, 1926,
Wicklow County.
A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence and to your letter of the 7th December last in regard to the proposal of the Wicklow County Council to grant a Superannuation Allowance to Miss Agnes C Keating in consideration of her services as Nurse in the Wicklow Fever Hospital, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the value placed on the emoluments for the purpose of calculating the pension in this case is very much in excess of that allowed in the cases of similar officers in the Poor Law Services.

For pension purposes the Minister would be prepared to take into consideration emoluments valued as follows:—

Fuel and light,	£12	0	0	a year.
Apartments	26	0	0	"
Milk	...	4	12	0

These, together with a salary of £40 a year, would make a total of £82 12s.

As regards the addition of years to the period of service for the purpose of calculating the pension, the Minister would point out that the number of years added should not exceed half the total number of years served. Miss Keating's service was 13 years, and with the addition of 6 years to this period she could be allowed 19/60ths of £82 12s, of £26 3s a year. The Minister is prepared to consent to an allowance at this rate if the County Council agree.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) Tomas Mac Ardghail
Ar son an Aire.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to confirm and adopt the figure suggested by the Minister for Local Government—viz., £26 3s per annum, as the superannuation allowance to be given to Miss Keating.

The Secretary reported that a sum of £156 11s 8d was outstanding in No. 11 Collecting District, and £119 12s 5d in No. 16 District, which the records indicated was collected but not lodged up to the date of the death of Mr P P Doyle, rate collector.

Having given careful consideration to the facts and figures connected with this matter, the Committee recommend that the solicitor be instructed to take what steps he considers advisable for the recovery of these outstanding rates.

The Secretary sought authority to purchase "Motor Technical Records" for 1926, which for four years past had been supplied and paid for by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the Secretary be authorised to purchase these records, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and to their intimation that same will not be supplied and paid for this year by that Department.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

26th February, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by „ George Heatley.

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report, as now read, be, and it is hereby approved and adopted, all matters in the Report referring to Miss Agnes C Keating's superannuation allowance having been first deleted therefrom—Councillors C M Byrne, T D, and James Everett, T D, to be asked to wait upon the Minister with a view to pressing for a favourable consideration of Miss Keating's proposed pension.
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW :—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins ;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments amounting to £1,351 14s 9d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;
Seconded by „ D H Haskins.

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for Additional Proposals for Payment for the past Quarter be now signed.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Laurence Moore :—

“I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the Wicklow County Council extend for another year the Secondary School Scholarship held by Miss Rosanna Walshe, Donard, who, owing to her age, was unable to complete the necessary course in the period granted,” and also a letter from Mrs Heighington, Donard House, Donard, urging upon the Council to grant the required extension in this case.

After discussion, the Council decided to defer consideration of this Notice of Motion, in order that the Secretary might, if possible, obtain from the Assistant Commissioners of Intermediate Education a report on the progress, etc., of this student during her term of scholarship, in time to be laid before the Meeting of the Council at which the Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1927, would be considered.

The Council proceeded to co-opt a member to fill the vacancy created by the death of Councillor John Lawler, Main Street, Rathdrum, and in this connection the Secretary submitted the following correspondence which he had received in that connection :—

12th December, 1925, from Edward Dunne, Esq., Hon Secretary, Ratepayers' Meeting, Avoca, enclosing resolution suggesting the co-option of Mr John P McCabe, Avoca, to fill the vacancy.

From Mr John P McCabe, regretting he must decline to have his name put forward.

11th November, 1925, from Mr Thomas Byrne, Ardnagreina, Rathdrum, forwarding copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of ratepayers held in Rathdrum, recommending that Mr James Byrne, of Ballinderry, be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ; and
Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne ;

That Mr. John Fleming, of Barndarrig, be co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Councillor John Lawler, Rathdrum.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by „ William Byrne ; and

Resolved—That Mr P J Cullen, of Bonabrocka, Wicklow, be co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr John Lawler, Rathdrum.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and David H Haskins 13

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D, and John J Kennedy 12

The Amendment having been passed by thirteen votes to twelve, the Chairman thereupon accepted same as a substantive motion, to which

it was as an Amendment—

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming ; and

Seconded by Councillor John J Redmond ;

That Mr Bernard Kelly, of Ballyknockanbeg, Ashford, be co-opted a member of this Council.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D, and John J Kennedy. 12

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John Metcalfe, Joseph

Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and David H Haskins 13

The amendment was thereupon declared lost by thirteen votes against to twelve for.

As an Amendment, it was also

Proposed by Councillor John J Barry ; and

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

That Mr James Byrne, Ballinderry, be co-opted a member of this Council in room of the late Mr John Lawler.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D ; and John J Kennedy 12

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and David H Haskins 13

The amendment was thereupon declared lost by thirteen votes against to twelve for.

As a further Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor John J Kennedy ; and

Seconded by „ James Everett, T D ;

That Mr M J Doyle, Rathnew, be co-opted in place of the late Mr John Lawler, Rathdrum.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D ; and John J Kennedy 12

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and D H Haskins 13

The amendment was thereupon declared lost by thirteen votes against to twelve for.

It was also as an Amendment,

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ; and

Seconded by „ M Fleming ;

That Mr J J Nichols, High Street, Wicklow, be co-opted a member of this Council in place of Mr John J Lawler, deceased.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D, and John J Kennedy 12

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and David H Haskins 13

The amendment was accordingly declared lost by thirteen votes against to twelve for, and the original substantive motion, proposed by Councillor D H Haskins and seconded by Councillor William Byrne, was then put to the Meeting and declared passed by thirteen votes to twelve.

The Council proceeded to co-opt a member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Councillor Charles Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow, and in this connection the Secretary submitted a letter from Mr P Holden, Hon Secretary, Avoca Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Branch recommending the co-option of Mr Martin Byrne, Avoca, to fill one of the two vacancies on the Council ; and also a letter from W F Murphy, Esq, President, Aughrim Industrial Development Association, enclosing copy of resolution desiring the appointment of Mr Laurence Redmond, of Balleeshal, Aughrim, in room of Mr Charles Gaule.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;
That Mr Laurence Redmond, of Balleeshal, Aughrim, be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of the late Councillor Charles Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow.

As an Amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh ;
Seconded by Councillor P J Carey ;

That Mr Michael Donohoe, of Liscolman, Tullow, be co-opted a member of this Council in room of Charles Gaule, deceased.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and David H Haskins ... 13

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D ; and John J Kennedy ... 12

The amendment having been passed by thirteen votes to twelve, the Chairman thereupon declared same to be a substantive Motion, to which as an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming ; and

Resolved—That Mr Felix O'Rafferty, of 31, Ferrybank, Arklow, be co-opted a member of the Council in room of Mr Charles Gaule, deceased.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Lanrence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, Samuel E Pim, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; William Byrne, D H Haskins, and John J Kennedy 23

AGAINST—Councillor James Kavanagh ... 1

Councillor James Everett, T.D., declined to vote.

The amendment, having been passed by twenty-three votes to one, was thereupon put to the Meeting by the Chairman as a substantive Motion, and was declared passed by twenty-three votes to one.

The Council proceeded to fill the vacancy existing in their representation on Arklow Harbour Board, caused by the death of the late Councillor Charles Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow, and in this connection the Secretary submitted a letter dated 4th January, 1926, from Mr John Tyrrell, Hon Secretary, Irish Fishermen's Association, Arklow Branch, recommending on behalf of his Branch that Mr Richard O'Toole, Upper Main Street, Arklow, a member of that Association, be appointed to the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That Mr Felix O'Rafferty, of 31, Ferrybank, Arklow, be elected to fill the vacancy existing in the County Council's representation on Arklow Harbour Board, caused by the death of the late Councillor Charles Gaule, 6 Bridge Street, Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;
Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That Councillor John J Barry, of Main St, Rathdrum, be elected to fill the vacancy existing on County Wicklow Insurance Committee, consequent upon the death of the late Councillor Charles Gaule, 6, Bridge Street, Arklow.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a communication from G P Byrne, Esq, Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, reporting that two vacancies existed on his Committee, caused by the death of Mr Charles Gaule, M C C, Arklow, and the resignation of Mr Laurence Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;
Seconded by " George Heatley.

That Mr John Evans, of Charlesland, Delgany, be elected on the County Committee of Agriculture in room of Mr Laurence Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.

Lost, on a show of hands being taken.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;
Seconded by " S E Pim ;

Resolved—That Mr William Cullen, of Rathmore, Ashford, be elected on the County Committee of Agriculture, in room of his father.

Passed, on a show of hands being taken.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh ;
Seconded by " P J Carey ;

That Mr Allan Patton, of Clone, Aughrim, be elected a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

Lost, on a show of hands being taken.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That Councillor Patrick Doyle, of Coolboy, Tinahely, be

elected a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.
Passed, on a show of hands being taken.

The Secretary submitted the following communication —

COMHAIRLE-BHAILE BRI CHUALANN,
ARUS AN BHAILE,
BRI CHUALANN,
18adh la de Samhain, 1925.

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

A Chara,

In further reply to yours of the 18th inst, in connection with change of name of Council the following motion, pursuant to notice, was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Mulvey :—

" That all previous resolutions bearing on the matter be rescinded and that the name of the Council and District be ' Bre '."

But an amendment proposed by Councillor Sexton and seconded by Councillor G Heatley.

" Resolved—That the previous resolution to change the name of the Town from Bri Chualann to Bray which was passed by 9 votes to 6 by this Council, be again sent to the County Council for their sanction and approval and that this Town be named Bray," was carried by 7 voting for and 5 against and as a substantive motion on the same voting.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) S Mac Cathmhaoil,
Cleireach an Bhaile.

The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter awaiting the result of a Conference to be held of representatives of Bri Chualann Urban District Council and of the Gaelic League.

The Council had before them the following notice, which had, in compliance with the provisions of the County Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order, 1926, been published in two successive issues of a newspaper circulating within the County :—

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

DOGS ACT, 1906.

Regulations as to the Control of Dogs.

Notice is hereby give that it is the intention of the Wicklow County Council, as local authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the Administrative County of Wicklow, to apply, at the Quarterly Meeting of that body, to be held on the 15th February, 1926, to the Minister of Lands

and Agriculture for confirmation of certain Regulations made in accordance with the provisions of the County Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order, 1926, with a view to preventing the worrying of cattle (including sheep).

Copy of the proposed Regulations referred to may be inspected in the office of the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow, on any day during office hours, or will be forwarded any ratepayer on payment of the sum of 6d therefor.

By Order,

P T HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

2nd February, 1926.

The Council had also before them in this connection letters from the Department of Agriculture, dated 4th January, 1926, No. L. 5369-25, and 14th January, 1926, No. L. 5369-25, with which was enclosed the County Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order, 1926, empowering the Council to make Regulations herein.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That pursuant to the provisions of the County Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order, 1926, and the Dogs Act, 1906, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby apply to the Minister of Lands and Agriculture for confirmation to the Regulations set out in the following Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 14th December, 1925 :—

" That, owing to the number of casualties to cattle and sheep during the year 1924, in the County of Wicklow, on account of worrying by dogs, We, acting as local authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, hereby apply to the Minister for Agriculture to exercise the powers conferred on him by Section 2 of the Dogs Act, 1906, by empowering this Council to make the following Regulations, to operate for the whole of the County with a view to preventing dogs, or any class of dog, from straying.

1. No dog shall be allowed outside the bounds of the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, unless such dog shall be under the control and in the company of its owner, or of some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog.

2. If a dog is allowed outside the bounds of the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, and such dog is not under the control and in the company of its owner, or some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog, the owner of the dog and the person (if any) for the time being in charge thereof, and any person causing, directing or permitting the dog to be outside the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, shall each in respect of his own acts and defaults be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894.

3. Any dog, in respect of which an offence is being committed against such Order and these Regulations, may be seized and treated as a stray dog under the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Dogs Act, 1906.

4. These Regulations shall apply to the whole of the Administrative County of Wicklow, and shall be in operation in this County only between the 1st February and the 1st July in each year.

5. These Regulations shall take effect and come into operation on the date on which they have been confirmed and approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland."

Passed, on a show of hands.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
1st March, 1926.

To WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I recommend that the £1000 Relief Grant, plus the £500 added by the County Council, be expended as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Newtown and Glen of Downs Quarry	300	0	0
Pretty Bush Quarry	250	0	0
Carrigower do	200	0	0
Tomacork do	150	0	0
Ballyconnell do	150	0	0
Coolroe do	100	0	0
Whiterock do	100	0	0
Black's Bridge Quarry	100	0	0
Kilmagig do	150	0	0
	£1500	0	0

Also I request instructions as to whether or not the men are to be employed in accordance with the Ministry's circular, relative to employment of men on Relief Grants.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S G GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor's Report showing the areas in which the Grant of £1000 and the County Council's contribution of £500 are to be expended, be hereby approved and adopted, Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., and the County Surveyor to interview the Minister regarding the operation of the circular dealing with the men to be employed thereunder.

Passed.

A discussion arose as to the condition of the road from Greystones to Bri Chualann over Windgates, and the cause of the extraordinary delay in taking advantage of the Grant which had been promised for the improvement of that road by the Minister for Local Government, to two

Deputations who attended on two occasions last year at the Roads Department of the Ministry in support of this project.

Proposed by Councillor S E Pim;

Seconded by " J J Redmond;

That the County Surveyor be directed to submit for approval of the Minister for Local Government fresh Schemes for expending the £5000 Grant on road improvement only on the road from Greystones to Bri Chualann over Windgates—none of the Grant to be used for removing dangerous turns or work of a similar nature—the work to be commenced immediately the Minister's sanction to the Scheme is received.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, Samuel E Pim, John J Redmond, C M Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D.; D H Haskins, and John J Kennedy—11.

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moors, John J Barry, and William Byrne—14.

The motion was thereupon declared lost by fourteen votes against to eleven for.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

That the quarry gangers be paid £2 0s 0d per week under the Relief Grant.

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

Proposed by Councillor Sean de Barra;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That we request the Government to reduce the duties on beer and spirit as this would materially benefit two of the principal industries in Ireland and help to reduce the cost of living.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor

James Everett, T.D.—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other member for me, shall move at next Meeting that owing to unemployment in the County the Distress Act will be put in force in this County immediately."

With the consent of the Council, this Notice of Motion was marked "Accepted: to be considered at the next Special Meeting."

The Council had again under consideration the Provisional Road Works Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor, in respect to the year ending 31st March, 1927, to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 15th February, 1926, and also the following letter from the Irish Motorists' Union and Transport Development Federation:—

THE IRISH MOTORISTS' UNION AND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT FEDERATION

66 Middle Abbey Street, DUBLIN.

SATURDAY, 20th February, 1926.

No. IMU/B.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

My Committee desire to express their hearty accord with the case placed before the Minister for Local Government, as reported in yesterday's Dublin Press, with reference to the capitalisation of road expenditure.

They also note from the reply of the Minister to your deputation that he indicated that the responsibility for a decision on this point did not rest with the Ministry for Local Government. My Committee therefore assume that your Council will probably decide to lay this aspect of your Council's requirements before the President of the Executive Council or the Minister for Finance.

If such a step is in contemplation I am to suggest that representatives of other County Councils and of this Union should be permitted to participate in the proceedings of the further deputation.

The matter being one of such obvious urgency my Committee hope that it may be possible for your Council to arrive at a decision in the matter at their adjourned meeting, and that they may feel themselves free to act upon the suggestion of my Committee.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E A Aston,
Secretary.

At this stage it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by " David Frame; and

Resolved—That the Council now go into Committee to consider the whole question of road maintenance in the coming year—and to discuss the subject with the members of the Deputation who recently waited on the Minister for Local Government.

Passed.

The members of the Deputation having reported what took place at their interview with the Minister for Local Government and the senior officials of that Ministry, regarding the upkeep and improvement of Main Roads and County Roads during the financial year ending 31st March, 1927, stressing the fact that the County Surveyor's Estimates for this year fell little short of twice the amount allowed for Road Maintenance for the year 1925/1926, and the acknowledged inability of the ratepayers of County Wicklow to contribute a greater sum by way of rate for that purpose than had been contributed during the financial years 1924/1925 and 1925/1926, a prolonged discussion ensued.

The Council noted with satisfaction that as a result of the Deputation's efforts they might expect to receive a large sum by way of Grants during the forthcoming financial year, which sum, it was intimated, the County Surveyor would be allowed to expend on the upkeep and maintenance of Main Roads, which concession it was hoped would certainly lead to the much-needed relief of the ratepayer, who otherwise would be faced with an increased rate for the coming year quite beyond his ability to meet.

Further consideration of the figures in the Estimates for the year 1926/1927 was referred to a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, to be held on Monday, 8th March, 1926, who were requested to report thereon to a Special Meeting of the County Council to be convened for Monday, the 15th March, 1926, this departure from the provisions of Article 79 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, having been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government in his letter to the Council dated 25th February, 1926, No. G.8289/1926.

The Secretary was instructed to place on the Agenda for consideration at this adjourned Meeting the items on the printed Agenda not dealt with at this Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at this point on the Agenda, on the Motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe, which was passed on a show of hands having been taken of the Councillors present.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 15th March, 1926.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman.

Councillors M Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, William Byrne, George Fisher, David H Haskins, Geo Heatley, J J Bourne, Joseph Burke, Joseph Byrne, William J Henry, James Kavanagh, Samnel E Pim, W J Doyle, Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle, John J Kennedy, C M Ua Broin, T D; Sean de Barra, James Everett, T D; P J Carey, J J Metcalfe, and John J Redmond.

Councillor Felix O'Rafferty, who was present, signed in the presence of the Secretary his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

BUSINESS.

1—To consider the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates of Rates for the ensuing financial year.

2—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1927.

3—To consider correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, urging upon the Council the necessity for immediate consideration of the requirements of the County as regards the formulation or development of arrangements for the treatment of tuberculosis.

4—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, stating that he is prepared to make a Grant not exceeding 500 from the Road Fund towards the erection, in the ensuing financial year, of prescribed signs on roads, subject to the County Council contributing an equal sum.

5—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Laurence Moore:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the Wicklow County Council extend for another year the Secondary School Scholarship held by Miss Rosanna Walshe, Donard, who, owing to her age, was unable to complete the necessary course in the period granted."

6—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T D:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some other member for me, shall move at the next Meeting that owing to unemployment in the County the Distress Act will be put in force in this County immediately."

7—To consider an application from the County Committee of Agriculture for an increased contribution from the rates in the forthcoming year, to be devoted to the purposes of that Committee.

8—To consider an application from County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, applying for the proceeds of an additional rate for Technical Instruction.

9—To consider correspondence from the Irish Tourist Association, advocating the advisability of the Council including in its Estimates a small rate for advertising the County's attractions.

10—To consider certain recommendations from the County Board of Health, regarding the applications for pensions from the officers of the abolished Council of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

11—To consider a communication from Mrs M Short, Valli Pacis, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, asking to have Annamoe School Attendance Committee again put into operation, or, in the alternative, that her husband, Mr Patrick Short, be compensated for the loss of his office as secretary to that Committee.

12—To Seal and Sign three copies of the Official Road Map for the County.

13—To reconsider the Provisional Road Works Scheme at this Road Works Meeting, and to alter and amend same by Resolution, in such manner as the Council may deem advisable.

14—To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Charles Gaule:—

"I beg to give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that the Resolution proposed by Councillor M Fleming, and seconded by Councillor Heatley, 'That the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several roads in the County be rescinded, in so far as same relates to other than Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by contract for a term of years,' be rescinded."

15—To complete columns 4 and 6 of the Provisional Road Works Scheme, and confirm the Scheme for the County for the financial year ending 31st March, 1927.

16—To make arrangements for receiving, considering and accepting Tenders for Road Contracts, if and where the contract system is adopted, and for the confirmation and sealing of such contracts prior to the 1st April, 1926.

17—To make certain appointments of Sergeants of the Garda Siochana as Food and Drugs Inspectors, at the request of the Chief Superintendent.

18—To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, advising the Council to pass a Resolution transferring to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance all cottages and plots, or gardens, provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, by the Council of any Rural District in the County, and all lands provided by any such Council for any of the purposes of the said Labourers Acts, and also all rents due and unpaid in respect of any of the said cottages, plots, gardens or lands.

19—To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, declining to sanction the appointment of Mr S Conway, V.S., as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the portion of West Wicklow formerly known as the Rural District of Naas No. 2, on the grounds that he resides too far from that district.

20—To consider the explanation furnished by Aidan F Walshe, Esq., V.S., Carlow, in reply to the complaint made by Mr Gore A Tomkins, Newtown, Tinahely, at the Quarterly Meeting, held on the 14th December, 1925, concerning the treatment afforded certain of his cattle by Mr Walshe.

21—To consider correspondence from the Rev J M Robinson, M.A., Avoca Manor, Avoca, advocating a change in the existing form of spelling Avoca.

22—To consider the following Resolution sent forward by the School Attendance Committee for the area hitherto known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District:—

"Resolved—That we, the Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee, respectfully request the Wicklow County Council to arrange for a conference of representatives of the various School Attendance Committees in the County, to consider the provisions of the School Attendance Bill, 1925, which proposes to institute very sweeping changes in the law regarding School Attendance."

23—To consider certain recommendations from County Wicklow Board of Health, regarding the arrangements for checking rate and rent collections in County Wicklow.

24—To consider a communication from ex-Poor Rate Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood, asking the Council to take such steps as will ensure his getting his pension, so that he may not have to take legal proceedings.

25—To execute and sign a release, in reference to a house, the property of the late Shillelagh Rural District Council, acquired by Margherita Synnot, Carnew, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.

26—To consider a communication from M O'Kelly, Esq., District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, directing the Council's attention to the unsatisfactory accommodation for the Court at Dunlavin, and asking that arrangements be made for supplying the furniture required to equip the new Court building at Blessington.

27—To consider a letter from the Very Rev J C Healy, P.P., Kilquade, Delgany, tendering his resignation of the chairmanship and membership of Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

28—To consider a resolution from Blessington School Attendance Committee, taking exception to the remarks made criticising the work of that Committee.

29—To consider an application for renewal of a Cinematograph Licence from C Traynor, Esq., Parochial Hall, Greystones, Secretary to the Trustees of that Building.

30—To consider and approve of the appointment of Thomas Tancer, Esq., Rock View Cottages, Arklow, as Secretary of Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, to succeed Mr James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow, deceased.

31—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

32—To receive Reports dealing with breaches of the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders and Regulations issued thereunder, and direct that legal proceedings be instituted with regard thereto.

33—To consider County Analyst's Report for the past Quarter.

34—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

35—To receive Reports from County Officers.

36—To consider Official Correspondence.

37—To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 8th March, 1926.

The following members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors J J Redmond, John J Kennedy, David Frame, William Byrne,

RATE ESTIMATES—1926/1927.

The Secretary submitted in the new Form prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, 1925, the annual estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Charge Rate during the financial year ending 31st March, 1927, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the sums demanded in respect to that period by Subsidiary Bodies.

The Secretary also submitted the following Report in this connection:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT

ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 31st MARCH, 1927.

Gentlemen,

In submitting the Estimates of the amounts, which, in my opinion, will be required during the ensuing Financial Year to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council and for the monies to be supplied to Subsidiary Bodies, I desire briefly to draw attention to outstanding features.

The changed form in which the Estimates are presented to you is due to the necessity for complying with the provisions of the new Public Bodies Order, 1925, and the Local Government Act, 1925, under which all Expenditure and Receipts of the County Council must be classified under one or other of the following five headings:—

- A.—Roads.
- B.—County Services.
- C.—Poor Relief.
- D.—County Health District.
- F.—Separate Charges.

Owing to Rural District Councils having been abolished, the sums required to be raised under the headings A, B, C, and D must now be raised by means of a Flat Rate over the entire County, and in addition the cost of Road Maintenance must be shown separately in the Poor Rate Books and Demand Notes for the general information of ratepayers. The gross total of these four flat rates represents the estimated rate on other hereditaments for the year 1926/1927, if no change be made in the figures shown on the accompanying printed tables, which are prepared and issued in compliance with the terms of Article 77 of the Public Bodies Order above referred to.

It will be observed from the tables that the abolition of Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils has—under the heading F, Separate Charges—placed upon the County Council the responsibility for payment of exceptionally large sums. It may, however, be observed that the two last items in the tables, which deal with debit balances, are not of a recurring nature.

In the subjoined tables I have indicated, for comparative purposes, the average General Rate assessed in respect to the years 1923/1924, 1924/1925 and 1925/1926:—

	Land	Other Hereditaments.
1923/1924	6/6½	7/11½
1924/1925	5/7¾	7/1
1925/1926	6/11	8/1

Following the passing of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1925, and the relief it afforded in doubling Agricultural Grant received during the year ending 31st March, 1926, the foregoing rate for the year 1925/1926, which was adopted by the County Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting on the 28th February, 1925, became reduced, so that the actual rate in operation during the current financial year ending 31st March, 1926, is:—

	Land	Other Hereditaments.
1925/1926	5/5½	8/1

The following are the rates suggested for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1927:—

	Other Hereditaments.
A.—Roads	2/11
B.—County Services	2/11¾
C.—Poor Relief	2/ 5½
D.—County Health District	0/ 2¾
Total	8/7

If the normal Agricultural Grant of £13,646 be accepted as the amount which will be received during the ensuing Financial Year 1926/1927, then the estimated rate to be raised on land will be 7/1¾ in the £. If, however, as seems to be generally expected, double Agricultural Grant, amounting to £27,292, will be again received during the financial year 1926/27, then the estimated rate to be raised on land becomes reduced to 5/8¼ in the £.

I feel it my duty to again point out that the Council can never hope to promptly and regularly meet their liabilities as they fall due from time to time unless and until their Reserve Balances, which were used up during the troubled times, be restored. I have made no effort to do so in the figures now before you, but it is a matter that should engage the Council's earnest attention, as should also the necessity for taking such steps as will ensure that all rates are collected and lodged within the financial year to which they relate.

I may further add I have not included in the Estimates the 3d in the £ over the entire County which is contemplated by the Notice of Motion handed in at the Meeting of the Council held on the 1st inst., the

effect of which, if passed, will be to put into operation the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, for the Relief of Exceptional Distress.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P T HEALY,
Secretary to the County Council.

4th March, 1926

ORDER. Adopted.

The terms of the Report and each figure on the Form as circulated having received the most careful consideration, and having heard the Secretary's explanation as to the basis on which each figure in the Form was arrived at, the Committee made certain modifications under the following heads:—

A Roads.	Main Roads.
	Erection of Road Signs.
	Acquiring and Opening Quarries.
	Maintenance of Steam Rolling Plant.
B County Services.	Public Works
	County Medical Officer of Health.
	Legal Expenses.
	Advertising Pleasure Resorts.
	University Scholarships.
	Secondary School Scholarships.
	Projected New Scheme for Compulsory Sheep Dipping.
	Projected New Scheme for the Treatment of Tuberculosis.
	Architect's Fees, etc.
	County Committee of Agriculture.

In the £31,500 which the Committee recommend for the repair and maintenance of Main Roads, the sum of £2,500 allowed at the Council's Meeting on the 1st March, 1926, for expenditure out of next year's rates before the 31st March, is included, as is also the sum of £500, which, if not put up by the Council, would have caused the additional £1,000 Grant for the relief of unemployment to be withdrawn.

In connection with the maintenance of steam-rolling plant, the Committee recommend the Council to advertise for and appoint a whole-time fully-qualified fitter, to take charge of the plant, at a salary of £250 per annum, the advertisements to contain the condition that one week's notice in writing on either side shall terminate the appointment.

The Committee in reducing the sum of £600 estimated by the Secretary as being required to pay the legal expenses incurred in opposing four Electricity Supply Bills before the Oireachtas, note that the sum of £900 had been similarly estimated for by the Secretary in the last estimates, which £900 was reduced by the Committee and the Council to £500. The Committee have reduced the estimated figure of £800 now submitted to £300, on the grounds that a greater sum than £800 should not be required to meet the Law Agent's legal expenses connected with such opposition, and in carrying out the Council's legal work for this year and the following financial year, and accordingly they directed the Secretary to make no further payments to the Law Agent in that connection unless and until he first submits his Bill of Costs to the Committee for investigation and for taxation subsequently. The Committee, in this connection, noted that two sums of £300 each had already been paid to the Law Agent on account in respect to the afore mentioned opposition.

Realising that the maximum taxable capacity of the ratepayer has been reached, the Committee postpone for one year consideration of a projected Scheme for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, and also the question of striking a separate charge rate for the purpose of discharging the debit balances existing in the County Council's ledgers following the abolition of Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils.

The Committee accede to an application from the County Committee of Agriculture for an increase rate for agricultural purposes for the year 1926/1927, and accordingly increased the £765 allowed to that Committee to £1,000 for the coming financial year. A similar application was received from the Co. Joint Technical Instruction Committee. The Committee however, regret they find themselves unable to recommend the Council to increase the £654 allowed to that Committee for the service of the current financial year ending 31st March, 1926, as the proceeds of a rate of one penny and three-fifths, amounting to £1654 has now been recommended for the services of the County Committees of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

The Committee considered the question of re-establishing a Secondary School Scholarship Scheme in the forthcoming financial year, and of making financial provision for same. It was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ; and
Seconded by Councillor John J Kennedy ;

That the Secondary School Scholarship Scheme be continued,

and that provision be made in the Estimate for the granting of these new Scholarships in Secondary Schools.

A vote having been taken, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows :—

FOR THE MOTION :—Councillors C M Byrne, T.D. ; James Everett, T.D. ; J J Redmond, and John J Kennedy—4.

AGAINST :—Councillors D H Haskins, J J Bourne, David Frame, and William Byrne—4

The Committee being equally divided, and the Chairman not having a casting vote, further discussion on the matter is hereby referred to the County Council, who, if they decide to award new Secondary School Scholarships in the coming year, will, it is assumed, make the necessary financial provision therefor in the approved Estimates.

It will be further observed that the Committee have not been able to see their way to making provision in the Estimates for the expenditure of £55, to be devoted to giving Miss Rosie Walshe a fifth year of scholarship in Loreto Abbey, Gorey.

The Committee note that the estimate and demand received from the authorities of Grangegorman Mental Hospital is reduced from £17,148, for the service of the year 1925/1926, to £16,216, for the service of the coming year, being a reduction of £932, or a rate of 3d in the £.

The estimate and demand received from the County Board of Health has, however, increased from £80,128, for the service of the year 1925/1926, to £83,000 for the service of the year 1926/1927, being an increase of £2,872, or 6½d in the £.

The attention of the Committee was drawn by Councillor J J Redmond to Sub-section 5 of Section 84 of the Local Government Act, 1925, which states that if the amount of any rate raised and levied in any area exceeds or is less than the amount of the rate which would have been raised and levied in such year under that Act for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1926, such excess of deficit shall be taken into account by way of adjustment in the rate to be raised and levied for the year ending 31st March, 1926. No recommendation is made in that connection.

The Committee enclose herewith a revised copy of the Estimate already circulated to each Councillor, showing the figures modified as aforementioned, and they recommend that these amended figures be approved and adopted for the purpose of calculating the rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1927.

The Committee's recommendations, if adopted by the Council, will have the effect of reducing the rate suggested in the Secretary's Report to the following figures :—

	s	d
Rate on Agricultural Land ...	5	3½
Rate on Other Hereditaments ...	8	2½

The Committee subjoin Tables showing, in the several Rural Districts, the General Rate on land and other hereditaments being collected during the current year ending 31st March, 1926, which clearly indicates the effect that the new principle of equal rating over the whole County will have in the coming Financial Year in each of the former Rural District areas :—

BALTINGLASS No. 1.			RATHDOWN No. 2.		
Year	Land	Other Herdts.	Land	Other Herdts.	
	s d	s d	s d	s d	
1925/26	4 11½	8 1½	6 0	8 7½	
1926/27	5 3½	8 2½	5 3½	8 2½	
	up	up	down	down	
	3½d	½d	8½d	5½d	
RATHDRUM			SHILLELAGH.		
	s d	s d	s d	s d	
1925/26	5 3½	8 0½	5 7½	8 5½	
1926/27	5 3½	8 2½	5 3½	8 2½	
	up	up	down	down	
	½d	1½d	3½	2½d	

(Signed) **DAVID H. HASKINS,**
Chairman of the Finance Committee.
8th March, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William Henry ;

That the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, adopted.

As an Amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh : and
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

That the Finance Committee's Report, as printed and circulated, be approved and adopted, subject to the modification that the amount to be raised in the Estimates for 1926-1927 for expenditure on County Roads be first reduced from the £21,000 asked for by the County Surveyor by one-fourth to £15,750, on the grounds that overseers are no longer required by the contract system, under which almost all County Roads are to be maintained during that year, and that a very large sum will be saved by keen competition in tendering for such County Roads.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the Councillors

present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—(Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, David H Haskins ... 12

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T.D. ; James Everett, T.D. ; and John J Kennedy ... 12

The voting having been equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment, and accordingly declared same lost by the Chairman's casting vote.

As an Amendment it was also
Proposed by Councillor John Metcalfe ;
Seconded by " James Kavanagh ;

That, as an amendment, a sum of £5,000 be taken from the sum allocated in the Estimates for the Maintenance of Main Roads, thereby reducing the figure from £31,500 in the printed form to £26,500.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and D H Haskins. ... 12

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Felix O'Rafferty, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D, and John J Kennedy ... 14

The Chairman thereupon declared the amendment lost by fourteen votes against to twelve for.

As a further Amendment, it was
Proposed by Councillor J Everett, T.D. ; and
Seconded by " John J Kennedy ;

That the Secondary School Scholarship Scheme be put into force again in 1926/1927, and that six new scholarships be offered at £50 each for competition.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D ; and John J Kennedy ... 12

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Felix O'Rafferty, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and David H Haskins ... 14

The amendment was thereupon declared lost by fourteen votes against to twelve for.

As a further amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;
Seconded by " J J Barry ; and

Resolved—As an amendment, that the amount of the Estimates for the maintaining of roads generally be reduced by the sum of £319, which will result in bringing the estimated figure £30,479 down to the same figure as last year, £30,160.

Passed on a show of hands.
This amendment having been declared passed, was incorporated in the original Motion, which was then put to the Meeting as follows :

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William Henry ;

Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted—the amount of money to be raised by means of rates from rural ratepayers for the upkeep and maintenance of roads having been first reduced from £30,479, as printed and circulated, to £30,160, which was the corresponding figure raised in last Estimates.

Passed.
The Secretary submitted a letter from W Irvine Johnston, Esq, Secretary, Newcastle (County Wicklow) Farmers' Association, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that Association calling on the Council to reduce the present high rates, and asking the Council to receive a Deputation in this connection.

The Council decided to receive the Deputation, which was present, and heard the views of Messrs Kingston, Hughes, and Coates.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry ;
Seconded by Councillor Laurence Moore ;

Resolved—That the suggested Rate for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, as submitted in the estimates for 1926/1927, be reduced from 40d in the £1 to 26d in the £1, as in the past two years.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That were hereby confirm, adopt and seal the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) now submitted to us, as modified, and determine the rates in the pound to be levied in the County by means of the Poor Rate

for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1927, as follows:—

GENERAL CHARGES.

	Land s. d.	O. H. s. d.
Construction and Maintenance of Roads	2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 9
County Services	2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 9
Health District Charges	0 2	0 2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Poor Relief	1 1	2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTAL	5 3$\frac{1}{4}$	8 2$\frac{1}{4}$

SEPARATE CHARGES.

	d
Arklow Harbour	1.8
Wicklow Harbour	3.5
Blessington Tramway	26
Criminal Injury—former Shillelagh R.D.	3.6
do County at Large	.7
Damage to Property Act, 1923	6
Avoca School Attendance Committee	1.1
Baltinglass & Kiltegan School Attendance Committee	.25
Dunlavin School Attendance Committee	.54
Blessington School Attendance Committee	.9
Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee	.66
Criminal Injury—Arklow Rural E.D.	1.4
do Kilpipe E.D.	1.6
do Ballycullen E.D.	15.8
do Enniskerry and Powerscourt E.D.'s and Bri Chualann Urban District	2.4
do Greystones and Kilecole E.D.'s	.09
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	.21
Baltinglass No. 1 Water Supply	.4
Blessington Water Supply	.22
Rathdown No. 2 Water Supply and sewerage	1.9
Delgany Water Supply and Sewerage	7.08
Greystones Sewerage	12.1
Enniskerry Sewerage	3.08
Greystones Lighting and Dumping	8.4
Enniskerry Lighting	4.2
Newcastle Water Supply and Sewerage	2.9
Rathnew Water Supply	.42
Water Supply and Sewerage—former Shillelagh R.D.	2.8
Baltinglass No. 1—Repayment of District Loans	5.2
Rathdown No. 2	2.9
Rathdrum	5.4
Shillelagh	11.5
Repayment of Guardians Loans—former Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.	.5
Repayment of Guardians Loans—former Naas No. 2 R.D.	1.1
Repayment of Guardians Loans—former Union of Rathdrum	.4
Treasurer's Debit Balance—former Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.	1
Treasurer's Debit Balance—former Rathdown No. 2 R.D.	6.9
Union and District Pensions—original Baltinglass No. 1 R.D. area	4.4
Union and District Pensions—original Naas No. 2 R.D. area	2.3
Rural District Pensions—former Rathdown No. 2 R.D. area	2.7
Union Pensions—former Union of Rathdrum	1.47
Rural District Pensions—former Rathdrum R.D.	.77
Union and District Pensions—former Shillelagh R.D.	9.8

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by David Frame;

Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 42 and 43, and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office) do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council, as follows:—

Name of Urban District	Roads			County Services			Poor Relief			Separate Charges			Total		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d			
Arklow	304	0	0	508	0	0	892	0	0	446	2	0	2150	2	0
Bri Chualann	1293	0	0	2318	0	0	4388	19	0	1285	16	6	9235	15	6
Wicklow	305	0	0	508	0	0	893	0	0	1256	17	0	2962	17	0

Passed.

The Secretary again submitted a file of correspondence, including letters dated 14th December, 1925, No. P.H.55578/1925; 17th December, 1925, No. P.H.49725/25; 26th January, 1926, No. P.H.3012/1926; and 11th February, 1926, No. P.H.6162/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, urging on the Council to put into operation a suitable Tuberculosis Scheme for County Wicklow; and also a copy of a resolution received from County Wicklow Board of Health, in which that Board decide to make no provision for such a Scheme in their estimate for the forthcoming financial year.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by George Heatley.

Resolved—That, acting on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and the resolution sent forward by the County Wicklow Board of Health, we hereby decide to make no provision for a Tuberculosis Scheme in the County in the Estimates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1927, as we consider the large expenditure involved in carrying out such a scheme could not be undertaken in that financial year.

Passed.

The Council had before them a letter dated 18th January, 1926, No. IR/39, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), asking the Council to make provision for the erection of direction and warning signs on at least the more important roads in the County, and intimating that the Minister would be prepared to make a grant to be expended on this work equal to the amount expended by the Council, subject to a maximum grant of £500.

The Council took no action in this matter, as the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the £500 for this purpose be struck out of the Estimates for the forthcoming financial year had already been confirmed and adopted by the Council.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Assistant Commissioners of Intermediate Education, 1 Hume Street, Dublin, intimating that that Department was satisfied with the progress made in the year 1924/1925 by Miss Rosie Walshe, one of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders, and that they are of opinion that the extension of her scholarship for a fifth year would be justified.

Inasmuch, however, as the Finance Committee's recommendation that owing to financial pressure a fifth year's Secondary School Scholarship be not granted to Miss Rosie Walshe had been confirmed and approved by the County Council at this Meeting, the following Notice of Motion bearing on this subject standing in the name of Councillor Laurence Moore was declared to be out of order:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the Wicklow County Council extend for another year the Secondary School Scholarship held by Miss Rosanna Walshe, Donard, who, owing to her age, was unable to complete the necessary course in the period granted."

The Council had under consideration the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some member for me, shall move at the next Meeting that owing to unemployment in the County the Distress Act will be put in force in this County immediately," and also a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the unemployed in Baltinglass, Stratford and Grangecon districts, calling on the Council to support Councillor Everett's Notice of Motion, and copy of a resolution passed by Wicklow Urban District Council, also calling on the Council to adopt the provisions of the Relief and Distress Act.

The Council's Law Agent having expressed the opinion that under Section 18 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the County Council could act in this matter only on a resolution passed by the Board of Guardians, now represented by the County Board of Health, the Council referred the subject-matter of the Notice of Motion to the Board of Health for consideration.

The Council had before them an application from County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, asking for an increased contribution from the rates, to be devoted to the purposes of that Committee.

ORDER. See Finance Committee's Report.

A similar application was received from County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

ORDER. See Finance Committee's Report.

Letters dated 1st February, 1926, 5th February, 1926, and 18th February, 1926, were submitted from the Irish Tourist Association, Westland Row, Dublin, drawing the Council's attention to the potentialities of the Tourist Industry, and urging the Council to allocate in its Estimates a small rate, the proceeds of which would be spent in advertising the attractions of the County.

ORDER. See Finance Committee's Report.

A file of correspondence was submitted by the Secretary, with regard to the claim to superannuation made by the officers of the recently abolished Council of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, including the following letter from County Wicklow Board of Health:—

COMHALTAS NA SLAINTE, CILLE MANTAIN

Oifig an Runaire,

TEAGHLACH AN CHONTAE, RATHDRAMA

February 5th, 1926.

Dear Sir,

I submitted to the meeting of the Board of Health on 25th ultimo your letter asking for recommendations as to superannuation allowances to be made the members of the clerical staff of the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council on their loss of office through the abolition of that Council. The Board adopted the following resolution on the subject:—

"That it be a recommendation to the Wicklow County Council to grant the following Superannuation Allowances to members of the clerical

staff of the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council whose offices have been abolished as a consequence of the passing of the Local Government Act, 1925:—

		£	s	d
Patrick Cunniam	Clerk of Council	52	15	0 a year
P J Farrell	Assistant do	24	1	9 do
J P Broderick	Deputy Asst. do	19	7	6 do
M A McDonnell	Typist	18	18	6 do

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P W Sheehan,
Secretary.

P T Healy, Esq.

Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

ORDER. Referred to Finance Committee, for formal report and the issue of the usual notices.

The following letter was submitted:—

Valli Pacis,

NEWTOWN-MT.-KENNEDY,

13/2/26.

Gentlemen,

As most of you are aware of the sad circumstances of my husband's illness, he will not be able to take up position as School Attendance Officer for this district. As this is the the only district in the County where officer has not been reinstated, I would respectfully ask you to grant him a compensation for loss of office.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Maria Short,

ORDER. Referred to Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor P J Caray;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That the Official Road Maps referred to in Article 47 (2) of the Public Bodies Order be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The following Motion, Notice of which stood on the Agenda paper in the name of the late Councillor Charles Gaule, was with the consent of the Council

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;

Seconded by " James Everett, T D;

That the Resolution proposed by Councillor M Fleming, and seconded by Councillor Heatley. " That the Resolution adopted by the Wicklow County Council proposing to maintain by a system of Direct Labour the several roads in the County be rescinded, in so far as same relates to other than Trunk or Main Roads, and that any road not classified as either a Trunk or Main Road be maintained by contract for a term of years " be rescinded.

On a show of hand being taken, the Chairman declared the motion not passed.

The Council had again under consideration the Provisional Road Works Scheme, and after a protracted discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor George Fisher;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne; and

Resolved—That this Council hereby approves and adopts the County Surveyor's figures printed in Column 3, and the County Surveyor's recommendations printed in Column 5, of the Provisional Road Works Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor, and we hereby approve and adopt that Scheme as modified and initialled.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That all Tenders for Road Maintenance be forwarded to the County Secretary, who will submit same to Sub-Committees to be appointed and who will meet in the following centres:—

Baltinglass (John Hopkins, Esq)

Blessington do

Bri Chualann (P Cunniam, Esq)

Rathdrum (P W Sheehan, Esq)

Tinahely (John Hopkins, Esq)

Shillelagh do

and that the following officers be appointed at a fee of two guineas each (£2 2s) to have the contracts completed:—

Messrs Patrick Cunniam, P W Sheehan, and John Hopkins; that the contracts be advertised for one year, Tenders to be accompanied by a lodgment of 10s to be returned if the Committee are satisfied it is a valid Tender, and the dates for sending in Tenders and for meetings of the Sub-Committees to be fixed by the County Officers.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration an application from Charles Evans, Esq, Seaview House, Greystones, for their permission to build a house at La Touche Place, Greystones, and enclosing a plan of the proposed site.

ORDER. Permission granted, subject to the County Surveyor's approval having been first obtained to all the details.

The Council referred to their next Meeting the County Surveyor's Re-

port upon his inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway for the year 1925.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Siochana in this County, we hereby appoint the following as Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts:—

Sergeant Peter J Callan, Dunlavin; and

Garda James Bergin, Wicklow;

in room of Sergeants P McGillicuddy and M McKenna.

Passed.

A letter dated 19th January, 1926, No. H.215/35604/1925, was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Department), calling the Council's attention to the fact that their powers and duties (other than the borrowing powers) as sanitary authority and under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919, in the County Health District, were to be exercised and performed by the County Board of Health, and suggesting that with a view to facilitating the administration of these Acts the Council should execute an order under their Seal transferring to the Board of Health all cottages, plots, gardens, or lands provided under the Labourers Acts, together with all rents due and unpaid at the date of transfer in respect of the property.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, in exercise of the powers vested in us by sub-section (3) of section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1925, hereby transfer to the County Board of Health for the County Health District of Wicklow all cottages and plots or gardens provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919, by the Council of any Rural District in the said County Health District and all lands provided by the Council of any such rural district for any of the purposes of the said Labourers (Ireland) Acts, also all rents due and unpaid at the date of this Order in respect of any of the said cottages, plots, gardens or lands.

Given under the Seal of the Wicklow
County Council this 15th day of February,
1926.

L. S.

Passed.

The Council adjourned consideration of a letter dated 25th September, 1925, No. L.3757.25, from the Department of Agriculture, declining to sanction the appointment of S Conway Esq, V.S., Salem, Wicklow, as Veterinary Inspector of the area formerly known as Naas No. 2 Rural District, on the grounds that Mr Conway, residing as he does in Wicklow, could not be regarded as an effective Inspector for that District.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence regarding the complaint made by Mr Gore A Tomkins, of Newtown, Tinahely, against Aidan F Walshe, Esq, V.S., Dublin Street, Carlow, as to the treatment of a cow, the property of Mr Tomkins, which was suspected to be suffering from bovine tuberculosis, and also the following letter received from Mr Walshe in reply to these complaints:—

35 Dublin Street,
Carlow,

22nd January, 1926.

P T Healy, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th January re Mr G A Tomkins' complaint: A cow was reported to me on March 11th, 1925, as suspected being affected with tuberculosis. I attended on the 12th March and examined a cow at Mr Tomkins' place and some 7 or 8 yearling calves. None of the animals, in my opinion, were affected with tuberculosis. They were emaciated but no cough, and I formed the opinion it was malnutrition, in other words, scarcity of food was the cause. I informed Mr Tomkins so, and advised him to give them more food, and that my duty ended with my reports to the County Council and the Department of Agriculture. He asked me what he would do for the cow and out of consideration for him and his young family I gave him a prescription for the cow, and also saying if I was in the locality soon again I would call. I had no business in that district, and Mr Tomkins arrived at my place here early on the morning of the 20th March. I called to his place that evening and found the cow dead, and skinned. I made a post-mortem and found no traces of any disease whatever. My opinion was the cow died from anaemia due to malnutrition.

I am an official of the Wicklow County Council, and as such will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, and I will not be influenced by any person as to my opinion of what disease any animal may be affected with.

It appears to me, as Mr Tomkins wanted his beast slaughtered and get compensation from the Council, to which I did not consider him entitled. Hence his numerous letters. It is a matter for Mr Tomkins' self if he employed motor cars and bicycles for which there was no necessity. I

did not request Mr Tomkins to buy medicine. I left it to his own discretion.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Aidan F Walshe.

After some discussion, the Council adjourned this matter for further investigation, and in this connection directed the Secretary to insert a Notice in the papers circulating in the County setting out clearly in what circumstances and in what manner the services of the Council's Veterinary Inspectors should be sought for.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 28th December, 1925, with which was enclosed other correspondence in the same connection, from the Rev J M Robinson, M.A., Ovoca Manor, Avoca, urging the Council to change to "Ovoca" the spelling of the name of the town of Avoca.

ORDER. Noted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 11th January, 1926, from P Cunniam, Esq, Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee, Loughlinstown, Co Dublin, enclosing the following copy of resolution passed by his Committee:—

"Resolved—That we the Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee respectfully request the Wicklow County Council to arrange for a conference of representatives of the various School Attendance Committees in the County, to consider the provisions of the School Attendance Bill, 1925, which proposes to institute very sweeping changes in the law regarding School Attendance.

Passed unanimously. E R S Farrell, B E, Chairman."

ORDER. The Council regret they are unable to act in this matter, which can only be dealt with by the joint action of the Committees themselves.

The Council had under consideration a file of correspondence dealing with the checking of rate and rent collections in the County, including the following copy of resolution received from County Wicklow Board of Health:—

"That the arrangements for checking of Rate Collections existing in the County remain as at present, and that the following amounts be fixed as remuneration for Checking of Cottage Rent Collections in the several districts in the County, viz:—

Baltinglass—£10 per annum.	
Rathdown—£5	do
Rathdrum—£20	do
Shillelagh—£10	do

The Council had also before them in this connection the following copy of letter submitted by John Hopkins, Esq, Shillelagh, to the County Board of Health:—

Shillelagh,

10th February, 1926.

Dear Mr Sheehan,

With reference to the decision of the County Wicklow Board of Health to have the Rent Collectors' books checked locally in each Rural District Area, I wish to point out that in this district there are 193 Labourers Cottages, 136 plots let to persons who are not occupiers of houses provided under the Labourers Acts, and 100 Houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, making a total of 429 tenancies.

The remuneration proposed for this area is not a pro rata rate with that allowed for the other areas of the County, and I would feel much obliged if the Board of Health would kindly reconsider the question, with a view to granting me remuneration commensurate with the amount of work involved.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J Hopkins,

P W Sheehan, Esq, Secretary,
Co Wicklow Board of Health.

The Council having fully discussed this matter, decided to refer it back to the County Wicklow Board of Health for further consideration.

A further letter was submitted from John Hopkins, Esq, Shillelagh, dated 10th March, 1926, in which he suggested that the County Council was responsible for the payment of his salary as Clerk to the former Shillelagh Rural District Council until they otherwise arranged for the disposal of his services, and stating that he had received no payment whatever since the 31st October, 1925.

ORDER. The Law Agent be asked to furnish a report as to the exact position of the Council with regard to Mr Hopkins, and a payment to Mr Hopkins on account to be made in the meantime.

A letter dated 11th February, 1926, was submitted from Mr John Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood, ex-Poor Rate Collector, asking what the Council intended doing with regard to his pension, which was awarded him by the Council on the 28th February, 1925, but which the Minister for Local Government refused to sanction on the grounds that Mr Murphy could not be considered mentally or physically incapacitated from discharging the duties of his position.

The Council postponed consideration of this letter, Councillors C M Byrne, T D, and James Everett, T D, having promised to interview the Minister with regard to Mr Murphy's pension.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 (1 & 2) of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, and Section 4 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the Release under the first-mentioned Act submitted by Margaritta Sinnott, Carnew, and — McFarland, and direct that same shall be Sealed with the Seal of the Council and signed by the Chairman.

Passed.

A letter dated 9th February, 1926, was submitted from M O'Ceallaigh, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, calling the Council's attention to the unsatisfactory accommodation for the Court at Dunlavin, and asking what steps the Council were prepared to take to supply a Courthouse with proper accommodation and heating and lighting and an office for the use of the Court Clerk; and further asking the Council to arrange for the supply of the necessary furniture to the Court and Court Clerk's Office at Blessington.

ORDER. County Surveyor to furnish a report on these two matters.

Letters dated 17th January, 1926, and 8th February, 1926, were submitted from the Very Rev J C Healy, P P, Kilquade, Delgany, resigning the chairmanship and membership of Newcastle Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That we hereby accept with regret the resignation of the Very Rev J C Healy, P P, Kilquade, Delgany, of the Chairmanship and membership of Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, and that we hereby appoint the Rev Michael Burke, C C, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, to fill the vacancy thus created on that Committee.

Passed.

The Council had before them the following copy of resolution sent forward by Blessington School Attendance Committee:—

"Resolved—That we, the Blessington School Attendance Committee, strongly take exception to your remarks re the working of this Committee, and it is our belief it has done its work as favourably as any other Committee in the County. Passed without opposition," and also a letter from Mrs M Hayden, Secretary to that Committee, claiming to have performed her duties as far as she possibly could.

ORDER. Read.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to renew the license under the Cinematograph Act held by the Trustees of the Parochial Hall, Greystones, in respect to that building.

Passed.

A letter dated 24th February, 1926, was read from Thomas Tancred, Esq, Rock View Cottages, Arklow, notifying the Council that he had been appointed Clerk to Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;

Seconded by " J J Barry;

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, we hereby approve and confirm the appointment of Mr Thomas Tancred, of Rock View Cottages, Arklow, as Secretary of Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr James Byrne, Rockbeg, Arklow, on the same terms and conditions as the latter held the position.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be hereby renewed to the following;

Thomas Miller, Blessington.
Samuel Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow.
Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh.
William Alcorn, Wicklow.
Laurence Murphy, Togher.
S V Delahun, Wicklow.
G B Hopkins, Wicklow.
John E Griffin, Bri Chualann.
Thomas M Barker, Coolboy, Tinaly.
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.
Robert Spain, Donard.
Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan.
Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum.
P J Graham, Knockananna.
J W Hanbidge, Dunlavin.
James Lawler, Dunlavin.
Robert Griffin, Bri Chualann.
F J Sutton, Rathdrum.
John M Geraty, Carnew.
Arthur Hennessy, Blessington.

W F Murphy, Aughrim.
Samuel H Correll, Carnew.
Arthur R H Pasley, Tinahely.
Simon Lambert, Rathdrum.

Passed.

The County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1925, was submitted as follows:—

3 Drugs, Killoole & Newtown, genuine; 3 Drugs, Dunlavin, genuine; 3 Drugs, Avoca, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 Drugs, Rathdrum Co Home, genuine; 4 Butter, Baltinglass, per D A T I, 3 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 Butter, Dunlavin, per D A T I, genuine; 2 Butter, Newtown mountkennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 4 Butter, Wicklow, per D A T I, genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during quarter—26; number adulterated, 1 drug, 1 butter. Date 12/1/1926.

(Signed) Phyllis Ryan, Public Analyst.

ORDER. Noted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 10th March, 1926, from Mr James Maher, Stratford-on Slaney, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by a meeting of unemployed asking the Council to do something for those decreed for rent and rates.

ORDER. Referred to Engineer.

Mr Peter Geoghegan, Lockstown, Valleymount, Blessington, forwarded a memorial dated 1st March, 1926, on behalf of the ratepayers in Lockstown, asking the Council to have a road made to their houses.

ORDER. Referred to Engineer.

A letter dated 11th March, 1926, was submitted from Mr Mortimer Hourihane, Mill Street, Baltinglass, asking the Council to extend his University Scholarship for a fourth year.

ORDER. Noted, but regret unable to grant same

A memorial dated 11th March, 1926, was submitted, signed by Collectors Luke McDonnell, Michael Halpin, Edward Lynch, William Burke, and Frank Healy, asking the Council for an extension of one month in which to close their Poor Rate Collections.

ORDER. Granted.

A letter dated 12th March, 1926, was submitted from Samuel A French, Esq, Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, "Tripleton," Greystones, protesting on behalf of his Committee against the action of the Council in refusing to expend a grant of £5000 on the improvement of the road from Bri Chualann to Greystones over Windgates.

ORDER. Noted.

A letter dated 13th March, 1926, No. L.954-25, was submitted from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, stating, with reference to the Council's Regulations for the control of dogs, that the Council had no power to compel dog-owners to keep their dogs under control during the daytime.

ORDER. Adjourned.

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;

Seconded by Samuel E Pim;

Resolved—That this Council view with alarm the great danger

from the possible extinction of the fishing industry which we believe could be made a source of national wealth, and we urge the Government to take such steps as will prevent a national disaster of this magnitude taking place, and that copies of this Resolution be sent to each County Council in the Saorstát, and to the President and Secretary of the Government Executive.

Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

1 Correspondence with regard to the allocation of two Relief Grants of £500 each, for work proposed to be carried out by Wicklow County Council.

2 21st December, 1925, circular letter notifying the passing of the Local Election Postponement Bill, 1925, which provides that the next elections to Public Bodies will not be held until three years from the date of the recent elections.

3 31st December, 1925, No P/6419/1925, noting the appointment of Mrs Maria Short as Clerk to Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

4 7th January, 1926, No. G/55663/1926, assenting to the Council's proposal to place Messrs W C Byrne and Michael Fox of the Council's clerical staff upon scales of annual increments.

5 8th January, 1926, circular letter intimating that men required for work under Relief Grants must be engaged through the local Employment Exchange.

6 12th January, 1926, No. G.836/1926, drawing attention to the backward condition of the rate collections, and intimating that negligent rate collectors and defaulting ratepayers should be drastically dealt with.

ORDER. Referred to Finance Committee.

7. 15th January, 1926, No. R/U/201, intimating that expenditure under the recently awarded Relief Grant would be investigated by a Local Government Auditor.

8 23rd January, 1926, No. P.H.3168/26, intimating that the

Minister has approved of Dr T T O'Farrell and Dr W B O'Kelly of the Pathological Laboratory, University College, Dublin, as pathologist in connection with the Council's Scheme for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease.

9 26th January, 1926, No. P.H.3359/26, intimating that the Minister has approved of Dr J W Bigger as Pathologist in charge of the Pathological Laboratory, Trinity College, Dublin, in connection with the Council's approved Scheme for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease.

10 3rd February, 1926, No. P.H. 4852/26, intimating that the Minister has approved of Dr F S Burke as Pathologist in charge of the Pathological Laboratory, Dr Steven's Hospital, Dublin, in connection with the Council Scheme for the diagnosis treatment of Venereal Disease.

11 11th February, 1926, No. R/IRG/33, intimating that payment has been made to the Council's Treasurer of the sum of £653, being the final amount on foot of the British Ministry of Transport Grant No. P.58, Ref. No. R.G.138/2

12 15th February, 1926, No. G.6056/1926, intimating that the progress of the Council's rate collections still leaves much to be desired, and calls for careful consideration on their part.

ORDER. Referred to Finance Committee.

13 22nd February, 1926, No. R/RU/33, intimating that the Minister of Finance will not waive the condition that the Council contribute £500 towards the scheme for which the recent grant of £1000 was notified.

14 25th February, 1926, No. G.8289/1926, intimating that the Minister sanctions such departure from the Public Bodies Order as will enable the estimates to be considered at a meeting not later than the 16th March, 1926.

14a 12th February, 1926, No. G.6813/26, emphasizing the importance of the Council's making definite arrangements to meet all its liabilities, with a view to obviating financial embarrassment at the end of the financial year.

14b 6th March, 1926, No. R/RU/33, approving of the Council's scheme for the expenditure of £1500, £1000 of which is to be given as a Relief Grant by the Ministry.

14c 8th March, 1926, No. G.10597/1926, intimating that it is only cases in which claims are made and which the Council decide are eligible that are to be included in the New Buildings List.

14d 10th March, 1926, No. G.755/1926, intimating that the Minister is prepared to sanction a payment of £155 in full settlement of Mr P J Foley's two claims, for fees for services rendered in connection with Baltinglass Workhouse, and at the hearing of cases of Malicious Injury to Property, respectively.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

15 3rd February, 1926, No. 405/252(2), to Councillor Seamus Everett, T D, intimating that the Minister has no power to allow the Council any higher sum than the amount awarded by the Court in respect of the reconstruction of the destroyed Courthouse at Bri Chualann.

16 11th February, 1926, No. 405/252(2), to the County Council, to the same effect as No. 15.

17 26th February, 1926, No. F.55/1/24, demanding punctual payment of annuities in repayment of advances made by the Irish Land Commission under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, the liability for which has been transferred from the Rural District Councils to the County Council.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

18 23rd December, 1925, acknowledging receipt of the Council's Resolution with regard to tariffs on imports of artificial manure.

19 28th January, 1926, intimating the necessity for the provision of new local standards and sub-standards, as a result of the provisions in the Intoxicating Liquor (General) Act, 1924, with regard to wine and beer bottles.

ORDER. Secretary's action in ordering these standards and sub-standards approved and confirmed.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

20 File of correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and the Law Agent, regarding the case of Messrs M J Doyle & Sons, Baltinglass, from whom an officer of the Department purchased a sample of butter which was found on analysis not to be genuine.

ORDER—Messrs M J Doyle & Sons to be communicated with.

21 21st December, 1925, No. L.5329-25, intimating that an officer of the Department purchased ten samples of butter in Baltinglass, Dunlavin, and Wicklow, all of which proved to be genuine.

22 25th January, 1926, No. 4246-25, drawing attention to the prevalence of cruelty to animals, the consequent depreciation in the value of animals, and financial injury inflicted on the live stock trade.

23 23rd February, 1926, No. L.542/26, intimating that in cases where samples of food or drugs taken by an officer of the Department are found on analysis not to be genuine, summonses should be issued in the name of the officer appointed by the Local Authority.

23a 2nd March, 1926, No. L.831/26, intimating that an Officer of the Department purchased a sample of butter on the 9th February, 1926, at the premises of Arthur B Brennan, Arklow, which was found on analysis to be slightly adulterated, and asking the Council to warn Mr Brennan.

ORDER. Mr Brennan to be communicated with.

23b 5th March, 1926, L.912/26, intimating that an officer of the Department purchased fourteen samples of butter at various places in the County, which on analysis were all found to be genuine.

24 3rd February, 1926, from the Department of Education, to Councillor Seamus Everett, T D, stating that the Department cannot alter its decision regarding the renewal of the Secondary School Scholarships awarded to five girls by the Council.

25 From same, notice intimating that arrangements will be made for the admission to the Department's Leaving Certificate Examination of candidates for University Scholarships awarded by the Council.

26 25th February, 1926, No. 632/18, from the Office of Public Works, asking whether the Council are in a position to repair and maintain Killoole old church, or if they would either vest their interest in it in the Commissioners, or constitute them guardians of it under the Ancient Monuments Protection Acts.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor for report.

26a 2nd March, 1926, from the Irish Land Commission, enclosing for the Council's information lists of defaulting Land Purchase Annuities, against whom the Commission have directed legal proceedings to be taken.

27 From J Tobin, Esq. Post Office Telephone Service, Dublin, form indicating the terms on which a telephone service would be arranged.

28 23rd February, 1926, from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq. Church Street, Wicklow, explaining the circumstances under which it was found to be impossible to institute proceedings against Messrs M J Doyle & Sons, Baltinglass, for a breach of the Food and Drugs Acts.

29 12th January, 1926, from the Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, asking for immediate payment of the third Quarterly Instalment due on foot of their 1925-1926 demand.

30 Correspondence from the Sergeant-in-Charge, Garda Siochana, Shillelagh, regarding certain necessary repairs to the Old Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh, which are at present occupied by him and his men.

31 4th January, 1926, from Sergeant Felix Hanratty, Weights and Measures Inspector, Bri Chualann, intimating that the Department of Industry and Commerce have made arrangements to reprint from the "Irish Trade Journal" notices published therein, for reference purpose.

32 29th December, 1925, from the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, 22 Molesworth Street, Dublin, acknowledging receipt of the Council's Resolution with regard to a tariff on imported manures.

33 2nd January, 1926, from Colonel Gibbon, Sledagh, Wexford, acknowledging receipt on behalf of the County Wexford Farmers' Union of the Council's Resolution with regard to a tariff on imported manures.

34 Undated, from G Rossiter, secretary, Wexford District Executive, Irish Farmers' Union, stating that his Executive was not in favour of the Council's Resolution with regard to a tariff on imported manures.

35 28th January, 1926, medical certificate from Mr Frank Healy, poor rate collector, certifying that he is at present suffering from lumbago and unable to discharge his duties.

36 18th December, 1926, from J A Nix, Esq. County Printing Works, Wicklow, complaining of the small amount of advertising done by the Wicklow County Council.

37 30th December, 1925, from F McNamara, Esq. General Secretary, Irish Agricultural and Technical Instruction Officers' Organisation, asking the Council to award adequate pension to Mr Nolan, resigned Agricultural Instructor.

38 16th February, 1926, No. S.202/3, from the Irish Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Trust, 30 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, stating that following the Council's decision not to take over the road through Oldcourt park, near Bri Chualann, the Trust are compelled to close this road to the public.

39 17th February, 1926, from Robert Byrne, Kilquigan, Tullow, with reference to unemployment in his district and the necessity for relief schemes.

40 24th February, 1926, from A Cullen, Esq. solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, asking what compensation the Council propose to award to Captain Joseph Gleeson, who sustained injuries to himself and his motor bicycle on the 9th September, 1925, at the barricade erected by Wicklow Urban District Council at Merrymeeting, Rathnew.

41 24th February, 1926, from J D Nugent, Esq. Ancient Order of Hibernians, 1 Mountjoy Square, Dublin, regarding the Council's failure to stamp the insurance cards of James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney.

42 26th February, 1926, from Collector Luke McDonnell, Collnarrig, Baltinglass, asking for an extension of one month in which to close his collection.

42a 26th February, 1926, from Collector Michael Halpin, the Green, Kiltegan, asking for an extension on one month in which to close his collection.

43 26th February, 1926, from Mr James Corrigan, Dunlavin, asking for a copy of the account furnished with regard to his daughter's Secondary School Scholarship.

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Powerscourt,
Enniskerry, IRELAND,
December 3rd, 1925.

Dear Mr Healy.

Will you please thank the Wicklow County Council for their kind Resolution a copy of which you have sent me.

Lady Powerscourt and I are much touched by their sympathy, and we want them to know how much we appreciate their kind thoughts for us in our sorrow.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) Powerscourt.

45.

Rathmoon, Baltinglass,
February, 12th, 1926.

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

Dear Sir,

Please convey to the members of the Wicklow County Council my grateful appreciation and most sincere thanks for their very kind resolution of sympathy passed by them on the death of my wife.

And to you and the members of the Council's staff I also return my grateful and most sincere thanks for your telegram and also your association with the Council's resolution.

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely
(Signed) Joseph Burke.

45a 26th February, 1926, from the Ballyconnell Ratepayers Protection

Association, asking to have the bloated salaries of the Council's officials reduced, and the contract system of maintaining roads restored.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

46 From Roscommon County Council, protesting against the inadequate travelling expenses allowed to members of County Councils and the administrative Committees thereof.

47 From Tipperary S. R. County Council, calling upon the Government to introduce a Game Act for the preservation of game and the encouragement of coursing, hunting and shooting.

48 From Kilkenny County Council asking for a reduction in the licence duty payable on Ford cars.

49 From County Cork Committee of Agriculture, calling upon the Government to give increased grants to Committees of Agriculture.

50 From County Dublin County Council, requesting the Government to give them credit for the arrears of Agricultural Grant due since the passing of the Local Government Act, 1898.

51 From same, asking for the setting up of a National Transport Commission.

52 From Longford County Council, requesting the Land Commission to extend the terms of years for payment of annuities so as to reduce the annuity proportionately.

53 From Roscommon County Council, copy of Report of their Committee with regard to the travelling expenses allowed to members of local authorities.

54 From Waterford County Council, extract from their County Surveyor's Report dealing with the great wear and tear caused by lorries on roads.

David Frame
25 May 1926

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 19th April, 1926.

The following members were present:

Councillors Seamus Everett, T.D.; M Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, W J Doyle, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe D H Haskins, G H Heatley, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, Samuel E Pim, Joseph Burke, J J Metcalfe, William J Henry, P J Carey, F O'Rafferty, Patrick Doyle, William Byrne, Denis Condren, J J Barry, C M Ua Broin, T.D.; and John J Kennedy.

Councillor P J Cullen, who was present, signed in the presence of the Secretary his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

A letter was submitted from Councillor David Frame, Chairman of the Council, regretting his inability to attend owing to an important engagement, and accordingly the Chair was then taken by Councillor James Everett, T.D., Vice-Chairman.

BUSINESS.

1 To consider, in accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, Proposals for Road Contracts sent forward by the several Roads Committees.

2 To Seal such Road Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.

3 To make suitable arrangements for the supervision of the work of maintaining Main Roads in the County during the current financial year.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

That the request of the Vice-Chairman, Councillor J Everett, T D, for permission to leave the chair be acceded to, and that Councillor C M Byrne, T D, do now take the Chair instead.

Lost—Councillor C M Byrne, T D, having declined to take the Chair.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

That the request of the Vice-Chairman, Councillor J Everett, T D, for permission to leave the Chair be acceded to, and Councillor M Fleming do now take the Chair instead.

Lost—Councillor M Fleming having declined to take the Chair.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " P J Carey;

Resolved—That the request of the Vice-Chairman, Councillor J Everett, T D, for permission to leave the Chair be acceded to, and that Councillor J J Bourne do now take the Chair instead.

Passed on a show of hands.

Councillor James Everett, T D, then left the Chair, which was taken Councillor J J Bourne.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T D;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

That all contracts be adjourned for twelve months, and that work on the roads be given and divided amongst the unemployed workers.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, and James Everett, T D—6

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Denis Condren, M Fleming, Felix O'Rafferty, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, C M Byrne, T D; William Byrne, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—17.

The motion was thereupon declared lost by seventeen votes against to six for.

The Council proceeded to consider, in accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, Proposals for

Road Contracts sent forward by the several Roads Committees, as follows:—

BALTINGLASS:—

38 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

A letter dated 15th April, 1926, was submitted from Mr James Nolan, Hughestown, Baltinglass, expressing a desire to cancel his provisional contract, on the grounds that he understood that his acceptance of same would be against the County Surveyor's rules.

ORDER. Provisional Contract to stand.

BLESSINGTON:—

34 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

A letter dated 16th April, 1926, was submitted from James J Dowling, Blessington, objecting to the procedure adopted in accepting Tenders at the Roads Committee Meeting in Blessington.

ORDER. Read.

ENNISKERRY:—

6 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

RATHDRUM:

79 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;

That the provisional Contract entered into for Road No. 137 with William Geoghegan, Aughrim, for the sum of Ninety-nine Pounds (£99) be hereby approved and adopted, notwithstanding the fact that there was a lower tender for this same road from Thomas Doyle, Ballymanus, Aughrim, for the sum of Ninety-seven Pounds (£97), and that our attention has been drawn by the Secretary to Article 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Lost, on a show of hands.

A letter dated 16th April, 1926, was submitted from P W Sheehan, Esq, Rathdrum, reporting the circumstances under which five would-be contractors failed to complete their Bond at Rathdrum Roads Committee Meeting, and enclosing the five deposits.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne T.D.;

Seconded by " George Heatley.

Resolved—That the deposits in each of the following three cases be impounded, and lodged to credit of the County Council, consequent upon their failure to execute, with their sureties, the Bond submitted at the Roads Committee Meeting:—

Road No. 127	Andrew Byrne.
169	Myles Richards.
194	James Sweeney.

and, as the Council is satisfied that reasonable causes existed for not executing the Bonds in the cases of Road No. 198 (James Doyle) and Road No. 200 (Myles Byrne), we hereby direct our Secretary to refund the deposit in each of these cases,

Passed.

TINAHELY:—

11 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

SHILLELAGH:—

18 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " P J Carey;

Resolved—That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Special Meeting be now Sealed and Signed.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
19th April, 1926.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I recommend that for any roads not tendered for, or on which tenders were received late, the County Council readvertise these roads for Contract. I consider that it would be most improper to accept private Contracts under agreement, for these roads, inasmuch as that the County

Council should have the benefit of Sureties for the due performance of the Contract.

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) S G Gallagher,
County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That such County Roads as have not been tendered for and Contracts not approved of at this Meeting be placed in charge of the County Surveyor until the 1st June, 1926, and that they be re-advertised, and where possible Contracts entered into for one year at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council.

As an amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D;
Seconded " John J Barry;

That the roads not tendered for be left in the hands of the County Surveyor until the 31st March, 1927, to be done as he considers best, the roads not to cost more than the amount allotted for them.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Felix O'Rafferty, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D; and James Everett, T D.—9.

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, M Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—14.

The amendment was thereupon declared lost by fourteen votes against to nine for, and the original Motion put to the Meeting and declared passed by fourteen votes to nine.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That the following members constitute a special Committee to report on the best means of supervising the work of maintaining Main Roads:—

Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.
" James Everett, T.D.
" William Byrne.
" John J Metcalfe.
" Felix O'Rafferty.
" John J Kennedy.
" David H Haskins.

the Committee to meet at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 3rd May, 1926,
Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

Main Street,
Rathdrum
April 17th, 1926.

To the Chairman and Members
of County Council.

Gentlemen,

I feel reluctantly compelled to draw your attention to what is to my brother and myself a very grave injustice. We are carters at your Carrigmore Quarry under the direct labour scheme, and for the last couple of days the men there have refused to work and have prevented us working alleging as a reason that our father tendered for road contracts at a recent meeting held in Rathdrum. Being the old contractor for the Rathdrum streets, he did tender, but failed to obtain the contract and is it not most unfair to us who are trying to earn our own living to be thus penalised because a member of our family tenders for a contract at the invitation of your Council.

We are both members of the Labour Union, and I am (and want to work) under the direct labour scheme since its inauguration.

Your Engineer and other officials are aware of all the circumstances and can corroborate what I have here stated. I may add that your officials suggested referring the matter in dispute to your Meeting on Monday and this explains why I am troubling you.

Hoping as a result of your decision work will again proceed as in the past in the usual peaceful lines.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) William Woulahan,
Carter.

No Order.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 25th May, 1926.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman.

Councillors Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Metcalfe, David H Haskins, George Heatley, J J Bourne, John J Metcalfe, Samuel E Pim, Denis Condren, J J Redmond, James Kavanagh, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, William Byrne, P J Cullen, P J Carey, William J Henry, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, C M Ua Broin, T.D.; and John J Kennedy.

Minutes of previous Meetings were confirmed and signed.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To pass Resolutions approving and adopting the Finance Committee's recommendations to award superannuation allowances to the abolished officers of the late Council of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and to John Hopkins, Esq., formerly Clerk of the abolished Shillelagh Rural District Council.
- 3—To pass a Resolution, as recommended by the Finance Committee and suggested by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, awarding to Miss Agnes C Keating, late nurse in the Fever Hospital, Wicklow, a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum.
- 4—To make arrangements to provide satisfactory accommodation for the sittings of the District Courts at Bri Chualann, Blessington and Dunlavin.
- 5—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 6—To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
- 7—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 8—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee, and from the several Tenders Committees appointed for the purpose of entering into provisional road contracts.
- 9—To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, intimating that the sum of £7350 has been provisionally allocated to the Council for the improvement of Trunk Roads out of the Trunk Road Grant of £250,000.
- 10—To consider a communication from the Commissioners of Public Works, suggesting that the Council vest their interest in Kilcoole old Church in the Commissioners, or constitute them guardians thereof under the Ancient Monuments Protection Acts.
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—
"I or some member for me shall move that the Resolution proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Fisher, passed this day in reference to employment of men upon roads, be rescinded, and that no further action in the meantime be taken."
- 12—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 13—To Sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 14—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1927, and to Sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.
- 15—To make permanent arrangements, in accordance with Article 106 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, for the examination of the Collection Books and Accounts of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 16—To Sign and Seal Demands (Form 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bri Chualann and Wicklow.
- 17—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, and of the Proposals Committee, in the coming year 1926/1927.
- 18—To consider the following Resolution received from County Wicklow Board of Health:—
"Resolved—That this Board being satisfied that exceptional distress prevails over the County, and that except some means are found for providing work for the huge number now unemployed great hardship will result, we desire to call the attention of the County Council to the fact that immediate steps should be taken to provide employment forthwith, and that they should approach the Government to help them to provide such employment. Passed."
- 19—To consider a communication received from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, regarding a proposal to the following

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effect received by that Board from Councillor M Fleming:—

"I beg to move that the building at Shillelagh formerly used as a stable be converted into cottages, which can be done at a small outlay, as building is in good repair, and lands for allotment available. The approval of the Minister for Local Government is requested to this proposal."

20—To make permanent arrangements for the collection of the Poor Rate in No. 10 (Brockagh) Collecting District, in which Mr W P Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood, was temporarily employed to close the 1925/1926 collection.

21—To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1926 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.

22—To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking the Council's views on the superannuation allowance proposed to be awarded by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture to Mr Andrew Nolan, resigned Agricultural Instructor.

23—To make arrangements for taking over from the contractor the newly-reconstructed Courthouse at Baltinglass.

24—To make final arrangements for putting into operation the Regulations made by the Council for the control of dogs, in accordance with the provisions of the Dogs Act, 1906, and the County Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order, 1926.

25—To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, declining to sanction the appointment of Mr S Conway, V.S., as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the portion of West Wicklow formerly known as the Rural District of Naas No. 2, on the grounds that he resides too far from that District.

26—To consider a communication from County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, suggesting that certain steps be taken with a view to minimizing the spread of Sheep Scab.

27—To consider a letter from County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, notifying the Council of the disqualification of Councillor Joseph Burke as a member of that Committee.

28—To fill the vacancy existing on Baltinglass and Kiltegan School Attendance Committee by reason of the disqualification of Dr D P Kenna.

29—To fill the vacancy existing on Blessington School Attendance Committee by reason of the disqualification of Mr James Quinn, Valley-mount.

30—To fill the vacancy existing on Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee by reason of the resignation of the Very Rev J C Healy, P.P.

31—To consider an application for renewal of a Cinematograph License from Thomas R Whitton, Killincarrick, Delgany, on behalf of the Trustees of the Trafalgar Hall, Greystones.

32—To consider County Analyst's Report for the past Quarter.

33—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

34—To receive Reports from County Officers.

35—To consider Official Correspondence.

36—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That the Deputation representing the men working on roads be heard before the general business is considered.

Passed.

The grievances of four men who had been working in Wicklow area under the Council's Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads were then set forth by the Deputation, which consisted of Messrs O'Reilly, M'Gann and Conroy. The Council, having made inquiries from Joseph T O'Byrne, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, and from the Road Overseer, Michael Turner, decided that the grievances were not genuine, and expressed themselves satisfied with the explanation given by the Assistant Surveyor.

It was stated in a discussion which followed that the terms of the Council's Resolution directing that preference be given to married men in the allocation of work under the Council's Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads had not been complied with throughout the County.

ORDER. The County Surveyor to send out specific directions to his Assistants and Overseers that in future married men with families, where found suitable, are to be employed in preference to single men, and if he finds that this order is not being given effect to, he is forthwith to report such failure to the Council, so that suitable action may be taken by the Council against the officer or officers thus reported.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, the 30th April, 1926.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors John J Kennedy, and William Byrne.

The Committee had under consideration the following Proposals and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	10484	15	8
Baltinglass No. 1	597	10	5
Rathdown No. 2	1689	1	5

Rathdrum	...	...	876	6	1
Shillelagh	...	...	558	1	3
Repayment of Loans	...	...	1390	17	5

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health, recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same, in respect to the Quarter ending 30th June, 1926:—

TRANSFERS TO COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE.

	£	s	d
County Board of Assistance	1000	0	0
Do	2000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Do	2000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Do	1000	0	0
Total	£8,000	0	0

TRANSFER TO COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

County Board of Public Health	£930	0	0
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The Committee had under consideration the question of the superannuation to be awarded to the abolished officers of the late Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and in this connection had before them a letter dated 30th November, 1925, from P Cunniam, Esq, late Clerk of that Rural District Council, on behalf of the abolished officers, and also copy of a Resolution passed by County Wicklow Board of Health, making certain recommendations in the matter.

ORDER. The Committee, having gone carefully into all the facts and figures relating to these claims, recommend the following superannuation allowances, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:

	£	s	d
P Cunniam	52	8	5
P J Farrell	23	1	3
J P Broderick	12	1	4
Mrs M A McDonnell	11	7	7

these amounts being calculated in each case on the total of the amount of

the salary and three-fourths of the bonus, and 50% having been added in each case for meritorious service to the number of years of service.

The Committee had also under consideration the application for superannuation of Mr John Hopkins, consequent upon his loss of office as Clerk to the late Shillelagh Rural District Council, and also Counsel's opinion on the validity of Mr Hopkins' claim that he was entitled to payment of full salary from Wicklow County Council up to the date on which the Council disposed of his services.

Having gone carefully into all the facts and figures connected with Mr Hopkins' claim, the Committee recommend that, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, Mr Hopkins be granted a superannuation allowance of £216 per annum, being two-thirds of his annual salary and emoluments (£324 per annum), 6½ years being added for meritorious service to his 33½ years of completed service, this pension to commence as from the 1st January, 1926, and Mr Hopkins to be paid his salary as usual to the 31st December, 1925.

The Committee had under consideration the application of Samuel Roche, Esq, Solicitor, Tullow, for compensation for loss of his office as solicitor to the abolished Shillelagh Rural District Council, and in this connection had before them a file of correspondence from Mr Roche, P W Sheehan, Esq, and John Hopkins, Esq, and Counsel's opinion that the evidence brought forward by Mr Roche cannot be regarded as proving him to be the duly appointed Standing Solicitor to the Rural District Council.

In these circumstances, the Committee regret that sufficient documentary evidence has not been submitted to them by Mr Roche which would entitle them to regard him as the duly appointed Standing Solicitor to Shillelagh Rural District Council, consequently they feel unable to recommend a pension.

The Secretary submitted the following Report from the Architects on the progress of the rebuilding of Baltinglass Court House:

Grafton Chambers,
102-103 Grafton Street, DUBLIN,
31st March, 1926.

Dear Sir,

We enclose certificate to Mr Hetherington for Baltinglass Courthouse. There remains to be done the plastering of the walls, further work on which we had to delay owing to the damp. Owing to the long period which the walls were exposed to the weather, the drying out is very slow, and although the contractor had made every effort by artificial means to dry them, he is not in a position to complete them.

The fixing of the Court fittings and plumbing work is proceeding. We wish to point out the time fixed for completion has been exceeded, but as we already informed you that a claim for extension of time was made by the contractor owing to weather conditions.

We have directed the contractor's attention to the fact that his insurance policy has lapsed, and directed him to renew it at once.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Foley and O'Sullivan.

P T Healy, Esq,
Court House, Wicklow.
ORDER. Noted.

An application dated 23rd March, 1926, was submitted from Messrs M J Doyle & Sons, Baltinglass, owners of the Baltinglass Town Hall, for permission to connect the water-pipe of the Town Hall lavatory to the water-pipe of the Courthouse lavatory, at the same time intimating that a water-pipe would also be laid so that the water tank of the Courthouse could be filled by the Town Hall pump. A letter dated 31st March, 1926, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects, was also submitted with regard to this application.

ORDER. The work to be carried by the Council's contractor, at Messrs M J Doyle & Sons' expense, to the satisfaction of Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan.

Letters dated 22nd Jan. and 19th Feb., 1926, were submitted from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects, 102-103 Grafton Street, Dublin, with regard to the rebuilding of Bri Chualann Courthouse, it being intimated in the latter communication that by a reduction in the sums for the grates and the omission of central heating the tender could be reduced to £2123.

ORDER. The Committee recommend rebuilding by Messrs Fearon and Company, provided same does not cost more than £2123 in all, and that the award to be paid the County Council is at least that sum.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 18th March 1926, No. P.58508/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, intimating that the Minister had had under consideration the views of the members of the Deputation sent by the Council to interview him regarding the superannuation allowance proposed to be awarded to Miss Agnes C Keating, and would, in the circumstances, be prepared to consent to a pension at the rate of £40 a year in this case if the County Council passed a Resolution awarding her that amount.

ORDER. The Committee recommend the Council to pass a Resolution granting Miss Keating a pension of £40 per annum, to be paid as from the 1st January, 1922.

The Committee noted the contents of the statement submitted by J L O'Toole, Esq, Auctioneer, Carnew, showing particulars of the lettings of lands attached to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings for the year 1926/1927, the total amount of such lettings being £18 18s.

The Committee had under consideration a file of correspondence regarding the claim for compensation for loss of office of Mr J P Hickey, Gleann-na-Smol, Boghall Road, Bri Chualann, as Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 (Delgany) District, including a letter dated 22nd April, 1926, from the Council's Law Agent, stating that in view of the terms of the Local Government Board's letter of sanction Mr Hickey would not appear to be entitled to any compensation for loss of office.

ORDER. The Committee regret they are unable to recommend compensation in this case, as Mr Hickey did not hold a substantive permanent office.

Counsel's opinion regarding the stamping of carters' and stone-breakers' cards was submitted, intimating that he does not see how the Council would be prejudiced by the stamping of cards pending and subject to the decision of the two further test cases about to be tried.

ORDER. Noted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 5th April, 1926, from Miss

Elizabeth Merry, Downshire Office, 72 Rathgar Road, Dublin, intimating that the Courthouse in Blessington is now completed, and that she has supplied, on Lord Downshire's behalf, the furniture necessary for the sittings of the District Court, and asking if the Council will resume the tenancy of the Courthouse on the same terms as formerly as from the 1st May, 1926.

ORDER. The Committee recommend the Council to resume the tenancy of this Courthouse on the same terms as before.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 9th April, 1926, No. S.59554/1925, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister has decided to remit the surcharge of £3 17s 7d made by the Auditor of the Accounts of the late Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, in respect of a payment made to ex-Rent Collector O'Brien, and that as regards a further surcharge made in respect to a payment by the Rural District Council for fencing a labourer's plot in the townland of Knockaderry, the Minister would be glad to know the County Council's views as to whether it would be advisable to remove the existing fence, or endeavour to arrange for the securing of the site by agreement at a reasonable rent for a period of 99 years.

ORDER. Referred to the Law Agent.

A letter dated 17th April, 1926, was submitted from Messrs Dollards, Ltd, Printers, Wellington Quay, Dublin, asking when their account for £61 17s 6d against the late Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council for printing bye-laws would be passed for payment.

ORDER. Recommended for payment.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 26th March, 1926, No. L.1048/26, from the Department of Agriculture, enclosing copies of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926, and of a Memorandum as to certain points of procedure in connection with that Order, which letter stated that, owing to the prevalence of Bovine Tuberculosis, it had become necessary for hygienic and financial reasons to make more stringent regulations for the purpose of coping with the disease, and that the Department would suggest that the duties under the new Order be discharged by the Council's present Veterinary officers, to whom an addition to their salary for

ordinary duties should be given in respect of the Tuberculosis work. The suggested additional payments would be as follows for each of the former Union areas:—Baltinglass (in County Wicklow) £30; Naas (in County Wicklow) £15; Rathdown (in County Wicklow) £12 10s; Rathdrum £50; and Shillelagh £85.

The Committee noted that the present salaries of the Council's Veterinary Inspectors were as follows:—

	£	s	d	Districts.
W J Richardson, Esq, V S	30	0	0	Rathdown
S Conway, Esq, V S	70	0	0	Rathdrum
A F Walshe, Esq, V S	25	0	0	Shillelagh
Same	30	0	0	Baltinglass
G A Morrin, Esq, V S	20	0	0	Naas
Locum Tenens				

and they further ascertained that the scale of fees at present in operation in respect of duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, as approved

by the Department of Agriculture by letter dated 25th March, 1915, No. 1091/1915, was as follows:—

Scales of Fees.

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

No further charges to be made for Reports or Valuations.

ORDER. The Committee regret they are not able to recommend the County Council to increase for any reason the salaries now being paid to the Veterinary Inspectors of the County.

The Committee had under consideration the question of reinsuring for higher and more correct amounts the County Court Houses against damage by fire, and in this connection the Secretary submitted a file of correspondence, including a letter dated 10th March, 1926, from the Council's Insurance Broker, Mr Thomas Fleming, quoting tenders from nine Insurance Companies.

Having examined these tenders, and gone carefully into the circumstances, the Committee recommend that the insurance of the Court Houses be continued with the present Company, i.e., the Hibernian Insurance Company, 48-49 Dame Street, Dublin.

A letter dated 26th April, 1926, was submitted from J Conroy, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Wicklow, asking the Council to pay seven days' waiting money to two men whose services were dispensed with by the County Surveyor on the 17th April, and who he alleged had not been paid up to the date of his letter.

ORDER. Noted.

The Secretary submitted the following further Report of the Architects on the rebuilding of Baltinglass Courthouse, which he had received that morning:—

Grafton Chambers,
102-103 Grafton Street, DUBLIN.
29th April, 1926.

Baltinglass Courthouse.

The building of Baltinglass Courthouse is nearing completion, and so far as the work is done, it is satisfactory.

Minor structural alterations had to be made and some additional work was required, principally dashing of the outside wall.

The only work now remaining to be done is:—

- 1 Painting of woodwork.
- 2 Terraze floor.
- 3 A small amount of joinery work.
- 4 Plastering which was delayed owing to dampness in some of the walls.

There will be required some shelving and tables which we find can be done by the Contractor without extra cost and should the Council approve, we will have same put in hand.

It will be necessary to have Mr Smith, Quantity Surveyor, directed to measure the extra work and take credit for alterations, and if the Council consider it necessary to have this done, it will be necessary to give the order as soon as possible as the contractor will soon expect his Penultimate Certificate.

It may be well to mention that sometimes these are measured by the Architects and it is a matter for the Council to direct who will do it. We

would prefer that the surveyor would do this work, and in case such is done he will be entitled to the usual fee for doing so—viz., 2½% on the value of the work measured.

(Signed) Foley and O'Sullivan.
(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

6th May, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William Byrne ;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;
Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, we hereby grant to the following abolished officers pensions at the undermentioned rates per annum for their loss of office consequent on the abolition of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, these rates being calculated in each case on the total amount of the salary and three-fourths of the bonus, and 50% having been added in each case for meritorious service to the number of completed years of service, and these pensions to be payable as from the 1st October, 1925 :—

Name	Position	Proposed Superannuation		
		£	s	d
P Cunniam	Clerk	52	0	5
P J Farrell	Assistant do	23	1	3
J P Broderick	Deputy Asst. do	12	1	4
Mrs M A McDonnell	Typist	11	7	7

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor M Fleming ;
Seconded by " W J Doyle ;
Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Department of

Local Government and Public Health, we hereby grant to Mr John Hopkins, in respect of his loss of office as Clerk to Shillelagh Rural District Council in consequence of the abolition of that Body, a pension of £216 per annum, being two-thirds of his annual salary and emoluments (£324 per annum), 6½ years being added for meritorious service to his 33½ completed years of service, this pension to be paid as from the 1st January, 1926, and Mr Hopkins to be paid his salary as usual to the 31st December, 1925.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;
Seconded by " William Byrne ;
Resolved—That, in accordance with the suggestion made by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in their letter of the 18th March, 1926, No. P.58508/1926, and with the recommendation contained in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, we hereby grant to Miss Agnes C Keating, consequent upon her position as nurse in Wicklow Fever Hospital having been abolished as a result of the coming into operation of a Scheme of Union Amalgamation, a pension of £40 per annum, payment of this pension to be retrospective as from the 1st January, 1922, and that the Secretary deduct from the arrears now due any sums already paid Miss Keating.

Passed.
The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Samuel E Pim and accepted by the Chairman :—
"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the rebuilding of Bri Chualann Courthouse be proceeded with."

A letter dated 9th February, 1926, was submitted from M O'Cheallaigh, Esq. District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, asking the Council to arrange for the supply of sufficient furniture for the Court and Clerk's office to the newly-rebuilt Courthouse at Blessington.

ORDER. The County Surveyor to inspect the new Courthouse building in Blessington in company with Councillor William Henry, with a view to arranging for the supply of whatever additional furniture may be required.

The following letter was submitted :—
Harristown,
Hollywood, CO. WICKLOW,
18.5.26.

P T Healy, Esq,
Re: Dunlavin Courthouse.

A Chara,
Further to my letter of February last regarding the Court accommodation at Dunlavin, I beg to inform you that as a result of the repairs and alterations at present being carried out, the hall at present used as a temporary Courthouse will, when completed, be a suitable place for the holding of the Court, subject to the provision of a stove and an office or presses for the Clerk's use. I have had an interview with the Chairman

of the Hall Committee (Mr J Cunningham), and as a result I do not think the Council would have any difficulty in obtaining the use of this Hall on the usual terms, and as nothing has yet been done towards the restoration of the old Courthouse, the hall is the most suitable place. The office is required immediately, as I have been notified that the arrangement of attending at the Garda Station will no longer be allowed, and that I must attend at the Courthouse. Arrangements could be made, in the event of the Council renting the Hall, to have the caretaking done by the caretaker of the Hall.

Mise, le meas mor,
(Signed) M. O'Cheallaigh,
District Court Clerk.

NO ORDER, it having been stated that the reconstructed Hall in question would be suitable for the holding of District Courts.

Proposed by Councillor Samuel E Pim ;
Seconded by " William Henry ;
Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.
Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 15th May, 1926.

The following members were present :—
Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors William Byrne and John J Kennedy.
The Committee had under consideration the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment :—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£306 1s 9d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable—

	1924/1925 RATE.	£	s.	d.
No. 5 District	Frank Healy	...	1	17 6
	1925/1926 Rate.			
No. 1 District	Luke McDonnell	...	14	2 7
" 13/15 "	William J Quinn	...	32	8 4
" 14 "	Michael Roche	...	1	7 8

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the above rates be allowed as irrecoverable, and refunded to the various collectors, subject to

the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

	1925/1926 RATE	£	s.	d.
No. 1 District	Luke McDonnell	...	18	12 0
" 8 "	Edward Lynch	...	5	5 8
" 4 "	William Burke	...	4	13 3
" 5 "	Frank Healy	...	2	4 5
" 9 "	John Manly	...	21	14 8
" 13/15 "	William J Quinn	...	26	3 9
" 14 "	Michael Roche	...	9	11 5

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the above rates be allowed as irrecoverable, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

	1925/1926 RATE.	£	s.	d.
No. 8 District	Patrick Mulligan	...	£12	14 11

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the above rates, which have been lodged by the collector, be allowed as irrecoverable, and refunded when the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health is obtained thereto, provided that the collection has been lodged up in the meantime.

The Secretary submitted letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 15th February, 1926, No. G.6056/1926, 12th January, 1926, No. G.836/1926, and 16th April 1926, No. G.15465/1926, directing attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the Council's Poor Rate Collections, and requesting that the rate collectors be given a definite period in which to close their full warrants for the year, and if they fail to do so drastic action should be taken against them and their sureties.

The Secretary also submitted the following :—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.
13th May, 1926.
Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you herewith a statement showing the present condition of the Poor Rate Collections in County Wicklow. You will note that the progress made by most of the collectors

cannot be considered unsatisfactory in view of the stringent economic conditions at present prevailing in the County. You will also, however, note that in several districts there are abnormally large amounts outstanding, for the non-collection of which there would appear to be no adequate reason. In particular, I have to state, as the responsible officer of the Council, that the condition of the collections of Collectors John Manley (No. 9 District), J J Porter (No. 11 District), Garrett Byrne (No. 12 District), and John Byrne (No. 19 District), would appear to me to demand immediate and serious attention.

In view of the additional experience gained during the past two financial years, I have to repeat with added emphasis the statement I made in my Report on the 1924/1925 Estimates, i.e., that the Council can never hope to discharge their liabilities as they fall due, nor can the County Services be expected to run on smooth wheels, unless arrangements are made for the punctual collection of Poor Rate.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. T. HEALY, Secretary.

RATES OUTSTANDING IN COUNTY WICKLOW ON THE 14TH MAY, 1926.

District No.	Name of Collector.	1920/21 and 1921/22 Rate	1922/23 and 1923/24 Rate	1924/25 Rate	1925/26 Rate	TOTAL
1	Luke McDonnell	—	—	—	—	—
2	Michael Halpin	—	—	—	569 5 9	569 5 9
3	Edward Lynch	—	—	—	124 0 2	124 0 2
4	William Burke	—	—	—	—	—
5	Frank Healy	—	—	—	246 18 6	246 18 6
6	Mrs. K. Doyle	—	325 4 - 1	316 10 10	606 5 8	1248 0 7
5	John Cullen	180 16 0	—	—	—	180 16 0
6	John Cullen	2116 17 2	—	—	—	2116 17 2
7	P. J. Doyle	—	—	—	795 12 7	795 12 7
8	Patrick Mulligan	—	—	21 15 11	23 12 9	45 8 8
9	John Manley	—	37 9 5	—	2021 19 2	2059 8 7
10	W. P. Murphy	—	—	—	218 3 4	218 3 4
11	J. J. Porter	11 5 4	60 13 4	183 6 1	1139 8 2	1894 12 11
11	P. P. Doyle	156 11 8	—	—	—	156 11 8
12	Garrett Byrne	—	—	222 5 5	1595 2 5	1817 7 10
13/15	W. J. Quinn	—	—	—	—	—
14	Michael Roche	—	—	—	—	—
16	P. J. O'Byrne	1 5 9	—	—	567 18 7	569 4 4
16	P. P. Doyle	119 12 5	—	—	—	119 12 5
17	D. J. Kinsella	—	—	102 2 0	1254 4 4	1356 6 4
17	Charles Byrne	21 0 2	563 12 6	—	—	584 12 8
18	Thomas Fleming	—	—	—	552 0 6	552 0 6
19	John Byrne	—	—	—	1139 17 2	1139 17 2
TOTAL OUTSTANDING						£15,294 17 2

ORDER. The Committee consider the state of the Poor Rate Collections as a whole most unsatisfactory, particularly in the cases of the following Collectors:—Manly, Porter, Garrett Byrne and John Byrne; and if these four collectors have not closed their collections in full before June 30th we mean to take drastic action.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 3rd May, 1926, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, 48 Dame Street, Dublin, calling attention to the apparent dilatoriness of the Council in connection with ex-Poor Rate Collector John Cullen's collections, and stating that it was most unsatisfactory to both the Company and the Council to have the case remain outstanding for an indefinite period.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., be again instructed to have the collections closed up with the Insurance Company at once.

A letter dated 11th May, 1926, was submitted from F F MacCarthy, Esq., Knocklayde, Whitshed Road, Greystones, asking the Council to refund him the sum of £13 18s 4d, being 19/20ths of the rates paid by him on the above newly-built house in respect to the financial year 1925/1926.

ORDER. The Committee regret they have no power to refund rates paid in respect to the financial year 1925/1926.

Letters dated 3rd March, 1926, and 27th April, 1926, were submitted from J R Dagg, Esq., 4 Palmerstown Road, Rathmines, asking the Council to make arrangements to pay his superannuations monthly in future.

ORDER. The Committee regret they are unable to accede to this request.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

Valli Pacis,
NEWTOWN-MT.-KENNEDY,
13-2-1926.

Gentlemen,

As most of you are aware of the sad circumstances of my husband's illness, he will not be able to take up position as school attendance

officer for this district. As this is the only district in the county where officer has not been reinstated, I would respectfully ask you to grant him a compensation for loss of office.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Maria Short.

ORDER. The Committee regret they cannot accede to this request.

(Signed) DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

15th May, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as printed

and circulated be, as it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting £10,484 15s 8d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke;
Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Baltinglass No 1 Rural District, amounting to £597 10s 5d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDOWN No 2.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;
Seconded by " John J Redmond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £1,689 1s 5d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor John J Kennedy;
Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £876 6s 1d (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 " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable to Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £558 1s 3d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £1,390 17s 5d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor Samuel E Pim;
Seconded by " P J Carey;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £306 1s 9d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;
 Seconded by " George Heatley ;
 Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by the County Council, be now signed.
 Passed.

COMMITTEES REPORT.

The Special Committee appointed by Resolution of the County Council on the 19th April, 1926, to consider the whole question of the supervision of the work of road maintenance, met in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 3rd May, 1926, when the following members were present:—

Councillors James Everett, T.D. ; William Byrne, John J Metcalfe, Felix O'Rafferty, John J Kennedy, C M Byrne, T.D. ; and D H Haskins.

The County Surveyor and his three Assistants (Messrs Boyd Foley and O'Byrne) were also present.

The Chair was occupied by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

The County Surveyor presented his views on the entire question of the supervision of the work of road maintenance. During the discussion which followed, Councillor Everett left the Chair. The Chair was then taken by Councillor John J Metcalfe.

After a further protracted discussion, the County Surveyor was ordered to embody in his printed report to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held on Tuesday, the 25th May, 1926, the general trend of the suggestions made at the Meeting.

(Signed) JOHN J. METCALFE,
 Presiding Chairman of the Special Committee.

ORDER. Noted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
 Wicklow,
 19th May, 1926.

Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—On the 3rd instant the Committee of the Council met to consider the matter of arranging for the supervision of roads to be repaired other than by Contract. I presented a report indicating the mileages of the Groups which I proposed to divide such roads. The Committee after long discussion did not arrive at any definite decision, but directed me to submit certain suggestions which originated amongst the Committee from the discussion. As far as I can collate them, the suggestions are:—

(a) In the area under Mr Foley—Baltinglass R.D.—the cost under Direct Labour was:—

Assistant's Salary	£205
4 Overseers	624
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	£829

It is now suggested—

2 Working Gangers	£52
2 Charge Hands	26
Assistant's Salary	205
Assistant's Travelling Expenses	120
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	£403

(b) In Mr Joseph O'Byrne's Area—Wicklow-Bri Chualann—the former cost was—

Assistant's Salary	£260
Assistant's Travelling	120
6 Overseers	936
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	£1816

It is now suggested—

Assistant's Salary	£260
Assistant's Travelling	120
3 Gangers	390
3 Working Gangers	78
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	£848

(c) In Mr Boyd's Area—Shillelagh-Arklow—former cost—

Assistant's Salary	£205
4 Overseers	624
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	£829

It is now suggested—

Assistant's Salary	£205
Assistant's Travelling	120
1 Ganger	130
3 Working Gangers	78
1 Charge Hand	13
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	£546

In all cases the amounts set forth for the working gangers and charge hands is the excess paid to these men over and above their pay as ordinary workmen.

It is obvious that with the incidence of the Road Contract system the necessity for Overseers ceases except in certain areas when the abnormal circumstances require their services—viz., Bray, Wicklow, Arklow and Baltinglass.

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Metcalfe ;
 Seconded by " George Heatley.

That Road Overseers be abolished in future.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, John J Metcalfe, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—9.

AGAINST THE MOTION:—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D ; and John J Kennedy—11.

Councillors David Frame, J J Bourne, and Samuel E Pim declined to vote, and Councillor William J Henry was not in the room.

The motion was accordingly declared lost by eleven votes against, to nine for.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That two charge hands be employed, as suggested in the County Surveyor's Report.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Denis Condren, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—15.

The following declined to vote, to support their contention that the Council were proceeding illegally in the matter:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe,

John J Redmond, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D ; and John J Kennedy.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by fifteen votes for, to no vote against.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley ;

Seconded by " William Byrne.

Resolved—That no travelling expenses be allowed to the Assistant Surveyor in the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District. Passed on a show of hands.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

County Surveyor's Office,
 Court House, Wicklow,

25th May, 1926.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—I request that the Council make definite arrangements as to the filling of the vacancy in the Assistant Surveyorship caused by the resignation of Mr Joseph Doyle. At present the work is done, as you are aware, by Mr Joseph O'Byrne, B.E., who holds the post in a temporary capacity.

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne.

That this Council hereby appoints Mr Joseph T Byrne, B.E., to the position of permanent whole-time Assistant Surveyor for the North-East District of the County at an annual salary of £260, with an allowance of £120 per annum for travelling expenses, as indicated in the County Surveyor's Report now submitted, which allowance will be payable so long only as his travelling expenses and diary (Form R.1) is regularly received and certified by the County Surveyor, Mr O'Byrne's temporary services in that position having given entire satisfaction to both the County Surveyor and the Council, and we request the Minister for Local Government to extend his formal sanction to this permanent appointment.

After considerable discussion, the motion was withdrawn with the Council's consent.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

That an Assistant whole-time Surveyor be advertised for at a salary of £300 per annum, to include his travelling expenses.

As an amendment, it was

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe ; and

Resolved—That we advertise for a whole-time Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £260 per annum, and £120 travelling expenses.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Michael Fleming, William J Henry, John Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, Samuel E Pim, C M Byrne, T D ; David H Haskins, and John J Kennedy—12.

AGAINST—Councillors P J Carey, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, Daniel J Kehoe, George Heatley, John J Redmond, William Byrne, James Everett, T D ; and P J Cullen—12.

The voting having been equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote for the amendment, which was thereupon declared carried.

The amendment was then put to the Meeting as a substantive motion, and declared passed on the same voting.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

That only two overseers and two working gangers be employed in Mr Joseph O'Byrne's area—Wicklow-Bri Chualann.

A poll was then called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, David H Haskins and P J Cullen—11.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond C M Byrne, T. D., James Everett T. D., and John J Kennedy—13

The motion was thereupon declared lost by thirteen votes against to eleven for.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne ;

That Mr Joseph Boyd be given an allowance of £60 per annum for travelling expenses.

After some discussion, this motion was withdrawn with the Council's consent.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I beg to give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Assistant Engineers be allowed travelling expenses at the rate of £120, on the condition that each keep a diary or record of the mileage that they do."

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

That two gangers be appointed at £130 each per annum in Shillelagh-Arklow area.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D ; and John J Kennedy—11.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—13.

The motion was accordingly declared lost by thirteen votes against to eleven for.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in Councillor Joseph Metcalfe and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I beg to give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the overseers retain their old rate of pay—£3 per week."

The County Surveyor's Report, having been amended by the above Resolutions, was therefore confirmed and adopted as follows, on the motion of Councillor D H Haskins, seconded by Councillor David Frame:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Wicklow,

19th May, 1926

Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—On the 3rd instant the Committee of the Council met to consider the matter of arranging for the supervision of roads to be repaired other than by Contract. I presented a report indicating the mileages of the Groups which I proposed to divide such roads. The Committee after long discussion did not arrive at any definite decision, but directed me to submit certain suggestions which originated amongst the Committee from the discussion. As far as I can collate them, the suggestions are:—

(a) In the area under Mr Foley—Baltinglass R.D.—the cost under Direct Labour was:—

Assistant's Salary	£205
4 Overseers	624
	£829

It is now suggested—

2 Working Gangers	£52
2 Charge Hands	26
Assistant's Salary	205
	£283

(b) In Mr Joseph O'Byrne's Area—Wicklow-Bri Chualann—the former cost was—

Assistant's Salary	£260
Assistant's Travelling	120
6 Overseers	986
	£1316

It is now suggested—

Assistant's Salary	£260
Assistant's Travelling	120
3 Overseers	390
3 Working Gangers	78
	£848

(c) In Mr Boyd's Area—Shillelagh-Arklow—former cost—

Assistant's Salary	£205
4 Overseers	624
	£829

It is now suggested—

Assistant's Salary	£205
1 Overseer	130
3 Working Gangers	78
1 Charge Hand	13
	£426

In all cases the amounts set forth for the working gangers and charge hands is the excess paid to these men over and above their pay as ordinary workmen.

It is obvious that with the incidence of the Road Contract system the necessity for Overseers ceases except in certain areas when the abnormal circumstances require their services—viz, Bray, Wicklow, Arklow, and Baltinglass.

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond ;

Seconded by " John Kennedy ;

Resolved—That this Council hereby protests against the provisions of the proposed Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Bill, 1926 ; we consider that this measure deprives local authorities of some of their most important functions and is in effect putting back the hands of the clock to what existed prior to the Local Government Act, 1898, and we further consider that this Bill is an insult to the integrity and intelligence of men who, just like the members of the Dail, have been elected by the votes of the people, and we further protest as a Council whose predecessors met all such charges at a sworn enquiry recently.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE VARIOUS TENDERS COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO PROVISIONAL ROAD CONTRACTS:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

To provide six Tar Boilers for pothole work at a cost not exceeding £75.

ORDER. Approved.

ENNISKERRY.

7 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on

the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

A letter was submitted from Mr Patrick Kavanagh, Glenree, Enniskerry, stating that the sureties for the provisionally-accepted Contractor for Road No. 11 were not good, and claiming the contract for himself.

The Council having heard the circumstances, as stated by Mr Patrick Kavanagh, who was present, and by the County Surveyor, decided to make no order on the matter.

RATHDRUM.

30 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

TINAHELY.

8 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

SHILLELAGH.

10 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on usual Forms, were considered and approved.

BALTINGLALS.

17 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

BLESSINGTON.

6 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That the deposit in the case of John Hayden, Knocken-darragh, Donard, be impounded, and lodged to credit of the County Council, consequent upon his failure to execute, with his sureties, the Bond submitted at the Tenders Committee Meeting.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That all County Roads which the Council directed should be maintained by contract, and in respect of which no contracts have been entered into by the Council, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor to be maintained otherwise than by contract for the period ending 31st May, 1927, at a cost not greater than the annual amount already sanctioned by this Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), dated 8th May, 1926, No. SGO/201, notifying the provisional allocation of a sum of £7350 out of the Trunk Road Grant of £250,000, this Grant of £7350 to be for the improvement of Trunk Roads only in County Wicklow, and going on to state that the Grant was not conditional on any contribution from the County Rates, but was not to be taken as relieving the County Council from the responsibility for reasonable and economic road maintenance.

During the discussion which followed, attention was drawn to the

fact that the Deputation from the Council which had waited on the Department of Local Government and Public Health prior to the adoption of the Estimates for the financial year 1926/1927 had been given to understand that Wicklow County Council might expect to receive a large sum by way of Grants during that financial year, and that the County Surveyor would be allowed to expend these Grants on the upkeep and maintenance of Main Roads, and that the Deputation's report as to these concessions and the terms of the of the above-mentioned letter from the Department notifying the provisional allocation of the Grant appeared to be mutually antagonistic.

It was finally arranged that the Chairman, Councillor David Frame, together with Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., and James Everett, T.D., should again wait upon the Department with a view to the protection of the Council's interest in this connection.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
25th May, 1926.

To WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

Should you elect to expend the Grant of £7,350 on Trunk Roads, in accordance with the conditions of the Grant, I recommend that the sum of £2,450 be spent on the Trunk Road T.42 (Dublin-Baltinglass) in continuation of the reconstruction work already done to Tinode.

A similar sum, as far as may be required, should be spent on Trunk Road T.43 (Scalp-Bray) to complete the road from Enniskerry to Kileroney.

The balance to be expended in Tar Dressing the other Trunk Roads, where suitable for such work.

Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) S G Gallagher,
County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " Samuel E Pim;
Resolved—That the County Surveyor's proposals as to the allocation of the Grant of £7,350, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Samuel E Pim;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the several Contracts which have been approved at this Quarterly Meeting be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, T.D.; William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—14.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Daniel J

Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D.; and John J Kennedy—7.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by fourteen votes to seven.

The Council had before them a resolution passed by County Wicklow Board of Health, directing attention to the exceptional distress prevailing over the County, and asking the County Council to approach the Government to provide employment.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That this Council, being satisfied that exceptional distress prevails over the County, and that except some means are found for providing work for the huge number now unemployed great hardship will result, we desire to call the attention of the Government to the fact that immediate steps should be taken to provide employment forthwith, and we ask the Government to help to provide such employment.

Passed.

ORDER. As it is not possible to get through to-day the enormous amount of business on the Agenda, this Council hereby adjourns to Monday, the 21st June, 1926, at 12 o'clock noon, or to a suitable date to be decided upon by the Chairman and Secretary.

David Frame
23/5/26

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 21st June, 1926.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman;
Councillors M Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, George Heatley, J J Bourne, George Fisher, Joseph Byrne, William J Henry, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, W J Doyle, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Burke, D H Haskins, James Everett, T.D.; William Byrne, P J Cullen, Samuel E Pim, John J Kennedy, John J Metcalfe, and John J Barry.

County Council Offices,
Court House, WICKLOW,
14th June, 1926.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 21st June, 1926, to consider the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, the 25th May, ulto, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.

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P T HEALY,

Secretary to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That we hereby offer to the relatives of the late Very Rev J H O'Donnell, P.P., Ballybrack, the deepest sympathy in their great loss, consequent upon the death of their esteemed brother, who was for many years a most popular pastor in this County.

Passed in silence, all the members standing.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby extend to Lady Ardee and the members of her family the assurance of our sincere sympathy in the great loss she has sustained by the death of her father Lord Dunraven.

Passed in silence, all the members standing.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That we have learned with deep regret of the death of Major-General Thomas Cullen, and we tender to his wife and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed in silence, all the members standing.

It having been intimated to the Council that Mr W W Malone, M.R.C.V.S., one of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture, who had been deputed by that Department to present to the Council their views with regard to Compulsory Sheep Dipping in the County, was in attendance in the room, it was decided to take as the first business item No. 26 on the Agenda, and to go into Committee to hear Mr Malone.

The Council having gone into Committee, the Secretary submitted a file of documents dealing with this matter, including the following letters:—

8th April, 1926, from County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, suggesting that small bodies of sheep owners be encouraged to erect proper Swim Dippers, a subsidy of £5 to be paid in each case toward such co-operative efforts; that buyers and sellers of sheep be encouraged to take each other's address, in order to help tracing outbreaks of scab; and strict fines be inflicted in all prosecutions.

17th May, 1926, from the Department of Agriculture, reminding the Council of the obligation which rests on them to provide suitable dipping facilities and to appoint experienced supervisors.

19th May, 1926, from same intimating that the position in County Wicklow reacts injuriously on the adjoining counties, and the Department cannot allow this state of affairs to continue.

12th June, 1926, from same, again urging the immediate importance of this matter, and proposing to send one of their Inspectors to the Meeting of the Council to give any information that may be required in connection with the Department's Sheep Dipping Order.

Mr Malone then proceeded to outline a Sheep Dipping Scheme which had been put into operation in County Clare, and which he believed would in every way meet the circumstances of the case in County Wick-

low. Under this Scheme a given number of private individuals would be advanced subsidies of £10 each to erect a concrete bath capable of holding 240 gallons and dipping four sheep, a drain, and a containing pen. He would also provide the dip and supervise the dipping, and would be entitled to keep for himself all dipping fees received, the amount of the fee per sheep dipped to be fixed by the County Council but not to exceed 2d. He would under this system become a Sheep Dipping Inspector, and would be required to sign an agreement to allow all owners wishing to dip sheep in his bath to do so, and to furnish returns of all sheep dipped. The Department of Agriculture would refund the Council half the cost of erecting these baths.

After a prolonged discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh; and

Resolved—That this Council hereby undertakes, owing to the special circumstances of this County, to put into operation a Sheep Dipping Scheme similar to that in force in Co. Clare—at an approximate cost of £100, and we hereby request the County Committee of Agriculture to frame such Scheme with the assistance of the officials of the Department of Agriculture, for formal approval of this Council—that Committee being delegated the powers of this Council for that purpose.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee

Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 11th June, 1926.

The following members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and John J Kennedy.

Reports dated 29th May, 1926, and 7th June, 1926, were submitted from the Mother Superioress, Loreto Convent School, Gorey, and the President, St Peter's College, Wexford, respectively, regarding the conduct, application and progress of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders in these colleges for the scholastic year now expiring.

The reports were of a satisfactory nature in the cases of all the students but John A O'Grady, of Main Street, Baltinglass. In his case the President of St. Peter's College, reported that his conduct has been anything but satisfactory during the year, and that he is not making the progress one might expect. The President went on to state, however, that the fact that he suffered from temporary deafness for some time might reasonably account for this to some extent.

The Committee recommend that the Secretary be directed to write to this student, and to his father, Mr Patrick O'Grady, drawing their serious attention to the nature of the above report, and warning them that the Committee will not again recommend the renewal of this scholarship unless there is a good report as to conduct and progress during the forthcoming scholastic year.

The Committee recommend the Council to renew for a further year without change in the terms of the approved scheme, and the arrangements made thereunder, the scholarships held by the following eight students, subject to the sanction of the Minister of Education:—

Students who have completed three years:

Walter Kane, Dunlavin.

May Kinsella, Castle Street, Wicklow.

Students who have completed two years.

John Traynor, Tinahely.

John Geoghegan, Anghrim.

John A O'Grady, Main Street, Baltinglass.

Annie M Hopkins, Kevin Street, Tinahely.

Monica Larkin, 3 St Aidan's Terrace, Bri Chualann.

Mary Nolan, Ballyvrogan, Donard.

(Signed) David H Haskins,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

11th June, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne.

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 28th April, 1926, No. IR/39/1, from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that Grants for the erection of road direc-

tion signs will be made available on condition that at least a like amount is contributed by the local authority, that the local authority accept responsibility for maintaining the signs after erection, and that a substantial number of signs is erected within the next few months.

A further letter in this connection, dated 9th June, 1926, No. C.11/26, was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Trade Department), stating that the tender of the Cardiff Foundry and Engineering Company, Ltd, Hurman Street, Cardiff, was accepted by the Department for the supply of solid drawn steel posts at 22s/11d each, and a further letter from the Roads Department, dated 17th June, 1926, No. R/IR/39/1, asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to erect the posts this year, having regard to the desirability of improving of the roads and encouraging tourist traffic.

After considerable discussion, the correspondence was marked "Noted."

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE.

The Council noted the contents of a letter dated 14th June, 1926, No. R/RU/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that the Minister for Finance has sanctioned payment of the balance of the £1000 Relief Grant, amounting to £200.

The Council also noted the contents of a letter dated 16th June, 1926, No. R/RU/33, from same, intimating that there are no funds at the Minister's disposal from which grants could be made for the relief of unemployment.

A letter dated 13th February, 1926, was submitted from Charles Evans, Seaview House, La Touche Place, Greystones, asking permission to build shops adjoining his present premises to come within eight feet of the footpath.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter 10th April, 1926, was submitted from Ernest J Anthony, Milverton, Greystones, calling attention to the butt of a large tree which obstructed the roadway near Delgany Golf Links.

NO ORDER, the Council having been informed that the obstruction had been removed.

A Letter dated 17th May, 1926, was submitted from Patrick Woods, Kilmurray, Bray, seeking permission to rebuild a wall between his yard and the County Road.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted correspondence regarding the cutting of trees on the Church Road, Greystones, including a letter dated 31st May, 1926, from Captain H M Fitzgibbon, the Bungalow, Greystones, and letters dated 2nd June, 1926, and 6th June, 1926, from H Allberry, Craigmore, Greystones, all three complaining of the injurious effect on the amenities of Greystones consequent on the cutting of these trees, and a report from the County Surveyor on the matter, to the effect that the trees in question were not the property of the County Council, that the La Touche Estate declined to accept any responsibility for them, and that they were an obstruction to the entries of the houses in front of which they were planted.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

A letter dated 16th June, 1926, was submitted from S A French, Esq., Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, "Tripleton," Greystones, also referring to the cutting of trees on the Church Road, Greystones; and further, calling the attention of the Council to the practice of dumping road scrapings on the rocks in front of the Grand Hotel, and to the need for bye-laws to enforce observance of parking and other motor signs by motorists.

ORDER. County Surveyor to furnish a Report to the next Quarterly Meeting on the two latter matters.

A letter dated 29th March, 1926, was submitted from E A Carroll, Millbrook, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, complaining that part of the wall between his garden and the County Road has fallen and not been rebuilt.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

Correspondence was submitted regarding the broken part of the County Road between Ardinary and Sallymount, including a letter dated 23rd April, 1926, from John Healy, 43 Kenilworth Square, Rathgar, urging the Council to complete this road on the grounds that the gap, besides being a serious inconvenience to the local residents, is also a great hindrance to the development of the agricultural and tourist traffic; a letter from Arklow Urban District Council, supporting Mr Healy's letter, and also asking that some of the Government Grants be expended in extending this sea-road on the south side of Arklow, between the town and Arklow Rock; and also a Resolution passed by Wicklow Urban District Council, also requesting the County Council to reconstruct the broken part of this road.

ORDER. Postponed till free Grant is made available.

A letter dated 30th April, 1926, was submitted from James Kenny, of Tinakilly Bridge, Auhgrim, complaining of being deprived of his job as engine-driver under the Council's Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor to be dealt with.

A letter dated 15th May, 1926, from William Fogarty, Carrigmore, Glenealy, was submitted, seeking compensation for damage done to his meadow land adjoining Carrigmore Quarry.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

A letter dated 19th May, 1926, was submitted from the Rev M Geraghty, C.C., Roundwood, enclosing a requisition from the ratepayers of the district asking for a new road from the cross-roads at Park to the cross-roads at Annagolan, and a sketch map showing the situation of the proposed new road, and intimating that a Deputation would attend the Council Meeting in this connection.

As no deputation was in attendance, it was decided that Father Geraghty be informed that the Council is prepared to receive the deputation at their next Quarterly Meeting.

A letter 15th June, 1926, from Mrs Henrietta Dagge, Millbrook, Newcastle, was submitted, stating that a fallen wall at Millbrook is very dangerous to the public.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated 9th June, 1926, from Messrs M J O'Conner and Company, solicitors, Ferrybank, Arklow, was submitted, stating that

engines, horses and carts under the control of the Council had been using the avenue leading to the house of John A Gleeson, of Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum, without authority, and demanding to have the avenue repaired and that Mr Gleeson be paid compensation.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

An application was submitted from M J Byrne, Ballymaghroe, Moyne, for the contract for maintenance of a road from Moyne to Barnameelia.

ORDER. Noted.

A letter dated 15th April, 1926, was submitted from M Hopkins, Aghowle Lower, Coolkenno, claiming compensation for a gate leading to her quarry alleged to be broken by the Council's employees, asking the Council to put up a protection fence around the dangerous part of the quarry, and demanding that the stones be cleared off from the adjoining field.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

A memorial dated 21st April, 1926, was submitted, from men recently employed at Carrigower Quarry, complaining of being dismissed without notice, and claiming a day's pay in lieu of notice.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

An application dated 10th May, 1926, from James Nolan, Hughestown, Baltinglass, was submitted, asking to be relieved of his contract for the maintenance of Road No. 283.

ORDER. Noted.

A letter dated 13th May, 1926, was submitted from Patrick Glynn, Chairman, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, (Baltinglass and Stratford Branch), Baltinglass, complaining on behalf of his branch of the manner in which Road Overseer Patrick Kehoe discharges his duties under the Council's Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads.

ORDER. To be referred to the local Councillors by the County Surveyor.

An application was received from R L Barron, N.T., Baltinglass, on behalf of Baltinglass Gun Club, for permission to use the grounds attached to the Old Workhouse at Baltinglass on the 3rd June, 1926, for the purpose of holding a clay pigeon shooting competition.

ORDER. Noted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 25th February, 1926, No. 632/18, from the Commissioners of Public Works, 51 Stephen's Green, Dublin, asking whether the Council would repair and maintain the Church in the old graveyard in Kileoole themselves, or whether they would vest their interest in it in the Commissioners, or constitute them guardians thereof under the Ancient Monuments Protection Acts. The Commissioners would be disposed to accept such vesting or guardianship provided no

persons other than the Scott family had a right to burial within the walls of the church.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report in this connection:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
18th May, 1926.

P T Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council,
Court House, WICKLOW,
Re: Kilcool Old Church.

Dear Sir,

The ruins of Kilcool Old Church is situated in the Grave Yard at Kilcool. This Grave Yard is still in use and is looked after by the caretaker appointed by the County Wicklow Board of Health.

I recommend that the County Council vest any rights they may have in the ruins in the Commissioners of Public Works reserving any rights as to the right of burials in the grave yard or within the ruins.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S G GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDER. County Surveyor's Report adopted.
Councillor William J Henry drew the attention of the Council to a stone cross on ground, the property of a Mrs Bradley, between the County Road and the graveyard at Burgage, which he stated was of archaeological interest and should be vested in the Commissioners of Public Works. The Council decided to consider this matter at their next Quarterly Meeting, Councillor Henry in the meantime to write to the Secretary furnishing the facts of the case.

The Secretary submitted the following:—

GREYSTONES AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY.

Greystones,
1st June, 1926.

Dear Sir,

On going through the correspondence of the last year in preparation of the Annual Report, a copy of which I enclose, my Committee find that the following matters were brought before the Wicklow County Council during that period namely:—

1 THE CONDITION OF THE DEFENSIVE RAILINGS ON THE SEA FRONT. These railings had become so defective that there was grave risk to the public of falling unto the rocks and sustaining serious injury. The matter was referred by the Council to the County Surveyor. The railings still remain a danger to life and limb.

2 THE TARRING OF THE CHURCH ROAD AND THE TRAFALGAR ROAD. On these main roads through Greystones there is almost continuous traffic during the summer months and the clouds of

dust thus raised are a menace to the health of the community. This matter was also referred to the County Surveyor.

3 THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE FLAG STAFF CORNER. The suggestion (put forward by His Honor Judge Pigot) for the improvement of this dangerous corner received the warm approval of my committee and was submitted in detail to the Council. Sooner or later a serious accident will happen at this corner where there is such a considerable amount of both motor and pedestrian traffic. This matter was also referred to the County Surveyor.

4 THE WIDENING OF THE RAILWAY BRIDGE. Cars approach this bridge from three directions and it forms the main connection between the sea front and the upper portion of the town. Yet, two large motor cars would find difficulty in passing on the bridge and the footpath for pedestrians is quite inadequate. The County Surveyor was ordered "to take the matter up with the Railway Company."

5 THE FOOTPATH AT BLACKLION. A memorial from ratepayers in this district having been presented to my committee pointing out the necessity for repairs to this footpath, the matter was brought before the Council. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

6 THE BRAY-WINDGATES ROAD. After a deputation from the County Council and the Motorists' Association had waited on the Ministry for Local Government and it had been decided to make this road a trunk road the Council have proceeded no further with the matter. This road was constantly favoured by tourists owing to the views obtainable therefrom of the surrounding country and the sea and was used by motor owners, residents in Greystones, as the shortest route to Bray and Dublin. Its present deplorable condition is so notorious that it undoubtedly checks the flow of tourists into East Wicklow and is a definite hindrance to the development of Greystones.

7 THE PROVISION OF A WATER TAP AT THE SOUTH BEACH. On the 6th June, 1925, a letter was sent by my Committee to the Clerk of the then Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council pointing out the need for a water tap at the South Beach, Greystones. The beach is frequented in the season by hundreds of people and in cases of necessity there is no water supply at or near the beach. As a result many run grave risks to their health, and especially children, by using the water from the stream draining the septic tanks in the sea at this point. My Committee understood that the County Council took over all matters before the Rural District Council but if this is not so I would be obliged if you will bring this matter before the Council at their next Meeting.

Reviewing the correspondence of the past year my Committee regret that none of the foregoing matters have received the attention that they deserve and that the County Council having referred them to the County Surveyor have allowed them to drop. In order that I may fully report to my committee how each of these matters stands will you kindly state as to each item whether a report has been submitted to the Council by the County Surveyor, and if so, the action upon such report that the

Council propose to take before the season opens in Greystones.
I am directed to ask for an immediate reply.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Samuel A French,
Secretary.

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

The following Report in above connection was submitted from the County Surveyor:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
21st June, 1926.

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

Dear Sir,
In reference to letter of Greystones and District Development

Society of the 1st instant:—

- 1 The railings were repaired when necessary.
- 2 The fact that the County Council had no money provided for tarring in Greystones was pointed out to the Council, and I consider expenditure on tarring unrolled roads would be uneconomic.
- 3 The suggested improvement at the Flag Staff corner should be proposed in the manner provided by the Public Bodies Order, 1925.
- 4 The matter of widening Railway Bridge was gone into with the Engineer-in-Chief, Great Southern Railways, on 10th December, 1925. He would be willing to widen bridge with his own workmen provided the County Council paid the cost and also agreed to pay cost of extending bridge in the event of widening of the Railway Line.
- 5 Path at Blacklion. Any necessary maintenance repairs were carried out.
- 6 Bray-Windgates Road. The County Council decided not to proceed with reconstruction of this road.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S G GALLAGHE,
County Surveyor.

ORDER. Copy of County Surveyor's Report to be forwarded Mr French.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, WICKLOW,
21st June, 1926.

To WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

It is hopeless to attempt to carry out the necessary tar dressing work unless you provide the requisite plant.

Two additional Spraying Machines should be provided for this work and I request that you authorize me to provide same.

Yours obedient Servant,
(Signed) S G GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne.

That one sprayer be purchased.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor John J Barry;

Seconded by " William J Henry; and

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to purchase the two sprayers asked for.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, William J Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Barry, James Everett, T.D.; John J Kennedy, and P J Cullen—16.

AGAINST—Councillors P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and David H Haskins—7.

The amendment was accordingly declared passed by sixteen votes to seven, and having been put to the Meeting as a substantive motion, was declared passed as such on the same voting.

The following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D., was withdrawn by him with the Council's consent:—

"I or some member for me shall move that the Resolution proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Fisher, passed this day in reference to employment of men upon roads, be rescinded, and that no further action in the meantime be taken."

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor P J Carey;

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books—including the separate rate of 6d in the £ under the Criminal and Malicious Injuries (Amendment) Act, 1923—and that the Poor Rate Books and Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1927, be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Metcalfe;

Seconded by " Joseph Burke;

Resolved—That we hereby, in pursuance of the provisions of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, appoint the existing Deputy Checkers of rate

collections as Rate Inspectors for their respective areas, and they be paid as heretofore, at the rate of five shillings for every hundred ratings checked in respect to each half-year.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;
Seconded by " James Kavanagh ;
Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £2150 2s. determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1927, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor George Fisher ;
Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;
Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Bri Chualann, for the amount of £9235 15s 6d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March 1927, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;
Seconded by " William J Henry ;
Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £2962 17s, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1927, be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;
Seconded by " D H Haskins ;
Resolved—That the following be the dates fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the Proposals and Finance Committees and of the County Council for the year 1926/1927 :—

Name of Body and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
		Quarter 1926.	Quarter 1926	Quarter 1927.	Quarter 1927
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Court House, Wicklow.	12	Monday July 26.	Monday Oct. 25.	Monday Jan. 24.	Monday April 25
COUNTY COUNCIL Court House, Wicklow.	12	Monday Aug. 23.	Monday Nov. 15	Monday Feb. 14.	Monday May 23

Passed.
Councillor Michael Fleming withdrew with the Council's consent the following proposal which had come before the Council from him through the County Board of Health :—

" I beg to move that the building at Shillelagh formerly used as a stable be converted into cottages, which can be done at a small outlay, as the building is in good repair, and lands for allotment available. The approval of the Minister for Local Government is requested to this proposal."

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 23rd February, 1926, from the Sergeant-in-Charge, Garda Siochana, Shillelagh, stating that he expected the Garda would be leaving the portion of the Fever Hospital occupied by

them on May 1st to take up their quarters in the rebuilt R.I.C. barracks. He also submitted application from James Holden, Shillelagh, dated 10th May, 1925, and applications dated 28th April, 1926, and 14th June, 1926, from John Murphy, Ballard, Shillelagh, for the tenancy of the lodge attached to the Workhouse buildings.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;
Seconded by " J J Bourne ;
Resolved—That the County Council confirm the action of County Board of Health in giving the tenancy of the lodge attached to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings to John Murphy, of Ballard, Shillelagh.

Passed.
A letter dated 25th May, 1926, was submitted from Patrick Furlong, Balinglass, caretaker of the Workhouse buildings, stating that the meadow on the grounds attached to the buildings was nearly fit to be mowed.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe ;
Seconded by " Laurence Moore ;
Resolved—That as many tenders as possible be obtained from suitable persons by our Secretary through Mr Patrick Furlong for the meadow attaching to the old Workhouse at Balinglass, the highest tender to be accepted, and the usual agreement to be completed herein.

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;
Seconded by Councillor Samuel E Pim ;
Resolved—That Mr William P Murphy, of Mullinaveige, Roundwood, be appointed Temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 10 (Brockagh) Collecting District, at a poundage fee of 7d, in accordance with the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Mr Murphy's duties in connection with his temporary appointment for one year to close the 1925/1926 collection having been performed to the satisfaction of the Council, and we approve of John Murphy, Mullinaveige, Roundwood, and

William Byrne, Tomriland, Roundwood, as his sureties in a joint bond in the sum of £2000 for the due performance of his duties as Collector.

Several members having objected to making an appointment at this Meeting, on the grounds that an advertisement should be issued for candidates, a poll was called for, and the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, W J Doyle, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Samuel E Pim, John J Barry, William Byrne, David H Haskins, John J Kennedy and P Cullen—16.

FOR ADVERTISING THE POSITION :—Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, and James Everett, T.D.—6.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by sixteen votes to six.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 9th April, 1926, No. 5364/26 Wk., from the National Health Insurance Commission with which was enclosed copy of the Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure of County Wicklow Insurance Committee for the purpose of Sanatorium Benefit during the year 1926.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by " John J Barry ;

Resolved—That the Council hereby agrees to pay to the Insurance Committee for the County of Wicklow the sum of Four Hundred Pounds (£400) for the year 1926, to enable that Committee to carry on their work of domiciliary treatment, etc, on condition that a similar grant be made by the National Health Insurance Commission, or by the State Exchequer—and further, we hereby approve of the Estimate of the County Insurance Committee, amounting to £1514 for the year 1926, as submitted by the National Health Insurance Commission.

Passed.
The Secretary submitted the following :—
ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI
SRAID MHUIRBHTHEANN UACH,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
28th April, 1926.

G.17117/1926.
Wicklow County.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the Wicklow County Council, that he has had before him a proposal of the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture to grant a superannuation allowance of £121 17s 6d together with the appropriate war bonus, to Mr Andrew Nolan, Agricultural Instructor, who resigned (with the sanction of the Department) his appointment on the ground of ill health.

I am, at the same time, to transmit, herewith, a copy of a resolution dated the 30th ultimo of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture on the subject, and to enquire if the County Council desire to express any views as to the amount of pension proposed to be granted to Mr Nolan.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) M de Lasaigh,
Leas Runnidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Enclosure to above.
" Proposed by Mr M Fleming,
Seconded by Mr W Byrne,

" Resolved—That Mr Andrew Nolan, Instructor in Agriculture, who has devoted his whole time to the service of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, and who was at the time of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency, by reason of permanent infirmity of body and mind, be granted an annual allowance of £121 17s 6d, together with the variable annual bonus thereon allowable under the provisions of Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925, subject to the consent of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health; this allowance being based on the addition of two years for meritorious service to his 23 completed years of service, his average annual salary for the three years ended on 31st December, 1925, being £292 10s.

(Signed) Larcán O'Murdada, Chairman."

The Council, after discussion, appointed a Deputation consisting of the Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ; Councillor James Everett, T.D. ; R Wilson, T.D. ; and the Secretary, to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, regarding the following three points :— (i) the basis of calculation of Mr Nolan's superannuation allowance, having regard to the number of years he served under the Board of Education at the Model Farm, Glasnevin, and the years he served under the Committee of Agriculture ; (ii) the inadequacy of his pension if all the foregoing years of service be accepted ; and (iii) the very import-

ant factor that with the exception of the last year of his service his salary was always paid to him direct, first by the Board of Education, and subsequently by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 10th May, 1926, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, reporting that with the exception of portion of the painting and varnishing and some other odds and ends the work of rebuilding Baltinglass Courthouse was almost completed, and asking the Council to arrange for a competent person to take over the Courthouse on their behalf when completed.

The Council directed that the County Surveyor take over the building when certificate is furnished by Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan that the work is complete in accordance with plans and specifications.

The Secretary submitted letters which he had received from Mr Patrick O'Grady, Main Street, Baltinglass, G J Shaw, Baltinglass, and Henry Gaskin, Chapel Hill, Baltinglass, asking to be appointed as caretaker of the newly re-built Courthouse. He also submitted a letter dated 12th May, 1926, from L Price, Esq, District Justice, recommending the appointment of Patrick Kinsella, summons-server, Baltinglass, to the position, and a letter from William Toomey, Esq, B.L., Under Sheriff, stating that he would be pleased to appoint Patrick Kinsella with the consent of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke ;
 Seconded by " D J Kehoe ;
 Resolved—That the Under Sheriff be asked to appoint Mr Patrick O'Grady, of Main Street, Baltinglass, as caretaker of the new Court House at Baltinglass.
 Passed.

A letter was submitted from M O'Kelly, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, dated 17th June, 1926, stating that there was no room downstairs for the District Court Clerk's Office in the rebuilt Courthouse, at Blessington, and suggesting that Miss Merry be asked for one of the rooms upstairs for the purpose. He also gave particulars of the furniture which he considered would be required for the office.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Agent for the Downshire Estate about the use of the room upstairs, and also about the seating accommodation in the whole of the Court.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
 UPPER MERRION STREET,
 DUBLIN,

13th March, 1926.

L.954-26.

Sir,
 With reference to the Resolution passed by your County Council on 1st instant in regard to regulations under the County Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order of 1926, I have to point out that while it is open to your Local Authority to limit the operation of their regulations to a portion of the year, it is not competent for them to put in force regulations requiring dogs to be kept under control during the whole twenty-four hours of the day. The enabling Order, which represents the full extent of the Department's Statutory powers in the matter, authorises regulations for the control of dogs during any or all of the hours between sunset and sunrise, but there is no power to compel dog owners to keep their dogs under control during the daytime, i.e., during the hours between sunrise and sunset.

No more stringent regulations than those embodied in the Resolution passed by your Council on 14th December last are practicable, and it is suggested that your Council should proceed to adopt regulations in that form, with an amendment of paragraph 4, so as to limit the operation of the Regulations to the period they are considered necessary, viz., February-July, inclusive.

If the Local Authority so desire they can make, in accordance with the Dogs (Ireland) Order, 1906, separate regulations, operative throughout the year, prescribing the wearing by dogs of collars with the owner's name and address inscribed thereon. Regulations of this kind are generally regarded as usefully supplementing those requiring dogs to be kept under control. A copy of the Order referred to is enclosed.

I am, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 (Signed) H J Smith.

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

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;
 Seconded by " William Henry ;
 Resolved—That the Resolution passed by this Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting on the 1st March, 1926, making Regulations under the County Wicklow (Control of Dogs) Order, 1926, and the Dogs Act, 1906, be amended, as suggested in the letter from the Department of

Agriculture dated 13th March, 1926, and that accordingly we, acting as local authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, hereby make the following Regulations to operate for the whole of this County, with a view to preventing dogs, or any class of dog, from straying, between the hours of sunset and sunrise, subject to the confirmation of these Regulations by the Minister of Lands and Agriculture :—

1 No dog, during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise, shall be allowed outside the bounds of the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, unless such dog shall be under the control and in the company of its owner, or some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog.

2 If a dog, during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise, is allowed outside the bounds of the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, and such dog is not under the control and in the company of its owner, or some person authorised by such owner to accompany and control such dog, the owner of the dog and the person (if any) for the time being in charge thereof, and any person causing, directing or permitting the dog to be outside the premises occupied by the owner of such dog, shall each in respect of his own acts and defaults be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894.

3 Any dog, in respect of which an offence is being committed against such Order and these Regulations, may be seized and treated as a stray dog under the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Dogs Act, 1906.

4 These Regulations shall apply to the whole of the Administrative County of Wicklow, and shall be in operation in this County only between the 1st February and 1st August each year.

5 These Regulations shall take effect and come into operation on the date on which they have been approved and confirmed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, John J Barry, William Byrne, David H Haskins and P J Cullen—16.

The following Councillors declined to vote, alleging as their reason that the motion infringed Standing Order No. 34, as modified on the 16th November, 1925 :—Councillors W J Doyle, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D., and John J Kennedy. The Chairman, however, ruled the motion in order.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by sixteen votes for to no vote against.

The Council had under consideration the position as regards the vacant Veterinary Inspectorship for the area formerly known as Naas No. 2 Rural District, to which Mr S Conway, V.S., was appointed by the Council, but whose appointment the Department of Agriculture refused to sanction on the grounds that he resided too far from the district and consequently

could not efficiently discharge the duties of the position, and in this connection the Secretary submitted the following letter :—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
 UPPER MERRION STREET,
 DUBLIN.

22nd May, 1926.

L.1964-26.

Sir,
 I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 20th instant, directing attention to an item, on the Agenda for the County Council's meeting on 25th instant, relative to the proposed appointment of Mr Conway to the Veterinary Inspectorship of the Naas No. 2 Rural District.

The Department desire to remind the County Council that Mr Conway is already the Veterinary Inspector for a district comprising nearly a quarter million statute acres, and that the mountains common to that district, and the Naas No. 2 Area, effectually cut him off (especially in the winter time) from the Western part of the latter, that is to say, from practically the only livestock rearing part. Further, it is a generally recognised principle that a Veterinary Officer should be resident, if not in his district, at least in close proximity thereto, and within easy reach of every part thereof.

I am, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 (Signed) E A M Morris
 for Secretary.

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

After considerable discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Samuel E Pim ;
Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ; and

Resolved—That we again ask the Department of Agriculture to sanction the appointment of Mr S Conway, V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for that portion of County Wicklow formerly known as Naas No. 2 Rural District.

Passed on a show of hands.

The Secretary submitted the following :—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
UPPER MERRION STREET,
DUBLIN.

22nd May, 1926.

L.1965-26.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 20th instant, forwarding a report of the Finance Committee relative to the remuneration proposed for Veterinary Inspectors in respect of duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, and to state that the Department view with regret the decision of the Committee not to recommend any increase of remuneration under this head.

The additions to salary suggested in the Department's letter of 26th March represent a careful consideration of the necessities of the case, and have been calculated with every regard to economy. The County Council as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts are bound to execute and enforce the Order throughout the County, and the responsibility is theirs for securing that each of their Veterinary Inspectors will deal properly with cases reported under the Order in his district.

The Department hold to the view that, considering the nature and probable extent of the duties to be performed, the suggested rates of remuneration are appropriate, but they will be prepared to review them after a year's experience. They hope, therefore, to learn that the County Council have adopted these rates for an experimental period of a year.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) E A M Morris
for Secretary.

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

ORDER. Noted.

The Secretary submitted letters dated 6th May and 8th June, 1926, from County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, notifying to the Council the disqualification from membership of Councillors Joseph Burke, S E Pim and P J Carey, and Brother Jarlath, who represented the Council on that Committee.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " P J Carey ;

Resolved—That Councillor D H Haskins, of "The Cedars," Dunganstown, Wicklow, be appointed to fill the vacancy existing on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, by reason of the disqualification of Councillor Joseph Burke, Rathmoon, Baltinglass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke ;

Seconded by Councillor P J Carey ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancies existing on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee :

Councillors W J Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely.

Councillor Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bri Chualann.

Councillor John J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.

by reason of the disqualification of :

Rev Brother Jarlath, St Joseph's College, Wicklow.

Councillor S E Pim, "Shandon," Greystones, and

Councillor P J Carey, Tomanerrin, Anghrim.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke ;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe ;

Resolved—That Dr D P Kenna, of Baltinglass, be reappointed to

fill the vacancy existing on the School Attendance Committee for Baltinglass and Kiltegan Dispensary Districts, by reason of his disqualification.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by " Samuel E Pim ;

Resolved—That John Healy, of Blessington, be appointed to fill the vacancy existing on the School Attendance Committee for Blessington Dispensary District, by reason of the disqualification of Mr James Quinn, Vallemount.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd May, 1926, from P W Sheehan, Esq, Secretary to the School Attendance Committee for Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division bringing to the Council's notice the fact that the following members of his Com-

mittee had been absent from meetings for six months continuously :—
Messrs Edward Condren, John Timmons, and Laurence Wolohan.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancies existing on the School Attendance Committee for Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division :—

Edward Johnson, Avoca.

James Mackan, Kilqueeny, Avoca ; and

W J Quinn, Brook Lodge, Redeross.

by reason of the disqualification of :—

Laurence Wolohan, Ballintemple, Woodenbridge.

Edward Condren, Curranstown, Arklow ; and

John Timmons, Ballinvally, Avoca.

Passed.

A letter dated 10th April, 1926, was submitted from Mrs M Short, Secretary to Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, stating that Father Burke, of Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, who had been appointed by the Council to fill the vacancy on her Sub-Committee created by the resignation of the Very Rev J C Healy, P.P., Kilquade, was already a member of the Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " S E Pim ;

Resolved—That Mr John Conroy, of Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, be appointed to fill the vacancy existing on Newcastle Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, by reason of the resignation of the Very Rev J C Healy, P.P. Kilquade.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor S E Pim ;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe

Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to renew the Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, held by the Trustees of the Trafalgar Hall, Greystones, in respect to that building.

Passed.

No applications was received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

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

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

13th March, 1926.

To/Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

On the 7th December and also recently I carried out the Inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Tram in County Wicklow for 1925.

The Line presents a much improved appearance as a fair amount of cleaning work appears to have been done. There are yet some old sleepers which must be removed but as time goes on this will be remedied. Some improvement has been made in the type of holding down bolts and these are gradually being substituted for the old system. Certain simple but effective turn tables have been constructed to accommodate the new Petrol Coaches (later referred to) on a small garage shed constructed at Terenure. Over 1000 sleepers, 500 sets fastenings with necessary dog spikes have been put down.

The roofs of the sheds at Templeogue are in need of renewal or extensive repair especially the roof over the forges—where the need is of urgency—it is a matter of regret that financial conditions will not permit a new roof which would withstand the fumes, etc.

The Rolling Stock has received the usual attention and some 5 wagons rebuilt besides engine overhauls.

Two petrol cars have been put on for local service. These coaches have, except for the Ford chassis, being wholly constructed at Templeogue, and are very neat in appearance.

The effect on the receipts has been very marked, a larger train mileage being run, the number of passengers carried have been largely increased with consequent increase of receipts, and the cost of fuel and running has been reduced by well up to 65%.

Weakness in the front wheels of the Petrol Coaches was disclosed after some running over the extraordinary sharp and frequent curves which constitute much of the permanent way of this line. These weak parts have been strengthened and steps are being taken to replace the single front wheels by a bogie fore-carriage.

On the whole I consider the improvement of the property is steadily but slowly proceeding despite the very cramped financial conditions existing.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) S G Gallagher,

County Surveyor.

ORDER. Noted.

The County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 31st March 1926, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by him during the Quarter ending the 31st March, 1926:—

3 Drugs, Arklow, genuine; 3 do., Blessington, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 do., Baltinglass No. 1, genuine; 3 do., Dunganstown, genuine; 6 do., County Hospital, genuine; 5 do., Kilcoole, genuine; 3 do., Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do., Annamoe, 1 genuine, 2 not genuine; 4 do., Carnew, genuine; 1 do., Coolkenno, genuine; 3 do., Wicklow, genuine; 1 water, (Baltinglass), County Board of Health, passed; 9 new milks, Bray, 8 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 whiskeys, Blessington, genuine, 3 butters, Greystones, per D.A.T.I., genuine; 8 whiskeys, Shillelagh, genuine; 2 new milks, Carnew, genuine; 1 butter, Carnew, genuine; 4 do., Arklow, per D.A.T.I., 3 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 do., Rathdrum, per D.A.T.I., genuine; 4 do., Bri Chualann, per D.A.T.I., genuine; 4 new milks, Baltinglass, genuine, 2 butters, do., genuine; 2 do., Rathdrum, genuine; 2 whiskeys, Rathdrum, genuine; 1 butter, Auhgrim, genuine; 3 do., Newtown Mt. Kennedy, genuine; 2 whiskeys, Carnew, genuine; 1 butter, Carnew, genuine; 1 whiskey, Dunlavin, genuine; 1 butter, do., genuine; 1 new milk, do., genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Drugs, 38; Foods, 53; Waters, 1—Total, 92. Number adulterated—Drugs, 3; Foods, 1; Butter, 1; New Milk, 1.

17/4/1926. Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

ORDER. Noted.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in this County, we hereby appoint the following as Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts:—

Garda T Stanton, Bri Chualann, and
Garda T McEvaddy, Arklow.

in room of Sergeants Rynne and D Dennehy, transferred.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted reports and correspondence regarding certain owners of Petrol Pumps throughout the County who claim they are exempt from the payment of fees.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent, for the purpose of taking such legal steps as will protect the Council's interests.

The Council's attention was directed to the long interval between the date to which Pay Sheets for each fortnight in respect to the men employed under the Council's Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads were made up and the date on which the Paying Orders in respect to that fortnight reached the workmen, and the consequent hardship inflicted on these men. It was pointed out that this state of affairs was wholly due to the fact that the Pay Sheets for the West of the County were not received in time to be prepared for an earlier meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Council directed the Secretary to write to Mr P J Foley, B.E.

Assistant Surveyor, stating they are very dissatisfied with the way the Pay Sheets are coming in, and pointing out that they must in future reach the County Surveyor's Office not later than the Tuesday following the Saturday up to which they are made up.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

16th March, 1926, No. P.58510/1925, consenting to a pension of £20 5s. a year to Mrs Mary Manifold in consideration of her services as attendant and caretaker in Arklow Fever Hospital.

29th March, 1926, No. P/6470/1926 (Miscellaneous), stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the appointment of Mr Thomas Tancred, Rock View Cottages, Arklow, as Clerk of the Arklow Pension Sub-Committee.

30th March, 1926, No. P.H. 12767/1926, noting that the Council have decided on financial grounds to make no provision in the estimates for the year 1926/7 for the carrying out of an approved Tuberculosis Scheme in the County.

10th April, 1926, No. R/RM/33, asking, with reference to the arrangements made by the Council for the provisional acceptance of tenders for road works, the reason for allowing fees of two guineas each to Messrs Cunniam, Sheehan and Hopkins.

28th April, 1926, No. RD/201/2, setting forth the arrangements that might regularly be made for the scavenging of Main Roads in Urban Districts.

28th April, 1926, P.H.1682/1926, specifying, for the information of Foods and Drugs Inspectors, certain important points of sampling procedure under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

29th April, 1926, No. P.H.14095/26, intimating that the Minister, as a temporary arrangement, has approved of the County Home, Rathdrum, in pursuance of Section 16 (1) (a) of the National Insurance Act, 1911, for the treatment of advanced cases of Tuberculosis.

3rd May, 1926, No. R/RM/33, stating that in the circumstances the Minister will raise no objection to the payment of fees of two guineas each to Messrs Cunniam, Sheehan and Hopkins for acting as Clerks to local Roads Committees.

14th May, 1926, No. 21459/1926, stating that under section 3 of the Local Elections Postponement Act, 1925, the Annual Meeting of County Councils is due to be held on the 3rd day of July, being the tenth day after the 23rd June, the anniversary of the date of the election.

19th May, 1926, No. G.21455/1926, stating that as a result of further representations made and information supplied to him, the Minister is now prepared to sanction a superannuation allowance of £54 6s 2d per annum to ex-Poor Rate Collector John Murphy.

21st May, 1926, No. P.H.20020/26, stating that the Minister has approved of the County Hospital, Wicklow, in pursuance of Section 16 (1) (a) of the National Insurance Act, 1911, for the treatment of surgical cases of tuberculosis.

19th June, 1926, No. G.26355/1926, directing attention to the large amount of arrears of rates outstanding, and stating that immediate steps should be taken to have them lodged.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

30th March, 1926, asking, with regard to the new Weights and Measures standards required in connection with the testing of beer and stout bottles, whether the Council will agree to the placing of an inclusive order for a gun-metal local Standard and a set of glass measures for each Inspector, costing £12 18s 6d in all.

ORDER. Secretary's action in ordering these articles of equipment approved and confirmed.

27th April, 1926, asking the Council to communicate with the Minister in the event of any application for fresh concessions as to the breaking up of roads or streets for the purpose of distributing electricity, as it is important that distributing systems should be constructed in conformity with the conditions for the Shannon bulk supply.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

3rd June, 1926, No. 1924/26, reminding the Council that any Sheep Dip used for the purposes of compulsory dipping must have been approved beforehand by the Department.

10th April, 1926, No. D/2, from the Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, expressing surprise at the pessimistic tone of the Council's recent resolution regarding Irish sea-fishing, and pointing out that the value of catches landed at Irish ports show a steady increase since 1923, while the exports of sea and river fish for 1925 were in excess of those for 1924 by over 30 per cent.

26th May, 1926, No. 1476/26. Wk, from the National Health Insurance Commission, intimating that they have appointed Mr J J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum, a member of the County Wicklow Insurance Committee in room of the late Councillor Charles Gaule.

10th May, 1926, from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, intimating that the decree in respect of the rates due on Baillyremon Commons had been confirmed, and that decrees had been given in respect of the rates due on Glencap and Carrigoona Commons.

23rd February, 1926, from Messrs M J O'Connor and Company, Solicitors, Arklow, asking the Council to pass a resolution awarding to the representatives of ex-Poor Rate Collector James Byrne, the arrears of superannuation payable from the 21st August, 1921, to the date of his death.

Correspondence regarding two Paying Orders issued by Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council to Mr J R Dagg in respect of his pension as late Clerk to that Council, which were returned by the District Council's Treasurer, and were subsequently paid by the County Council.

22nd March, 1926, from Councillors C M Byrne, T.D.; James Everett, T.D.; and J J Metcalfe, contending that Mr Patrick Byrne, Baltinglass, should have been appointed as Clerk to the Local Roads Committee Meetings held in Baltinglass and Blessington.

19th March, 1926, from the Hon Secretary, Irish Mothers Pensions Society, regarding the provision of a Scheme of Pensions for widows and orphans in Saorstát Éireann similar to that in operation in Great Britain.

25th March, 1926, from Messrs Little, O h-Uadhaigh and Proud, Solicitors, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, asking for particulars of the numbers of occasions on which Councillor David Haskins voted at Meetings of Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Secretary's action in supplying this information approved and confirmed.

30th March, 1926, from Messrs M J Doyle and Sons, Baltinglass, re-

gretting the deficiency in the sample of butter purchased on their premises by an officer of the Department of Agriculture.

27th April, 1926, from Miss A T Massey, Hon. Secretary Committee of the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, asking the Council to again put in force the expired Order which they made in 1915 under the Wild Birds Protection Act of 1894, prohibiting the taking of the eggs of certain rare, beautiful and interesting birds.

13th May, 1926, from the Secretary, Irish Nurse's Union, asking the Council to put in force in their County the Medical Treatment of School Children Act, and enclosing copy of the conditions of service suggested by her Union as suitable for School Nurses.

13th May, 1926, from the Secretary, Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, East Port, Dunfermline, suggesting that County Councils add to their stock, certain books in connection with Rural Education.

27th May, 1926, from the Secretary, Irish County Councils General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, regarding the proposed association of County Councils for the purpose of mutual insurance.

17th May, 1926, from Mortimer Hourihane, 12 Upper Mount Pleasant Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin, applying for an extension for one year of the University Scholarship held by him from the County Council.
ORDER. Referred to Finance Committee.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

15th March, 1926, from County Dublin County Council, demanding that buildings erected previous to the passage of the Local Government Act, 1925, shall not be exempt from rates.

16th March, 1926, from Balrothery Rural District Council, demanding a reduction in the number of officials employed in the Department of Local Government and Public Health and under local authorities, and also reductions in the salaries of the officials who remain.

16th March, 1926, from Kildare County Council, asking that persons driving cattle or sheep on public roads after lighting up time be required to carry conspicuous lights.

6th April, 1926, from Ballyconnell Ratepayers' Protection Association, calling upon the Chairman of the Council to resign, and requesting that the names of all recipients of Home Help be published for two weeks in succession every three months for the information of the ratepayers.

27th April, 1926, from Meath County Council, asking for legislation empowering local authorities to fix salaries according to a statutory scale, more in accordance with the ratepayers' ability to pay.

14th May, 1926, from Roscommon County Council, asking that, in view of the abnormal increase in the number of defaulters in respect of Land Purchase Annuities, the Government give each purchasing tenant the option of taking a further advance.

26th May, 1926, from Kilkenny County Board of Health, strongly protesting against the Bill providing for the appointment of County Officials by the Government.

8th June, 1926, from Meath County Council, asking that members of County Councils and authorised committees be paid travelling expenses at the rate of five pence per mile to and from the place of meeting for each meeting attended.

From Longford County Council calling upon the Government, in view of the epidemic of cattle stealing, to order a three-hour patrol between midnight and 6 a.m. of each morning in all Civic Guard Stations in Saorstát Éireann.

David Frame
23/8/26

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 3rd July, 1926.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman;

Councillors Daniel J Kehoe, M Fleming, Joseph Metcalfe, William Byrne, Joseph Burke, D H Haskins, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, George Fisher, J J Bourne, William J Henry, James Kavanagh, J J Metcalfe, P J Carey, Samuel E Pim, Denis Condren, and Edward Byrne.

Chair having been taken by the outgoing Chairman, it was

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by " Samuel E Pim; and

Resolved—That Councillor David Frame be, and he is hereby, re-elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That Councillor James Everett, T.D., be, and he is hereby, re-elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That the Council has heard with deep regret of the death of Mr Joseph W Reigh, Glendair, Bri Chualann, who was for so many years a valued member of this Council, and we hereby tender to his wife and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed in silence, all the members standing.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we have learned with deep regret of the death of Canon P B Johnson, of Wicklow, and we hereby tender to his wife and family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed in silence, all the members standing.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

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

Passed.

David Frame
23/8/26

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 23rd August, 1926.

The following members were present :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ;
Councillors Daniel J Kehoe, Denis Condren, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D. ; Joseph Metcalfe, John J Kennedy, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne, Samuel E Pim, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, C M Ua Broin, T.D. ; John J Barry, J J Bourne, M Fleming, P J Cullen.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
2. To consider an application from Mr Mortimer Houribane, Baltinglass, for an extension for one year of the University Scholarship held by him from the Council.
3. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
4. To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
5. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
6. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 7.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Samuel E Pim :—
"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the rebuilding of Bri Chualann Courthouse be proceeded with."
8. To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
9. To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, notifying the Council that a Grant of £16540 has been allotted under the National Road Scheme for the improvement of certain Trunk Roads in the County.
10. To consider the advisability of asking the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make an Order prohibiting the driving of char-a-bancs on the Glenealy-Ashford road and Lower Street, Rathdrum.
11. To appoint a permanent Assistant Surveyor in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement.
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe :—
"I hereby give Notice that I shall move that the Assistant Engineers be allowed travelling expenses at the rate of £120, on the condition that each keep a diary or record of the mileage that they do."
13. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe :—
"I hereby give Notice that I will move that the overseers retain their old rate of pay, £8 per week."
14. To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
15. To consider a letter from Councillor William J Henry, regarding an old cross near the main road in Burgage which he suggests should be placed under the care of the Board of Works.
16. To consider a letter from Bri Chualann Urban District Council, to the effect that that Council has rejected the compromise suggested at a Conference with representatives of the Gaelic League, that the name of the town be Bre (Bray), and again requesting the Council to sanction their previous resolution asking to have the name of the town changed back to Bray.
17. To consider the following Resolution received from County Wicklow Board of Health :—
"That we are of opinion that the County Council should consider the question of putting Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, into force in the County, owing to the exceptional distress prevailing therein."
18. To consider a letter received from County Wicklow Board of Health, asking the Council to obtain a loan of £1333 4s 0d for the purpose of extending the drainage system at Blacklion, Greystones.
19. To fix the rent and terms of the tenancy of the lodge at Shillelagh Workhouse recently granted by the Council to John Murphy, Ballard, Shillelagh.

20. To consider a resolution received from County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture awarding full superannuation allowance to Mr Andrew Nolan, who has resigned his position as Inspector in Agriculture under that Committee.

21. To consider the possibility of recovering expenditure incurred at Carnew at the holding of an inquest on the body of a man who had been resident in County Wexford, whose body was found in County Wexford, and was brought into County Wicklow for inquest purposes.

22. To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture, regarding the need for the new Bovine Tuberculosis Order to be put into operation in County Wicklow.

23. To receive the minutes of proceedings at a Conference held in the Town Hall, Bri Chualann, on the 21st July, 1926, relative to the proposal to amalgamate the area hitherto known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District with the Bri Chualann Urban Area for the purpose of the administration of Technical Instruction.

24. To consider a letter from William Toomey, Esq, B.L., Under Sheriff, regarding the appointment of a caretaker for the newly-reconstructed Courthouse at Baltinglass.

25. To execute an Agreement with Mr John Finn, of Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass, in connection with the mowing of the meadow attached to the Workhouse Buildings at Baltinglass.

26. To fill the vacancy created on the Proposals and Finance Committees by the resignation of Councillor Joseph Burke.

27. To fill two vacancies as existing on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub Committee, consequent upon the departure from the district of the Rev J O'Callaghan, P.P., and Rev E Farrell, C.C.

28. To fill two vacancies created on the School Attendance Committee for Baltinglass and Kiltegan Dispensary Districts by the disqualification of Messrs E O'Neill and P Dwyer.

29. To consider a letter from E J H Hopkins, Esq, Solicitor, Wicklow, regarding the sale of certain premises in Carnew, which had been formerly acquired under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.

30. To consider County Analyst's Report for the past Quarter.

31. To make certain appointments of members of the Garda Siochana as Food and Drugs Inspectors, at the request of the Chief Superintendent.

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

33. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

34. To receive Reports from County Officers.

35. To consider Official Correspondence.

36. To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, have great pleasure in hereby tendering to the Honorable Mervyn Patrick Wingfield, our sincere congratulations on his coming of age, and we also desire to share with his respected father and mother, Lord and Lady Powerscourt, the great pleasure which this felicitous event affords.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Friday, the 6th August, 1926.

The following members were present :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors John J Kennedy, James Everett, T.D., and William Byrne.

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

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	6631 6 8
(Former) Baltinglass No. 1	3062 4 5
" Rathdown No. 2	101 10 1
" Rathdrum	1051 13 7
" Shillelagh	917 10 0
Repayment of Loans	364 7 6

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demands received from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, recommend the Council to make the following transfers on foot of same, in respect to the Quarter ending 30th September, 1926 :—

	£	s	d
County Board of Assistance	7000 0 0
County Board of Public Health	930 0 0

SECRETARY'S REPORT

County Council Offices,
Court House, WICKLOW,
1st August, 1926.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.
Gentlemen—I beg to refer to the Report which I furnished to you at your adjourned Spring Quarterly Meeting on the 15th May last, together with a statement showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collections in the County, and especially in the districts of Collectors John Manley, J. J.

Porter, Garrett Byrne, and John Byrne. At that Meeting you made the following Order, which was approved and adopted by the Council:—

"The Committee consider the state of the Poor Rate Collections as a whole most unsatisfactory, particularly in the case of the following Collectors:—Manley, Porter, Garrett Byrne, and John Byrne, and if these four collectors have not closed their collections in full before June 30th we mean to take drastic action."

I beg to subjoin a table showing the condition of these four collections then and now:—

Collector	Outstanding 14th May, 1926.		Outstanding 1st August, 1926	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
John Manley	2059	8 7	857	7 1
J. J. Porter	1394	12 11	703	0 9
Garrett Byrne	1817	7 10	1095	13 0
John Byrne	1139	17 2	327	3 4

Collector John Byrne is, in my opinion, the only one of these four collectors who is making any serious or conscientious attempt to discharge his duties to the Council. The conditions in the other three districts appear to be thoroughly unsatisfactory, and I beg to refer the matter to you to take such action as may be necessary to restore efficient service and to safeguard the Council's financial interests.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed), P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

The Secretary also submitted a letter dated 19th June, 1926, No. G.26355/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, pointing out that arrears of rates amounting to £9847 are shown to be outstanding for the financial years from 1922/1923 to 1925/1926. The Department also pointed out that Collectors Manley, Porter, Garrett Byrne, Kinsella, and John Byrne had very large amounts outstanding at that date, and stated that immediate steps should be taken to have these arrears lodged.

After a prolonged discussion, the Committee directed that Collectors Manley, Porter and Garrett Byrne be asked to attend at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting, in order that these collectors might explain to the Committee the condition of their collections. The Committee further directed that Collector John Byrne be issued the collection books for the current financial year.

The Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq, who was present at the Meeting, reported that the final result of the investigations into the collection of rates in Districts Nos 5 and 6 by ex-Collector John Cullen, which had been placed in his hands by the County Council, is that the sum of £1021 4s 6d appears to have been collected and not brought to the credit of the Council in respect of the years 1920/1921 and 1921/1922. He also reported that the Council held Fidelity Bonds with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd; that application has been made to the Company for payment of this £1021 4s 6d; and that should any difference arise between the Council and the Company the matter must be referred to arbitration under the terms of the Bonds.

This £1021 4s 6d is in addition to the sum of £650 12s 7d already ascertained to have been included in the fortnightly abstracts received from the Deputy Checkers, but not lodged to credit of the Council.

ORDER—The Committee have considered the Report, and recommend that M J Ryan, Esq, B L, be appointed as Arbitrator to represent the County Council in the suggested arbitration with the insurance Company.

An application was submitted from Mortimer Hourihane, of Baltinglass, for an extension for one year of the University Scholarship held by him from the County Council.

ORDER—Referred to Council.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 18th June, 1926, No. G.27537/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting that Mr J R Dagg be paid his superannuation allowance as Clerk to the late Baltinglass Rural District Council by monthly instalments for the future.

ORDER—In view of the fact that this official is paid a pension from this Council of £276 4s 8d as late Clerk to Baltinglass Board of Guardians, and £243 6s as late Clerk of Baltinglass No 1 Rural District Council, the Committee consider that this is not a case where exceptional hardship is inflicted by paying these pensions in four quarterly instalments, and consequently they recommend the Council to adhere to their former order.

A similar application, dated 14th July, 1926, was submitted from Thomas Toole, 6 Pierce Terrace, Arklow. Councillors Everett and Kennedy were in favour of acceding to this man's request to have his superannuation allowance paid monthly. The Chairman (Councillor Haskins) and Councillor William Byrne were in favour of continuing to pay the superannuation allowance quarterly, as heretofore.

The voting being equal, no change was recommended.

The following accounts were submitted from S Conway, Esq, V S, Veterinary Inspector under the Council, in respect of work stated to have been carried out by him during the past eighteen months under the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order:—

Date	Owner of Animals	Amount £ s d
30/9/24	Brennan, Ardinairy, Tonlaguee	7 12 0
28/9/24		...
28/12/24		...
6 & 20/10/25	Norse, Kilmartin, Newcastle	4 11 0
8/10/25	Kerr, Ballybeg, Rathnew	2 3 0
6/12/24	Clements, Milltown, Rathnew	3 3 0
2/1/25		...
9 & 12/12/25	Norse, Kilmartin, Newcastle	4 5 0
8 & 15/1/26	Hill, Ballintemple, Woodenbridge	6 7 0
20/2/26	Richardson, Newcastle	8 4 0
11/3/26		...
5/6/26	Terence O'Neill, Clonpadden, Arklow	1 9 0

The Secretary pointed out that seven of these accounts would appear to be statute-barred under the provisions of section 51, sub-section 7, of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and these, before payment, would require the special sanction of both the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Department of Lands and Agriculture.

ORDER—Mr Conway to attend the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Committee with details of these and all similar accounts to date.

A letter dated 29th June, 1926, was submitted from Samuel Roche, Esq, Solicitor, Tullow, asking what evidence was before the Council which decided them to refuse his application for compensation for loss of office as Law Agent to Shillelagh Rural District Council, in view of the fact that proof of the appointment of Mr Mackay, the previous Law Agent to that Council, was forthcoming, and that he has in his possession a deed in which Mr Mackay assigned his interest in his business to him, and under which he took up his duties as solicitor to the Council.

ORDER—The Committee regret that there is no documentary evidence before them to prove that Mr Roche was the duly-appointed standing solicitor to the Rural District Council.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 8th April, 1926, No G.13427/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding an appeal which the Minister had received from Mr P J Byrne, who claimed superannuation for his position as solicitor to Baltinglass No 1 Rural District Council.

ORDER—Submitted. No documentary evidence before the Committee to establish Mr Byrne's appointment as standing solicitor.

The Secretary submitted the following:—

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

(Post-Trustee Property Compensation Branch, 34 Molesworth Street, BAILE ATHA CLIATH,

15adh Aibrean, 1926.

A Chara—I am directed by the Minister for Finance to transmit herewith copy of a Decree for £2,000 in favour of the Baltinglass No 1 R D C, and, in connection with the Judge's Order as set out in the final paragraph, to request you to be good enough to state whether the documents have been replaced; if so, I am to request that evidence of reinstatement should be furnished.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary, (Signed) P O Ceallaigh,
Co. Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

(Enclosure)

No. 4.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.
Damage to Property Act, 1923, and Damage to Property Amendment Act, 1923.

County of Wicklow. By the Circuit Court Judge.

It appearing, that the Rural District Council of Baltinglass No 1, of Baltinglass, in the County of Wicklow, caused an application to be made to the Court under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and the Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923, at these present sittings for the sum of £2000 to be paid to them as compensation for that on the night of Monday, the 5th day of February, 1923, or early on the morning of Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1923, on the land of Newtown Saunders, in the parish of Baltinglass, and in the County District of Baltinglass No 1, in the said County, some person or persons unknown did wantonly and maliciously set fire to, burn and totally destroy 1 oak table (18'), 1 oak table, 8 arm chairs, 16 chairs, 1 clock, 1 date case, 4 large presses, 1 large press in Registration Office, 1 table, 1 arm chair, 1 glass press, 10 block-tin boxes, 1 block tin tender box, 1 safe, 1 seal of the Council, 2 fenders, 2 sets of fire irons, 1 small press, 1 table (Rate Books), 1 roll top desk, 1 double desk (deal), 1 notice board, 1 volume of Vanston's Public Health Act, 3 volumes of Vanston's Local Government Act, 1 volume of Mooney's Compendium, 1 volume of Mooney's Supplemental, 2 volumes of Bolton's Labourers Act, 2 volumes of Sullivan's Labourers Acts, 1 volume of Hunt's Franchise Guide, 2 volumes of Lawson's Fran-

chise Guide, 12 volumes of Fitzgibbon's Decisions, 1 volume Brett's Criminal Injuries, 1 copy of Old Age Pensions Act, 1 copy of Employers' Liability Acts, about 80 bound volumes of Local Government reports, 194 different lots of unused forms and stationery, minute books, ledgers, &c. (filled up), 1 book Ordnance Survey by Dr Whitby (bound), 100 Labourers' Cottage plans and specifications, 7 nests of drawers, 206 Title Deeds and Leases, 206 Cottage Agreements, 5 Parliamentary Reports, 3 Land Registry Folios (about 160 cases), and other property which were contained in Baltinglass Workhouse. And it further appearing that the notice of such application was duly served on the Respondents and all other proper and necessary parties. And the Court having duly examined into the matter of such application and having found that the applicants are entitled to the sum of Two thousand pounds as compensation for the injuries complained of, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED and Decreed by the Court and it is hereby declared that the said sum of Two thousand pounds for compensation for the injury complained of and the further sum of Thirty-four pounds fifteen shillings for costs and expenses of this application are now payable to the said applicants.

And it is further ordered on the application and by the consent of all parties concerned that all documents are to be replaced by the applicants.

Dated at Wicklow this 8th day of May, 1925.

Amount of Compensation	£2000	0	0
Costs	...	31	9
Witnesses' Expenses	...	3	6
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		£2034	15
			0

Charles F Doyle, Circuit Court Judge for the said County
William Deverell, Clerk of the Crown and Peace for said County.
Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Secretary also submitted the following:—

4 Church Street, Wicklow.
26th July, 1926.

County Council and Reconstruction of Documents.
Baltinglass No.-1 R.D.C.

Dear Sir—Having gone into this matter very fully it appears that a sufficient amount of compensation has not been granted. This fact was appreciated by the Baltinglass Rural District Council, because they lodged an amended claim for £2810. Under the circumstances, therefore, I would be prepared to do the legal work for the sum awarded by Judge Drumgoole in respect thereof. The Order granting compensation is subject to the documents being replaced, and same will be withheld until the Order is complied with.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed), J H McCarroll.

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

Mr J H McCarroll, Solicitor, to whom this matter had been referred at a previous meeting, was present, and discussed at great length with the Committee the difficulty of carrying out the terms of the Decree.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend the Council to accept Mr McCarroll's proposal to reconstruct and restore the following documents, viz:—206 Title Deeds and Leases; 206 Cottage Agreements; and 3 Land Registry Folios (about 160 cases) for the sum of £1900; Mr McCarroll to apply for payment to the Council of the balance of the Award amounting to £134 15s (costs and expenses).

A letter was submitted from Messrs Roger Greene and Sons, Solicitors, Wellington Quay, Dublin, acting on behalf of the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorm Mental Hospital, threatening legal proceedings if the first instalment due by the Council on foot of that Committee's 1926/1927 demand is not paid forthwith.

ORDER.—The Committee recommend that the Secretary be instructed to write these solicitors to the effect that payment will be made at the earliest possible moment.

The Secretary submitted the following:—
Baltinglass,
4-8-1926.

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

Dear Sir,

At the last auction held by the late Baltinglass R.D.C., at the Baltinglass old Workhouse, in 1923, a boiler in the laundry was sold. That evening a party of Free State soldiers took up their quarters in the Workhouse, and prevented the purchaser from removing the boiler. On the evacuation of the building, in 1924, by the Military, I notified the purchaser to remove the boiler, but he neglected to do so. Now as there is a hospital to be opened in the building, perhaps your Council would

decide on retaining this boiler. It is a fine large boiler, would hold at least 100 gallons, built in, in perfect working order. The laundry in which the boiler and other drying apparatus are situated, escaped when the Workhouse was burned, and a nominal outlay would have the laundry all right again. This boiler was sold for 5s (five shillings). In view of the intended Hospital being opened here, I thought it better to bring this matter under your notice before allowing the purchaser to remove this boiler. Will you please let me know by return post, the date of the forthcoming quarterly Meeting of your Council, so that I can tell the purchaser when I'll have a definite answer for him. Also, please bring this matter before your Council at forthcoming Meeting.

Yours very respectfully,
(Signed) Patrick Furlong.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the Council keep this boiler.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

11th August, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

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

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 17th May, 1926, from Mortimer Hourihane, Baltinglass, applying for an extension for one year of the University Scholarship held by him from the Council.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Burke;

That a fourth year of University Scholarship be granted to Mr Mortimer Hourihane.

After some discussion, this motion was withdrawn with the Council's consent, and it was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until the Council had a Report on his Examination and the progress of his studies, and received a communication from the Department of Education regarding the renewals of the Secondary School Scholarships held from them.

Proposed by Councillor John J Kennedy;

Seconded by Councillor P J Carey;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1926, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, 20th August, 1926.

The following members were present:—

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

Councillor James Everett, T.D.; William Byrne, and John J Kennedy.

The Committee had under consideration the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment, Councillor James Everett, T.D., reserving his right to object at the County Council's Quarterly Meeting to certain recommendations for payment on foot of road contracts, on the grounds that in certain areas the terms of the specifications for such contracts have not been complied with:—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£3586 4s 2d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the undermentioned rate collectors, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend them for the Council's approval as follows:—

District	Collector	Amount
1924/1925 RATE.		
2	Michael Halpin	£ 1 7 0
6	Mrs K Doyle	109 3 9
1925/1926 RATE.		
2	Michael Halpin	15 6 8
3	Edward Lynch	7 16 9
4	William Burke	5 16 9
6	Mrs K Doyle	67 7 5
7	P J Doyle	174 4 11
10	W P Murphy	24 7 6
11	J J Porter	84 16 4
16	P J O'Byrne	28 9 0

The Committee, in accordance with the Order made at their

Quarterly Meeting held on the 6th August, 1926, had before them for interview Collectors John Manley, J J Porter, and Garret Byrne, with a view to ascertaining what explanation they had to offer for not having their Poor Rate Collections closed long since, and deciding what steps might now be taken to secure the immediate collection of the outstanding rates in their respective districts.

Having reviewed with these collectors many of the items of rate still outstanding, and considered the circumstances put forward in relation to these items, the Committee made the following final recommendation:—That Collectors Manley, Porter and Garret Byrne be given to the 1st October to lodge up all outstanding arrears.

Representations having been made by the foregoing collectors that they would be in a better position to collect the outstanding rates if while they were making applications for these monies, they were in a position to serve demand notes and receive rates for the current financial half-year, the Committee made the following recommendation:—That the books for the current year be issued to Collectors Manley, Porter and Garret Byrne.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence and accounts received from the offices of the "Nationalist and Leinster Times," Carlow, respecting items contained in the quarterly accounts for advertising submitted on behalf of that paper, and which it was found necessary to considerably reduce in your Secretary's Offices in view of the fact that undertakings had been given that all the Council's advertisements would be published at a rate not exceeding 6d per line.

ORDER. The Secretary to pay accounts of this Company at 6d per line as hitherto, and as undertaken by them, any claim over and above that figure to be handed the solicitor to protect the Council's interests.

The Committee further recommend the Council to approve of the Secretary's suggestion that no further advertisements be issued to this paper until such time as the disputed items have been satisfactorily cleared up.

The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the cancellation, in the current half-year's ledger, of the following Paying Orders, which were duly authorised during the past six years and are at present in the County Council's safe, and which for one reason or another it was found impossible to issue:—

No.	Amount.
	£ s d
5187	1 15 0
1759	21 6 4
7828	3 3 4
9679	2 12 6
1791	3 4 0
5979	1 1 0
129a	20 0 0
924	1 13 4
5g	5 0 0
125g	1 3 0
153g	20 0 0
134g	2 0 0
5g	5 0 0
23g	4 10 0
74g	3 3 0
118g	2000 0 0
154g	0 9 7
87g	1 4 0
255g	0 7 6

Auditor's Reports and attested Abstracts of the Accounts of Grange-gorman Mental Hospital for the four half-years ending 31st March, 1925, and of the County Wicklow Board of Health for the half-year ending 30th September, 1925, were submitted.

In accordance with the Committee's request made at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 6th August, 1926, Mr S Conway, V.S., Veterinary Inspector for the portion of the County hitherto known as Rathdrum Union, attended before the Committee in connection with his accounts for expenses claimed to be due for duties performed under the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, which accounts appear in the printed report of the Quarterly Meeting referred to, and also in connection with the following accounts for expenses incurred in similar circumstances, which were handed to the Presiding Chairman:—

Dates	Owner of Animals	Amount
		£ s d
21/6/26	Fogarty, Kiltimon	5 7 0
20/7/26		
21/7/26		
10/8/26		
15 & 29/7/26	Olohan, St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow	1 12 0
8 & 12/7/26	Mrs Baird, Broomhall, Rathnew	3 18 0
29 & 31/7/26	Sexon, Ballinderry	3 5 0
15 & 17/8/26	Joseph Alford, Ballinacarrig	3 4 0
19/8/26	Norse, Kilmartin, Newcastle	1 7 0

The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to the report of the proceedings at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 30th April, 1926, when they had before them a letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 26th March, 1926, No. L.1048/1926, in which the Department prescribed a scale of salaries for the Veterinary Inspectors in the County, to remunerate them for the duties they discharged under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, which scale of salaries the Committee felt themselves unable to recommend to the County Council to be put into operation.

The Committee, having discussed the matter at great length, particularly the communication from the Department of Agriculture dated 7th July, 1926, No. L.2700/26, relative to the subject, decided that as the number of cases notified under the Order was steadily increasing, it would be more economic to pay the Veterinary Inspectors in accordance with the scales of salaries prescribed by the Department than to continue payment to these officials of their expenses as framed by the Council and

approved by the Department on the 25th March, 1915, and accordingly they made the following recommendation to the Council:—

That Mr Conway's accounts for cases dealt with by him prior to the 1st April, 1926, be recommended for payment, after being duly revised by the Secretary, subject to approval and extension of time by the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Department of Agriculture.

The Committee further recommend the Council to pay the Veterinary Inspectors for the discharge of their duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order as from the 1st April, 1926, at the following salaries, as set out in the letter dated 21st March, 1926, No. L.1048/26, received from the Department of Agriculture, on the condition that this scale, if the Council so desire, be reconsidered by the Department at the end of one year:—

District	Inspector	Amount
		£ s d
Baltinglass No. 1	A F Walshe, Esq, V.S.	30 0 0
Naas No. 2	S Conway, Esq, V.S.	15 0 0
Rathdown No. 2	W J Richardson, Esq, V.S.	12 10 0
Rathdrum	S Conway, Esq, V.S.	50 0 0
Shillelagh	A F Walshe, Esq, V.S.	35 0 0

The following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was referred to the County Council for consideration:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUBLI (BOTHAR)

SRAID UACHTARACH AN MHOTA, 51
BAILE ATHA CLIATH,
6th August, 1926.

R/RS/33
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that Mr Raftery, Engineering Inspector, has reported that two temporary clerks employed in the County Surveyor's office are engaged on work proper to your office e.g. stamping insurance cards, writing out paying orders, etc, and that the wages of these clerks are charged to a "Maintenance of Plant Account." This arrangement is most irregular and steps should be taken to have it terminated forthwith.

If, as is understood, the County Surveyor requires a second clerk for the discharge of the work proper to his office the Wicklow County Council should consider the matter with a view to making an appointment on a regular footing.

Your attention is directed to the Local Offices and Employments Order, 1924.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed) M de Lasaigh, Leas Runaidhe.

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

The Secretary submitted the following communication from the Department of Education regarding the Council's proposal to renew eight Secondary School Scholarships for the forthcoming scholastic year:—

AN ROINN OIDEACHAIS
BRAINSE AN MHEAN OIDEACHAIS

1 Hume Street, DUBLIN.

11th August, 1926.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 21st June last transmitting recommendations of your Scholarship Committee regarding the renewal of Scholarships for the year 1926-27, I am directed to inform you that the Department is of opinion that the Scholarships held under the Wicklow County Council may be renewed for a further year in the following cases:—

Name	School
Kinsella, May	Loreto Convent, Gorey
Nolan, Mary	" " " " " "
Traynor, John	St. Peter's College, Wexford
Geoghegan, John	" " " " " "

A decision regarding the renewal of the Scholarships awarded to the under-mentioned will be communicated to you as soon as possible:—

Name	School
Hopkins, Annie M	Loreto Convent, Gorey
Larkin, Monica	"
Kane, Walter	St. Peter's College, Wexford
O'Grady, John A	"

The Forms B (Report of the Manager on the conduct and progress of the pupils) which accompanied your letter will be returned to you later.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) W F Butler,
Fo-Choimisineir.

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

ORDER. Read and Noted; the Committee recommend that Councillors C M Byrne, T.D., and James Everett, T.D., be asked to interview the Minister of Education to support the Council's proposals to renew the Scholarships of the four last-mentioned students in the foregoing communication.

The Committee had under consideration the following letter:—

Bluebell House,
13th August, 1926.

P T Healy, Esq.,
Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council Offices, Wicklow.
Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of copy of your letter dated 10th inst., to Messrs Brown and McCann, with reference to my claim for malicious injury amounting to £800, in said letter you state that issue of Paying Order

for this amount has been approved by County Council, and assign as a reason for non-payment of same that 1925/1926 rates are not all lodged yet by the collectors over the area of charge; also you assert that you see no reason for any further legal expense in this matter. Now I am also in receipt of Demand Notes amounting to £24 8s 6d from your collector, Mr Edward Lynch, Kilbylet, in respect of first moiety of Poor Rate against my farms at Coan, County Wicklow, although your Council do not see their way to meet what is clearly their legal liability. Consequently, I enclose you certificate from Bank of Naas showing interest on overdraft £800 from 1st April to 1st September, which is due and payable by me, as two years ago I had to obtain this advance from Bank in order to carry on my business pending payment by your Council of aforesaid Award.

Taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration I am constrained to ask your Council to be good enough to allow me interest at 6 one-fifth per cent on Bank Overdraft of £800 as a set-off against my rates and until this arrangement is completed I do not intend to pay rates to your Council. Further, I respectfully point out that this letter is written with a very sincere desire to save any further legal expense, as you suggest to your Council, and on hearing from your Rate Collector that he is authorised to allow me £21 16s interest up to 1st September proximo, on his issuing receipts, I am prepared to pay him balance of his demand.

Hoping for an early and favourable reply.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Richard Bollard.

ORDER. Referred to Solicitor.

It having been represented to the Committee that owing to the state of the finances of the County Board of Health, Home Help had not been paid in the Town of Wicklow for the previous fortnight, and could not be paid that day unless funds were placed to credit of that Board, the Committee authorised the payment of £500, to be lodged forthwith to credit of the Board's account, so that Home Help might be distributed to those who had not received it from the Home Help Officer for three weeks.

(Signed) C M Byrne,
Presiding Chairman of the Finance Committee.

21st August, 1926.

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

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

Passed.

The Secretary read the letter dated 6th August, 1926, No. R/RS/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), which is given in full in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, stating that the present arrangements for stamping insurance cards, writing paying orders, etc, and the charging of the wages of the two temporary clerks

doing this work to a "Maintenance of Plant Account," are irregular.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;
Seconded by Councillor P J Carey ;

That we reaffirm the Order we made on the 22nd 1921, to the effect that the responsibility for the stamping of all cards remain in the Offices of the County Surveyor, where alone the necessary information for the purpose is available; that applications be invited for the position of a Junior Clerk (male or female)—this Clerk to be shorthand writer and typist, to be employed in stamping cards under the supervision of the County Surveyor's department, to write Advice Notes and Paying Orders, and to discharge such other duties as the County Secretary may allot to him or her: the Minister for Local Government or the Local Appointments Commissioners to be asked to be arranged to have all candidates sit for a qualifying examination, and to subsequently forward to the County Council a list showing the names of those who have qualified at the examination, so that the Council may appoint this Junior Clerk therefrom; that the prescribed subjects to be presented at such examination be Irish, English, Arithmetic, Shorthand and Typewriting, no candidate to be more than 24 years of age on the 1st June, 1926, and the annual salary for the position to be £105, rising by increments of £5 per year to £150 per annum; and that the services of the girls at present employed temporarily be continued as may be required until the new permanent clerk takes up office.

After some discussion, consideration of this motion was deferred to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 15th November, 1926, the Council authorising the retention of the services of the two temporary girls meantime. The Secretary informed the Council that the wages of these temporary clerks were now being charged as from 1st April, 1926, against the £150 provided for in the Council's approved Estimate for a clerk in the County Surveyor's Office to succeed Mr Patrick Short.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 6th August, 1926, No. G.33086/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the proposal of the Council to grant superannuation to Mrs McDonnell, typist in the offices of the late Council of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, in which the Minister stated that in view of the fact that Mrs McDonnell absented himself from duty from November, 1923, for almost a complete year, she could not be regarded as a whole-time officer of the late Rural District Council, and would not accordingly appear eligible to receive a superannuation allowance.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;
Seconded by " Samuel E Pim ;

Resolved—That, having considered the terms of the letter dated 6th August, 1926, No. G.33086/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, we hereby apply again to the Minister for Local Government for his sanction to this Council's proposal to grant Mrs McDonnell, typist in the offices of the late Council of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, a superannuation allowance of £11 7s 7d per annum, following abolition of her office upon the passing of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;
Seconded by Councillor John J Kennedy ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting to £6,631 6s 8d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;
Seconded by " George Fisher ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Baltinglass No 1 Rural District amounting to £3062 4s 5d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) RATHDOWN No 2.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by " Samuel E Pim ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable on the area of former Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £101 10s 1d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
Seconded by Councillor P J Carey ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable on the area of the former Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £1051 13s 7d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

(former) SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming ;
Seconded by " J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable on the area of the former Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £917 10 0d (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 Denis Condren ;
Seconded by " James Kavanagh ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal for Payment chargeable 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, T D ;
Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments, amounting to £3586 4s 2d (any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;
Seconded by " William Byrne.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Offices,
Court House, WICKLOW,

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

In accordance with the request of the Irish National Health Insurance Commission, and with your directions, I have caused all the Wages Sheets for men employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads, from the 1st January, 1923, to end of November, 1925, to be carefully examined, and particulars of every person employed as carter and stonebreaker to be set out, with a view to ascertaining what the Council's liabilities for stamps on the cards of these employees would be during the period indicated, following on the decision of the National Health Insurance Commission that the Council was bound to stamp the cards of these employees. I find that 14,289 Unemployment Stamps are due at 1s 7d each, and 14,289 National Health Stamps are due at 8d each, making a gross total of £1607 10s 3d, which sum the National Health Insurance Commission require to be paid to them so that they may be in a position to allot to each employee on the lists the benefit to which he was entitled.

I have only to add that no provision whatsoever was made in your approved Estimate for the current year to meet this expenditure.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P T HEALY,
Secretary.

23rd August, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.
Seconded by " John J Kennedy ;

That this Council, on consideration of the Secretary's Report, direct that the arrears of stamps, amounting to £1607 10s 3d, be forwarded to the National Health Insurance Commission, as required by that Commission.

As an amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;
Seconded by " John J Barry ; and

Resolved—That the Secretary's Report on stamping of cards of employees be adjourned for consideration to adjourned Quarterly Meeting, the Law Agent to consider and advise on same in the meantime.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T.D. ; William Byrne, and P J Cullen—16.

AGAINST—Councillors D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D. ; and John J Kennedy—6.

The amendment was accordingly declared passed by sixteen votes to six, and on being put the Meeting by the Chairman as a substantive motion, was declared passed on the same voting.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 21st August, 1926, from Thomas Byrne, Ardnamore, Rathdrum, stating that at a recent meeting of ratepayers in Rathdrum he was directed to call the Council's attention to the following matters : (a) the dangerous condition of the footbridge over the river near the railway station ; (b) the necessity for rounding off the sharp corners at the Sentry Box cross-roads, in view of the perilous condition of that cross-roads, owing to increasing motor traffic ; and (c) the very high footpath leading from Rathdrum railway station to the town, which is a possible source of danger to pedestrians.

The Council, on being informed that there was present at the Meeting a Deputation representing the ratepayers of Rathdrum, consisting of the Rev W P Webb, B.D. ; the Very Rev Patrick Kennedy, P.P. ; and Mr A J Ellison, decided to hear the Deputation, whereupon the members of same went fully into the above matters, and discussed with the Council the remedial measures which might be taken.

Proposed by Councillor John J Barry ;
Seconded by " C M Byrne, T.D. ,

Resolved—That the corners at the Sentry Box cross-roads be removed, the work to proceed immediately, notwithstanding the fact that this work is not specifically indicated in the road works scheme adopted for the service of the year 1926/1927.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming ;
Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That the sharp corner of the Croneyhorn road leading to Carnew be taken off, as at present it is a dangerous turn and is known to the County Surveyor as such—notwithstanding the fact that this work is not specifically indicated in the Roads Works Scheme adopted for the service of the year 1926/1927.
Passed.

Mr Robert Byrne, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno, was heard by the Council on behalf of the unemployed of Kilquiggan district, and represented to the Meeting the difficult conditions under which these men were striving to maintain themselves and their families. The Council undertook to do what was in their power to provide work in this district.

Mr A Keogh Nolan, Secretary to the Irish County Council's General Council, appeared before the Meeting to explain the provisions of the recently passed Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, and asked the Council to pass a Resolution pledging their support to the new Company about to be set up under that Act. Mr Nolan having been heard at length, was requested by the Chairman to send to each member of the Council a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the new Company, after which the matter would come more regularly before the Council for consideration.

The Rev K Brady, C.C., and Mr F F McCarthy, Secretary of County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, appeared before the Council in connection with the proposed amalgamation of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Area with Bri Chualann Urban District for the purpose of the administration of Technical Instruction, which had been the subject of a Conference of representatives of Bri Chualann Urban District Council, Bri Chualann Technical Instruction Committee, and County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That the Report of the Conference on Joint Technical Instruction be circulated by the Secretaries to the Conference to each member of the County Council, and that the said Report be considered at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of this Council.
Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

I request leave of absence on vacation from the 26th instant to 25th September (both dates inclusive), and request that you authorise and

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direct the Assistant Surveyors to attend to all matters of urgency including Paysheets which may arise during my absence.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) S G Gallagher,
County Surveyor.

NO ORDER.

Councillor James Everett, T.D., asked the Chairman if he might be supplied with certain items of information regarding the work on the road from the Station Gates, Dunlavin, where a number of men employed by Direct Labour had been dismissed. Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., who was present at the Meeting, stated in reply to the Chairman that he had not the data with him to answer Councillor Everett's questions, but he undertook to be present and supply the desired information at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 13th proximo.

The Secretary submitted a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), dated 27th July, 1926, No. SGN/201, intimating that a sum of £16,540 has been earmarked for County Wicklow out of £750,000, the latter being the sum set aside to carry out the National Road Scheme in Saorstát Éireann during the financial year ending 31st March, 1927.

A protracted discussion took place on the necessity for providing immediate work on roads, with a view to relieving the destitution at present existing throughout the County owing to continuous unemployment, and during that discussion it was definitely asserted that no portion of the £7350 grant allocated to the Council on the 8th May, 1926, or the £16540 grant above referred to, would be made available for the relief of this unemployment by the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health unless and until suitable schemes had been submitted by the County Surveyor to the Roads Branch of that Ministry and been approved of by them, and that inquiry at the Ministry had shown no such schemes had yet been sent forward.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.;

Seconded by John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor, Mr S G Gallagher, B.E., be hereby directed to prepare and send forward to the Department of Local Government and Public Health before the 31st August, 1926, such suitable Schemes and other documents as will ensure the immediate receipt of all the Grants for roads referred to in the letters from that Department dated 8th May, 1926, No. SGG/201, and 27th July, 1926, No. SGN/201, for £20000 (of which £7350 is a first instalment) and £16540 respectively; and further, that Councillors Frame, Byrne, T D, and Everett, T D, accompany the County Surveyor to the Ministry for a further interview on this question of grants, with powers from this Council to issue such order to the County Surveyor as may be necessary to obtain the Grants immediately.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That application be made forthwith to our Treasurer,

the National Bank, Ltd, Wicklow, for an Overdraft of Twenty Thousand Pounds (£20000) for the period up to 31st December, 1926, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to accord his sanction to this proposed Overdraft at the earliest possible moment.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Samuel E Pim;

Seconded by Edward Byrne; and

Resolved—That the rebuilding of Bri Chualann Courthouse be proceeded with.

Passed.

A representative of Messrs P F Fearon and Company, Building Contractors, Ranelagh, was present at the Meeting, and duly executed, for subsequent submission to the Council, the provisional Bond and Agreement for the re-construction of Bri Chualann Courthouse. When these documents were later submitted to the Meeting for adoption, and for the purpose of being sealed, it was found that the amount specified therein was still £2437, and had not been reduced to £2123, as was suggested by the Architects, Messrs Foley & O'Sullivan, consequent upon the reduction in the specification in the P.C. sums for the grates, and the omission of central heating; and accordingly the Council refused to approve, confirm or seal the provisionally-submitted proposal for contract, at the same time directing that Messrs Fearon and Company, Ltd, be written to and again asked to reduce their Tender from the £2437 originally submitted to the £2123 above referred to, the matter to come forward again for consideration at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 13th September, 1926.

The Secretary read the following published advertisement of an Assistant Surveyor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr Joseph P Doyle, B.E., and in which Mr Joseph T O'Byrne, B.E., had been acting in a temporary capacity:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The County Council of Wicklow invite applications for the position of Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £260 per annum, with vouched travelling expenses according to such terms as may be approved from time to time by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, subject to a maximum of £120 per annum.

Candidates shall satisfy the conditions of "The Assistant Surveyors Qualifications Order, 1922," and the appointment is in all respects subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The person appointed shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office, and shall reside at whatever place within the County the Council may require, and must be prepared to take up his duties immediately in such area.

Applications, to be made on the prescribed Form (R 20), obtainable from the undersigned, should reach the Secretary's Office not later than 2 o'clock p.m., on Saturday, the 21st day of August, 1926.

By Order,

P T HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

Offices, Court House, Wicklow.

and also applications on the prescribed forms, etc, from the following candidates:—

Edward Fitzgerald Lyons, A R C Sc. I, 12 Conyngham Road, Phoenix Park, Dublin.

Martin Joe Conroy, B E, Fort Augustus, Castlereagh, Co Roscommon.

James Michael Mulvihill, B E, Lough Ree Hotel, Lanesborough, Co Longford.

Peter Coyle, M. Inst. Mun. & Co, E, Fern Villa, Monaghan.

Peter Martin Gannon, Civil Engineer, 9 Vernon Grove, Clontarf.

John Joseph Buttimer, B E, 4 Laurel Hurst, College Road, Cork.

Joseph T O'Byrne, B E, A M I C E I, M I M, & C y. E, Bridge Street, Wicklow.

Councillor James Everett, T D, requested to have recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings his objection to the Council proceeding to make this appointment, on the grounds that to do so was illegal, and did not comply with the terms of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

That Law Agent having advised, however, that having regard to the terms of the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 12th August, 1926, the Council had jurisdiction to make the appointment subject to the sanction of that Department, a poll was taken, and it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR O'BYRNE—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, M Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, Samuel E Pim, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T D; William Byrne, John J Kennedy and P J Cullen—18.

FOR LYONS—Councillor Laurence Moore—1.

Councillors Joseph Metcalfe and James Everett, T D, declined to vote, and no Councillor voted for any of the other applicants.

The Chairman declared Mr Joseph T O'Byrne, elected by an absolute majority, and accordingly it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D;

Seconded by P J Carey; and

Resolved—That Mr Joseph T O'Byrne, B E, of Bridge Hotel, Wicklow, be hereby appointed to the position of Assistant Surveyor under this Council, in strict accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement, this appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming,

Seconded by C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That Mr John Murphy, late of Ballard, Shillelagh,

who has been allowed by the County Council, at the request of the County Wicklow Board of Health, to occupy the premises at Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings known as the lodge, embracing a kitchen and one room, be charged for the use of such premises a weekly rent of One Shilling (1/-), the tenancy to be terminable by one month's notice in writing by either party at any time, the Law Agent to draw up a suitable Agreement to be executed by Mr Murphy, which Agreement would fully protect the Council's interests.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Joseph Metcalfe;

That the County Council put Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1896, into force in the County, owing to the exceptional distress prevailing therein.

Councillor C M Byrne, T D, at this stage suggested that the situation would be better dealt with by approaching the Government for a long term Loan, to be used in dealing with many aspects of road in-

provement, which would provide much-needed employment, and he suggested also that as a Deputation was waiting upon the Ministry within three days, Councillor Everett and himself, with the Chairman, would then discuss the prospects of obtaining sanction to such Loan being raised.

The motion was accordingly not pressed to a vote.

Finance Committee's Report No. 2 having dealt with the question of salaries of Veterinary Inspectors for the extra duties imposed upon them by the operation of the new Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, as requested by the Department of Agriculture in their letter on the subject dated 26th March, 1926, No. L.1048/1926, no order was made on Item No. 22 on the printed Agenda.

The Council at this stage adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the 13th September, 1926.

David Frame
29/11/26

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 13th September, 1926.

The following members were present :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ;
Councillors M Fleming, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, W J Doyle, James Everett, T.D. ; Joseph Metcalfe, George Heatley, William J Henry, George Fisher, P J Cullen, Samuel E Pim, J J Bourne, P J Carey, Patrick Doyle, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, W Byrne, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, John J Barry, C M Ua Broin, T.D. ; John Kennedy, and Edward Byrne.

County Council Offices,
Court House, WICKLOW,
6th September, 1926.

To each Member of Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 13th September, 1926, to consider the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 23rd August, ulto, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned.

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P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor John J Kennedy ;

Seconded by " S E Pim ;

Resolved—That we offer our hearty congratulations to our esteemed colleague, Councillor George Heatley, on the occasion of his marriage.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;

Seconded by " John J Barry ;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor Felix O'Rafferty, Chairman of Arklow Urban District Council, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him on the death of his sister, Miss O'Rafferty of Ferrybank, Arklow.

Passed in silence, all the members standing.

With the consent of the Council, Councillor J J Bourne initiated a discussion as to the considerable increase in the gross rate over the County, and especially in the Shillelagh area, as compared with last year. It was stated that ratepayers in general had anticipated at least a partial relief this year from the burden cast on them by local taxation, being aware that the Council had deleted from the Estimates every item of expenditure that was not absolutely essential, thus affecting considerable reductions in the General Rate. The desirability of making ratepayers clearly comprehend the causes which led to an increase in the gross rate levied was also emphasised.

The Secretary explained to the Council that their power to reduce the Estimates was almost entirely confined to items of expenditure leviable as General Rate, and that even the most considerable of these were beyond

the Council's power of interference, e.g., the Demands from the Board of Health and from Grangegorman Mental Hospital. The Council, he stated, could not legally reduce amounts to be raised as separate charges, which if not levied by the Council by way of rate on the various districts concerned, would be collected from the Council by process of law, which would involve still further expenditure. Owing, however, to the compulsory retirement of officials consequent upon the passing of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the liability for the repayment of district loans which had devolved on the Council through the same cause, the amounts to be raised as Separate Charges over the former Rural District areas had very appreciably increased, while in Shillelagh area an increase of 3^d in the rate for Criminal Injury had made the rate still higher. He could confidently assure the public that if the rates for the current financial year were not as low as would be desirable, it certainly was not due to want of action on the Council's part in reducing his Estimates to the lowest possible figure, after a most painstaking analysis of each individual item contained therein.

In this connection, Councillor M Fleming thought the time opportune for submitting to the Council the following statement, as the proposal contained therein would, if put into effect, have the beneficial result of causing a very large amount per annum, at present spent outside the County, to be spent in this County where it was raised, and would also in time, he hoped, lead to a reduction in the rates :—

The cost of the upkeep of the Mental Patients sent from County Wicklow to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital has become a heavy burden on the overtaxed ratepayers of this County, owing to the majority of these patients being poor people, and their friends being unable to pay anything towards their upkeep.

It occurs to me and many others in the County that an attempt should be made to lighten the burden of taxation in this direction if possible. At present the Workhouse buildings in Shillelagh could be made suitable for a Mental Hospital and turned to that use, and they would be sufficiently large to hold the number of patients from County Wicklow at present in Grangegorman Mental Hospital, which is costing the County the enormous sum of £16215. I am of the opinion that the Government should be approached on the question of providing for these patients in their own County. The matter can be regarded from two distinct standpoints—first, the buildings are there, and will soon fall into decay unless they are turned into some kind of habitation; and secondly, a huge sum of money is leaving the County year by year, and not one shilling of that money is spent in the County after these payments are made.

It is up to this Council to make some effort in this matter to see what can be done. The neighbouring Counties, Wexford and Carlow, are keeping their patients at a lesser sum than we are paying for the maintenance of the patients sent from this County, and I think we should make an effort to do likewise.

(Signed) M Fleming.

CORRESPONDENCE RE ROAD MAINTENANCE.

5th and 20th July, 1926, from Samuel A French, Esq., Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, expressing disappointment at the Council's attitude towards matters brought before them in previous letters from the Society, and asking for a definite decision from the Council regarding items No 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 referred to in the Society's letter of the 1st June, 1926.

The Council dealt seriatim with these items as follows:—

1. The condition of the defensive railings on the Sea Front. The Council found that some misunderstanding appeared to have arisen regarding these railings. The railings which the County Surveyor stated, in his Report to the Council on the 21st June, to have been repaired when necessary, were wooden railings at the roadside, whereas the Society referred to iron railings down on the rocks beside the sea. The Council cannot hold themselves responsible for the condition of these latter railings.

2. The tarring of the Church Road and Trafalgar Road. The Council suggest that a local Councillor might be asked to hand in a Notice of Motion to the County Surveyor before the 1st November, 1926, giving full details of the work and the probable cost, in order that it may be included in the Road Works Scheme in respect to the financial year 1927/1928.

3. The improvement of the Flagstaff Corner. See Order on No. 2.

5. The Footpath at Blacklion. See Order on No. 2.

7. The provision of a water tap on the South Beach. This is a matter for County Wicklow Board of Health as sanitary authority, and the Council suggest that the Society communicate with that Body.

23rd July, 1926, from Messrs Pennick Co., Delgany Nurseries, complaining of motor traffic on Church Lane, Greystones.

As the necessary procedure had been complied with in 1908 to close Church Lane to motor traffic, except the cars of residents therein, the Council made the following Order:—"Referred to County Surveyor to put up notices."

27th July, 1926, from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, report on the recent cutting of trees on Church Road, Greystones.

11th August, 1926, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bri Chualann, forwarding the verdict of a Coroner's jury at an inquest on a man who was killed in a motor-cycle accident on the Bri Chualann-Kilmacanoge Road, to the effect that the accident was mainly attributable to a dangerous bend on that road.

As the matter of dangerous bends on roads throughout the County was already under consideration by the Council, the letter was marked "Read."

19th May, 1926, from the Rev M Geraghty, C.C., Roundwood, regarding a deputation which was to attend the Council on the subject of a proposed new road from Park cross roads to Annagolan cross roads.

No deputation being present, the letter was marked "Read."

21st June, 1926, from John McCabe, Secretary, Avoca Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Kilqueeny, Avoca, asking that part of the Grants for road maintenance be spent in his district in order to relieve distress.

ORDER—Read.

20th August, 1926, from Michael Duffy, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, asking for work.

NO ORDER.

4th September, 1926, from Mrs C E Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow, asking permission to draw about ten loads of fine metalling from Carrigmore

Quarry.

ORDER.—Granted, subject to price being paid as arranged with the County Surveyor.

13th August, 1926, from Terence Doyle, Esq., solicitor, Tullow, protesting against blasting operations in a quarry in Ballyconnell, which are a danger to the family and premises of his client, Mr Thomas Byrne, Ballyconnell.

It having been intimated to the Council that this Quarry had not been used by their employees for two months before the date of the letter, and would probably not be used again, the letter was marked "Read."

30th June, 1926, from William McGrath, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Blessington Branch, stating that if the unemployed in his area are not given work they will be obliged to call on the relieving officer for assistance.

ORDER.—Stone required locally for road material to be broken by hand.

16th August, 1926, memorial from the unemployed of Dunlavin district, asking that work be started in that area.

NO ORDER.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by Councillor J J Fourné;

Resolved—That in view of the great amount of time which the Council must spend in dealing with correspondence referring to minor details of maintenance of roads and public works, and with a view to saving the Council's time and having such matters more promptly dealt with, we hereby direct our Secretary to forward copies of all such correspondence as may reach his offices to the County Surveyor, and we direct our County Surveyor to attend to all matters referred to in such correspondence, and include a report on each such matter in his Quarterly Report to this Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That the following form a Committee to consult on the question of the appointment of a fitter to look after the Council's steam-rolling plant:—

Councillor David Frame.

" John J Metcalfe.

" Joseph Metcalfe.

" J J Bourne; and

" S E Pim.

the Committee to report afterwards to this Council, and that a fully

qualified mechanical engineer be employed to inspect the plant, accompanied by the Committee, and to report as to the condition of each item of plant.

Passed.

When the Agreement signed by Messrs P F Fearon and Company, Building Contractors, Ranelagh, for the restoration of Bray Courthouse, came before the Council for their approval, it was found that the following items had been omitted from the original specification:—

Sanitary Fittings and Central Heating.

External Cement Work.

Taking down portion of wall at page 5 of Bill of Quantities.

Rubble Masonry 10 yards,

whereas the Council had been led to expect, from the terms of the letter dated 19th February, 1926, from the Architects, Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, that with the omission of central heating and a reduction in the prime cost sums for the grates, the original contract price would be reduced to £2123 approximately, the figure which the Council expected to receive from the Malicious Injury Award, and which they were prepared to expend. As the Council felt they could not consider restoring this Courthouse without sanitary fittings, it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " S E Pim;

Resolved—That the restoration of Bri Chualann Courthouse be re-advertised on the original plans and specifications—which are to be amended by the elimination of central heating and by a reduction of the P.C. of grates.

Passed.

A letter was submitted dated 3rd September, 1926, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, the Council's Architects for the rebuilding of Balinglass Courthouse, stating that before they could issue the final certificate to the contractor, it would be necessary to have the Courthouse measured by a Quantity Surveyor, this being the usual practice and part of the Agreement with the contractor.

ORDER.—Mr A Edward Smith, F.S.I., to be appointed as Quantity Surveyor to measure the Courthouse, he having drawn up the Bill of Quantities for the rebuilding of same.

As the Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Church Street Wicklow, had not, up to the date of the meeting, been able to collect

sufficient data on which to base a complete report on the stamping of carters' and stonebreakers' cards, the Council deferred reconsideration of the Secretary's report on this subject.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 3rd September, 1926, No. RM/201, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), asking the rate for hire of steamrolling plant which the Council propose to charge against work authorised to be done by Direct Labour under the National Road Scheme and other Government Grants.

In this connection, the following letter from the County Surveyor was submitted:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
10th September, 1926.

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

A Chara,
Owing to the very fluctuating price of coal and the varying haulage, I consider that the Council should charge as follows:—

- 1—Roller, van and water cart, £1 per day, and wages, fuel, oil, &c.
- 2—Engine, crusher and outfit, £2 per day, and wages, fuel, oil, &c.
- 3—Crusher and outfit, £1 per day, wages, fuel, oil, &c.
- 4—Hired Roller and outfit, actual cost of fuel only. Hired Crushing outfit, actual cost (inclusive).

Should the Council consider it proper to make an inclusive charge I consider that (1) Roller, van and cart, fuel, oil, wages £3 per day. (2) Engine and crushing plant, fuel, oil, wages £5 per day.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) S G GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDER.—Charges to be made as per County Surveyor's Report. The Secretary submitted a letter dated 30th July, 1926, No. R/RV/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), noting that it was the Council's desire to close to charabanc traffic the Glenealy-Ballynockan-Ashford road and Lower Street, Rathdrum, and intimating that in accordance with the essential legal procedure in such instances it would be necessary for the Council to pass a Resolution in the form approved by the Minister, and for a public inquiry to be held, before the Minister would be in a position to make an Order prohibiting charabanc traffic on the roads mentioned.

A letter was also submitted from D O Dubhghaill, Esq., Ballymacsimon, Glenealy, calling the attention of the Council to the fact that as many as thirty charabancs sometimes travelled the Glenealy-Ashford road on a Sunday, and impressing on the Council the danger and discomfort to local residents which such traffic involved.

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

Resolved—That we hereby make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified in the Order, the driving of motor cars with seats for more than six persons (exclusive of driver) on (a) the road from Glenealy Four Roads through Ballynockan Beg to its junction with the road from Ashford through Rathnew to Wicklow at Ashford (South) Three Roads, and (b) the road known as Lower Street, Rathdrum, from its junction with Main Street to its junction with the road from Rathnew through Rathdrum to Arklow; the grounds for this application being that vehicles of the said class cannot be used on the

said roads without endangering the safety of the vehicles, the persons therein and other traffic using the said roads.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne ;
Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby point out to the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health that the steadily increasing cost of maintenance of roads in this County (particularly the roads scheduled as Main Roads) is almost entirely due to the enormous amount of tourist traffic our roads have to bear, and we think this factor should be taken very largely into consideration when the allocation of grants to the several Counties is being made in this Department.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;
Seconded by " William Byrne.

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be approached for a free Grant of £3000, being the estimated cost of reconstructing and reopening the broken part of the County Road from Ardrin to Sallymount, which work this Council believes would be of great utility both to the local residents and to the tourist traffic to the County, and which would have the desirable effect of distributing over a number of roads the enormous tourist traffic which of necessity has at present to be borne by one road.

Passed.

Mr P J Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, was present at the Meeting, and supplied Councillor James Everett, T.D. with the items of in-

formation which the latter had asked for at the Council's Quarterly Meeting on the 23rd August, regarding the steamrolling work which had been done on the road from the Station Gates, Dunlavin.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 27th August, 1926, from Councillor James Everett, T.D., asking for a list of the individual roads let out by contract in West Wicklow, showing the date on which each was inspected before the recommendations for payments were sent to the County Surveyor, and for particulars of the work performed by Overseers Keogh and Rogers when their gangs were employed at steamrolling.

It having been intimated to the Council that the County Surveyor had supplied Councillor Everett with the information asked for in this letter, no order was made thereon.

A letter was submitted dated 10th September, 1926, from three unemployed men at Baltinglass, asking the Council to take steps to hold in Baltinglass the local inquiry which they directed to be held at their meeting on the 21st June, 1926.

ORDER—Read.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,
13th September, 1926.

To Wicklow County Council,
Gentlemen,

I beg again to apply for leave of absence from 15th instant to 14th October, both dates inclusive, and request that you authorise the Assistant Surveyors to attend to all matters of urgency, including paysheets, which may arise during my absence.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) S G Gallagher,
County Surveyor.

ORDER—Surveyor to take two weeks now and the other two weeks later.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle ;
Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That the Council direct the County Surveyor to remove the dangerous corners at Kileomman cross roads immediately, also dangerous corner at Coolfancy termed " Taylor's Cross,"—also the South corner at Coates' Bridge on road Woodenbridge to Aughrim, notwithstanding the fact that these works are not specifically indicated in the Road Works Scheme adopted for the service of the year 1926/1927.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe ;
Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne ;

That the Assistant Engineers be allowed travelling expenses at the rate of £120 per annum, on the condition that each keep a diary or record of the mileage that they do.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ; and
Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D ;

That the Assistant Surveyors be granted a sum of Sixty Pounds (£60) per annum towards their travelling expenses.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, David Frame, and C M Byrne, T.D.—6.

AGAINST—Councillors P J Carey, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D. ; John J Kennedy, and P J Cullen—16.

Councillor George Heatley declined to vote.

The amendment was thereupon declared lost by sixteen votes against to six for. The original motion was, with the permission of the Council, withdrawn.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe ; and
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

That the overseers retain their old rate of pay, £3 per week.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION :—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T D ; and John J Kennedy—9.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and P J Cullen—14.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost by fourteen votes against to nine for.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;
Seconded by " S E Pim ;

Resolved—That the Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed

with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd July, 1926, from Councillor W J Henry, Burgage, Blessington, stating that the people of his locality would be glad to see an old granite cross standing outside Burgage graveyard under the care of a public body, as it was of considerable antiquarian interest, and the foundation stones were rapidly giving way. He also submitted a letter dated 16th August, 1927, from the Office of Public Works, stating that they would be happy to accept the custody of this cross for preservation under the Ancient Monuments Protection Act.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;
Seconded by " Samuel E Pim ;

Resolved—That the Commissioners of Public Works be hereby asked to accept the custody and responsibility for the preservation of the old granite Cross which stands high over the old Main Road outside Burgage graveyard, near Blessington, under the Ancient Monuments Protection Act.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following communication :—

COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRI CHUALANN.

Town Hall

BRI CHUALANN,

7adh de Iul 1926.

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

Dear Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence in connection with the resolution of the Council regarding the proposed change of the name of this district from Bri Chualann to Bray, and particularly your letter of 6th March last, I am directed by my Council to inform you that at meeting last evening they had under consideration the report of a Conference between representatives of the Gaelic League and the Urban District Council which was held on 16th ultimo, conveying a recommendation that this Council be asked to adopt as the name of the Council and district the name Bre (Bray), and to state that the suggested compromise was rejected.

I am, therefore, to request that you will place this matter before next meeting of the County Council with a view to having the Resolution of the Council of 14th July and 17th November, 1925, sanctioned by the County Council in accordance with Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P Devitt,
Deputy Clerk to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley ;
Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

That in pursuance of the powers vested in this Council under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby approve, confirm and adopt the following Resolution passed by Bri Chualann Urban District Council :— " That the previous Resolution to change the name of the town from Bri Chualann to Bray, which was passed by nine votes to six by this Council, be again sent to the County Council for their sanction and approval, and that this town be named Bray ;" and that due notice of this change be given to the general public by the Urban Council, by means of a poster put up throughout the entire County, and by means of an advertisement in each of the two Dublin morning papers, in the four weekly papers circulating in the County, and in at least one issue of " Iris Oifigiúil."

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ; and
Seconded by Councillor John J Kennedy ;

Resolved—That the Bri Chualann Urban District Council be asked, before this Council takes action in the matter, to accept the compromise arrived at at the recent Conference held in reference to the proposal to alter the name of that Urban District.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, T D ; James Everett, T.D. ; and John J Kennedy—14.

AGAINST :—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Samuel E Pim, William Byrne, and P J Cullen—9.

The Chairman thereupon declared the amendment passed by fourteen votes to nine, and on being put to the meeting as a substantive motion, it was declared passed on the same voting.

The Council had again under consideration the resolution received from County Wicklow Board of Health, requesting them to put in force

in the County the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government Act, 1898, with a view to relieving exceptional distress.

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

Resolved—That instead of considering the question of putting Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, into operation, we hereby decide to raise a Loan of £6000 over a period of five years, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government being accorded there-to, this Loan to be expended on road improvement so as to relieve unemployment.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh ;
Seconded by " J J Bourne ;

That we adjourn to our November Quarterly Meeting the question of raising a Loan of £6000 spread over a period of five years—for the purpose of road improvement and especially to relieve unemployment.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, and P J Cullen—9.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, Samuel E Pim, C M Byrne, T D ; and James Everett, T.D.—11.

The Chairman thereupon declared the amendment lost by eleven votes against to nine for, and the original motion was put to the meeting and declared passed on the same voting.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 5th August, 1926, from County Wicklow Board of Health, asking if the Council would obtain a Loan for the purpose of enabling the Board to extend the drainage system at Blacklion, Greystones, the probable cost of which would be £1333 4s.

ORDER.—The Board of Health to consult with local ratepayers, and to afterwards communicate with the Council as to area of charge, etc.

The Secretary submitted to the Meeting the minutes of proceedings of a Conference which had been held in the Town Hall, Bri Chualann, on the 21st July, 1926, with regard to the proposed amalgamation of the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District area with the Bri Chualann Urban District for Technical Instruction purposes, and also a letter dated 13th September, 1926, from Dr Deely, Enniskerry, written on behalf of the Enniskerry and Kilmacanoge Technical Committees regarding the protection of the interests of those local committees.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That we request a further meeting of the Conference held on 21st July in Bri Chualann be summoned with the addition of Councillors David Frame, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, S E Pim, and John J Redmond as representatives of the County Council, and representatives from each of the local Committees in Greystones, Kilmacanoge and Enniskerry, to work out details of the proposed amalgamation scheme, and that pending the completion and adoption of this scheme

we suggest to the County Committee of Technical Instruction that they offer the services of their whole time officers at present working in the Rathdown area, viz., the Principal and Secretary, and the Irish Teacher, to the Bri Chualann Technical Instruction Committee to fill the existing vacancies in the Urban Area on conditions approved by the Department.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :

Annacrivey,
Enniskerry, CO. WICKLOW.
19th July, 1926.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter informing me of the resolution of the County Council appointing O'Grady as caretaker of the Baltinglass Courthouse, and I wrote to the Minister of Local Government telling him the facts of my nominating Kinsella on the request of D.J. and I have received a letter back stating that as follow " the appointment of the Court Keeper for Baltinglass Courthouse rests with you as under Sheriff." Under these circumstances I would be much obliged if you would bring this before the Council again and get them to agree to my appointing Patrick Kinsella as caretaker, for the following reasons (i) he is a good man (ii) he is the man the District Justice, Mr Price, wants, and it is his Court (iii) he is the man I want as he has agreed to act as my bailiff in Baltinglass district, and it is hard to get a man to do this work. Of course if I had

not promised Mr Price to appoint Kinsella I would have fallen in with the County Council's wishes.

Yours truly,
(Signed) William Toomey,
Under Sheriff.

Mr P T Healy,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

ORDER.—The Sub-Sheriff to be again asked to carry out the Council's wishes, as already expressed, when appointing a Court Keeper.

The Secretary submitted a letter from E J H Hopkins, Esq, solicitors, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, stating that Mrs A M O'Brien, of Borris, had agreed to purchase premises in Carnew, the property of Mr Patrick Murphy (Junior), which were purchased by the latter under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, and asking for the consent of the Council to the transfer.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;
Seconded by „ Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That, subject to our Law Agent having satisfied himself that the interests of this Council have been fully protected, by the necessary legal documents, we hereby consent to the sale of the interest of Mr Patrick Murphy, junior, Carnew, in premises held by him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 4th August, 1926, from the

Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bri Chualann, informing the Council that Sergeant T McCaul, Food and Drugs Inspector at Shillelagh, had been transferred and replaced by Sergeant D Murray, and also a further letter dated 30th July, 1926, from same, stating that the Sergeant of the Garda at Newtown-Mt-Kennedy, who acted as Food and Drugs Inspector, had a very large district, and that with a view to efficiency it would be well if the Sergeant in Roundwood were also appointed an Inspector.

Proposed by Councillor Samuel E Pim;
Seconded by „ Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Siochana in this County, we hereby appoint Sergeant D Murray, Shillelagh, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, in room of Sergeant T McCaul, and that we appoint Sergeant Robt. McCarragher, Roundwood, as an additional Inspector under these Acts.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, T D, and accepted by the Chairman:—

“I hereby give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council—That pursuant to the powers vested in us by Sections 65 and 66 of the Local Government Act, 1925, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby adopt the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1855, for the County Wicklow (exclusive of the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bri Chualann, and Wicklow), and that we agree to a rate of ½d in the £ for this purpose; that we further agree to take over the County Wicklow Library Service, established under the Carnegie Library Trust, on the understanding that this Council shall have full power and control in regard to the management of same, the books which are to be retained and obtained for the Library, and the appointment of a Committee of Management; that the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bri Chualann and Wicklow be informed that in order to take advantage of the library service in the future it will be necessary for them to strike a rate of ½d in the £ for this purpose, or arrange for the payment of an equivalent contribution to the County Council in lieu thereof; that we hereby delegate to the Central Library Committee of County Wicklow all the powers and duties vested in us as the Library Authority under Section 12 of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1855, excepting the appointment and dismissal of paid officers, provided always that further agreements with adjoining Library Authorities for the joint use of the Library Service shall be subject to the approval of the other areas co operating in the Service, the proceedings of the Central Library Committee to be reported quarterly to the various authorities concerned, and the Committee to submit an annual estimate of the expenditure proposed for each year; that the Central Library Committee consist as from 1st Dec., 1926, of 10 members nominated by this Council, three to form a quorum; that we agree to take over Mr Phibbs, the present Librarian, at his present salary of £250, he being a person recognised by the Carnegie Trust as a trained and competent Librarian, and it being mainly due to his ability that the Library Scheme has made such magnificent progress in the County, and to fill all future

vacancies in the position by a person recognised by the Trust as a trained and competent Librarian at a salary of not less than £250 per annum; that an annual report and statistics of the Scheme be sent to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline, and that instructions be given to the Central Library Committee to invite the Secretary and Organiser of the Carnegie Trust from time to time to visit the County Wicklow repository and report to this Council as to the progress of the work.”

The Council at this stage adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 15th November, 1926.

David James

29/11/26

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