

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 15th November, 1926.

The following members were present :—

Councillors James Everett, T.D. ; John J Barry, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Redmond, Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Burke, George Heatley, George Fisher, P J Cullen, William J Henry, James Kavanagh, P J Carey, J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, Edward Byrne, W J Doyle, Denis Condren, John J Metcalfe, John J Kennedy, C M Byrne, T.D. ; and Laurence Moore.

A telegram having been read from the Chairman, Councillor David Frame, regretting his inability to be present and apologising to the Meeting, the Chair was accordingly taken by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ; Vice-Chairman.

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

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, have learned with sincere regret of the great loss that has befallen our esteemed Chairman and fellow-Councillor, David Frame, by the death of his eldest son, Jack, and we hereby tender to Mrs Frame, to our Chairman, and to the members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy : as a mark of respect we adjourn this Meeting to Monday, the 29th November, 1926, without transacting any business.

Passed in silence, all the members standing.

The Council thereupon adjourned.

David Frame

The Adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 29th November, 1926.

The following members were present :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ;

Councillors M Fleming, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, W J Doyle, C M Ua Broin, T.D., John J Redmond, James Everett, T.D. ; Joseph Metcalfe, John J Kennedy, D H Haskins, William Byrne, George Heatley, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, Samuel E Pim, George Fisher, Joseph Burke, J J Metcalfe, William J Henry, James Kavanagh, P J Carey, John J Barry, P J Cullen, Patrick Doyle, and Laurence Moore.

BUSINESS.

1. To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
2. To pass Resolutions suspending from office Poor Rate Collectors John Manley and J J Porter, in the event of their not carrying out the order embodied in the Finance Committee's Report.
3. To consider a letter from the Council's Law Agent, regarding the obligation cast upon the Council by the Regulations made under the Cinematograph Act to satisfy themselves that buildings in which cinematograph entertainments are given comply in all respects with the Regulations.
4. To consider an application for a Cinematograph Licence from Mr John J Clarke, Rathnew, who is giving cinematograph entertainments in the Courthouse, Rathdrum.
5. To consider a communication from R. Wilson, Esq. Coolattin Estate Office, Shillelagh, asking if a Cinematograph Licence could be issued for the Hall, Shillelagh, in which it is proposed to give cinematograph entertainments.
6. To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
7. To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
8. To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's payments.
9. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
10. To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 11.—To consider the Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926, and also a circular letter on the same subject from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.
12. To consider a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health referring to the cutting without discrimination of trees and hedges on roadsides, and issuing certain instructions in that connection.
13. To consider Report from the Council's Law Agent and Counsel's opinion regarding the stamping of carters' and stonebreakers' cards by the Council.
14. To consider a letter from the Greystones and District Development Society, asking the Council to make a bye-law restricting the display of posters on walls, bridges, &c, in Greystones.
15. To consider a letter from three road workers in the Baltinaglass area, again asking to have an inquiry held into the manner in which Road Overseer Patrick Keogh discharges his duties.
16. To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 17.—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. :—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some one 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 1d 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 1d 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."

18—To consider the following Resolution received from Bri Chualann Urban District Council:—

"That, in so far as the suggested change of the name of the Council and district back to 'Bray' is unacceptable to the Wicklow County Council, the official name of the Council and District in future be Bri, but the use of the English form, Bray, be also authorised. That the Wicklow County Council be asked to sanction this."

19—To consider to what extent the Council is liable for the superannuation allowance awarded by the County Committee of Agriculture to Mr Andrew Nolan, late Instructor in Agriculture under that Committee, and now sanctioned by the Sealed Order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

20—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.

21—To consider a circular letter from the Department of Local Government, urging the Council to take the necessary steps for the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health.

22—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.

23—To execute an Agreement with Mr John Murphy, in connection with rooms in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings let to him by the Council.

24—To approve a Deed, vesting Killecole Old Church in the Commissioners of Public Works under the Ancient Monuments Protection Acts.

25—To execute Agreement and Bond in the case of John Smith, of Killiskey, Ashford, in connection with the hiring by him by one of the Council's engines for threshing purposes.

26—To fill the vacancy created on the Proposals and Finance Committee by the resignation of Councillor Joseph Burke.

27—To consider an application from Mr Mortimer Hourihane, of Baltinglass, for an extension for one year of the University Scholarship held by him from the Council, and to receive a report from the National University with reference to him.

28. To consider a letter from William Toomey, Esq., Under Sheriff notifying the Council that he has appointed Mr Patrick Kinsella as caretaker of Baltinglass Courthouse.

29. To receive Report from the Conference recently held in Bri Chualann regarding the amalgamation for Technical Instruction purposes of Bri Chualann Urban District and the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

30. To consider a letter from Councillor Michael Fleming, regarding the necessity for having thistles docks and other noxious weeds cleared off the lands attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

31. To fill two vacancies existing on Rathdrum Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, consequent upon the departure from the district of the Very Rev J O'Callaghan, P.P. and Rev. E. Farrell, C.C.

32. To fill the vacancy existing on Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, by reason of the disqualification of Mr James J Kavanagh, Ballynamanogue, Tinahely.

33. To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

34. To consider County Analyst's Reports for the past two Quarters.

35. To appoint Garda F Kirwan, of Baltinglass, as Food and Drugs Inspector, in room of Sergeant M Ryan, at the request of the Chief Superintendent.

36. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

37. To receive Reports from County Officers.

38. To consider Official Correspondence.

39. To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

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 Friday, the 29th October, 1926.

The following members were present:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, James Everett, T.D.

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

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	16073	8	7
(Former) Baltinglass No. 1	1155	7	8
" Rathdown No. 2	1017	10	2
" Rathdrum	1901	8	9
" Shillelagh	720	1	0
Repayment of Loans	1357	8	10

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 31st December, 1926:—

	£	s	d
County Board of Assistance	10,000	0	0
County Board of Public Health	930	0	0

The Secretary referred to his Reports on the state of the Poor Rate Collections of Collectors John Manley, J J Porter, and Garret Byrne, which were considered by the Committee at their meetings held on the 14th May, 1926, and the 1st August, 1926, and in this connection submitted the following further report:—

County Council Offices,
Court House, WICKLOW,
29th October, 1926.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen,

In reference to the order made by you at your adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting "that Collectors Manley, Porter and Garret Byrne be given to the 1st October to lodge up all outstanding arrears" I beg to sub-

join table showing the present condition of these men's collections:—

Rate.	Manley.	Porter.	Garrett Byrne.
1922/1923	£37 9 5	—	—
1923/1924	—	£57 2 2	—
1924/1925	—	162 14 1	£47 11 0
1925/1926	549 12 8	365 10 0	308 19 2
	£587 2 1	£585 6 3	£356 10 2

Collector Garret Byrne has lodged a considerable part of the amount that was outstanding on his 1924/1925 collection, and has submitted an explanation regarding the balance outstanding on that collection (£47 11s) which would appear to be satisfactory. In all three cases, however, the amount of arrears are still abnormally large, in view of the fact that they should all have been lodged seven months ago.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P T Healy,
Secretary.

The Secretary further submitted communications on the subject from Collectors Manley, Porter and Byrne, dated 28th October, 1926, 28th October, 1926, and 25th October, 1926, respectively.

Having given all the facts and figures connected with the collections of these three collectors the most careful consideration, the Committee made the following Order:—

ORDER—We have considered the condition of the collections of Messrs Porter, Manley and G Byrne; in the cases of Porter and Manley the Council is recommended to suspend these two collectors at Meeting on 15th November, if arrears of rates to 31st March, 1926, be not lodged before that date—Collector Garret Byrne to be called upon to close his collections to 31st March, 1926, before 15th November without fail.

The following communication was submitted from Francis Kennedy, Esq, County Registrar:—

County Registrar,
Wicklow,

8th October, 1926.

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

A Chara,

I shall be glad if you will kindly arrange with the employees of your Council, as the responsible authority in that behalf, for the cleaning of windows and otherwise of the apartments comprised in the Circuit Court Office and Courthouse and re-painting. My attention also is drawn to desirability of having the emblems of the former County Court replaced by that of An Saorstát in the Courthouse; and I shall be glad if you will get all the foregoing carried out as soon as possible in order to have the work over before commencement of the Sessions next month.

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(Signed) Proinsias O Cinneide,
County Registrar.

ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted the usual certificate for the quarter ending 30th September, 1926, received from the School Attendance Committee for Blessington Dispensary District, which included a recommendation for payment of £8 15s to Mr John Moore, of Blessington, School Attendance Officer, for the quarter referred to. Letters dated 7th and 12th October were submitted from Councillor W J Henry, a member of the School Attendance Committee, protesting against this payment, on the grounds that it was unearned during the quarter, no school attendance reports for that period having been laid before the Committee, the Attendance Officer having stated that he was too busy to get them. A communication dated 27th October, 1926, was submitted from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who, having considered Councillor Henry's letters, stated that if the School Attendance Committee certified for Mr Moore's salary it might be paid by the County Council.

ORDER—To be paid, provided that the Law Agent advises that it legally must be.

The Committee had under consideration the following application from Mr Stephen Conway, Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Act and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, for the former areas in this County known as Rathdrum Rural District and Naas No. 2 Rural District:—

"Salem,"

Wicklow,

23rd October, 1926.

To/Proposals and Finance Committee,
Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for three weeks' leave of absence from the 8th proximo, and I would be much obliged if you will appoint Mr R J Nolan, Carlow, as my Locum Tenens during that period.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) S Conway,

ORDER—Three weeks' leave of absence granted; the Committee recommend the Council to pay Mr Conway the sum of £10 towards the provision of a qualified substitute to efficiently discharge his duties under the County Council during his absence, subject entirely to the sanction of the Department of Lands and Agriculture having been first obtained.

The following application was submitted from the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, WICKLOW,

22nd October, 1926.

The Proposals and Finance Committee,
Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the Coal Strike and the intense cold at the present time I feel it necessary to apply for permission to purchase two oil stoves for the Office, viz:—1 for my Office and 1 for the Office used by the Temporary Clerks.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S G Gallagher.

The Committee after careful consideration approved of Mr Gallagher's getting an electric fire grate in his office as an experiment.

The following application was submitted from Miss Phyllis Ryan, Temporary Analyst for the County Wicklow.

12 Dawson Street,
DUBLIN,

15-10-1926.

A Chara,

In answer to your letter dated 5th October re bottles for samples of butter and milk I should be pleased if you would have them sent for and taken away. I presume you will undertake all the necessary packing and carting of the bottles, as well as cleaning of same. You will find it difficult to get the milk bottles cleaned, however the expense of doing that may be less than buying them new. At the present moment we have not got large supplies on hands as we had them all cleared out about a month ago. If you let me know how many it would pay you to remove at one time, or how many you need I could let you know when I would have that supply on hands.

Since your Council is impressed with the ever increasing expense required to operate the Food and Drugs Acts in your County I would ask you to draw their attention to the fact that it means ever increasing work for me whilst my salary remains the same. They will appreciate that with increased work their bottle makers earn more and more money whilst their Analyst's salary remains the same and the work of making bottles cannot be held to be in any way comparable with analysing the contents of the bottles, even if we put it on the plane of the materials used in the two operations.

For the last quarter Wicklow has sent 295 samples. For verification see quarterly report sheets which will follow in a few days. The samples include such varieties as waters, tars, drugs and all manner of foods, e.g. ice creams, baking soda, tea, sugar, oatmeal, gin, rum, peppermint, whiskey as well as countless milks and butters. We get paid £25 for that 295 samples which is at the rate approximately of 12 samples for £1. For a water analysis we get ordinarily at least 1 guinea per sample and for tar something like 5 guineas would not pay us for it takes days to do it and most expensive materials and apparatus have to be used in the analysis. Some Counties are at present paying their Analyst at the rate of 10/- per sample and after a certain number 7/6 per sample as well as 1 guinea for waters. I give you this information to lay before your Council so that when considering "the ever increasing expense required to operate the Food and Drugs Acts more particularly with regard to the cost of bottles" they will remember that the increase in the cost of bottles is almost an exact reflection of the increased work of the Analyst and consequently they had better consider the increased cost of the Analyst at the same time. Their bottle bill must be 4 to 6 times as great as it used to be and thus in proportion should the Analyst be paid.

I would suggest that as a scale of fees to cover the extra work that the £100 which they now pay me should be put against the first 200 samples in the year and that every sample in excess of that 200 should be paid for at the rate of 7/6 per sample. In addition every water to be paid for at 1 guinea per sample and such things as tars which come from the Public Bodies in the County but do not come under the Food and Drugs Acts will be arranged for by special fee.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Phyllis Ryan,

ORDER—The Committee regret their economic position will not allow an increase in anyone's salary.

The Committee had again under consideration a file of correspondence which had passed from time to time regarding the items of furniture required for the new Courthouse, Baltinglass, and for the buildings in Dunlavin and Blessington used as District Courts.

The Committee instructed the County Surveyor to provide with as little delay as possible the furniture indicated on the subjoined lists for the buildings in question:—

BALTINGLASS COURTHOUSE—District Court Clerk's Office

1. A large press for books and forms 6½' high, 4½' wide, 1' 4" deep, containing 30 pigeon holes, 9" by 10," and a space at bottom 15" high the full width of the press, viz 4½'.
2. 1 shelved press for statutes.
3. 3 chairs, 1 table, and one lamp.
4. 1 window blind.

Justice's Room.

1 table, 2 chairs, 1 mirror.

Court.

1. 1 chair for Justice.
2. 3 lamps, which should be hung or stands provided.
3. 1 window blind.

BLESSINGTON COURTHOUSE.

1. 1 large press, as in item No. 1 for Baltinglass Courthouse.
2. 2 lamps.

DUNLAVIN COURT.

A large press as in item No. 1 for Baltinglass Courthouse.

The owners of the Hall to be asked to supply two lamps and a table for solicitors.

The Secretary was directed to have the cleaning and heating of the buildings used as Courthouses in Blessington and Dunlavin done as cheaply as possible.

The Committee directed that the following communication be referred to the Council's Law Agent for immediate attention:—

The Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd.,
48 & 49 Dame Street, DUBLIN,
18th October, 1926.

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

Re : F. G. Claim—Cullen v Council.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your conversation over the 'phone to day, we would point out to you that we received particulars from Mr McCarroll, Solicitor to the Council, showing defaults amounting to £1031 5s 3d.

We returned these particulars to Mr McCarroll with the request that the dates of the deficit in each case should be filled in and returned to us. These particulars have not yet been furnished, and until they are we shall not be in a position to write you definitely with regard to the matter.

Yours faithfully,

W A R CRUISE,

General Manager and Secretary.

P.S.—You might please advise us also whether Collector's Cullen's accounts were regularly and periodically checked in accordance with the requirements of the Public Bodies Order.

A communication dated 12th October, 1926, was received from Mr Patrick Cunniam, Clerk of the School Attendance Committee for the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, regarding the compensation payable to the officials of that Committee under the School Attendance Act, of 1926, on abolition of their respective offices.

ORDER—Adjourned pending the receipt of the scale of compensation proposed to be fixed by the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, after consultation with the Minister of Education.

Letters were submitted from Mr James Kane, father of Master Walter Kane, a Secondary School Scholarship holder under the County Council, intimating that his son, as the result of the recent Intermediate examination, had been granted a scholarship value £80 covering a period of two years. Having in view the fact that there was only one year of the Council's scholarship to run, and that the Ministry of Education scholarship ran for two years, he intimated that his son desired to relinquish the scholarship granted by the Council. He applied, however, to have his son allowed £20 out of the scholarship he relinquished, to be applied towards clothes, expenses, etc., as the pension to the secondary school authorities will absorb the full amount of the new scholarship in each year.

The Committee adjourned consideration of this application to the Meeting to be held on the 12th November, 1926.

An application dated 7th October, 1926, was submitted from Mr A Chatterton, Estate Office, Enniskerry, County Wicklow, asking for an abatement of the rates assessed on the Enniskerry Electric Co-Operative Society, on the grounds that this was a new project started with great difficulty, and labouring under the disadvantages of a bank overdraft.

ORDER—The Committee regret they have no power to accede to the application.

The Committee referred the following letter from the Council's Law Agent to the County Council for consideration:—

4 Church Street,
WICKLOW,

16th September, 1926.

Wicklow County Council and Cinematograph
Act, 1903.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 14th, and our consultation on the 15th, I beg to advise that there is a certain amount of responsibility on the County Council in granting Licenses under the above Act, because, under the regulations of the 20th April, 1910, the Council are bound to satisfy themselves that the building complies in all respects with the said regulations. For this purpose might I suggest that before granting any Licenses each building should be inspected by the County Surveyor, and his report should be before the Council before granting a License.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J H McCarroll.

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

The Secretary read to the Committee the Resolution passed by the County Council at the recent Meeting of that Body, appointing a Committee to inspect the Council's steam-rolling plant throughout the County in company with a fully-qualified mechanical engineer, and pointed out that it that it would be necessary to nominate the engineer in question and to

obtain the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health beforehand, to the expenditure on motor cars necessary for this purpose.

ORDER—Consideration adjourned to next Quarterly Meeting of this Committee, with a view to ascertaining from the County Surveyor how the system of hiring rolling stock would work out meantime.

The following letters were submitted from the Chief Clerk and Accountant, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, and the Council's Law Agent:—

Grangegorman Mental Hospital,
DUBLIN,

16th October, 1926.

Dear Sir,

The Joint Committee are endeavouring to negotiate a loan, at a favourable rate of interest, to consolidate certain loans obtained during the last two years from their bankers and from the Government, the rate of interest on which exceeds 5 per cent. per annum. The Corporation with whom the Committee are negotiating have asked for answers to the following queries:—

1. The rateable value of the various Bodies mentioned and the present rates levied (i.e. so much in the £).
2. The borrowing powers of the various Bodies, and the extent to which they have been exercised.
3. The total outstanding debts of the various bodies and the amount of them which is in respect of reproductive undertakings, together with the average profit or loss on those undertakings over the last three years.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly furnish me with this information in respect of your County.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) James J Doyle,
Chief Clerk and Accountant.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

4 Church Street,
Wicklow,

25th October, 1926.

Wicklow County Council

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Proposed Loan.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the letter of the 16th from the Chief Clerk and Accountant of Grangegorman Mental Hospital to you, I think that in view of the economic condition of Wicklow County Council, which, I conclude, is the similar position of each of the other Contributing Areas, the full details of the proposal to consolidate loans, together with the full details of manner in which it is proposed to expend such consolidated loans, should be submitted by the Joint Committee of the Mental Hospital to your County Council, at least, before active steps are taken to complete the suggested loan.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J H McCarroll.

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

ORDER—The Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital to be asked to supply the County Council with the detailed information suggested by the Law Agent before the information sought for in the letter from Chief Clerk dated 16th October, 1926, is supplied by our Secretary.

A communication dated 8th September, 1926, was submitted from A Cullen, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, in which he gave notice of the intention of Thomas Sullivan, who met with an accident whilst in the employment of the County Council, to apply for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and the Acts amending and extending same.

ORDER—Referred to the Law Agent to protect the interests of the Council.

(Signed) David H Haskins,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated 3rd November, 1926.

In reference to the recommendation in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, that Collectors John Manley and J J Porter be suspended from office by the Council if they had not by the date of the Meeting lodged up all arrears of rates to the 31st March, 1926, and that Collector Garrett Byrne be ordered to lodge up all arrears due on his collections to the 31st March, 1926, by the date of the Meeting, the Secretary submitted the following statement showing the progress made with the collections in these three districts:—

Collector.	Outstanding on 30th September, 1926, less irrecoverables	Lodged since	Now Outstanding
John Manley	£621 8 0	£454 12 6	£166 15 6
J J Porter	589 4 3	112 0 2	477 4 1
Garret Byrne	1000 1 2	679 7 8	320 13 6

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 15th November, 1926, from Collector John Manley, setting forth the condition of his collections, and stated that this collector had that morning submitted bank receipts to the

amount of £320 lodged in respect to his arrears, while the balance still remaining outstanding was represented by decrees returned "No Goods."

A letter dated 29th November, 1926, was submitted from Collector J J Porter, stating "I am in a position to lodge £80 on the first and if it is the wish of the County Council I will use my warrant on all persons who have not paid." A further letter dated 15th November, 1926, was submitted from Collector Porter giving particulars of how portion of the outstanding arrears were made up.

A letter was submitted from Collector Garret Byrne undertaking to lodge immediately all the outstanding arrears except in the case of two farms which were up for sale.

Proposed by Councillor D 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—the portion conditionally recommending the suspensions of Collectors John Manley and J J Porter having been first deleted therefrom.

Passed.

The Council intimated to Collectors Manley and Porter, who were present, that this was their last chance, and that it would be incumbent on the Council to take drastic action unless they took energetic steps to close all their collections punctually. The Secretary, in this connection, reminded the Council that it was impossible to prepare a correct Estimate unless rates were lodged within their appropriate half-years.

The Secretary submitted to the Council the Regulations under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, made by the Lord Lieutenant in 1910, and the letter from the Council's Law Agent on the subject dated 16th September, 1926, which was given in full in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, and which intimated that the Council were bound to satisfy themselves that buildings to be licensed for the holding therein of cinematograph exhibitions comply in all respects with the above-mentioned Regulations.

An application was submitted from Mr John Clarke, Rathnew, for a licence to hold cinematograph exhibitions in Rathdrum Court House, together with correspondence from Dermot H Doyne, Esq., Coolattin Estate Office, Shillelagh, and Inspector W Ryan, Garda Síochána Wicklow, from which it appeared that the official Regulations had been complied both as regards the building and the cinema apparatus.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " M Fleming ;

Resolved—That our Secretary is hereby authorised to issue to Mr John J Clarke, Rathnew, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for the showing of moving pictures in the building known as the Court-house, Rathdrum, subject to our County Surveyor's Report on the premises being satisfactory.

Passed.

A letter was also submitted from R Wilson, Esq., Coolattin Estate Office, Shillelagh, inquiring as to the possibility of having the Hall, Shillelagh, licensed for the holding of cinema entertainments therein.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That our Secretary is hereby authorised to issue to Mr D H Doyne, Coolattin Estate Office, Shillelagh, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for the exhibition of moving pictures in the building known as the Hall, Shillelagh, subject to the usual Form of Application and Report from the Garda Síochána being received in due order, and to our County Surveyor's Report on the premises being satisfactory. We further request our County Surveyor to inspect and report on the premises licensed in Greystones—no further renewals therefor to be made unless such Reports are satisfactory.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D ;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1926, 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 Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 12th November, 1926.

The following members were present :

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne, John J Kennedy, and James Everett, T.D.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS £5418 6s 1d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, received from the undermentioned Poor Rate Collectors, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval :—

No. 7 District P J Doyle £35 12 7.
No. 18 District Thomas Fleming 5 9 5.

The Committee had again under consideration Mr James Kane's application for the sum of £20 on foot of the Secondary School Scholarship which his son Walter Kane, Dunlavin, would have held during the current scholastic year from the County Council had he not resigned same in order to take advantage of a scholarship which he had won from the Department of Education, and in this connection the Secretary submitted the following letter which he had received from the Department of Education on the subject :—

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1 Hume Street, Dublin,

6th November, 1926.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant I enclose a copy of the Programme and Regulations for Secondary Schools, 1925-26, and I am directed to inform you that the boy referred to (Walter Kane) is eligible for the award of a Secondary Scholarship in accordance with the conditions set out in Section IV (rules 23 to 30). The award of the scholar-

ship is subject to compliance with all these conditions, including rule 30. Under the terms of this Rule the Department cannot pay a scholarship to a candidate for any year during which he receives any benefit from a County Council Scholarship.

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(Signed) W F Butler,

Fo-Choimisinéir,

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

The Committee also noted that rule 30 referred to of the Department's Programme and Regulations read as follows :—"A pupil cannot benefit in the same school year from a scholarship provided by the Department and a Scholarship from a County Council or from any other public fund or endowment."

ORDER—The Committee regret they have no power to accede to Mr Kane's request.

The Secretary referred to the Order made by the Committee at their Quarterly Meeting, regarding the proposal of the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital to raise a loan at a reasonable rate of interest for the purpose of consolidating existing loans, by which Order he was directed not to furnish information to the Joint Committee as to the Council's borrowing powers until the Joint Committee had given full details as to how the proposed loan would be applied, and in this connection submitted the following letter from the Chief Clerk and Accountant of the Joint Committee :—

Grangegorman Mental Hospital,
Dublin,

5th November, 1926.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, enclosing copy of letter from your Council's Law Agent, dated 25th ultimo. In reply thereto I beg to say that from April, 1914, to February, 1923, no capital sums were borrowed by the Joint Committee for any purpose. Since March, 1924, however, loans amounting to a total of £25,020 have been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for—

- (a) the partial re-slating of Portrane Mental Hospital.
- (b) purchase of additional land at Portrane.
- (c) other sundry works at Portrane.

£10,000 of this amount was borrowed from the Minister of Finance at 5½% per annum interest. The remainder was borrowed from the Committee's bankers at one-half per cent under the Irish Banks current discount rate, varying. The interest actually paid to the Bank in respect of the half-year ended 30th September was 6% per cent per annum. The repayments of principal already made reduces the outstanding balances on foot of these loans to £23,368 8s, and the Committee are endeavouring to negotiate for a loan at a rate of interest not exceeding 5% per annum for the purpose of paying off these balances. The loan will, if granted, save a sum of over £200 annually in interest charged. It is obviously to the advantage of your Council that the Committee should consolidate these loans at a more favourable rate of interest than they are at present paying, and I shall be glad, therefore, if you will kindly let me have the information asked for in my letter of 16th ultimo for the purpose of replying to

the queries submitted to the Committee in connection with the matter. I have already received replies from the other Councils concerned, and only await the information from your Council to allow the negotiations to proceed.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) James J Doyle,
Chief Clerk and Accountant.

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

ORDER—Secretary to furnish the required information regarding borrowing powers, etc., to the Chief Clerk and Accountant of the Joint Committee.

The Committee had again under consideration the question of appointing a Junior Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, which was adjourned from the Council's Summer Quarterly Meeting held on the 23rd August, 1926.

ORDER—Adjourned to the next Quarterly Meeting of this Committee, the two temporary girls to be retained meantime.

The Committee had under consideration tenders received from the following firms for the rebuilding of Bri Chualann Courthouse in accordance with the terms of the Council's published advertisement:—Messrs McNally and Company, Ltd, East Wall, Dublin; Messrs Kinlen and Company, Contractors, Rathgar; and Messrs J P Keating and Son, Ltd, 42 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Inasmuch as the least of the above-mentioned tenders is greater by £214 8s 4d than the amount of the compensation to be received from the Ministry of Finance, the Committee after discussion decided to refer the whole question to the County Council for consideration.

In reference to the Committee's order at their Quarterly Meeting, regarding the salary for the quarter ending 30th September, 1926, of Mr John Moore, Blessington, School Attendance Officer for the Blessington Dispensary District School Attendance Committee, the Committee desire to direct the Council's attention to the fact that the amount of this salary is included in the above-mentioned Additional Proposals for Payment, the Law Agent having given it as his opinion that the Council should pay the amount.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

13th November, 1926.

Councillor Henry directed the Council's attention to the last paragraph in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, in which it was recommended that the salary of Mr John Moore, Blessington, School Attendance Officer, be paid by the Council for the quarter ending 30th September, 1926. He wished to protest in the strongest possible manner against the making of this payment, as he believed the payment in any circumstances of an official who did not do his work was in the highest degree objectionable.

After some discussion on this matter, the Secretary was directed to write to Blessington School Attendance Committee, calling attention to their various duties, and setting forth the circumstances in which alone certificates for the payment of officials' salaries should be signed by the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor John J Kennedy;

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

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:— COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by " William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting to £16,073 8s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

(former) BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;
Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

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 £1155 7s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

(former) RATHDOWN No. 2.

Proposed by Councillor J J Redmond;
Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable on the area of the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £1017 10s 2d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

(former) RATHDRUM.

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 chargeable on the area of the former Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £1901 8s 9d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

(former) SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;
Seconded by Councillor M Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payments chargeable on the area of the former Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £720 1s 0d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable on the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £1357 8s 10d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals, for Payment amounting to £5418 6s 1d (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 Councillor John Kennedy;

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

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

The Council had before them a Proposal to rebuild Bri Chualann Courthouse in accordance with the plan and specification prepared by their Architects, Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, the following amendments having been made in the original specification:—(i) P. C. sum for grates reduced; (ii) reduction in provisional amount for lighting; (iii) omission of central heating.

In this connection the following three tenders were submitted to them by the Proposals Committee:—Messrs J P Keating and Sons, 42 Grafton Street, Dublin, £2493 15s 6d; Messrs Kinlen and Company, Rathgar, Dublin, £2400; and Messrs McNally and Company, East Wall, Dublin, £2397 18s 4d.

The Council noted that the least of these three tenders was greater by £214 8s 4d than the amount of the compensation award to be received from the Ministry of Finance, but in view of the urgent nature of the work, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by " John J Redmond;

Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the Bond and Agreement in respect to the Contract entered into for the rebuilding of the Courthouse in Bri Chualann, with Messrs McNally and Company, Ltd., of East Wall, Dublin, for the sum of sum of £2397 18s 4d, and we approve of the elimination or variation of the original Plans and Specification, submitted by the Architects, Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, and approved by this Council, to the following extent:—(i) reduction of the P. C. of grates; (ii) reduction in provisional amount for lighting; and (iii) omission of central heating—these being the only varied items specified in the Architects' letter, dated 24th November, 1926, addressed to our Law Agent, and now submitted at this Meeting.
Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Following your Meeting held on the 13th September, 1926, I duly

submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health your Resolution passed at that Meeting, in which application was made for an Order prohibiting, subject to such exceptions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified, the driving of motor cars with seats for more than six persons exclusive of the driver on (a) the road from Glenealy 4-roads, through Ballyknockanbeg, to its junction with the road from Ashford through Rathnew to Wicklow at Ashford (South) 3-roads, and (b) the road known as Lower Street, Rathdrum, from its junction

with Main Street to its junction with the road from Rathnew to Rathdrum to Arklow.

By direction of the Minister, an inquiry conducted by James Quigley, Esq., B.E., M.I.C.E.I., Chief Engineer to the Roads Department, was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 8th November, 1926.

Your Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor, presented the Council's case, and supported same with the testimony of a number of witnesses. The application was opposed by the Royal Irish Automobile Club, represented by its Honorary Secretary, Mr Walter Sexton, and Mr W G Bradley, solicitor, and was also opposed by the Automobile Association, represented by Mr C H Murphy.

The Chief Engineer, Mr Quigley, intimated that the Minister's decision as to the result of the Inquiry would be issued to the Council in due course.

I would also draw the Council's attention to a circular letter which I have received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the provisions of Section 38 (2) of the Finance Act, 1926. Under this Section the following are exempted from the provisions of the Stamp Act, 1891, which enacts that receipts given for, or upon the payment of money amounting to £2 or upwards shall be stamped:—

"Receipts given for any payment of money which is less than three pounds and is made either to or for the benefit of an office-holder or employee for or on account of salary, wages, remuneration, or other like payment in respect of his office or employment, or to or for the benefit of any person for or on account of any pension, superannuation allowance, compassionate allowance, or other like allowance."

The effect of this Section of the Finance Act, 1926, will be that the receipts at foot of Paying Orders value for less than £3 issued by the Council in respect to the salary, wages, or pension of any officer or employee need not be stamped with a twopenny stamp.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P T HEALY,

Secretary to the Council.

17th November, 1926.

ORDER—Noted.

At this stage it was intimated to the Council that Dr A S Berry, Medical Inspector, Department of Local Government and Public Health, was present, and the Council consequently decided to consider item No. 21 on the Agenda. Dr Berry explained that the Council were bound by recent legislation to appoint a County Medical Officer of Health, and proceeded to set forth what this official's chief duties would be when appointed.

The Secretary also submitted the County Medical Officers of Health Order, 1926, issued by the Minister for Local Government in pursuance of Section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act, 1925.

After considerable discussion the Council decided to postpone further consideration of this matter until the Estimates came before them for consideration in the forthcoming spring.

The Council, on being informed that there was present at the Meeting a deputation from the Farmers' Union consisting of Messrs Edward Hughes, Glendarragh, Daniel O'Riordan, Ballyguile, Edward Vickers, Kilmurray, Redcross, Colclough Byrne, Ballykeane (Penrose), and Walter Kerr, Kilmacurragh, decided to hear same, whereupon the deputation proceeded to represent to the Council the necessity for leaving untarred margins at the sides of all tarred roads for the use of horse traffic, as the tarred surface, especially on slopes, was always liable to cause serious injury to horses.

Proposed by Councillor John J Barry;

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

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed to see that from this date provision is made for horse traffic on the sides of all roads over and above the portions tarred.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,

9th November, 1926.

To Wicklow County Council,

A Chairde,

1—I beg to report that the work on the National Road Scheme at Arklow and Rathdrum is progressing satisfactorily.

2—Proposals were duly forwarded to the Ministry for Local Government relative to the works proposed to be carried out under a Loan of £4,000. As the Resolution of the County Council relative to this Loan did not contain any indication as to where the money was to be expended the Proposals sent forward were for expenditure in the localities indi-

cated in the discussion at the County Council Meeting held on the 13th September last—viz.:

£2000 on the Carrigower to Dunlavin road.
1000 on the Shillelagh to Tullow road.
1000 on the Tinahely-Coolboy road.
1000 on the Coolbeg-Ballinacreesda road.
1000 on the Ashford-Glenealy road.

I understand the Proposals were approved of by the Ministry and the works can proceed as soon as the financial arrangements are completed.

3—There is a balance of £273 out of the Special Grant of £12,650

for which it will be necessary to submit proposals to the Ministry for Local Government. I suggest that this money be applied in defraying the cost of certain works which you directed and which are being carried out at Croneyhorn, Coates' Bridge and Lugduff.

4—A Sealed Order has been issued by the Ministry for Local Government prescribing the nature and position of Sign Posts, etc. In this connection I beg to press on your attention the urgent necessity of erecting the prescribed direction posts on the Main Roads. Some time ago while engaged making a road survey near Rathdrum I was astonished at the number of motorists who asked for directions. To people familiar with the County such direction posts may appear superfluous, but in these times many visitors from outside the County use your roads.

Last year you were offered a Grant (not exceeding £500) of 50% of the cost of erecting these direction posts, and I feel confident that should you take steps to carry out this work the Ministry may be induced to renew the Grant.

5—You will require to hold a Road Works Meeting at an early date in 1927, and it is not at the moment possible to suggest a date, and I recommend that you empower your Secretary to fix a suitable date.

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S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

Paragraph No. 1. Noted.

Paragraph No. 2.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T.D.,

Resolved—That the Recommendation contained in Paragraph No. 2 of the County Surveyor's Report be amended, and that the Loan of £6000 be expended as follows:—

£1250 on the Bri Chualann to Greystones road over Windgates.
£1500 on the Carrigower to Dunlavin road.
£750 on the Shillelagh to Tullow road.
£750 on the Tinahely to Coolboy road.
£1000 on the Coolbeg Ballinacreesda road.
£750 on the Ashford-Glenealy road.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by Samuel E Pim;

Resolved—That when expending the £6000 raised for road improvement, with a view to relieving unemployment, it be an instruction to our County Surveyor to find out in each area the names of men able and willing to work who are receiving Home Help, and to employ such men for such periods while the Loan lasts as will give such men sums in wages not less than the amounts of Home Help they have been receiving.

Passed.

Paragraph No. 3. ORDER. Scheme to be prepared for Rathnew Railway Station corner.

Paragraph No. 4. This paragraph was considered in conjunction with item No. 11 on the Agenda, the Secretary submitting the Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926, which place an obligation on the Council to erect certain specified types of signs and signals on main roads.

ORDER. Adjourned to next Quarterly Meeting.

Paragraph No. 5. Referred to County Secretary, to fix a suitable date.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

10th November, 1926.

To WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chairde,

The roads maintained under contract have been fairly attended to and are mostly in fair condition according to their class and situation but I regret to report that the supply of road metal put out for the season's repairs is unsatisfactory—in most cases being poorly broken, full of dirt, deficient in quantity and in many cases the heaps were so constructed on or against banks of clay as to mislead as to the true quantity of metal in the heap. Contractors have been notified as to deficiency and unless this is made good, severe steps will have to be taken to enforce the proper fulfilment of the contract and ensure against loss to the County.

Is mise, le meas,

(Signed) S G Gallagher,

County Surveyor.

ORDER—Noted.

The Council had before them the Report submitted to the County

Library Committee by Mr Geoffrey Phibbs, Librarian in charge of the Carnegie Library Scheme in County Wicklow, which had been established in December, 1923, and which, having now been in existence for two years, was due to be taken over and financed by the County Council.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe ; and

Resolved—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 1d 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 1d 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 of dismissal and 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 December, 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 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 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.

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, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Erame, Joseph Metcalfe, Samuel E Pim, John J Redmond, John J Barry, C M Byrne, T.D. ; James Everett, T.D. ; and John J Kennedy—21.

AGAINST—Councillors George Fisher, William Byrne, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—4.

Councillor George Heatley declined to vote.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by twenty-one votes to four.

The Council decided to postpone to their next Meeting the appointment of a Central Library Committee, the existing County Library Committee to continue to function in the meantime.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J Redmond, and accepted by the Chairman :—

"I hereby give notice of motion that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Resolution passed at our Meeting held on the 16th November, 1925, be rescinded, and that the remission of the rates be allowed under "The Housing Building Facilities Act, 1924" as from its inception, instead of date in original resolution, viz., 1st April, 1926."

The Secretary submitted a letter dated October 22nd, 1926, from three road workers in Balkinglass district, referring to a complaint which had been made to the Council at their Meeting on the 21st June, 1926, as to the manner in which Road Overseer Patrick Kehoe discharged his duties, which resulted in the Council directing the County Surveyor to convene a meeting of the local Councillors to deal with the matter. They now asked why this inquiry did not take place, and expressed certain opinions as to the Council's attitude in the matter.

NO. ORDER, it having been stated that the meeting was convened as directed, but that the complainants had not turned up thereto.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That Councillor John J Metcalfe, of Ballydonarea, Kilcoole, be appointed to fill the vacancies created on the Council's Proposals and Finance Committee's by the resignation of Councillor Joseph Burke.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne, T D ;

Seconded by " Samuel E Pim ;

Resolved—That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department, Ireland, by letter dated 28th October, 1926, the Council do borrow from the National Bank, Ltd, Wicklow, the sum of £6000 for the purpose mentioned in said letter of consent, to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly

instalments spread over a period of five years with interest thereon at one half per cent per annum under the Irish Banks' Rate, rising and falling therewith from time to time, but at no time to be less than 4% per annum—said loan to be secured by Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose ; and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to said Mortgage.

Passed.

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A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 17th January, 1927.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman; Councillors D. J. Kehoe, Joseph Metcalfe, John J. Redmond, Edward Byrne, George Heatley, P. J. Cullen, George Fisher, William J. Henry, P. J. Carey, John J. Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, James Kavanagh, J. J. Bourne, W. J. Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Felix O'Rafferty, Denis Condren, C. M. Ua Broin, T.D.; John Kennedy, John J. Barry, William Byrne, and Laurence Moore.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1927/1928, as printed and circulated.
- 2.—To appoint a Central Library Committee.
- 3.—To consider a file of correspondence regarding the proposed change in the name of the Town of Bri Chualann, and to take such action in connection therewith as the Council may deem advisable.
- 4.—To consider a Sealed Order issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, sanctioning the superannuation allowance awarded by the County Committee of Agriculture to Mr. Andrew Nolan, late Instructor in Agriculture under that Committee; and to consider to what extent the County Council is liable for the payment of that superannuation.
- 5.—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 6.—To execute Release in the case of Mrs. Annie M. O'Brien, who has paid the redemption value of a house formerly acquired under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act by Shillelagh Rural District Council.
- 7.—To pass a Resolution instructing the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, to sell £50 Compensation Stock, assigned to the Council by the Ministry of Finance, in part-payment of arrears of Poor Rate due by Arthur W. Panton, of Baltyboys House, Blessington.
- 8.—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.
- 9.—To execute an Agreement with Mr. Robert Hill, of Ballinacash, Rathdrum, in respect of a passage through and the use of portion of his land, required by the Council in connection with works of road improvement.
- 10.—To execute an Agreement with Mr. John Murphy, formerly of Ballard, Shillelagh, in connection with rooms in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, let to him by the Council.
- 11.—To consider Applications from William O'Toole, of Coolattin, and Edward Gahan, Shillelagh, for the tenancy of rooms in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.
- 12.—To Approve of a Deed, vesting Kilcoole Old Church in the Commissioners of Public Works under the Ancient Monuments Protection Act.
- 13.—To execute Agreement in the case of John Smith, of Killiskey, Ashford, in connection with the hiring by him of one of the Council's Engines for threshing purposes.
- 14.—To consider a circular-letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, referring to the cutting without discrimination of trees and hedges on roadsides, and issuing certain instructions in that connection.
- 15.—To consider Report from the Council's Law Agent and Counsel's Opinion regarding the stamping of carters' and stone-breakers' cards.
- 16.—To consider a letter from the Greystones and District Development Society, asking the Council to make a bye-law restricting the display of posters on walls, bridges, etc., in Greystones.
- 17.—To consider a Letter from the Secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union (Blessington Branch), asking to have Road Work started in his district.
- 18.—To consider a Letter from John J. Carroll, Dunlavin, asking to have Road Work started in his area to relieve unemployment.
- 19.—To consider a Letter from the Very Rev. R. J. Connell, P.P., Avoca, asking to have certain urgent works of road improvement carried out in that district.
- 20.—To consider a Letter from the Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union (Avoca Branch), asking to have extra work done on the road in his area to relieve unemployment.
- 21.—To consider a Letter from E. Dunne, Kilcarra, Woodenbridge, asking, on behalf of Kilcarra Ratepayers, to have a new road made from Kilcarra to Johnstown.
- 22.—To consider a letter from James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, demanding the sum of £3, alleged to be due him for work done as Temporary Overseer in July, 1922, and asking to have the matter investigated before he takes legal proceedings.
- 23.—To consider a Letter from Lieut.-Col. F. G. Fitzgerald, "Glenowen," Delgany, complaining of the flooding of the premises of "Glenowen" by road surface water.
- 24.—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 to County Wicklow for Inquest purposes.

25.—To consider an application from Mr. Mortimer Hourihane, of Baltinglass, for an extension of one year of the University Scholarship held by him from the Council; and to receive a Report from the National University with reference to him.

26.—To consider a Letter from William Toomey, Esq., Under-Sheriff, notifying the Council that he has appointed Mr. Patrick Kinsella as Caretaker of Baltinglass Court-house, and explaining the circumstances under which he felt himself obliged to do so.

27.—To receive a Report from the Conference recently held in Bri Chualann regarding the Amalgamation for Technical Instruction purposes of Bri Chualann Urban District and the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

28.—To consider a Letter from Councillor Michael Fleming, regarding the necessity for having Thistles, Docks, and other Noxious Weeds cleared off the lands attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

29.—To consider a Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health urging on the Council the necessity for adequate arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis in the County, and strongly advising that a suitable Scheme be put in operation.

30.—To consider a Letter from County Wicklow Board of Health, asking that the amount received by the County Council in respect of the military occupation of Shillelagh Fever Hospital be expended on repairing that building, in order that the County Fever Hospital be transferred thereto.

31.—To fill two Vacancies existing on Rathdrum Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee, consequent upon the departure from the district of the Very Rev. J. O'Callaghan, P.P., and the Rev. E. Farrell, C.C.

32.—To fill the Vacancy existing on Shillelagh Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee by reason of the disqualification of Mr. James J. Kavanagh, Ballynahanoge, Tinahely.

33.—To fill the vacancy created on Newcastle Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the departure from the district of the Rev. Michael Burke, C.C.

34.—To fill the Vacancies created on Naas No. 2 Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the disqualification of Messrs. Thomas Byrne and A. H. Zeller and Mrs. John Doyle.

35.—To consider County Analyst's Reports for the two quarters ending 30th September, 1926.

36.—To appoint Garda F. Kirwan, of Baltinglass, as Food and Drugs Inspector, in room of Sergeant M. Ryan, at the request of the Chief Superintendent.

37.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

38.—To receive Reports from County Officers.

39.—To consider Official Correspondence.

40.—To consider General Correspondence.

The Council had under consideration the Provisional Road Works Scheme, in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, which had been prepared by the County Surveyor, and circulated to each Member. They noted therefrom that the amount proposed to be spent on Main Roads for that year (under the headings of Repairs, Repayment of Loans, Councillors' Applications for Improvements, and Contingencies) was £35,131 10s. 0d., and that the amount proposed to be spent on County Roads (under the same headings) was £31,846 10s. 0d.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey:

Resolved.—That, owing to the limited financial resources of the Council, we hereby reject all the new Proposals for Works, amounting to £5,454 (Main Roads) and £12,069 (County Roads), as embodied in the Proposals for Works Scheme now submitted.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond; and

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

That the items of the new Proposals by County Councillors be considered seriatim on their merits before being rejected.

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, D. J. Kehoe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, and John J. Redmond—6. Against—Councillors J. J. Bourne, P. J. Carey, F. O'Rafferty, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, W. J. Henry, John J. Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, and P. J. Cullen—11.

The Amendment was accordingly declared lost by eleven votes against to six for, and the original motion was put to the Meeting and declared Passed on the same voting.

A considerable discussion ensued, to the effect that the amount estimated for for Roads, even as amended by the above Resolution, would fall with excessive weight on the ratepayers, and the extremely difficult economic conditions prevailing in the County were stressed. It was finally

Proposed by Councillor John J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor William Byrne; and

Resolved.—That the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., and R. Wilson, T.D., accompanied by the County Surveyor, be asked to wait upon the Minister for Local Government regarding the question of the amounts to be raised in 1927/1928 by means of the Poor Rate for (i) Main Roads, and (ii) County Roads, having due regard to the County Surveyor's figures, the amount of Government Grants which the most popular tourist county in the Free State may reasonably expect to receive, and the fact that the maximum taxable capacity of the ratepayers in this county has been reached.—Passed.

It was also decided to postpone further consideration of the Provisional Road Works Scheme to a Special Meeting to be held on the 31st January, 1927, by which date it was hoped the Deputation would be in a position to report on the result of their interview with the Minister.

A Memorial signed by a number of ratepayers in Vallemount and Blessington districts was submitted by the Secretary, which protested against the County Surveyor's recommendation that Road No. 358 (from Blessington to Monamuck) be repaired otherwise than by Contract.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor John J. Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the Roads recommended by the County Surveyor to be maintained by Contract, as well as Roads No. 358 and 370, be given for Contract for a period of three years.—Passed.

The Secretary submitted a Letter dated 9th December, 1926, No. RG/201, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in which it was intimated that the Minister had decided, with the approval of the Minister for Finance, to make annual grants for the three years commencing 1st April, 1926, to County Surveyors and Assistant County Surveyors engaged on road work financed out of National Road Grants; and that the allowances payable in respect to Wicklow County would be:—To the County Surveyor, £100; to Assistant Surveyor Byrne, £40; and to Assistant Surveyor Boyd, £25 per annum.

ORDER.—Noted.

The County Surveyor reported that he had considered it advisable to cause a Bridge at Coolballintaggart (Road No. 135) to be immediately repaired at a cost of £3 0s. 0d., as it was dangerous to traffic.

ORDER.—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the Ministry of Local Government be asked to allow Ballinacarrig stone to be used from Mr. Manning's gate to the Meetings, being re-made under the National Road Scheme.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Redmond;

Seconded by Councillor John Kennedy;

Resolved—That we request the Deputation appointed to-day to urge the Government to give a Grant for the purpose of (i) to have a road made from the School-house, Moneytown, along the existing car roads and laneways to Annagowlan cross roads (577 perches) at an estimated amount of £2,161; and (ii) to take over, fence, repair, and maintain roadway leading from Three Trout Bridge, by Old Mill to Mill Road, Greystones, at an estimated amount of £850.—Passed.

A Deputation consisting of the Rev. Father Hanton, C.C., Tinahely, Joseph Murphy, Tinahely, and M. S. Lynch, Tinahely, was received by the Council, and sought permission to erect a Building in the Court-house grounds at Tinahely, to be used as a Billiard Room.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby, so far as powers are vested in us to do so, accede to the application of the residents of Tinahely, and grant them permission to erect a Building on the enclosed ground before the Court-house in Tinahely, for the purpose of using same as a billiard room and source of recreation generally.—Passed.

The Secretary drew the Council's attention to the fact that in the Estimates for the current year, ending 31st March, 1927, no monies were included to finance the Scheme of Rural Lending Libraries operated during the two years ended 30th November, 1926, by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust out of the funds at their disposal for that purpose, and reported that he had opened a correspondence with the Secretary to the Trust with a view to inducing the Trust to continue to finance the Scheme from the 1st December, 1926, to the 31st March, 1927, so as to avoid having to raise by means of rates, in the Estimates for the coming year, the sum of about £200 to cover the administration for the four months in question, in addition to the 1d. rate scheduled by the Council for the support of the Scheme during the financial year ending 31st March, 1928. As a result of that correspondence he had pleasure in submitting the following letter:—

The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust,

East Port, Dunfermline,

R.L.1179.

30th December, 1926.

Dear Sir,—The Trustees at their recent meeting, having carefully considered all the circumstances, decided to allow the unspent balance (approximately £174) to be expended on maintaining the County Service until March, after which it will be maintained by the County rate. Assuming that about £140 is required for ordinary current expenditure, there will be about £34 for other expenditure (including book purchase) during the period; but it will clearly be well to be cautious in case unforeseen expenditure is found necessary. The Treasurer proposes to continue the practice of paying a monthly cheque until the end of March.—Yours faithfully

(Signed) J. M. Mitchell, Secretary.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Secretary to the Co. Council, Court-house, Wicklow.

ORDER.—Noted with satisfaction.

A Vote of Thanks to the Secretary for his zeal and efficiency in looking after the interests of the ratepayers was passed unanimously on the motion of the Chairman, Councillor David Frame, seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor George Heatley;

Resolved—That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Resolution passed at our last Meeting, we hereby select and appoint the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the other nine Members of the County Council, who from time to time form the Finance Committee, together with the Very Rev. Canon Breen, P.P., Arklow (who represented his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin on the old Committee), and Rev. Canon A. D. Moore, Nunscross, Ashford (who represented the Most Rev. Dr. Gregg, Archbishop of Dublin, on the old Committee), to form the Central Library Committee for County Wicklow, as from this date.—Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following communications:—

Chomhairle-Bhaile Bri Chualann,

Arus an Bhaile, Bri Chualann,

Gadh de D. Foghmhair, 1926.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Runaidhe,

Chomhairle Chondae, Cille Manntain.

A Chara.—Your letter of 15th ultimo enclosing Resolution in reference to change of name of this district was read at Meeting of Council last evening, and the following Resolution was adopted, viz.: "That in so far as the suggested change of the name of the Council and district back to 'Bray' is unacceptable to the Wicklow County Council, the official name of the Council and district in future be Bri, but the use of the English Form, Bray, be also authorised; that the Wicklow County Council be asked to sanction this." A Notice of Motion to rescind this was handed in by Councillor R. Heatley.—Mise, le meas,

(Signed), S. Mac Cathmhacail, Cleireach an Bhaile.

Chomhairle-Bhaile Bri Chualann,

Arus an Bhaile, Bri Chualann,

Gadh la de Eanair, 1927.

P. T. Healy, Esq., Runaidhe,

Chomhairle Chondae, Cille Manntain.

Re Change of Name. A Chara.—Adverting to previous correspondence in connection with this matter the following is copy of Resolution, which was carried at meeting of Council on 21st ultimo by 8 voting for to 5 against: Proposed by Councillor R. Heatley, seconded by Councillor J. Pennefather—"That the Motion passed by this Council on the 5th October last, changing the name of the town be declared invalid." The following is copy of Resolution, of which due notice was given, which was lost at meeting last evening by 2 voting for and 8 against: Proposed by Councillor A. F. McNulty, seconded by Councillor J. Dune—"That all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded, and that in future the official name of the district and of this Council be 'Bri,' and that the use of the English equivalent 'Bray' be also authorised."—Mise, le meas,

(Signed) S. Mac Cathmhacail, Cleireach an Bhaile.

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

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That this Council adheres to its original decision, changing the name of the town from Bray to Bri Chualann.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley; and

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

That the name of the town be changed back from Bri Chualann to Bray, as requested by the Urban District Council.

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, George Fisher, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, and P. J. Cullen—9. Against—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W. J. Doyle, Felix O'Rafferty, William J. Henry, D. J. Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J. Redmond, John J. Barry, C. M. Byrne, T.D., and John J. Kennedy—13.

The Amendment was accordingly declared lost by thirteen votes against to nine for; and the original Motion was put to the Meeting, and declared Passed on the same voting.

The Council had under consideration the Superannuation Allowance to be awarded to Mr. Andrew Nolan, retired Agricultural Instructor under County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, and in this connection the Secretary submitted the following documents:—

(i) Letter dated 10th July, 1926, No. G. 30616/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, noting that the County Committee of Agriculture in their original Resolution had assessed Mr. Nolan's pension at 25/60ths of his annual salary, but had not taken into account Mr. Nolan's prior public service, which in total exceeded 40 years, and stating that if that were the case the Committee could bring forward a fresh Resolution assessing the pension at the full two-thirds rate, carrying cost-of-living bonus; but that the liability for payment of that pension would fall on the County Council in full. (ii.) Letter dated 28th July, 1926, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, enclosing copy of Resolution passed by his Committee awarding Mr. Nolan the full rate of Superannuation, viz.:—two-thirds of his average salary for the three years ending 31st December, 1926, amounting to £195, plus the variable cost-of-living bonus thereon; this allowance taking into account Mr. Nolan's 22 completed years of service under the Board of Education and the Department of Agriculture, as well as his 23 completed years of service under the County Committee of Agriculture. (iii.) Letter dated 3rd September, 1926, No. G. 35063/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing Sealed Order sanctioning a Superannuation Allowance of £195 per annum, plus cost-of-

living bonus, to Mr. Andrew Nolan, and stating that it was open to the Council to communicate with the Department of Finance as to the suggestion that the Government might bear portion of the cost. (iv.) Letter dated 10th November, 1926, No. G. 3333/26, from the Department of Lands and Agriculture, stating that so far as they were aware, Mr. Nolan's services in the Albert Agricultural College were not reckonable for pension purposes; and further stating that they had some time before applied to the Department of Finance for a gratuity to Mr. Nolan in respect of his services under the Department and the National Education Office, but had been informed that such gratuity was not payable under the Superannuation Acts, of which Mr. Nolan was informed in due course.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor David Frame;

Resolved—That this Council hereby approves of the Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, and the Sealed Order issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, granting a Superannuation Allowance of £195 per annum,

with variable annual bonus, allowable under Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925, to Mr. Andrew Nolan, late Instructor of Agriculture, subject entirely to its being understood that the appropriate Government department pay its proportion of the £195 and variable bonus, amounting to £95 6s. 8d. per year (with bonus), Mr. Nolan having completed 22 years of service under the National Education Office and the Department of Agriculture; and to its being further clearly understood that Wicklow County Council's liability to Mr. Andrew Nolan in connection with this pension of £195 per annum shall be £99 13s. 4d. per annum (with variable bonus), Mr. Nolan having served 23 completed years under the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, and we request the three Teachtaí Dála for this County to wait upon the three appropriate Government departments, accompanied by our Secretary, with a view to securing payment to Mr. Nolan of the due proportion of the foregoing £195 per annum, which this Council is satisfied is payable by a Government Department direct to Mr. Nolan; Mr. Nolan to be paid without unnecessary delay the County Council's proportion of pension and bonus due to him since the 1st January, 1926; and be it further Resolved that, in the event of the foregoing provisions of this Resolution falling through for any reason, this Council undertakes to pay Mr. Nolan only the Superannuation recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture at their meeting on the 30th March, namely—£121 17s. 6d. per annum, together with the variable bonus allowable thereon under the provisions of Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1925.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey;

Seconded by Councillor William Henry;

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.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 (1 and 2) of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, we hereby approve, confirm, and adopt the Release submitted under that Act by Annie M. O'Brien, Carnew, and direct that same shall be Sealed with the Seal of the Council and Signed by the Chairman.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Henry;

Seconded by Councillor George Fisher;

Resolved—That we hereby instruct and authorise our Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, to sell at the current market price the £50 five per cent. Compensation Stock inscribed in the name of Wicklow County Council by the Paymaster-General, which has been deducted from a Compensation Award made to Arthur W. Panton, formerly of Baltiboy's House, Blessington, in part payment of arrears

of Poor Rate due by Mr. Panton; that the proceeds be lodged to credit of this Council; and that the Power of Attorney over this £50 Stock submitted by our Treasurer be now Signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.—Passed.

The following Resolution was personally submitted to the Council by the Law Agent for adoption:—

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That Mr. M. J. Ryan, B.L., be appointed to act as Arbitrator between the County Council and the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company with reference to the Fidelity Guarantee Policies No. 201584, No. 201806, No. 201739, and prior covering Indemnity Notes, and that the forms of appointment be now Sealed.—Given under the Seal of Wicklow County Council, this 17th day of January, 1927.—Passed. L.S.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;

Seconded by Councillor George Heatley;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mr. John Finn, of Newtownsunders, Baltinglass, for the purchase of the Hay on the lands attaching to Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings for the sum of £9 5s. 0d. be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mr. Robert Hill, of Ballinacash, Rathdrum, for the use of and free passage through his field at Corballis be Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Henry;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Cullen;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mr. John Murphy, formerly of Ballard, Shillelagh, for the Letting of a kitchen and one room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings in consideration of the payment of a rent of 1s. per week be now Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.—Passed.

Applications were submitted from William O'Toole, Coolattin, Shillelagh, and Edward Gahan, Shillelagh, for the Tenancy of rooms in the Workhouse Buildings at Shillelagh.

ORDER.—Referred to County Wicklow Board of Health.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Messrs. Lyons, a travelling company, had made a verbal application to him for the use of a room in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings for the purpose of holding a Bazaar therein.

ORDER.—Referred to County Wicklow Board of Health.

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

Seconded by Councillor John J. Redmond;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Draft Deed submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works in connection with the vesting in them of Kilcoole Old Church by the Council under the Ancient Monuments Protection Acts, our Law Agent having intimated that the said Draft Deed is in order.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Kennedy;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mr. John Smith, of Killiskey, Ashford, for the hire of one of the Council's Steam Engines for threshing purposes at £5 0s. 0d. per week be now Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.—Passed.

The Secretary submitted a Letter dated 22nd October, 1926, No. IR/116, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that in many cases throughout the country the cutting and pruning of roadside trees had been carried out without sufficient discrimination, and suggesting certain precautions that might be taken

in order to ensure the preservation of the attractive features of a landscape, and to prevent injury to trees by unskilful pruning.
NO ORDER—The Co. Surveyor having intimated that he was attending to the matter.

The Secretary submitted the following communication:—

4 Church Street, Wicklow,
28th October, 1926.

Wicklow County Council.—Insurances of Carters and Stonebreakers.

Dear Sir,—You may remember this question came up at the meeting of the County Council on the 23rd August, and was adjourned for further consideration. I forwarded you a copy of my letter to Counsel (Mr. P. T. Cunnam), and have had some further communications from him, the net result of which are embodied in his letter of the 27th inst., copy of which I herewith enclose. You will observe that he is of opinion that the Resolution of the Council not to proceed with the appeals should be rescinded, and that an application to the Court will be necessary to extend the time for bringing the appeals. Up to the coming into force of the new Rules of the High Court and Supreme Court there was no procedure by which appeals under the Unemployment Insurance Acts and National Health Insurance Acts could be brought to a hearing, and the new Rules, in Order 28, give jurisdiction to enlarge or abridge the time fixed by the Rules for doing any act or taking any proceeding.—Yours faithfully,

Signed, J. H. McCarroll.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

County Secretary, Wicklow.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Bourne in this connection, and accepted by the Chairman:—"Take notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting that the Order of the Council on the 8th day of June, 1925, dealing with the Insurance of Carters and Stonebreakers under the Unemployment and National Insurance Acts, be rescinded, and that the appeals be proceeded with."

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 29th September, 1926, from Samuel A. French, Secretary, Greystones & District Development Society, "Tripleton," Greystones, stating that his Committee had received numerous complaints of the manner in which posters were being pasted all over Greystones, particularly on the Railway Bridge and the walls facing the Harbour, and requesting the Council on their behalf to pass a bye-law restricting the display of posters so that the Police will have power to take action in the matter.

ORDER.—Referred to Finance Committee.

A Letter was submitted from Mr. William McGrath, Secretary, Blessington Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, dated 8th November, 1926, asking the Council to give additional employment on the roads in Blessington area.

ORDER.—Noted.

A Letter dated 11th November, 1926, was submitted from Mr. John J. Carroll, Dunlavin, to the same effect.

NO ORDER—The County Surveyor having intimated that work was already in hands.

A Letter dated 25th November, 1926, was submitted from the Very Rev. R. J. Connell, P.P., Parochial House, Avoca, asking to have certain works of road improvement carried out in Avoca district.

ORDER.—Noted.

A Letter dated 25th November, 1926, was submitted from Mr. John McCabe, Secretary, Avoca Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, protesting against the fact that no Government Grants were being spent in Avoca district.

ORDER.—Noted.

A Letter dated 20th October, 1926, was submitted from E. Dunne, Esq., Kilcarra, Woodenbridge, on behalf of the ratepayers of Kilcarra, asking the Council to re-open the old road from Kilcarra to Thomas-town, via Ballyrush.

ORDER.—Noted.

A Letter dated 12th November, 1926, was submitted from Mr. James Maher, Stratford-on-Slaney, demanding payment of the sum of £3 0s. 0d., alleged to be due him for services stated to be rendered as Temporary Overseer in July, 1922, and asking the Council to have the matter investigated before he takes legal proceedings.

ORDER.—Noted.

A Letter dated 27th November, 1926, was submitted from Lieut.-Colonel F. G. Fitzgerald, "Glenowen," Delgany, stating that the drains on the premises of "Glenowen" had been torn up by the surface water coming in off the road, and that he had been put to great expense repairing these drains and the damage done by the water from time to time, and asking the Council to take steps to have the water directed elsewhere.

ORDER.—Councillors Redmond, Pim, the Chairman and the Co. Surveyor to inspect the place to see if anything can be done.

A Statement was submitted from Councillor Michael Fleming, calling attention to the case of a resident in County Wexford, whose body had been found in County Wexford, and had been brought into County Wicklow for Inquest purposes, and the expenses of the Inquest on whom had been borne by County Wicklow, and asking if County Wicklow was liable for this expenditure.

NO ORDER—The Law Agent having intimated that the Council had no legal powers to recover this expenditure.

An Application was submitted from Mr. Mortimer Hourihane, Mill Street, Baltinglass, for an extension of one year of the University Scholarship held by him from the Council. In this connection two letters, dated 17th September, 1926, and 26th October, 1926, respectively, were submitted from University College, Dublin, stating that Mr. Hourihane's progress and conduct had been quite satisfactory, and that he had passed the B.A. Honours Degree Examination with Second-class Honours.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;
Seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.:
Resolved—That the application for a renewal for a fourth year of the University Scholarship held in the National University by Mortimer Hourihane be acceded to.—Passed.
The Secretary submitted the following letter:—
An Roinn Oideachais,

Baile Atha Cliath,
9th November, 1926.

Ed. 1568/26.

The Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.
Sir,—I am directed by the Minister for Education to refer to a paragraph published in the "Irish Independent" of September 15th, under the heading, "T.D. and Inspector," which purported to give a report of statements made by Mr. J. Everett, T.D., at a meeting of the Wicklow County Council regarding the alleged report of an "Inspector of the Board of Education" in connection with the renewal of the Secondary Schools Scholarships awarded by your Council. The "Wicklow People" of August 28th also contains a report of statements made by Mr. Everett, T.D., on the same subject at the meeting of the Wicklow County Council held on August 23rd. I am desired to point out that the references to the Department of Education and its Inspectors have no foundation, and appear to be based on a misunderstanding as to the procedure followed by the Department in sanctioning the renewal of Secondary Scholarships. The Department's Inspectors make recommendations regarding renewal only in the case

of those students who do not present themselves for the Certificate Examinations. In the case of students, such as Walter Kane, who enter for examinations and pass, no report or recommendation is made by an Inspector. Four of the County Wicklow Scholarship holders did not enter for examination this year, and the Department's approval for their renewal was sent to your Council on August 11th. At that time the examination results were not ready, and the letter of August 11th merely stated that a decision regarding the other students would be communicated as soon as possible. When the examination results were received on August 23rd a further communication was sent conveying the Department's sanction for the renewal of the Scholarships of the students who were successful. The delay was not due to any adverse Inspector's report; as already pointed out, no Inspector has made any report or recommendation on the students in question. In view of this explanation, it is hoped that the members of your Council will agree that the allegations made regarding the action of the Department of Education and its Inspectors are unfounded, and are probably due to a misunderstanding of the procedure explained above. I have to request you to be so good as to bring this letter before your Council at its next meeting.—Yours faithfully,
(Signed), Proinsias O Dubhthaigh.

A Letter dated 13th November, 1926, was submitted from William Toomey, Esq., Under-Sheriff, Annacrivey, Enniskerry, regretting having promised the District Justice to appoint his nominee as Caretaker of the newly-rebuilt Baltinglass Court-house, and stating that in the future he would appoint only the County Council nominee.
ORDER.—Noted.

The Council had before them for consideration the minutes of proceedings of a Conference which had been held in Bri Chualann on the 22nd October, 1926, in connection with the proposal to amalgamate for Technical Instruction purposes the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and Bri Chualann Urban District, including the following Resolution passed at the Conference: "That we recommend the Wicklow County Council and the Bri Chualann Urban District Council to set up immediately a Joint Urban and Rural Committee for Technical Instruction in Bri Chualann Urban District and the Rathdown No. 2 area, and that this Committee should consist of 17 members, nine being appointed by the County Council and eight by the Bri Chualann Urban District Council. That all the representatives of the County Council on the Bri Chualann Joint Urban and Rural Technical Instruction Committee should be resident in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural area, and should consist of Councillors and added members; that as there are only three qualified Councillors at present, each of the Enniskerry, Greystones, and Kilmacanoge Local Technical Instruction Committees be asked to recommend the members from their area to the County Council for approval as added members. That the total initial equipment required for the Domestic Economy and Manual Instruction Classes in the rural areas shall be purchased from the funds of the new Committee."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor George Heatley:
Resolved—That this Council adopt and approve of the report of the Conference recently held in Bri Chualann regarding the amalgamation for Technical Instruction purposes of Bri Chualann and the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.—Passed.
The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. M. Byrne, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman:—"That I, or some member for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council that nine representatives of this Council be appointed on the Joint Technical Instruction Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural area and Bri Chualann Urban area, and that the money raised from the rates for Technical Education and Irish in Rathdown No. 2 area be, after the 1st of April, 1927, paid to the account of the above Joint Committee."

The Council deferred, until Councillor Fleming should be present, consideration of a Letter from him dated 30th August, 1926, calling attention to the number of thistles and docks growing on the lands attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

The Council directed the Finance Committee to consider at their meeting held to report on the Estimates a letter dated 23rd Nov., 1926, No. P.H. 43364/1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, urging the Council to put into operation an approved Tuberculosis Scheme, which was very necessary owing to the havoc stated to be made amongst the inhabitants of the County by this disease, and further calling attention to the fact that the Council were at present bearing substantial charges in respect of the partial scheme

administered by the County Insurance Committee, while if they adopted the standard approved arrangements they would become entitled to a share in the Sanatorium Grant which, if not availed of, would be assigned to other County Councils.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 7th October, 1926, from P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Secretary, County Board of Health, Rathdrum, stating that that Board had made an Order that the amount received by the County Council in respect of the Military Occupation of the Fever Hospital Buildings at Shillelagh should be expended on repairing the building so as to enable the County Fever Hospital, at present located in the Workhouse Infirmary, to be transferred there. In this connection the Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 1st November, 1926, No. P. 49016-1926, stating that the first amount (£116 12s. 5d.) paid in respect of the military occupation of the Workhouse should be credited to the area comprised in Shillelagh Union in reduction of rates, while the second amount (£68 6s. 4d.) might be expended on repairs, provided these repairs could reasonably be attributed to military occupation of the premises.

ORDER.—Consideration deferred.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey;

Seconded by Councillor William Byrne:

Resolved—That the following be appointed on Rathdrum Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee: Very Rev. P. Kennedy, P.P., Avon Park, Rathdrum, and John J. Barry, M.C.C., Main Street, Rathdrum, to fill the vacancies created on that Sub-Committee by the departure from the district of the Very Rev. J. O'Callaghan, P.P., and Rev. E. Farrell, C.C.; and that, in the event of Councillor Barry being already on the Committee, the vacancy be filled by the Rev. J. Donohue, C.C., M.A., Rathdrum.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle:

Resolved—That the Rev. J. Hanton, C.C., of Tinahely, be appointed on Shillelagh Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy created on that Sub-Committee by the disqualification of Mr. James J. Kavanagh, Ballynahanoge, Tinahely.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor William Henry:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Rev. Father Vaughan, C.C., to fill the vacancy created on Newcastle Old-Age Pension Sub-Committee by the transfer from the district of the Rev. Father Burke.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle:

Resolved—That we appoint the following: Rev. Patrick Fahy, C.C., Valleymount; William Henry, M.C.C., Burgage More, Blessington, and Laurence Moore, M.C.C., Blessington, to fill the three vacancies created on Naas No. 2 Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the disqualification of Messrs. Thomas Byrne, A. H. Zeller, and Mrs. John Doyle.—Passed.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by him during the Quarter ending the 30/6/1926.

Articles Submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Drugs	3/4/26	3	Rathdrum	... Genuine.
Drugs	20/4/26	3	Delgany	... Genuine.
Drugs	21/6/26	3	Arklow	... Genuine.
Drugs	30/6/26	3	Co. Hospital	1 Gen.; 2 Not Gen.
New Milk	1/4/26	5	Greystones, Sgt. E. Hunt...	4 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
Butter	1/4/26	2	Aughrim, Sgt. G. Long	... Genuine.
Butter	2/4/26	2	Blessington, Sgt. Olwill	... Genuine.
New Milk	2/4/26	1	"	... Genuine.
New Milk	7/4/26	9	Arklow, Sgt. Dennehy	7 Gen.; 2 Not Gen.
Butter	7/4/26	1	"	... Genuine.
Butter	7/4/26	1	Shillelagh, Sgt. T. McCaul	... Genuine.
Margarine	7/4/26	1	"	... Genuine.
Butter	17/4/26	2	Arklow, Sgt. Dennehy	... Genuine.
New Milk	17/4/26	2	"	... Genuine.
New Milk	18/5/26	1	Shillelagh, Sgt. T. McCaul	... Genuine.
Butter	18/5/26	1	"	... Genuine.
Margarine	18/5/26	1	"	... Genuine.
New Milk	18/5/26	4	Wicklow, Sgt. Bergin	... Genuine.
Buttermilk	21/5/26	1	Arklow, Sgt. Dennehy	... Genuine.
New Milk	21/5/26	1	"	... Genuine.
New Milk	22/5/26	5	Wicklow, Gd. J. Bergin	4 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
Buttermilk	22/5/26	1	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	... Genuine.
New Milk	22/5/26	1	Arklow, Sgt. Dennehy	... Genuine.
Buttermilk	22/5/26	3	Arklow, Sgt. Dennehy	... Genuine.
Butter	12/6/26	1	Newtownmountkennedy, Sgt. Towey	... Genuine.
Cheese	12/6/26	1	"	... Genuine.
New Milk	23/6/26	1	Carnew, Sgt. J. Houlihan	... Genuine.
Butter	23/6/26	1	"	... Genuine.
New Milk	19/6/26	1	Blessington, Sgt. Olwill	... Genuine.
Margarine	19/6/26	2	"	... Genuine.
Cheese	19/6/26	1	"	... Genuine.
Butter	19/6/26	1	"	... Genuine.
New Milk	29/6/26	3	Baltinglass, Sgt. M. Ryan	2 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
Butter	29/6/26	2	"	... Genuine.
Butter	30/6/26	2	Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright	Not Genuine.
Margarine	30/6/26	2	"	... Genuine.
New Milk	30/6/26	2	"	... Genuine.
Tars	9/4/26	2	U.D.C., Bray	... Genuine.

Total Number of samples analysed during the Quarter:—Drugs, 12; Foods, 65; Tars, 2. Number adulterated—2 Drugs, 5 New Milks, 1 Butter. Date, 22/7/26.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by him during the Quarter ending the 30/9/1926.

Articles Submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Drugs	12/7/26	3	Dunlavin	Genuine.
"	15/7/26	3	Avoca	Genuine.
"	17/7/26	3	Aughrim	Genuine.
"	17/7/26	3	Delgany	Genuine.
"	21/7/26	4	Baltinglass	Genuine.
"	14/8/26	4	Kiltegan	Genuine.
"	19/8/26	4	Baltinglass	Genuine.
"	19/8/26	3	Wicklow	Genuine.
"	19/8/26	3	Annamoe	Genuine.
"	27/8/26	3	Blessington	Genuine.
"	31/8/26	2	Bray No. 1.	Genuine.
"	17/9/26	2	Arklow	Genuine.
"	28/9/26	3	Shillelagh Fever Hospital...	Genuine.
Tar	21/8/26	1	Bray U.D.C.	Condemned.
Tar	28/9/26	1	Bray U.D.C.	Passed.
Water	4/9/26	1	Wicklow U.D.C. (Summerhill)	Condemned.
Water	4/9/26	1	Wicklow U.D.C. (Jail Pump)	Condemned.

Total Number of samples analysed during the Quarter:—Drugs, 40; Tars, 2; Waters, 2. Number adulterated:—2 Waters Condemned, 1 Tar Condemned, Date, 25/10/1926.

New Milk	1/7/26	1	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	Genuine.
Whiskey	1/7/26	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	1/7/26	1	"	Not Genuine.
New Milk	2/7/26	5	Greystones, Sgt. Hunt	Genuine.
Ice Creams	3/7/26	4	U.D.C., Bray	Genuine.
Butter	22/7/26	2	Wicklow, per D.A.T.I.	Genuine.
Butter	24/7/26	1	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	Genuine.
Whiskey	24/7/26	1	"	Genuine.
New Milk	24/7/26	2	"	1 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
Margarine	24/7/26	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	26/7/26	2	Newtownmountkennedy Sgt. Towey	Genuine.
New Milk	29/7/26	1	Blessington, Sgt. Olwill	Genuine.
Butter	29/7/26	2	"	Genuine.
New Milk	31/7/26	2	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	Genuine.
Margarine	31/7/26	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	31/7/26	1	"	Genuine.
Whiskey	31/7/26	1	"	Genuine.
New Milk	3/8/26	5	Wicklow, Sgt. Bergin	4 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
New Milk	7/8/26	2	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	Genuine.
Whiskey	7/8/26	1	"	Genuine.

Articles Submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Butter	7/8/26	2		Genuine.
Ice Cream	7/8/26	8	Bray U.D.C.	Genuine.
New Milk	9/8/26	1	Wicklow, Sgt. Bergin	Not Genuine.
Butter	9/8/26	1	"	Genuine.
Buttermilk	9/8/26	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	14/8/26	4	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	Genuine.
Cheese	14/8/26	1	"	Genuine.
New Milk	16/8/26	4	Wicklow, Sgt. Bergin	Genuine.
New Milk	19/8/26	4	Arklow, Sgt. McEvaddy	3 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
New Milk	19/8/26	10	Bray, Gd. Stanton	8 Gen.; 2 Not Gen.
Butter	20/8/26	2	Aughrim, Sgt. Long	Genuine.
Whiskey	20/8/26	1	"	Genuine.
New Milk	27/8/26	3	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine.
Wine	27/8/26	1	Aughrim, Sgt. Long	Genuine.
Whiskey	27/8/26	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	27/8/26	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	4/9/26	2	Carnew, Sgt. Houlihan	Genuine.
Whiskey	4/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
New Milk	7/9/26	4	Wicklow, Sgt. Bergin	Genuine.
Whiskey	7/9/26	4	Newtownmountkennedy, Sgt. Towey	2 Gen.; 2 Not Gen.
Butter	9/9/26	3	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine.
New Milk	11/9/26	4	Carnew, Sgt. Houlihan	Genuine.
Whiskey	11/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Sugar	11/9/26	3	Newtownmountkennedy, Sgt. Towey	Genuine.
Teas	11/9/26	3	"	Genuine.
New Milk	13/9/26	3	Aughrim, Sgt. Long	Genuine.
Wine	13/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Whiskey	13/9/26	1	"	Not Genuine.
Brandy	13/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	13/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Buttermilk	13/9/26	1	Shillelagh, Sgt. Murray	Genuine.
Whiskey	13/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Butter	13/9/26	3	"	1 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
Whiskey	13/9/26	2	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	Genuine.
Port Wine	13/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Ginger Wine	13/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Sugar	14/9/26	3	Newtownmountkennedy, Sgt. Towey	Genuine.

Tea	14/9/26	3	"	Genuine.
New Milk	15/9/26	6	Baltinglass, Sgt. M. Ryan	Genuine.
Butter	15/9/26	4	"	Genuine.
New Milk	15/9/26	3	"	Genuine.
New Milk	16/9/26	5	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine.
Butter	16/9/26	1	"	2 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
Whiskey	20/9/26	3	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	Genuine.
Brandy	20/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Port Wine	20/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Ginger Wine	20/9/26	1	"	Genuine.

New Milk	20/9/26	3	Aughrim, Sgt. Long	Genuine.
New Milk	21/9/26	2	Shillelagh, Sgt. Murray	Genuine.
Whiskey	21/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Bread Soda	21/9/26	4	Baltinglass, Sgt. Ryan	Genuine.
Oatmeal	21/9/26	1	"	12 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
New Milk	23/9/26	3	Bray, Gd. Stanton	Genuine.
New Milk	24/9/26	3	Arklow, Sgt. McEvaddy	Genuine.
Butter	24/9/26	3	"	2 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
New Milk	24/9/26	2	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	Genuine.
New Milk	25/9/26	6	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	5 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
Margarine	25/9/26	1	Shillelagh, Sgt. Murray	Not Genuine.
Butter	25/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Whiskey	25/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Buttermilk	25/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Butter	27/9/26	4	Baltinglass, per D.A.T.I.	Genuine.
New Milk	27/9/26	10	Baltinglass, Sgt. Ryan	9 Gen.; 1 Not Gen.
New Milk	27/9/26	1	Aughrim, Sgt. Long	Genuine.
Gin	27/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Peppermint	27/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Wine	27/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
New Milk	27/9/26	1	Wicklow, Sgt. Bergin	Genuine.
Butter	27/9/26	3	"	Genuine.
New Milk	29/9/26	6	Wicklow, Gd. Bergin	4 Gen.; 2 Not Gen.
New Milk	30/9/26	1	Carnew, Sgt. Houlihan	Genuine.
Butter	30/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
New Milk	30/9/26	1	Blessington, Sgt. Olwill	Genuine.
Margarine	30/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Butter	30/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Lard	30/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Cheese	30/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Tea	30/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Sugar	30/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Whiskey	30/9/26	2	"	Genuine.
Port Wine	30/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Rum	30/9/26	1	"	Genuine.
Brandy	30/9/26	1	"	Genuine.

Total Number of samples analysed during the Quarter:—Foods, 251; Drugs, 40; Tars, 2; Waters, 2. Total—295. Number adulterated:—New Milks, 11; Butters, 2; Margarine, 1; Brandy, 1; Whiskey, 4; Tars, 1 Condemned; Waters, 2 Condemned. Date, 25/10/1926.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

ORDER.—Noted.

A Letter dated 27th September, 1926, No. D.W. 4200/26, was submitted from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochana, Bri Chualann, in which it was stated that Sergeant M. Ryan, of Baltinglass, having as he has a very large sub-district, found it difficult to pay sufficient attention to the enforcement of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and asking that Garda F. Kirwan, of Baltinglass, be appointed in his stead as Food and Drugs Inspector.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne:

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochana in this County, we hereby appoint Garda F. Kirwan, of Baltinglass, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, in room of Sergeant M. Ryan, Baltinglass.—Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Barry:

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

Resolved—That we again urge the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give his sanction to this County Council's proposal to grant a Superannuation Allowance to Mrs. Mary A. Macdonnell, whose position was abolished consequent upon the coming into operation of the Local Government Act, 1925, thereby wiping out Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, her employers, for with every fact connected with her case before us, we fail to see any adequate reason for the withholding of such sanction.—Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

1st July, 1926, No. R/IR/39/1, regretting that the County Council have not seen fit to erect Sign Posts, in view of the special needs of the tourist interest in regard to their County, and intimating that the Grant for that purpose is not now available.

6th July, 1926, No. G. 29647/1926, approving of the Temporary appointment of Mr. W. P. Murphy, of Mullinaveige, Roundwood, as Poor Rate Collector for the No. 10 (Brockagh) Collecting District.

14th July, 1926, No. G. 31863/26, setting forth the Amendments made by the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1926, in Sections 3 and 16 of the Act of 1923, with regard to the Collection of Rates on Vacant Dwellinghouses.

11th August, 1926, No. 37067/1926, circular-letter summarising the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

12th August, 1926, No. H. 501/24443/1926, circular-letter enclosing copy of the Housing Act, 1926.

21st August, 1926, No. R/RS/33 (received in the Council's Offices on the 29th August, 1926), notifying the Council that any Appointment they might make to the vacant Assistant Surveyorship on the 23rd August must be on a Temporary basis, and could only be sanctioned for a period not exceeding six months.

27th August, 1926, No. G. 39231/1926, and telegram of same date, sanctioning an overdraft of £20,000 on the Council's account to the 31st December, 1926.

28th August, 1926, No. R/SGN/33, approving of the Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the expenditure of £4,620 out of the £16,540 grant, on the usual conditions as to men employed, etc.

31st August, 1926, No. S. 34394/1926, remitting the surcharge of £58 18s. made at the audit of the accounts of the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council in respect to an amount expended on fencing a Cottage Plot, which was not regularly acquired.

31st August, 1926, No. G. 33083/1926, enclosing Sealed Order sanctioning a Superannuation Allowance of £52 8s. 5d. per annum to Mr. P. Cunnam, Clerk of the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.

1st September, 1926, No. G. 33082/1926, enclosing Sealed Order sanctioning a Superannuation Allowance of £216 per annum to Mr. John Hopkins, Clerk of the former Shillelagh Rural District Council.

1st September, 1926, No. G. 33085/1926, enclosing Sealed Order sanctioning a Superannuation Allowance of £12 1s. 4d., per annum, and £23 1s. 3d. per annum to Mr. J. P. Broderick and Mr. P. J. Farrell, Deputy Assistant Clerk and Assistant Clerk, respectively of the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.

1st September, 1926, No. R/RM/33, stating, as regards the proposals of the Council to remove dangerous corners on the roads at Rathdrum and Croneyhorn, that these works would appear to come within the scope of Article 52 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

2nd September, 1926, No. P. 34026/1926, enclosing Sealed Order sanctioning a Superannuation Allowance to Miss Agnes C. Keating, in respect of loss of office as Nurse in Wicklow Fever Hospital.

7th September, 1926, No. G. 40800/1926, stating that backward Poor Rate Collectors should be called upon to lodge the outstanding balance for the 1925/26 collection at once, and proceed without delay with the current year's collection.

9th September, 1926, No. G. 39347/1926, stating, with regard to Mrs. McDonnell, typist in the office of the late Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, that the Minister sees no reason for altering his decision not to sanction superannuation.

10th September, 1926, No. R/SGC/33, approving of the Scheme for the improvement of Trunk Roads proposed to be carried out under the terms of the Minister's letter dated 8th May, 1926, out of County Wicklow's share of the £250,000 Grant.

10th September, 1926, No. R/RM/33, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Joseph T. O'Byrne as Assistant Surveyor on condition that satisfactory evidence as to age and health is produced.

11th September, 1926, No. G. 41918/26, enclosing copy of the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926.

21st September, 1926, No. R/RS/33, intimating that the Minister considers satisfactory the evidence as to age and health furnished by Mr. Joseph O'Byrne, recently appointed Assistant Surveyor under the Council.

16th September, 1926, No. P. 41527/1926, stating that County Wicklow Board of Health should give definite instructions that visitors should not be allowed to remain in the County Hospital at night.

17th September, 1926, No. R/RG/33, stating, with reference to the Council's claim for increased Road Grants because of the heavy tourist traffic from outside their roads have to bear, that one of the factors on which annual grants are apportioned is the expenditure of the Local Authorities in the maintenance of all their roads.

17th September, 1926, No. R/RG/33, stating that the Minister can hold out no hope of a Grant at present for the reconstruction of the broken part of the County Road from Ardinary to Sallymount.

29th September, 1926, No. G. 44315/1926, drawing attention to the provisions of the Finance Act, 1926, under which a receipt given for an amount paid on account of salary, wages, etc., less than £3 0s. 0d. is exempted from the necessity of being stamped.

30th September, 1926, No. R/RG/33, intimating that the Minister has received authority to make a further Grant of £12,650 for works

of road improvement in County Wicklow; approving of the Scheme submitted for the expenditure of £12,377 thereof, and asking for a Scheme for the expenditure of the balance (£273).

8th October, 1926, No. G. 37067/1926, circular-letter enclosing copy of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

27th October, 1926, No. S. 50078/26, approving of the Council's proposal to raise a Loan of £6,000 on the usual terms for the purpose of carrying out certain works of road improvement.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE.

2nd July, 1926, No. L. 2710-26, approving the appointment of S. Conway, Esq., V.S., as the Council's Veterinary Inspector for the portion of West Wicklow formerly known as Naas No. 2 Rural District, subject to review and re-arrangement later if necessary.

28th July, 1926, No. L. 3136-26, approving of the Regulations made by the Council for the control of dogs between sunset and sunrise.

4th August, 1926, No. L.3136-26, stating that in the circumstances the Department have no objection to the Council's postponing till January next the issue of the poster publishing the Control of Dogs Regulations.

The Peat Moss Litter (Prohibition) Order, 1926.

The Landing of Carcases Order, 1926.

The Landing of Carcases Order of 1926, Amendment Order.
19th August, 1926, No. L. 3496/26, stating that an officer of the Department obtained two samples of Butter at Wicklow on the 21st July, 1926, which on analysis were found to be genuine.
19th October, 1926, No. L. 3496-26, stating that four samples of Butter were taken at Baltinglass by an officer of the Department on the 25th September, 1926, which on analysis proved to be genuine.
The Importation of Carcases (Prohibition) Order, 1926.

19th July, 1926, No. M. 1007, from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Statistics Branch), enclosing copy of the Statistics (Census of Production) Order, 1926.

21st July, 1926, No. 14226-26, from the Office of Public Works, regarding the matters which should be referred to in County Surveyor's Reports under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925.

7th August, 1926, No. 5364/26 Wk., from the National Health Insurance Commission, to the effect that the Minister for Finance has sanctioned an expenditure not exceeding £1,514 by County Wicklow Insurance Committee in connection with the treatment of Tuberculosis.

23rd August, 1926, from the Department of Education (Secondary Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, sanctioning the renewal for a further year of the Secondary School Scholarships held by Monica Larkin, Walter Kane, and John A. O'Grady, and withholding sanction in the case of Annie M. Hopkins.

3rd September, 1926, No. Ed. 1447/26, from same, stating that as Annie M. Hopkins appears to have suffered from illness during a considerable period, the Minister is prepared to sanction the renewal of her Scholarship.

15th November, 1926, from the Local Appointments Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, setting forth the procedure necessary when local authorities request the Commission to recommend persons for appointment to a vacant position.

18th November, 1926, No. E.D. 95131, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, reminding the Council of the strict legal obligation upon employers to return Unemployment Books to employees immediately upon the termination of their employment.

ORDER.—Referred to County Surveyor.

24th July, 1926, from the Council's Law Agent, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, notifying the Council that the County Board of Health have decided to sell an Irrigation Plot at Kilpedder, and assuming that the County Council will have no objection to the sale.

26th August, 1926, from same, stating that the Council would not appear to have any jurisdiction to pay Mr. Richard Bollard interest on the amount of his Malicious Injury Award.

14th June, 1926, from the Commercial Insurance Company, Commercial Buildings, Dame Street, Dublin, notifying the Council that they transact all classes of Fire and Accident business (including Workmen's Compensation), and that they also transact Engineering business.

Carlow, 306/1926.—Dear Sir,—Will you be so kind as to convey to your Council our most sincere and united thanks for your thoughtful and kindly resolution of sympathy on the death of my dear Rev. brother, late Parish Priest of Ballybrack.—I am, dear sir, yours very truly (signed), T. H. O'Donnell.—P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Abbey Street, Wicklow. 6-7-26. P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council.—A Chara.—Please convey to your Council my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy. I also thank you and the other members of the Council's staff for your personal sympathy.—Mise, le meas (signed), Delia Cullen.

8th July, 1926, from P. W. Sheehan, Esq., Secretary, County Board of Health, Rathdrum, outlining the arrangements made by his Board for the checking of Rent Collections in the County.

Glendair, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Dear Mr. Healy,—Will you please convey to the members of the Wicklow County Council the sincere thanks of myself and family for their kind sympathy in our great sorrow. We also desire to thank you and the other officials of the County Council.—Yours sincerely (signed), Elizabeth Reigh. 10th January, 1926.

Kilruddery, Bray, Co. Wicklow. 15th July, 1926. Dear Sir,—I thank you very much for your letter enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the members of the Wicklow County Council sympathising with me in my great loss. The admiration of my father and appreciation of his works, not only by individuals, but by so many public bodies, has been a great happiness and comfort to me; and I should be very glad if you would inform the members of the Council, which please also accept yourself, and convey to the staff of the Council my grateful appreciation for all their sympathy.—Yours faithfully (signed), Aileen Ardee.

The Haven. 1 Mill'on Villas, Wicklow. Dear Mr. Healy.—Will you please thank the Wicklow County Council for their most kind resolution of sympathy to myself and family in my very sad loss. We very much appreciate the kindness shown to us. I also would like to thank you for your kind words. You were always so good and helpful in anything you could do for him. With many thanks.—Yours sincerely (signed), Lily Johnson.

From the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Company, 48 Dame Street, Dublin, 17th Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, with attached extract from "The Policyholder and Insurance Journal" regarding the serious risks involved in a scheme of mutual insurance of public bodies.

16th July, 1926, from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Company, Ltd., 48 Dame Street, Dublin, offering a reduction of 25 per cent. off all Fire Insurance premiums provided the Council enter into an Agreement to continue the insurance with them for five years.

27th July, 1926, from Messrs. Roger Greene & Sons, Solicitors, 11 Wellington Quay, Dublin, stating that the Council's failure to pay their first quarterly instalment of £3,660 5s. to the Joint Committee of Grangegorman Mental Hospital has placed that Committee in a serious financial position, and threatening drastic steps if the Council do not immediately meet their liability to this Committee.

29th July, 1926, from J. W. Martin, Esq., Local Government Auditor, regarding the Surcharge of £58 18s. made by him on his audit of the accounts of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council in respect to the fencing of a cottage plot.

30th July, 1926, from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Company, 48 and 49 Dame Street, Dublin, stating, with regard to an extract from the Finance Committee's Report regarding the condition of certain rate collections, that arrears of rates do not concern them under the Poor Rate Collector's Fidelity Bond.

30th July, 1926, from Robert Jones, Knockanarrigan, claiming a half-year's rent stated to be due him by the late Council of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District in respect to the rent of a cottage plot.

July, 1926, from A. Keogh Nolan, Esq., Secretary, Irish Public Bodies' Insurance Committee, notifying the Council that the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, became law on the 16th July, 1926.

4th August, 1926, from the Irish National Assurance Company, Ltd., College Green, Dublin, stating that they are prepared to allow a discount of 25 per cent. on all Fire Insurance premiums provided a contract is entered into to continue these insurances with them for five years.

4th August, 1926, from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, East Port, Dunfermline, notifying the Council that it is proposed to convene at an early date a Conference of County Librarians in London, to discuss difficult points of administration.

26th August, 1926, from the Hon. Mervyn P. Wingfield, Powerscourt, Enniskerry, acknowledging receipt of the Council's Resolution congratulating him on his coming-of-age.

19th and 27th August, 1926, from Sergeant O'Brien, Garda Síochána, Wicklow, two tenders received by him from Contractors for Galvanized sub-standard Weights.

ORDER.—Secretary's action approved.

30th August, 1926, from M. O'Kelly, District Court Clerk, Harristown, Hollywood, regarding the urgent need for office accommodation for the Court Clerk in Blessington Court-house.

2nd September, 1926, from the Superioress, Loreto Convent School, Gorey, asking the Council to restore Ellen Kearney, Kilmolin, Enniskerry, the Secondary School Scholarship which was discontinued in 1925.

3rd September, 1926, from the New Ireland Assurance Company, Ltd., 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, regarding engineering insurances.

7th September, 1926, from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, stating that his Board of Directors will allow the Council to overdraw their General Account up to £20,000.

7th September, 1926, from Mrs. A. K. Wynne, Tigroney, Avoca, asking the Council to make arrangements by which she might vote in Avoca instead of in Conary.

8th September, 1926, from the Superioress, Loreto Convent School, Gorey, trusting that Ellen Kearney may be given back the Secondary Scholarship which was discontinued in 1925, and that the Scholarship held by Rosie Walshe may be extended for a further year.

27th September, 1926, from Messrs. D. & T. Fitzgerald, Solicitors, 20 Saint Andrew Street, Dublin, enclosing notice of intention of their clients, the Alliance & Dublin Consumers' Gas Company, to increase the calorific value of the gas supplied by them.

St. Enda's, Ferrybank, Arklow. 28-9-26. P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, County Council. Dear Mr. Healy,—Will you please convey to the members of the County Council my sincere thanks for the kind vote of sympathy passed to me on the death of my sister. Please also convey my grateful acknowledgment to the members of the staff of the Council for their expression of sympathy, and thanking you personally.—I remain, yours faithfully (signed), F. O'Rafferty.

29th October, 1926, from James Barrett, Ballinatore, Stratford-on-Slaney, again drawing the Council's attention to the dismissal, without warning, of men working in Carrigower Quarry on the morning of the 24th April, 1926.

10th November, 1926, from the Irish County Councils' General Council, 15 Parnell Square, Dublin, intimating that a Scheme for the sale of Labourers' Cottages to the occupiers will be considered at the next meeting of the General Council.

Corke Abbey, Bray. November 17th, 1926. Dear Mr. Healy,—We all wish to return our grateful thanks to the members of the Wicklow County Council, also to you and the clerical staff, for the kind message of sympathy which you sent on the death of our dear son.—Yours sincerely (signed), Nellie Frame.

Four letters from Mrs. M. Short, Newtownmountkennedy, asking for Superannuation for her husband, Mr. Patrick Short, for loss of his alleged pensionable positions as Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office and as Secretary to the abolished School Attendance Committee for Newcastle Dispensary District.

ORDER.—Referred to Finance Committee.

26th November, 1926, from the Association of Secondary Teachers, 3 Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin, asking the Council to pass a Resolution supporting their claim for a Superannuation Scheme for Secondary School Teachers.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Tircconnail County Council—Protesting against any alteration in Circuit Court procedure, and the consequent increase in the cost of litigation.

From Cork County Council—Calling upon the Government to appoint a Commission to inquire into the cost of all national and local administration.

From Killarney Urban District Council—Regretting the departure from the district of Mr. Howard S. Harrington, M.A., and protesting against the Income Tax Laws, which make it impossible for people of means to remain in this country.

From Roscommon County Council—Calling attention to the glaring injustice of mulcting tenant-purchasers in extra rates because of the failure of their neighbours to pay their Land Purchase Annuities, and suggesting that the Land Commission be empowered to take over the land from such defaulters.

From Waterford County Borough Council—Calling upon the Government to make the demands of County Boards of Public Assistance and Mental Hospital Committees a charge upon the National Exchequer.

From County Dublin County Committee of Agriculture—Enclosing copy of letter from St. Joseph's Blind Asylum, regarding articles manufactured in that Institution, and asking public authorities to give the Asylum preference when purchasing these articles.

From Tipperary South Riding County Council—Calling attention to the harsh manner in which the payment of Land Commission annuities is enforced; and asking that due notice be given in every case of intention to proceed for the recovery of instalments due.

From Carrickmacross Urban District Council, demanding the repeal of Section 6 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, with reference to recoupment of sanitary salaries.

From Tircconnail County Council—Stating, with reference to the economic question in the Gaeltacht, that a sufficiently endowed Board or Commission should be set up to take action when and where required.

From Killarney Urban District Council—Calling on the Government to introduce legislation to compel landowners to replant lands on which woods or plantations have been cut down.

David Frame

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 31st January, 1927.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ;

Councillors Laurence Moore, W J Doyle, J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle, Edward Byrne, Michael Fleming, William Byrne, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, P J Cullen, John J Metcalfe, William J Henry, P J Carey, James Everett, T.D. ; Joseph Byrne, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, James Kavanagh, Daniel J Kehoe, and John J Kennedy.

BUSINESS.

1—To reconsider the Provisional Road Works Scheme prepared by the County Surveyor and submitted to each member of the Council.

2—To consider a Scheme for the future collection of Poor Rate suggested by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

3—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J J Bourne :—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting that the Order of the Council made on the 8th June, 1925, dealing with the insurance of carters and stonebreakers under the Unemployment and National Insurance Acts be rescinded and that the appeals be proceeded with."

4—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D. :—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that nine representatives of this Council be appointed on the Joint Technical Instruction Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Area and Bri Chualann Urban Area ; and that the money raised from the rates for Technical Education and Irish in Rathdown No. 2 Area be after the 1st April, 1927, paid to the account of the above Joint Committee."

The Council went into Committee to reconsider the Provisional Road Works Scheme prepared by the County Surveyor, which was adjourned at their previous Meeting, and to hear the result of the interview of the Deputation appointed by them at that Meeting with the Department of Local Government and Public Health. Councillor David Frame, Chairman, stated on behalf of the Deputation that they had been given to understand in the Department that the amount of grants for road works to be received by the Council during the forthcoming financial year would depend largely on the amount of money expended by the Council on their roads out of rates. He was also in a position to state that if the Council struck the same rate for roads as they did last year they could expect to receive a considerably larger sum by way of grants for road works than they received last year. The Department, however, found it impossible to make any promises until the Council had definitely decided upon how much they would expend on roads out of rates. The Council expressed satisfaction with the efforts of the Deputation in their behalf.

After a prolonged discussion, the Council came out of Committee when it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That, having given the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1927/1928 most careful consideration, we hereby approve of the sum of £10885 being raised out of rates for Main Roads (as last year, with the addition of £500 to be devoted to signposting) and the sum of £16905 being raised out of rates for County Roads, these two sets of figures to be used by the Secretary in the preparation of his Estimates, in accordance with the modified Road Works Scheme this day approved and initialled by the Chairman, the County Surveyor being hereby directed to reduce the amounts of metal in the contracts for three years on County Roads, and as far as possible the annual amounts of edging required.

Passed.

The following modifications were made at this Meeting by the Council in the Provisional Roads Works Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor, in addition to the modifications made in the Scheme at their Special Meeting on the 17th January, 1927 :—Repairs of Walls at Dargle Bridge (£80), Ballymerrigan (£35), and near Poulaphuca (£300), totalling £415, postponed until next year, 1928/1929 ; Repair of Moneys-town Bridge (£140), Mucklagh Bridge (£80) Bridges on Ballymanus and Slievemweel, and Ballymanus and Askakeagh (£47), and of Retaining

Wall at Kilcarra (£100), totalling £357, postponed until 1928/1929 ; Main Roads Contingencies, reduced from £1000 to £200 ; County Roads Contingencies, reduced from £1000 to £200.

The following table shows the reductions made by the Council in the County Surveyor's Estimates :—

	County Surveyor's Estimate.	Finally Approved by Co. Council.
MAIN ROADS.		
Repairs	£27405 0 0	£9412 10 0
Repayment of Loans	1272 10 0	1272 10 0
Improvement (Councillors' Applications)	5454 0 0	Nil.
Contingencies	1000 0 0	200 0 0
	£35181 10 0	£10885 0 0
COUNTY ROADS.		
Repairs	£18378 0 0	£16305 10 0
Repayment of Loans	399 10 0	399 10 0
Improvement (Councillors' Applications)	12069 0 0	Nil.
Contingencies	1000 0 0	200 0 0
	£31846 10 0	£16905 0 0
GROSS TOTAL :	£66978 0 0	£27790 0 0

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

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 (John Hopkins, Esq) ; Enniskerry (P Cunnam, Esq) ; Rathdrum (P W Sheehan, Esq) ; Tinahely (John Hopkins, Esq) ; and Shillelagh (John Hopkins, Esq) ; that the following officers be appointed at a fee of two guineas for each centre (£2 2s) to have the contracts completed :—Messrs Patrick Cunnam, P W Sheehan, and John Hopkins ; that the contracts be advertised for three years, Tenders to be accompanied by a lodgment of 10s to be returned if the Committee are satisfied it is a valid Tender ; that the dates for sending in Tenders and for meetings of the Sub-Committees be fixed by the County Officers ; and that the County Councillors elected for each County Electoral Area constitute the Sub-Committees for that area, for the acceptance and consideration of tenders to be submitted to the Council at their adjourned Winter Quarterly Meeting, and again for those to be considered at the Council's May Quarterly Meeting.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " William J Henry ; and

Resolved—That Mr Patrick Byrne, of Baltinglass, be engaged at the same fee as the other officers, in Baltinglass and Blessington, at the acceptance of Tenders when Roads Committees meet in that area.

Passed on a show of hands.

The amendment was then incorporated in the original motion, which was put to the Meeting as follows :—

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by Councillor William J Henry ;

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 (Mr Patrick Byrne) ; Blessington (Mr Patrick Byrne) ; Enniskerry (P Cunnam, Esq) ; Rathdrum (P W Sheehan, Esq) ; Tinahely (John Hopkins, Esq) ; and Shillelagh (John Hopkins, Esq) ; that the following officers be appointed at a fee of two guineas for each centre (£2 2s) to have the contracts completed :—Messrs Patrick Cunnam, P W Sheehan, John Hopkins and Patrick Byrne ; that the contracts be advertised for three years, Tenders to be accompanied by a lodgment of 10s to be returned if the Committee are satisfied it is a valid Tender ; that the dates for sending in Tenders and for meetings of the Sub-Committees be fixed by the County Officers ; and that the County Councillors elected for each County Electoral Area constitute the Sub-Committees for that area, for the acceptance and consideration of Tenders to be submitted to the Council at their Adjourned Winter Quarterly Meeting, and again for those to be considered at the Council's May Quarterly Meeting.

Passed.

The Seecreary submitted a letter dated 24th January, 1927, from Rev Daniel J Lucy, The Presbytery, Enniskerry, calling attention to the

dangerous condition of the wooden bridge over the river at Lower Cloon, which children from Glenree have to cross on their way to school in Curtletown.

ORDER—The Council regret they are unable to undertake this work—the County Surveyor having intimated that the bridge in question is not on a county road, and that the Council are not responsible for its maintenance.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 24th January, 1927, from Mr Patrick Phillips, Annalecky, Dunlavin, complaining that road surface water was entering his premises, to the detriment of the health of himself and his family.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A discussion was initiated regarding the sums which the Council had received in respect of the military occupation of Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, and it was suggested that these sums should be transferred to County Wicklow Board of Health, to be expended by that Board upon certain repairs to the portion of the buildings formerly used as a Fever Hospital. In this connection the Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

1st November, 1926, No P.49016/1926, Wicklow County. A Chara. With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo, containing an inquiry as whether monies received in respect of the occupation of Shillelagh Workhouse by Military should be used solely as an asset to be set off against the rates on the area formerly comprised in the Shillelagh Union, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to state that two amounts were paid in respect of the Military occupation of this Workhouse, namely—the sum of £116 12s 5d in respect of excess expenditure incurred owing to Military occupation and £68 6s 4d in respect of damage to the buildings. It is considered that the first amount, £116 12s 5d, should be credited to the area in Shillelagh Union. As regards the £68 6s 4d, if the buildings are required for the purposes of the County Scheme and it is necessary to incur expenditure upon repairs which could reasonably be attributed to Military occupation of the premises, no objection would be raised, if the County Council and the County Board of Health and Public Assistance so decide, to this sum being applied towards defraying such expenditure. Is mise, le meas, (signed) Tomas Mac Ardghail, ar son an Aire. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne;

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the sum of £68 6s 4d paid to this Council as compensation for damage to Shillelagh Fever Hospital when same was occupied by British military, be transferred from the Council's funds, where it was placed to the relief of rates, to the County Wicklow Board of Health, to be devoted by that Board to the repairs of Shillelagh Fever Hospital Building considered necessary.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration the following, a copy of which had been circulated to each member:—

SCHEME SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE FUTURE COLLECTION OF POOR RATE.

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

10th December, 1926.

Ref. No. 56951/1926.

Miscellaneous.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the general conditions under which County Poor Rates are being collected has been receiving careful consideration.

Collectors generally have strongly represented that the method of requiring them to lodge the full warrants whether collected or not, and to obtain subsequent refunds of irrecoverable or temporarily uncollectable rates had become almost impossible under modern conditions.

One particular trouble experienced by Collectors relates to the collection of rates levied on small dwellings, which they state they find it impossible to obtain in the gross amounts of the half yearly levies. It is intended to submit for the consideration of the Oireachtas in the near future proposals to transfer the onus of rate-paying in such cases to the Landlords, giving them in turn corresponding powers to adjust the weekly

rents, thus placing the payment of rates on a weekly basis and bringing the burden within the compass of the tenants' capabilities.

Formerly, lodgment in full by certain dates carried poundage on portions of the warrants subsequently refunded. The collectors were usually able to obtain overdraft accommodation at low rates of interest and the transactions were profitable to them. Collectors now find it most difficult to secure these temporary accommodations from the banks, and when they do so they must pay the current high rate of interest. In the instances where Collectors fail to obtain the accommodation they are placed in positions of great embarrassment.

County Secretaries generally have expressed themselves in favor of modifications in the procedure affecting these aspects of rate collection. As the outcome of discussions and correspondence the Department are prepared to consent to the adoption by any County Council of a Scheme of the nature outlined in the accompanying memorandum. It should be understood, however, that if any Council deems their present

arrangements to be preferable, the Minister is agreeable to their being continued.

Impressed with the importance in the public interest of securing prompt collection and lodgment of rates, the Minister desires that County Councils, whether they adopt the suggestions now made or not, should for the future deal with the Collectors strictly according to the terms of their employment. If any collector fails to qualify for poundage fees under the conditions specified, the Council should be slow to recommend any concession and it should be understood that this policy will be followed by the Department.

It is hoped that where County Councils decide to adopt the new Scheme now suggested they will do so in sufficient time to give effect to the proposals for the year 1927/28.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) E P McCarron,

Runaidhe.

To each County Council.

MEMORANDUM.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Department are prepared to agree to the under-noted terms of remuneration for County Rate Collectors provided that a Bond with solvent personal sureties in the annexed Form (which is a modification of Form 55 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904) is entered into by each Collector in addition to a Fidelity Guarantee from an Insurance Company.

The personal bonds need not secure more than 10% of the average annual warrant or £200 whichever be the greater amount. They should stipulate that no sum exceeding £50 can at any time remain in the hands of the Collector. It should further be understood that in the event of misconduct or failure to discharge his duties properly the personal Bond will first be acted upon by the Council. The Fidelity Guarantee might be a collective one covering all the Council's Collectors, but individual bonds may be provided if desired. The Fidelity Guarantee should cover a substantial portion of the revenue to be collected, say 25% at least. It should be clearly understood that in the case of default the Fidelity Guarantee will operate to cover the final deficit ascertained after the personal Bond has been acted upon, and that the Fidelity Bond will serve to make good any loss that may arise through failure of the personal sureties to defray any or all of their portion.

The Department are aware that the rates of premium charged by Insurance Companies for Fidelity Guarantees vary greatly in amount according to circumstances. It is considered that the safeguard of the initial personal Bond would be welcome to Insurance Companies who would probably agree to give the Fidelity Bond at a reasonable rate of premium. It is believed such accommodation may be arranged in the majority of cases at a uniform rate of about 5s per cent premium. If the Co. Council agree the Minister would be willing that a proportion of this cost might be defrayed from County Funds.

Concerning the remuneration of the Collectors it is proposed that a sliding scale as follows should be adopted:—

FIRST MOIETY IF AMOUNTS ARE LODGED AS FOLLOWS:—

1 Maximum Rate of Poundage, pence per £1, if the following THREE con- ditions are complied with:—	2 A lower Rate of Poundage, pence per £1, if TWO of the following con- ditions AS DESIGNATED be complied with:—	3 A further re- duced pence per £1 rate of poundage.
A.—A lodgment equal to one-third of the first moiety and arrears by 31st July, or at latest two months from the date of notification that the warrant is ready for issue; and	A.—A lodgment equal to one-third of the first moiety and arrears by 31st July, or at latest two months from the date of notification that the warrant is ready for issue; or	If a lodgment equal to the full amount of the 1st moiety and arrears be made by the 31st October but the other conditions be not complied with.
B.—A lodgment equal to four-fifths of the first moiety and arrears by 30th September; and	B.—A lodgment equal to four-fifths of the first moiety and arrears by 30th September; and	
C.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears by 31st October.	C.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears by 31st October.	

In the event of failure to lodge an amount equal to the first moiety and arrears by the 31st October, special sanction will be required to any reduced poundage which the Council may consider would be justified.

8 SECOND MOIETY IF AMOUNTS ARE LODGED AS FOLLOWS:—

1 Maximum Rate of Poundage, pence per £1, if the following THREE con- ditions are complied with:—	2 A lower Rate of Poundage, pence per £1, if TWO of the following con- ditions AS DESIGNATED be complied with:—	3 A further re- duced pence per £1 rate of poundage.
A.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears, together with one-third of the second moiety by 31st December; and	A.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears, together with one-third of the second moiety by 31st December; or	If the condition under heading "C" in the first Column be complied with, but other conditions be not complied with.
B.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears, together with four-fifths of the second moiety by 1st March; and	B.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears, together with four-fifths of the second moiety by 1st March; and	
C.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the warrant for the entire year by 31st March, less credit allowed by the County Secretary, as follows:—	C.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the warrant for the entire year by 31st March, less credit allowed by the County Secretary, as follows:—	
1—Rates in respect of vacant premises for such period as may not be recoverable under Section 9 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Act, 1926.	1—Rates in respect of vacant premises for such period as may not be recoverable under Section 6 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Act, 1926.	
2—Rates levied, but temporarily uncollectible in cases of bankruptcies.	2—Rates levied, but temporarily uncollectible in cases of bankruptcies.	
3—Such other rates believed to be totally irrecoverable as the County Secretary may deem to be irrecoverable for reasons of poverty, but not exceeding at the outside 1% (one per cent.) of the total warrant.	3—Such other rates believed to be totally irrecoverable as the County Secretary may deem to be irrecoverable for reasons of poverty, but not exceeding at the outside 1% (one per cent.) of the total warrant.	
Provided that the claims of the Collectors under these headings be submitted to the County Secretary at latest in the first week of February. Otherwise full lodgment will be necessary.	Provided that the claims of the Collectors under these headings be submitted to the County Secretary at latest in the first week of February. Otherwise full lodgment will be necessary.	

Otherwise special sanction will be required to any reduced rate of poundage which the County Council may consider circumstances would justify.

It will be noted that the proposals contemplate poundage for each half year, and that to qualify for the half year particularly the stipulation is "The lodgment of an amount equal to, etc." This is not a departure from past practice and is in fact a help to efficient collectors. No diligent Collector can have failed to secure at least some portion of the second moiety before the 31st October, and his lodgment of such rates will help him to qualify for the higher rate of commission for the first half year. This is one of the reasons why no concession in relation to vacancies or other irrecoverables can be conceded for the first half year.

It is intended that all such claims shall be dealt with at the end of the financial year. Collectors should all be required to submit their fully completed claims for refunds early in April. The authority given to County Secretaries to deal with **advance** claims will be subject to ratification by and consideration of a duly deputed Committee of the County Council—the Finance Committee is suggested.

It is further considered that the subsequent transmission of such claims to the Department should not be necessary, and that the Committee (and/or) the County Council should deal with them finally subject to review by the Auditor in due course. If the Council agree to these conditions the Minister is willing to assent to the requisite departures from the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1925. In devolving these functions locally the Minister feels sure he can rely on the Councils concerned dealing equitably with the items set down in the claims of the Collectors which should be prepared in the form (53) prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

The Council should take precautions to ensure, before dealing with any such claims for refunds, that particulars of the uncollected rates have been duly posted up by each Collector at such places as the Council shall have prescribed.

County Secretaries should, whether or not the Scheme be adopted, be required to notify each individual Collector of the date when his warrant is ready for issue and the day after such notification should be recorded in a new column (No. 4A) of Form 61 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as the date from which condition "A" in column 1 of the condition regarding poundage for the first moiety shall operate.

The rights of existing permanent Rate Collectors should be considered in arriving at the 3 rates of poundage contemplated (7d, 6d, and 5d are suggested as normally the appropriate rates); and it would seem well that each Collector should be required to signify his acceptance or otherwise of the new terms. By the 31st March next the Council will be in a position to know whether or not the existing Collectors have complied with the terms of their present contracts. If they then have not, they might be offered continuance of service under the new terms provided that they appear to be otherwise satisfactory. Alternatively, the Council should decide to terminate their employment.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we,.....

.....of.....(hereinafter referred to as "the collector"), and.....

.....of.....and.....

.....of.....(hereinafter referred to as "the sureties"), are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to the Council of.....

(hereinafter called "the Council") in the sum of..... to be paid to the Council or to the Treasurer of the Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Treasurer") for which payment to be well and faithfully made, we bind ourselves jointly, and each of us binds himself severally, our and each and every of our heirs, executors, and administrators, and every of them, firmly by those presents, sealed with our Seals.

Dated this.....day of.....in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and.....

WHEREAS the Collector has been duly appointed Collector of Poor Rate by the Council,

AND WHEREAS the collector has been required to enter into security in a bond with two sureties to the Council in penalty hereinbefore mentioned to be conditioned as hereinafter is set forth, and has requested the Sureties to join with him as such sureties in the above Bond, subject to the condition hereinafter contained to which they have assented; and the Council have agreed to accept them as such sureties accordingly.

NOW the condition of this obligation is such that if the Collector do and shall at all times hereafter, whilst he shall be employed in the said office of collector as aforesaid, and until he shall be discharged therefrom by order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister," or by and with his assent, shall

cease and discontinue to hold the said office of collector, comply with all the rules and regulations which are set forth in the Schedule annexed hereto, then the foregoing bond and obligation shall be void.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered by
the above Bounden

In the presence of

(The printed form of this Bond, etc., should be in one document on two double pages.)

WARRANT OF ATTORNEY TO CONFESS JUDGMENT.

To

Gentlemen Solicitors of the High Court of Justice of Saorstát Eireann, or either of them, or to any other Solicitor of the said High Court, or to any other Solicitor of any Division of His Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, Great Britain, or elsewhere.

THESE are to authorize and appoint you, or either of you, to appear for us or any or either of us, for the whole, jointly and severally, and confess one or more Judgment or Judgments at any time whatsoever after the date of these Presents, with stay of Execution until breach shall be made in the performance of the Condition of the Bond hereunto annexed and bearing equal date herewith, in the said High Court of Justice of Saorstát Eireann, or any competent court of law elsewhere, by acknowledging the Action, or otherwise, upon one or more Declaration or Declarations, there to be filed against us, or any or either of us, by himself for the whole, at the suit of THE COUNCIL OF THE...

OF.....upon a Bond of.....
.....Sterling; and for your or any of your so doing, this shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

AND THE CONDITION of the said Bond is such, that if the said Collector do and shall from time to time and at all times hereafter, whilst he shall be employed in the said office of Collector as aforesaid, and until he shall be discharged therefrom by order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") or by and with his assent shall cease and discontinue to hold the said office of collector, comply with all the rules and regulations which are set forth in the schedule annexed hereto, then the foregoing bond and obligation shall be void

AND KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we,
the said

do hereby for us, and each and every of us, by himself for the whole and our and each, and every of our Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, jointly and severally authorize you or any of you, to remise, release, and for ever quit claim, unto the Council, all and all manner of error or errors, or mis prison of error or errors, or erroneous proceedings whatsoever, that are or may be in or about the entering or obtaining the said Judgment or Judgments, or any other the proceedings thereupon; and for what you the said

Solicitors, or any of you, shall do in the premises, this shall be to you and every of you a sufficient authority, and we have expressly named

of
in the County of a Solicitor of the High Court of Justice of Saorstát Eireann and requested him to attend on our behalf to inform us of the nature and effect hereof before executing same, and to witness the due execution hereof by us; and we acknowledge that the said has accordingly attended and informed us of the true nature and effect hereof before such execution. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the day of in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and

(L.S.)
(L.S.)
(L.S.)

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered by
the said

Seal.

in the presence of me
at in the
County of a
Solicitor of the High Court of
Justice of Saorstát Eireann, and I
declare myself to be the Solicitor
for the said

Seal.

and attending at their request,
and having previously to the
execution of this warrant in-
formed them of the nature and
effect thereof, I hereunto sub-
scribe my name as such Solicitor.

Seal.

Solicitor for the parties above
named.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN FOREGOING BOND AND WARRANT OF ATTORNEY TO CONFESS JUDGMENT.

Rules and Regulations to be complied with by the Collector.

1. The Collector shall lodge or cause to be lodged with the Treasurer to the credit of the Council the rates and assessments, as the same shall be comprised in each warrant to be received by the Collector from the Council, in the following manner, that is to say:—
 - (a) A sum equal to the whole of the arrears included in such warrant and the first moiety of the said rates is to be lodged on or before the 31st day of October in the financial year for the service of which the rate or rates is or are estimated to provide.
 - (b) The full amount of the second moiety of the said rates or a sum less than such full amount by the amount of the deductions (if any) permitted under the next rule is to be lodged on or before the 31st March in such financial year.
2. There may be deducted from the full amount of the second moiety of the said rates which is to be lodged on or before the 31st day of March in each financial year, any or all of the following sums, that is to say
 - (a) Any of the said rates which are permanently uncollectable by reason of their having been made in respect of unoccupied buildings.
 - (b) Any of the said rates which cannot be collected before the close of such financial year owing to the bankruptcy of the person on whom such rate was made.
 - (c) Any other of the said rates (not exceeding in all one-hundredth part of the total sum comprised in such warrant) as are permanently uncollectable—

Provided, however, that no such deduction shall be made except in pursuance of a claim made by the Collector before the 7th day of February in such financial year and approved by the Secretary to the Council.

3. The Collector shall pay the amount of the rates collected by him to the Treasurer weekly or oftener if required and at all times whenever the sums collected by him shall amount to £50 (Fifty Pounds) or more.
4. The Collector shall at all times when required to do so, deliver, to the person or persons authorised to require the same, true and perfect accounts, in writing, under his hand, of all monies which have been received by him by virtue of his office of Collector and of all moneys paid by him to the Treasurer, together with the proper vouchers for such payment, and shall verify his account on oath when thereunto lawfully required and shall deliver to such person or persons as aforesaid on being thereunto required, all the books, papers, and writings in his custody, power, or procurement, relating to the affairs of the Council, and shall immediately thereupon pay such moneys as upon the balance of any account or accounts shall appear to be in his hands to the Treasurer.
5. The Collector shall not commit, or cause or suffer to be done or committed, any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, whereby or by means whereof the Council shall or may, or can be wronged, defrauded, or prejudiced in respect to any of the rates and assessments aforesaid or in respect of any of the duties of his office as collector.
6. The Collector shall in all other respects duly, fully, and faithfully observe, obey, perform, fulfil, and keep all the enactments, laws, rules, and regulations contained in the Acts which are or shall be at any time

in force relating to the collection of such rates, or in any Order of the Minister touching and concerning the Collection of Rate, and shall duly and faithfully execute and discharge all the duties of his office as Collector as prescribed by any Order of the Minister in force for the time being and otherwise by law.

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

Resolved—That having carefully considered the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 10th December, 1926, and the accompanying suggested Scheme for the Collection of Poor Rate, we are unanimously of opinion that no change from the Council's scheme at present in operation is desirable.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " M Fleming; and

Resolved—That the Order of the Council made on the 8th June, 1925, dealing with the insurance of carters and stonebreakers under the unemployment and National Insurance Acts, be rescinded, and that the appeals be proceeded with.

Passed on a show of hands by eleven votes to eight.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., was adjourned until Councillor Byrne should be present:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that nine representatives of this Council be appointed on the Joint Technical Instruction Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Area and Bri Chualann Urban Area; and that the money raised from the rates for Technical Education and Irish in Rathdown No. 2 Area be after the 1st April 1927, paid to the account of the above Joint Committee."

David Frame

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th February, 1927.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman;
Councillors Edward Byrne, D H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, P J Cullen, George Heatley, James Kavanagh, William J Henry P J Carey, Sean de Barra, W J Doyle, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Metcalfe, M Fleming, J J Metcalfe, John Kennedy, Daniel J Kehoe, George Fisher, and Joseph Burke.

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 Public Assistance.
- 3—To consider Proposals for Payments 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 the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J Redmond:—
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Resolution passed at our Meeting held on the 16th November, 1925, be rescinded, and that the remission of the rates be allowed under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, as from its inception, instead of date in original Resolution—viz., 1st April, 1925."
- 9—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.:—
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that nine representatives of this Council be appointed on the Joint Technical Instruction Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Area and Bri Chualann Urban Area; and that the money raised from the rates for Technical Education and Irish in Rathdown No. 2 Area be after the 1st April, 1927, paid to the account of the above Joint Committee."
- 10—To consider an Application for a Cinematograph Licence from the Secretary, Imaal Hall Committee, Dunlavin, in respect of that building.
- 11—To consider an Application from the Trustees of the Trafalgar Hall, Greystones, for a renewal of the Cinematograph Licence for that building.
- 12—To consider a letter from Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst, requesting that if the Council find themselves unable to increase her salary they should at least give her a reasonable amount of work to do.
- 13—To Execute engrossed Deed and Memorial, vesting Kilcoole

old Church in the Commissioners of Public Works under the Ancient Monuments Protection Acts.

14—To fill two vacancies created on County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture by the resignation of Mr William Cullen and the death of Mr G P Manning.

15—To fill five vacancies existing on Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

16—To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st December, 1926.

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

18—To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1928.

19—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

20—To receive Reports from County Officers.

21—To consider Official Correspondence.

22—To consider General Correspondence.

The Council heard a Deputation which was present, consisting of the Very Rev Father Connell, P.P., Avoca, and Mr T P McGann, a representative of the Irish Tourist Association. Mr McGann spoke at some length as to the possibilities of the tourist traffic in the economic salvation of the country. He believed that as an industry it came second only to the staple industry, agriculture, and had the advantage of not requiring

capital expenditure, while it assisted in the most effective way towards the relief of taxation by increasing the capacity of the people to pay. Consequently the amount of any monies applied out of the rates towards the attraction of tourists to the country would be negligible in comparison with the returns. Switzerland and other European countries found it to their interest to spend immense sums in publicity work in the United States in this connection, while heretofore the Irish Tourist Association, existing only on the voluntary contributions of its members, had found it totally impossible to provide the considerable sums necessary for publicity work in that country, which was only one possible field for activity. He asked the Council to strike a $\frac{1}{4}$ rate for the forthcoming financial year to assist the development of the tourist traffic.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That a rate of one half-penny in the Pound be included in the Estimates for the year 1927-1928 by the Secretary, the proceeds thereof to be devoted to the work of advertising internationally the attractions of County Wicklow for tourists by the Irish Tourist Development Association.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley ; and

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

That only one farthing in the £ be raised for this purpose.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—7.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, J J Barry, James Everett, T.D. ; and John J Kennedy—14.

The amendment having been declared lost by fourteen votes against to seven for, a poll was thereupon called for on the original motion, and it was found that the members present voted as follows :—

FOR THE MOTION :—Councillors J J Bourne, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Joseph Burke, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, J J Barry, James Everett, T.D. ; and John J Kennedy—11.

AGAINST—Councillors P J Carey, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, W J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—10.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion passed by eleven votes to ten.

The Council having been informed that Mr James Butler, Aughrim, was present on behalf of the unemployed in Aughrim district, decided to hear him. He represented to the Council the plight of these unemployed, saying that Aughrim had been rather severely treated in being allocated none of the grants which had shortly before been expended elsewhere in the County, and asked the Council if they could do anything towards providing the work so badly needed in this district. The Council intimated that there would be no funds available for expenditure in the district until the 1st April, 1927, but that after that whatever was possible would be done.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 24th January, 1927.

The following members attended :

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne and John J Kennedy.

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

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	11827	16	10
(Former) Balinglass No. 1	2241	0	7
" Rathdown No. 2	510	9	8
" Rathdrum	459	19	4
" Shillelagh	1554	17	3
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

ncil to make the following transfers on foot of same :—

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1927.

County Board of Assistance	£6,500	0	0
County Board of Public Health	930	0	0

QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE, 1927.

County Board of Assistance	£8,196	0	0
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The Committee referred for consideration to the Special Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 31st January, 1927, a Scheme for the future Collection of Poor Rate suggested by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, which Scheme is given in full in the Minutes of the Special Meeting referred to.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—

15th December, 1926, No. G.57939/1926, Wicklow County. A Chara.—With reference to the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Wicklow County Council on the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer you to the very great length of time that the arrears of old rates, extending back to the year 1921, have been outstanding. It is understood that in a number of the collection districts concerned the matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor for attention a very long time ago, and the Minister must express his serious displeasure at the protracted delay which has ensued. Mise, le meas. (Signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Referred to the Solicitor to have the matters in his hands speeded up.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—

Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow. 13th January, 1927. P T Healy, Esq. Sir.—Please bring before next meeting Co. Council my application to have my case settled. I wish to make the following statement: I owe Co. Council £50 I received as part-payment from H Fennell, Ballybeg. I had same entered on receipt also. Mr Healy found some detached receipts in one of books and he gave me credit for them, belonging to Mr G Doyle, Killyballyowen. I believe the amount is about £5. I owe Council that money. Honestly, as to the £131 robbed from me is it fair to make me pay money lost under such circumstances. My only mistake is I did not report it, my reason for not doing so was the difficult times we were living in and the danger to my own life. Now as to what Co. Council owe me, I believe I am entitled to 7d in £1 for some part of collection and I am only to be paid at the rate of 6d. I am also entitled to fees for Jurors Lists and £14 7s money paid by me for which Council got decrees. I sent in my resignation and in three weeks after I was dismissed by L.G.B. I suppose it was the easiest way to turn out a man that went into the fight when men were wanted. At that time I could have retired on pension under Section 8 L.G.B. Act. But after 17 years' service Co. Council will justice done to me. I am, Sir, faithfully yours. (Signed) Charles Byrne.

ORDER. Referred to Solicitor for immediate report.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—

22nd November, 1926, No. G.48593/1926, Wicklow County. A

Chara.—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wicklow County Council on the 23rd of August last relative to the replacement of certain documents of the Balinglass No. 1 Rural District Council destroyed in the Workhouse, and in connection therewith I am to state that the sum which the County Council propose to pay their Solicitor, viz—£1900 appears to be excessive. The cottage agreements on the prescribed form might be filled up in the office of the Secretary to the County Board of Health. It is understood that certified copies of the Land Registry folios may be obtained from that Department at trifling cost. As regards the cost of reconstituting the title deeds and leases, it might be considered whether the scale set out in the Statutory Rules and Orders, 1924 (No. 30) will apply. The Minister further desires to point out that the Council's proposal to expend £1900 out of the award of £2000 leaves a balance of only £100 for the remaining items of the claim. The Minister understands from the Department of Finance that it was contemplated that a sum of approximately £860 was earmarked for such items as furniture, books, etc.—Mise, le meas. (signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

ORDER. Referred to Law Agent for report.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 17th January, 1927, from the National Health Insurance Commission, stating that the actual deficit on the Sanatorium Benefit Fund for the treatment of tuberculosis in respect to the year 1923 exceeded the estimated deficit by £14 12s 5d, and asking the Council to accept additional liability for half that sum.

ORDER. The Committee recommend that the sum of £7 6s 2d be paid in this connection for the year 1923.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects, 102/103 Grafton Street, Dublin, intimating that Balinglass Courthouse was finished and ready for occupation, that the work had been carried out in accordance with the plan and specification, and that the insurance would require renewal immediately.

ORDER.—Noted ; the Committee recommend that the Secretary's action in arranging for the insurance of this Courthouse be approved.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, advising the Council that the Contract and Bond in connection with Bri Chualann Courthouse have been duly completed, and stating that he sees no objection to the Contractor's application to have the time for completion extended to the 31st July, 1927.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that this extension be granted.

The Committee had under consideration a letter to the County Surveyor from Messrs Ogden Brothers, "Glenholme," Bri Chualann, desiring to purchase 8 or 10 tons of Whitelock chippings, and also a letter from the County Surveyor stating that it would be possible to let them have the quantity they required, the prices being :—6/6 ex-White Rock Quarry ; 9/6 from Depot, Tinahely.

ORDER—Chippings to be sold at price quoted by County Surveyor. The Secretary submitted a series of letters from Mrs M Short, Valli Pacis, Newtown-Mt-Kennedy, claiming pensions on behalf of her husband

in respect of his positions as clerk in the County Surveyor's Office and as secretary to the former Newcastle School Attendance Committee.

ORDER—The Committee regret they are unable to accede to these applications.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 31st December, 1926, from the Office of National Education, enclosing a copy of a circular letter which they had sent to each School Attendance Committee to be abolished on the 31st December, 1926, as a result of the School Attendance Act, 1926, coming into operation on the 1st January, 1927. Attention was drawn in the circular to sub-sections 3 and 4 of Section 26 of that Act, as follows :—

26 (3). Immediately upon the commencement of this Act every school attendance committee appointed under the Irish Education Act, 1892, and existing at the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be dissolved and, save as is otherwise provided by this Act, the moneys and other assets and the liabilities of every such committee shall by virtue of this Act be transferred to and vest in and be discharged by the council or body by which the expenses of such committee were defrayed under that Act.

26 (4). Immediately upon the commencement of this Act the officers then existing of every school attendance committee appointed under the Irish Education Act, 1892, and existing at the commencement of this Act shall, save as is otherwise provided by this Act, be deemed to have been removed from their respective offices and shall be paid by the council or body by which the expenses of such committee were defrayed under that Act compensation in accordance with a scale to be fixed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health after consultation with the Minister for Education but not exceeding in any case one-tenth of the annual salary of the officer for every completed year of his service, such salary being calculated at the rate of salary of which the officer was in receipt on the 1st day of November, 1925.

The Secretary also submitted letters in the same connection from Mr Patrick Byrne, Secretary, Baltinglass and Kiltegan School Attendance Committee, Mr P Cunnam, Secretary Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee, and Mrs M Hayden, Secretary, Blessington School Attendance Committee. The Committee noted that from Mrs M Hayden's letter dated 17th December, 1926, it would appear that the School Attendance Officer for her Committee, Mr John Moore, had resigned and refused to attend any more meetings.

ORDER—Each Secretary of a School Attendance Committee to be requested to collect, certify, and forward to the Secretary of the Council the claim of each officer of his Committee for a gratuity.

The Committee had under consideration a letter dated 29th September, 1926, from Mr Samuel French, Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, which had been referred to them by the County Council and in which it was stated that in view of the manner in which posters had been pasted all over Greystones, the Society found it necessary to request the Council to pass a bye-law restricting the display of such posters, in order that the police would have power to take action.

ORDER—The Committee consider that an adequate case has not been made out to show the necessity for framing a bye-law.

The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to the ever increasing cost of administering the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in the County, and suggested the possibility of effecting economy by having surplus samples taken by the Inspectors conveyed to the County Home, and by having the bottles cleaned by inmates of the Home so that they could be used again. When a sufficient number of samples had collected in any area in the County, the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in that area could let the Secretary have a list of same, and then the Secretary of the County Board of Health could direct the ambulance driver to call for the samples on his next journey in that direction.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the Secretary's suggestion as to the disposal of Food and Drugs samples and for the cleansing of bottles be carried into effect.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

3rd February, 1927.

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 James Kavanagh ;

Seconded by Councillor P J Carey ;

Resolved—That having reviewed the letter received from Mr Charles Byrne, ex-Poor Rate Collector, regarding the unlodged monies of his Poor Rate collections, we refer this case for consideration by Councillors C M Byrne, T.D. ; James Everett, T.D. ; W J Doyle, J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, and P J Carey at an early meeting, they to report specially to the Council thereafter, the County Solicitor to take no step meantime regarding the enforcing by legal methods of the lodgment of the outstanding sum, amounting to £584 approximately.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,

Seconded by " George Fisher ;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the Quarters ending 31st March, 1927, and 30th June, 1927, 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 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 4th February, 1927.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne, James Everett, T.D. ; and John J Kennedy.

The Committee had under consideration the following Additional

Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment :—

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£6219 10s 7d.

The Reports of the various Deputy Checkers, on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of the Poor Rate Collections, were examined by the Committee, and initialled by the Chairman, and in this connection an order was made that Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and Garret Byrne be asked to attend the next fortnightly meeting of the Committee, and to bring with them the collection books for all unclosed collections for examination.

(Signed) David H Haskins,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

11th February, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by Councillor J J Kennedy ;

Resolved—That 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 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 £11,827 16s 10d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor George Fisher ;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the former Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District amounting to £2241 0s 7d (any modification 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 " Joseph Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £510 9s 8d (any modification 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 John J Kennedy ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the former Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £459 19s 4d (any modification made therein having

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

(former) SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the former Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £1554 17s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;

Seconded by Councillor W J Doyle ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to 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 " William Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals, for Payment amounting to £6219 10s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by Councillor John J Kennedy ;

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 letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):

2nd February, 1927, No. RGM/201. Road Maintenance Grants 1927/1928. A Chara. 1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under consideration the question of making grants from the Road Fund towards the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads during the ensuing financial year. By "Upkeep" is meant the ordinary average work done on the roads. The term does not include special works, establishment charges or charges for loans expended in former years.

2. Hitherto all grants made from the Road Fund have in general been given for works of improvement of Trunk Roads. The Grants made since 1923 now total over £2,000,000 while under the National Road Scheme a further £2,000,000 will be expended within the next few years. Although it is the aim of the Minister to continue to make grants for improvement he is of opinion that the work which has been carried out within the past three years and the special work for which provision has been made under the National Scheme permit the allocation of portion of the Road Fund to upkeep charges. He has decided to recommend to the

Minister for Finance that a total sum of about £200,000 shall be set apart for this purpose in respect of the year 1927/1928.

3. The total sum allowed by County Councils for upkeep alone of roads during the present financial year (1926/1927) amounts to about £529,000 over the sum expended on actual road upkeep in 1913/1914. The bringing in of a sum of £200,000 towards upkeep would reduce the excess over the 1913/14. figures by 88 per cent.

4. From the particulars supplied to this Department last year by the County Surveyor the amount allowed by the County Council for the upkeep of Main Roads was £30841 apportioned as follows:—

Main Roads which are Trunk Roads	...	£12354
Other Main Roads	...	18487
Total	...	£30841

On the assumption that the amount to be allowed under this head for these roads for 1927/28 will be same as that for 1926/27 the grant towards upkeep of Main Roads in your County for the ensuing financial year will be £11723 calculated on the basis of 50 per cent of the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads which are Trunk Roads and 30 per cent in the case of other Main Roads.

5. It will be appreciated that if the expenditure is less than that allowed by the Council for 1926/27 the grant of £11723 would give higher percentages than those set out. Higher percentages cannot, however, be authorised and in such cases the total amount of grant will be reduced to such sum as the percentages of 50 and 30 represent on the expenditure.

6. Any saving on the payments in respect of grants for upkeep will remain available in the Fund for distribution as grants for improvement.

7. In some few cases Councils have already determined their estimates for the ensuing financial year. No alteration need be made as the grants will be available for increasing the sum set aside for the year, reducing the next estimates or for purposes of improvement. In cases where the estimates have not been determined it will be open to the Council to have regard to the grants (bearing in mind the percentages which the grants represent) indicated i.e., to assume that 50 per cent of

the total cost of maintaining Main Roads which are Trunk Roads, and 30 per cent in the case of the remaining Main Roads which are not Trunk Roads, will be borne by grant, subject to the maximum grant stated in each case.

8. The grants will ordinarily be paid in instalments quarterly on statements of expenditure. It should be understood that where the return is reported by the Department's Inspectors to be inadequate for the expenditure the grant will be subject to disallowance or reduction according to the degree of inadequacy.

9. It is hoped to notify at an early date particulars of grants for works of improvement apart from the work to be carried out under the National Road Scheme.

10. Requisition forms will be issued in due course. *Mise, le meas* (signed) E P Carron, Runaidhe. The Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

ORDER—Noted, the Deputation from the Council to again wait upon the Ministry so as to ascertain the exact figures of the grants for 1927 and 1928, before the Meeting of the Council at which the Rates would be struck.

Councillor Fleming drew the Council's attention to the dangerous condition of Knockloe bridge, on the Shillelagh-Tullow road, and the Council considered satisfactory the County Surveyor's explanation that the work had been delayed by the necessity for repairing a neighbouring bridge, but would be begun at an early date.

A Memorial was submitted from the ratepayers of the Meetings district, regarding the dangerous condition of the road between Raheenavine and Coolafake.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

15th January, 1927, from John Bagnall, Dunlavin, regarding the alleged excessive cost of painting certain of the Council's watercarts, which he would have painted for less.

ORDER—Noted, the County Surveyor having intimated that tenders for this work were invited locally and the lowest accepted.

9th February, 1927, from William Byrne, Killoughter, Ashford, seeking permission to erect a protective pailing outside his house.

ORDER—Permission granted, provided the pailing is erected to the approval of the County Surveyor.

10th February, 1927, from George Griffin, Coolroe, Tinahely, enclosing copies of resolutions passed by Coolboy ratepayers regarding (i) the condition of the road from Tinahely railway station towards Shillelagh and (ii) the condition of the road from Kilcavan Gap to Kennystown.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.
Passed.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J Redmond was deferred until Councillor Redmond should he present:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Resolutions passed at our Meeting held on the 16th November, 1925, be rescinded, and that the remission of the rates be allowed under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, as from its inception, instead of date in original Resolution—viz, 1st April, 1925."

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, T D, was again deferred until Councillor Byrne should be present, a letter having been submitted from him stating that he had an important engagement and could not attend the Meeting:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that nine representatives of this Council be appointed on the Joint Technical Instruction Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Area and Bri Chualann Urban Area; and that the money raised from the rates for Technical Education and Irish in Rathdown No. 2 Area be after the 1st April 1927, paid to the account of the above Joint Committee."

Consideration of a resolution from Wicklow Urban District Council protesting against the County being divided for technical instruction purposes was also deferred until the foregoing Notice of Motion came under consideration.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I or some member on my behalf will at the Special Meeting of this Council to be held in March, 1927, move the following Motion: That the recommendation of the Joint Conference of Representatives of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture and the Bri Chualann Technical Instruction Committee held on 22nd October, 1926, viz, that a Joint Technical Instruction Committee be set up by the Wicklow and Bri Chualann Councils for the purposes of Technical Instruction in the areas of Bri Chualann and Rathdown No. 2, having been adopted by the Wicklow County Council on 17th January, 1927, and by the Bri Chualann Urban District Council on 7th December, 1926, we hereby Resolve and it is Resolved:

That a Joint Committee as recommended in the said report and

pursuant to Section 14 (2) of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, be appointed for the purposes of the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891 and the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Act, 1889, consisting of seventeen members, of whom nine shall represent the County Council and be resident in the Rathdown No. 2 area and of whom eight shall represent the Urban Council.

That all powers of this Council under the above mentioned Acts be delegated to the Joint Committee hereby appointed except the power to borrow money or raise rates.

That the Rates raised for the purposes of Technical Instruction in these areas be paid over to this Committee.

And that this Committee come into operation when its members are appointed by the respective Councils.

That the following members be appointed to represent this Council on the said Joint Committee, viz:—

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 29th January, 1927, from Mr John Cunningham, Secretary, Innaal Hall Committee, Dunlavin, stating that that Committee intend to run a cinematograph entertainment in the Hall.

ORDER—The Committee to send in a plan of the Hall.

An application was also submitted from the Trustees of the Trafalgar Hall, Greystones, for renewal of the Cinematograph Licence for that building.

ORDER—The Trustees to send in a plan of the Hall.

The Secretary read a lengthy letter dated 1st Feb., 1927, from Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., County Analyst, regarding the excessive amount of work which she was called upon to do for Wicklow County Council. She had analysed 439 samples during the quarter ending 31st December, 1926, and this average appeared to be still being kept up, while for other counties she was only called upon to analyse from 200 to 400 samples per annum. Moreover, she received considerably higher fees from other counties. Wexford County Council paid her the lowest rate per sample and if the present average in this County was kept up she would be doing four times as much work for Wicklow as for Wexford, and would be getting paid less. At present she was doing samples at the rate of 1s 1d per

sample for County Wicklow, and the cost to her of some of the samples in chemicals alone (apart from the cost of running a laboratory with fully qualified assistants) was double that amount.

Miss Phyllis Ryan, who was present, was heard by the Council, and emphasised the impossibility of her position under existing circumstances.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That Wicklow County Council views with alarm the steadily increasing cost of administering the Food and Drugs Acts in the County, and consequently we hereby suggest to the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána the advisability of endeavouring to limit the number of samples taken for analysis and sent to the County Analyst by the ex-officio Inspectors of Food and Drugs to three hundred within a period of any one year, and that a copy of this Resolution be also sent to the Secretary to the County Board of Health regarding the samples of drugs which the officers of that Board forward for analysis.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the Deed and Memorial submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works, in connection with the vesting in them by the Council of Kilcoole old Church under the Ancient Monuments Protection Acts, be Signed by our Chairman and Secretary, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council, and that the affidavit endorsed on the Memorial be sworn by our Secretary before the District Justice at the earliest opportunity.

Passed.

A draft Agreement was submitted from the Law Department, Great Southern Railways, Kingsbridge Terminus, Dublin, in connection with the setting back of the Company's fence beside the road near Rathnew, rendered necessary consequent upon road widening operations.

ORDER—Approved—the County Surveyor and the Law Agent having intimated that there is nothing therein prejudicial to the interests of the County Council.

A letter dated 31st January, 1927, was submitted from the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, notifying two vacancies on his Committee created by the resignation of William Cullen, and the death of Mr G P Manning.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby elect (i) John J Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow (ii) John Hudson, Kilquade House, Greystones, on the County Committee of Agriculture, to fill the vacancies created on that Committee by the resignation of Mr William Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford, and the death of Mr G P Manning, Newcastle.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted two letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 6th November, 1926, No. G.5145/26, and 8th February, 1927, No. G.5448/1927, respectively, calling the Council's attention to the unsatisfactory condition of their Poor

Rate Collections as a whole, noting the particularly backward condition of the collections of Messrs P J Doyle, John Manley, Garret Byrne, John Byrne, J J Porter, and Denis J Kinsella, and suggesting the Council should take effective steps to compel the collectors to close their Warrants within a reasonable time, in view of the Council's unsatisfactory financial position.

ORDER—Referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Henry drew the Council's attention to the intensification of financial difficulty brought about in his district by the incidence of the Tramway rate in that district, and a prolonged discussion ensued. It was finally arranged that the three Teachtaí Dála for the County, with the Chairman, Councillor Henry, and, if necessary, the Secretary, wait upon the Directors of the Dublin United Tramway Company, to find out what exactly they intended to do regarding the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, and to inform them that if they do not give some reasonable undertaking to take over this Tramway, the County Wicklow representatives in the Dail must oppose their Bill at present before the Oireachtas. The Secretary was directed to write to the Dublin United Tramways Company, asking them to fix a date for the reception of the above-mentioned Deputation.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor John Barry;

That we, the Wicklow County Council, call on the Deputies for the County, Messrs Byrne, Everett and Wilson, to vote against any clause in the Licensing Bill now being introduced in Dail Eireann, that is calculated to adversely affect the tourist traffic throughout this country, as we are convinced that this aspect of the said Bill has not been considered as yet in all its far-reaching implications by either the Liquor Commission or the Executive. That in the interests of the agricultural community we call for an immediate reduction in the Beer and Spirit duties.

The Chairman ruled this motion out of order.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Clerk to Howth Urban District Council, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Council, regarding the obscurity of the common law relating to right-of-way, and calling for definite statute law on the subject, so that private owners shall not have the power to prevent tourists and holiday makers from having access to beauty spots and holiday amenities.

ORDER—Read.

A letter was submitted from the National Health Insurance Commission, dated 7th February, 1927, No. 1464/26.Wk, notifying a vacancy on the County Insurance Committee by reason of the disqualification of Councillor David Frame, and asking for the name and address of the person appointed in his stead, as that person would hold office only from the date on which the Commission declare him appointed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby elect Councillor J J Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow, as a representative of this Council on County Wicklow Insurance Committee, to fill the vacancy created by the disqualification of Councillor David Frame.

Passed.

An application dated 6th February, 1927, was submitted from the

Superioress, Loreto Convent, Gorey, for the renewal of the Secondary School Scholarship awarded to Miss Ellen Kearney, which was discontinued in 1925 in consequence of the refusal of the Minister of Education to sanction renewal.

ORDER—Referred to Finance Committee.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 10th February, 1927, No. F.14249, from the Office of National Education, inquiring whether the Council have decided to submit a Scheme of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools for 1927, and enclosing copy of amended syllabus for the qualifying examinations for those Scholarships.

ORDER—Read.

An application was submitted from N P Murphy, Timahely, dated 9th February, 1927, for the use of Timahely Courthouse for the purpose of holding a concert therein in aid of a parochial fund.

ORDER—Granted—the Secretary to arrange for the re-insurance of the building, so that the policy may cover the additional fire risks involved by holding occasional concerts, etc, therein.

A letter dated 18th December, 1926, was submitted from Thomas Tancered, clerk, Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub Committee, notifying five vacancies on that Sub Committee, and giving the names and addresses of five persons recommended by the Sub-Committee to fill same.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by Councillor W J Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mrs M Hoyn, Main Street, Arklow; Captain Dudley Clare Robinson, Ovoca Manor, Avoca; Captain Thomas Tyrrell, Coolgreany Road, Arklow; Thomas E Greene, Main Street, Arklow; and Denis J Kavanagh, Main Street, Arklow, to fill the four vacancies created on Arklow Old Age Pensions Sub Committee by the disqualification of Joseph Clarke, Ballanagh, Avoca; Laurence Wolohan, Ballintemple, Avoca; Rev J M Robinson, Ovoca Manor, Avoca; and Daniel New, Main Street, Arklow; and the one other vacancy previously existing on that Sub-Committee.

Passed.

The County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1926, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow during the Quarter ending the 31st December, 1926.

3 Drugs, Avoca, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 do, Rathdrum, genuine; 3 do, Dunlavin, genuine; 4 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Newcastle, genuine; 3 do, Co. Hospital, genuine; 3 do, Wicklow, genuine; 2 do, Blessington, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 do, Powerscourt, genuine; 3 do Bray No. 1, genuine; 2 do, Co. Home, Rathdrum, genuine; 3 do, Annamoe, genuine; 3 do, Avoca, genuine; 3 do, Arklow, genuine; 4 new milks, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 1 flake meal, do, genuine; 2 sugars, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 2 tea, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 6 teas, Blessington, Sergeant Olwill, genuine; 6 sugars, do, genuine; 3 flours, do, genuine; 3 rices, do, genuine; 1 shell cocoa, do, genuine; 2 rums, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 brandy, do, not genuine; 1 raspberry cordial, do, genuine; 1 peppermint, do, genuine; 5 whiskeys, Bray, Guard Stanton, 4 genuine, 1 not genuine; 2 new milks, Rathdrum, Sergt Cartwright, genuine; 2 butters, do, do; 1 margarine, do; 3 new milk, Aughrim, Sergt Long, genuine; 1 butter, do, genuine; 4 butters, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 cheese, do, genuine; 1 tea, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 coffee, do, genuine; 1 raspberry, do, genuine; 1

new milk, do, genuine; 1 margarine, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, genuine; 1 butter, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 1 new milk, do, genuine; 5 new milks, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 3 new milks, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 3 whiskeys, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, genuine; 2 new milks, do, genuine; 3 whiskeys, Bray, Guard Stanton, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 whiskeys, do, genuine; 2 teas, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 2 cocoas, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 2 port wines, do, genuine; 2 ginger wines, do, genuine; 1 rum, do, genuine; 1 brandy, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 6 new milks, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 4 butters, do, genuine; 1 new milk, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 cocoa, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 3 butters, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 1 tea, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 jam, do, genuine; 5 butters, Arklow, Sergeant McEvady, 4 genuine, 1 not genuine; 2 butters, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 1 margarine, Shillelagh, Sergeant Murray, genuine; 3 butters, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 5 new milks, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 butter, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 2 butters, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine; 2 sugars, do, genuine; 2 teas, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, genuine; 3 whiskeys, Shillelagh, Sergeant Murray, genuine; 1 butter, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 cheese, ditto, genuine; 1 whiskey, ditto, genuine; 1 sugar, ditto, genuine; 9 new milks, Bray, Guard Stanton, genuine; 2 teas, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 2 sugars, do, genuine; 1 jam, do, genuine; 1 cocoa, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 jam, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, genuine; 4 jams, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 4 teas, do, genuine; 4 butters, do, genuine; 4 margarines, do, 3 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 new milks, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 1 cream of tartar, do, genuine; 1 flake meal, do, genuine; 3 teas, do, genuine; 1 Java rice, do, genuine; 3 sugars, do, genuine; 2 bread sodas, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 port wine, do, genuine; 1 ginger wine, do, genuine; 2 butters, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, genuine; 1 cocoa, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, genuine; 2 new milks, do, genuine; 2 butters, genuine; 1 wine, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 2 butters, do, genuine; 1 cheese, genuine; 1 new milk, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, not genuine; 1 dripping, do, genuine; 5 new milks, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, genuine; 2 margarines, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 2 butters, do, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, genuine; 2 sugars, do, genuine; 1 jam, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 butter, do, genuine; 2 whiskeys, do, genuine; 4 butters, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 3 new milks, do, genuine; 3 butters, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 1 dripping, do, genuine; 2 linseed meal, do, genuine; 1 Glauber salts, do, genuine; 2 Epsom Salts, do, genuine; 1 tea, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 marmalade, do, genuine; 1 jam, do, do; 1 butter, do, do; 1 cheese, do, do; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 1 coffee, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 cocoa, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do; 1 lard, Rathdrum, Sergt Cartwright, genuine; 1 butter, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, genuine; 1 cheese, genuine; 2 butters, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 2 butters, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine; 1 new milk, do, genuine; 2 whiskeys, do, genuine; 2 butters, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 coffee, do, genuine; 1 jam, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 2 margarines, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 2 butters, do, genuine; 6 new milks, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 margarine, do, genuine; 2 butters, do, genuine; 3 sugars, do, genuine; 1 lemon soda, do, genuine; 1 lemonade, do, genuine; 4 butters, Bray, Guard Stanton, genuine; 4 butters, do, genuine; 2 butters, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine; 2 margarines, do, genuine; 1 jam, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 cheese, do, genuine; 2 butters, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 2 butters, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 5 new milks, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 3 buttermilks, Arklow, Sergeant McEvady, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 new milks, do, genuine; 1 butter, genuine; 5 new milks, do, genuine; 1 tea, Dunlavin, Sergeant

Callan, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 brandy, do, genuine; 3 whiskeys, do, genuine; 3 port wines, do, genuine; 3 ginger wines, do, genuine; 5 new milks, Arklow, Sergeant McEvady, 4 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 new milks, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 1 flour, do, genuine; 2 rices, do, genuine; 1 tapioca, genuine; 1 breadsoda, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, genuine; 6 new milks, Blessington, Sergeant Olwill, genuine; 1 port wine, do, genuine; 1 ginger wine, do, genuine; 1 sherry wine, do, genuine; 4 sugars, do, genuine; 3 rices, do, genuine; 3 breadsodas, do, genuine; 3 flours, do, genuine; 1 water, Arklow, U.D.C. passed. Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Drugs 41, Foods 397, Waters 1. Number adulterated—Drugs 2, Brandy 1, Whiskeys 2, Butters 7, Margarine 1, Buttermilks 1, New Milks 1. Total 15. Date 25-1-1927.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor William J. Henry;

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. 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.
Robert Spain, Donard.
Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan.
Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum.
P. J. Graham, Knockananna.
J. W. Hanbridge, 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 following Notices of Motion were handed in by Councillor D. Haskins, and accepted by the Chairman:—

(i) "I hereby give Notice that I or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that inasmuch as the code of laws dealing with Malicious Injury Claims at present in operation in the Free State in many cases presses severely and inequitably on the ratepayers, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby call upon the Government to introduce legislation repealing these laws, with a view to ensuring that any owner of property who fails to insure adequately his property against loss arising through any cause shall not have any legal redress at the expense of the

ratepayers or any section of the ratepayers in his County, and we hereby request each County Council and T.D. in the Free State to exercise all the pressure within their power upon the Government to give effect to the terms of this Resolution."

(ii) "I hereby give Notice that I or some Councillor for me will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the County Council of the County of Wicklow, are of opinion that it is full time that legislation should be introduced by the Government making it compulsory on every motor owner to produce for the inspection of Local Taxation Officers, on each occasion that he or she is registering or licensing a motor vehicle, an adequate fully paid-up policy showing that the car is insured at least against third party risks, so that a stop may be put to the ever increasing number of cases where motor accidents occur and the sufferers subsequently find it to be impossible to legally compel the owner of the motor vehicle causing the accident to pay suitable compensation for the injuries, etc., inflicted, a copy of this Resolution to be sent to each County Council and T.D. in the Free State."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

3rd December, 1926, No. R.B/33, approving of the amended Scheme for the expenditure of the loan of £6000 obtained by the Council for the relief of unemployment.

21st January, 1927, No. SR/1, directing that where road works are being carried out by means of grants suitable Notice Boards should be erected on the roadside for the information of the public indicating that the works are being carried out under Road Fund Grants, the cost of such Notice Boards to be charged against the appropriate Grants.

21st January, 1927, No. R/SGR/33, stating that the Minister has no objection to half the total quantity of stone required for the present road work from Mr Manning's gate to the Meetings being supplied from Ballinacarrig Quarry.

24th January, 1927, No. 2887/1927, sanctioning the appointment of Mr Geoffrey Phibbs as County Librarian.

24th January, 1927, No. G.2888/1927, stating that the Minister sees no reason for altering his decision in regard to the claim of Mrs Mary A. McDonnell for superannuation allowance.

28th January, 1927, from the Department of Education, summary of the provisions of the School Attendance Act, 1926, and the various statutory orders issued thereunder.

9th December, 1926, from Councillor W. J. Henry, Burgage More, Blessington, enclosing letter from Mrs Bradley, 23 Earl's Court Square, London, S.W.5, giving her consent as land lord to any steps the Office of Public Works may take for the preservation of the old stone cross in Burgage.

4th January, 1927, from the President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, reporting favourably on the progress and conduct during the last school term of John A. O'Grady, one of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders.

10th January, 1927, from the Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council,

intimating that that Council intend to strike a $\frac{1}{4}$ rate in support of the County Circulating Library Scheme for the forthcoming financial year.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Tircanail County Council, asking the Government to give effect to the recommendations of the Grain Conference.

From Kilmacanoge Branch of the County Wicklow Farmers' Union, asking the Council to reduce the rates for the coming year by at least 2s in the £, and that if necessary to attain that end they should refuse to pay for Main Roads.

From Wexford County Council, asking the Government to pass legislation to prevent the importation and circulation of irreligious and filthy literature.

From Dublin County Council, expressing the view that County Councils should not be held responsible for defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

From Shillelagh School Attendance Committee, regarding the desirability of having the former Fever Hospital building in Shillelagh put into repair for the treatment of fever patients.

From Wexford County Council, calling on the Government to seek parliamentary powers to enable the Office of Public Works to take over ancient and historic monuments in order to provide for their preservation.

From Dublin County Council (i) requesting the Government to devise some scheme by which farmers will be enabled to obtain loans at low interest, and (ii) requesting the Land Commission to stay all legal proceedings at present pending against farmers in their County for the recovery of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities.

David Frame

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th March 1927.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman;

Councillors Michael Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, W J Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Edward Byrne, John J Kennedy, David H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, J J Bourne, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, William J Henry, John J Metcalfe, P J Cullen, P J Carey, Joseph Metcalfe, Denis Condren, James Everett, T.D.; Laurence Moore, C M Ua Broin, T.D.; and James Kavanagh.

A letter was submitted from one of the clerks of the Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing doctor's certificate, and asking the Council to excuse Mr McCarroll's absence on the grounds that he was laid up with influenza.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 1;
- 2—To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 2 on the Estimates of Rates for the ensuing financial year.
- 3—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1928.
- 4—To complete columns 4 to 6 of the Provisional Road Works Scheme; confirm the Scheme for the County for the financial year ending 31st March, 1928; and pass a Resolution in that connection.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Road Contracts sent forward by the several Roads Committee.
- 6—To Seal such Road Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7—To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the arrangements to be made for the maintenance of roads in respect to which the existing contracts expire on the 31st May, 1927.
- 8—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.

"I hereby give Notice that I or some member on my behalf will

at the Special Meeting of this Council to be held in March, 1927, move the following Motion—That the recommendation of the Joint Conference of representatives of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee and the Bri Chualann Technical Instruction Committee held on 22nd October, 1926, viz, that a Joint Technical Committee be set up by the Wicklow and Bri Chualann Councils for the purposes of Technical Instruction in the areas of Bri Chualann and Rathdown No. 2, having been adopted by the Wicklow County Council on 17th January, 1927, and by the Bri Chualann Urban District Council on 7th December, 1926, we hereby Resolve and it is Resolved that a Joint Committee as recommended in the said Report and pursuant to Section 14 (2) of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, be appointed for the purposes of the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891, and the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act, 1899, consisting of seventeen members, of whom nine shall represent the County Council and be resident in the Rathdown No. 2 area, and of whom eight shall represent the Urban Council; that all powers of this Council under the above-mentioned Acts and under Section 16 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, in regard to the area of the late Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, be delegated to the Joint Committee hereby appointed, except the power to borrow money or raise rates; that the rates raised under these Acts for the purposes of Technical Instruction and Irish respectively in these areas be paid over to this Committee; that this Committee come into operation when its members are appointed by the respective Councils; and that the following members be appointed to represent this Council on the said Joint Committee, viz:—"

10—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in Councillor John J Redmond :—

" I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Resolution passed at our meeting held on the 16th November, 1925, be rescinded and that the remission of the rates be allowed under "The Housing Building Facilities Act, 1924," as from its inception, instead of date in original resolution, viz, 1st April, 1925."

11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor David H Haskins :—

" I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that inasmuch as the code of laws dealing with Malicious Injury Claims at present in operation in the Free State in many cases presses severely and equitably on the ratepayers, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby call upon the Government to introduce legislation repealing these laws, with a view to ensuring that any owner of property who fails to insure adequately his property against loss arising through any cause shall not have any legal redress at the expense of the ratepayers or any section of the ratepayers in his County, and we hereby request each County Council and T.D. in the Free State to exercise all the pressure within their power upon the Government to give effect to the terms of this Resolution."

12—To consider the following the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor David H Haskins :

" I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, are of opinion that it is full time that legislation should be introduced by the Government making it compulsory on every motor owner to produce for the inspection of Local Taxation Officers, on each occasion that he or she is registering or licensing a motor vehicle, an adequate fully paid-up policy showing that the car is insured at least against third party risks, so that a stop may be put to the ever increasing number of cases where motor accidents occur and the sufferers subsequently find it to be impossible to legally compel the owner of the motor vehicle causing the accident to pay suitable compensation for the injuries, etc, inflicted, a copy of this Resolution to be sent to each County Council and T.D. in the Free State."

13—To receive, consider and approve of a New Building List, prepared under Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect to the financial year 1927/1928, so as to secure to the occupiers the reduction in rating contemplated by that section.

14—To make arrangements for the letting of the lands attached to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings.

15—To execute Agreement with the Great Southern Railways Company, in respect to the setting back of their fence where a dangerous corner was being removed at Rathnew.

16—To execute Agreement with the Marquis of Downshire, in respect to the letting of Blessington Courthouse to the Council.

17—To consider an application from the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in the County, for suitable accommodation for Weights and Measures work in the Courthouse at Bri Chualann now being reconstructed.

18—To consider plan submitted by Inaál Hall Committee, Dunlavin, in connection with their application for a Cinematograph Licence for that Hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock a.m. on Friday, the 18th February, 1927

The following members attended :—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne, John J Metcalfe, and John J Kennedy.

In accordance with the Order made at the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Committee on the 4th February, 1927, Collectors John Manley and J J Porter were in attendance, and submitted the collection books for each of their unenclosed warrants. The Secretary submitted a telegram from Collector Garret Byrne, stating that he was laid up with influenza and unable to attend.

The Committee examined the collection books of Collectors Manley and Porter and discussed with them at considerable length the question of the collection of outstanding arrears in their districts. An order was finally made that these

collectors again attend the Meeting of the Committee on the 4th March, 1927, and that they prepare and submit for consideration by the Committee at that Meeting lists of the ratepayers in their respective districts by whom arrears of rates were due. An order was also made that Collector Garret Byrne attend that Meeting and submit a similar list.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 6th November, 1926, No. G 51455/26, stating that in view of the Council's financial position it was most unsatisfactory that only 57 per cent of the first moiety should be collected at that time, noting that the arrears were extremely high in the districts of Collectors D J Kinsella, John Byrne, Patrick J Doyle, J J Porter and F Healy, and stating that in the event of these collectors failing to close their first moiety by the end of the month an example should be made of some of the worst. He also submitted a further letter from that Department, dated 8th February, 1927, No. G.5448/1927, stating that all collectors should be called upon to close their first moieties at once, and noting the particularly backward condition of the collections of Collectors P J Doyle, John Manley, Garret Byrne, John Byrne, J J Porter and Denis Kinsella.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Reports of the Deputy Checkers, on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the condition of the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted an application dated 6th February, 1927, from the Superioress, Loreto Convent School, Gorey, asking for the renewal of the Secondary School Scholarship which had been withdrawn in 1925 from Ellen Kearney, Kilmolin, Enniskerry.

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

(Signed)

DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

24th February, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by " John J Kennedy ;

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 4th March, 1927.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors John J Kennedy, John J Metcalfe, David Frame, and James Everett, T.D.

The Secretary submitted letters from Councillor William Byrne and the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Solicitor, regretting their inability to attend because of having important engagements.

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

Dear Sir. Wicklow County Council and ex Collector John Cullen. Rate No. 3340, James Reilly. I beg to report that I to-day had an interview with the District Justice relative to the above case, when he intimated the opinion that the Committal Order herein should not be executed. The facts of the case are as follows :—There is a sum of £7 1s 10d due for rates out of a small mountain holding at Knockalt Lower. An Examination Order was obtained on the 12th July, 1926, and a Payment Order was made at the rate of £3 a month on the 9th August, 1926, and upon the 13th December last an Order was made to commit to prison, with a stay of execution for two months. This stay expired on the 13th ult. The Payment Order was made on the Defendant's own suggestion, that he would be able to pay £3 a month. It now appears, however, that he is totally unable to do so, and, under the circumstances the District Justice thinks that the Council should not take out or execute the Warrant for imprisonment. I therefore await your confirmation of above. Yours faithfully. (Signed) J H McCarroll. P T Healy, Esq., County Secretary, Court House, Wicklow.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council not to have the warrant for committal executed.

The Committee had under consideration a file of correspondence relating to the appointment of a Medical Officer of Health for the County Wicklow, under the provisions of Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 1925, including the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—

17th January, 1927. P.H.94/27, Wicklow County. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, and to state that he will be prepared to await the result of the meeting of the Wicklow County Council on the 14th proximo, when the estimate for the financial year 1927-8 will be under consideration, as regards the question of the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, but in the absence of a favourable decision on the part of the County Council it will be necessary for him to take action in conformity with the provisions of Section 6 (2) of the Local Appointments (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926. Mise le meas. (Signed) E P McCarron, Ruaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

After a protracted discussion, the Committee felt that they had no

option but to make provision in the Estimate for the appointment of this official, who when appointed is to discharge not alone the duties of County Medical Officer of Health but also those of Tuberculosis Officer for the County and Chief Medical Inspector of Schools so that a proportion of his salary may be expected to be recouped by the Government. As the Committee do not anticipate that any appointment could be made before the first quarter of the ensuing financial year has expired, provision has only been made for the payment of his salary for the nine months ending 31st March, 1928.

The Committee gave careful consideration to two letters, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 23rd November, 1926, No. P.H.49964/1926, and 3rd December, 1926, No. P.H.56222/26, respectively, in which were pointed out the relatively high rate of mortality from tuberculosis in County Wicklow, and the urgent need for an approved Scheme to cope with the disease, while the Council's attention was drawn to the fact that if they adopted such a Scheme the County share in the Sanatorium Grant, amounting to £1986 16s 6d, would become available towards financing it.

ORDER—The Committee regret they must recommend the Council to defer for another year the question of putting into operation a Scheme for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis, owing to the embarrassing condition of the Council's finances, and accordingly the £1232 appearing in the Estimates under this heading has been struck out, together with the corresponding credit of £616.

A letter dated 14th January, 1927, was submitted from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Hotel and Restaurant Branch, 16 Kildare Street, Dublin, in which the Council was asked, if they struck a rate for tourist traffic, to insist upon fair conditions obtaining for all employees in the catering industry. In this connection the Secretary submitted correspondence which had passed with Councillor William J Henry, together with the following which accompanied Councillor Henry's letter of the 15th February, 1927, and which he desired to be treated as a Notice of Motion for the Meeting of the County Council to be held on 14th March, 1927:—

"I hereby give Notice that I or another Councillor will move that the resolution passed on the 14th February, 1927, for the striking of a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ to advertise the County for tourist purposes, be rescinded, or alternatively: That the rate be struck, and the proceeds be used to supplement Government Grants for the improvement and maintenance of one or more of the roads of the County Wicklow, and thus encourage tourists to visit us, and give immediate employment to our own people."

A considerable discussion ensued, in which it was pointed out that the Notice of Motion could not be accepted by the Council owing to the existing terms of Standing Order No. 34, which was modified at the meeting held on the 16th November, 1925. Consequently the Committee felt they were unable to make any Order.

In this connection the Committee noted, that as the Council had at the recent Meeting resolved to devote the proceeds of a $\frac{1}{2}$ d rate in the £ towards the development of tourist traffic, this $\frac{1}{2}$ d rate had now, under the terms of that Resolution, been included in the Estimates.

The Committee had under consideration the following Resolution which was passed by County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee at a Meeting held on the 22nd February, 1927:—"That in view of the demand for classes in Farriery, Woodwork and other subjects in the County, we request the County Council to increase the rate for Technical Instruction from $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1d in the pound for the coming financial year." The Committee, feeling that the rates should not be increased for any purpose, make no recommendation in this connection.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the administration of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, was considered:—

26adh Feabhra, 1927, No. S.8760/1927. Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925. A Chara, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, which makes provision for the purchase of commodities by local authorities from contractors appointed officially with a view to the obtaining of such commodities by local authorities at the lowest possible price. Section 10 (2) of the Act provides that at the end of every local financial year the Minister, by Order under his Seal, shall certify the sum which has been expended by him during such local financial year in carrying the performance of his duties under this Act into effect, and shall assess that sum on the several counties and county boroughs in Saorstát Éireann in proportion to the net annual value of the property rateable for poor rate in such counties and county boroughs respectively and shall send copies of such order to the Council of every such county and County borough. It is further provided by Section 10 (3) of the Act that the council of every county and county borough shall raise the amount assessed by such order on such county or county borough by means of the poor rate as a county-at-large charge and shall pay the same into the Exchequer of Saorstát Éireann in accordance with such directions as may be given for the purpose by the Minister for Finance. A copy of the Order made by the Minister in respect of expenses incurred by him during the year ended 31st March, 1926, is enclosed. The amount payable in respect of that period by the County

Council of Wicklow is £81 6s 7d. A Payable Order for this amount should be drawn in favour of the Minister for Finance and forwarded to this Department. Mise, le meas. (Signed) J Hurson a.s. Runaidhe. The Secretary of each County Council and the Town Clerk of each County Borough.

The Committee decided to refuse payment of the foregoing amount, and directed the Secretary to write informing the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that in their opinion the operation of the Act does not confer benefits amounting to £81 6s 7d on County Wicklow ratepayers, but instead deprives them of any possibility of participating in the profits which might be expected from local purchasing by the governing authorities of the institutions involved. Accordingly the Secretary's suggestion to insert this item in the Estimates under review was not adopted.

The following letter from the Department of Finance was submitted: 28th February, 1927, No. F.25/1/27. A dhuine Uasail. I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that he has had under con-

sideration the question of effecting an adjustment with local authorities in the Saorstát in respect of the following matters:—

1 Sums due to local authorities in respect of decrees awarded for injuries sustained in the period 21st January, 1919, to 11th July, 1921, which have been paid by them.

2 Sums due by local authorities in respect of decrees awarded for injuries sustained prior to the 21st January, 1919.

3 Sums due by County Councils in respect of (a) expenses incurred in the conveyance of prisoners previous to committal, chargeable on the County Councils under 14 & 15 Vic, Cap 85, Section 4, as amended by subsequent enactments (b) expenses of ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures chargeable under Section 80 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1878 (c) expenses incurred by the Royal Irish Constabulary acting as Inspectors for Local Authorities under the Food and Drugs Acts.

4 Registration Expenses.

The position of each County and County Borough Council in the Saorstát in regard to all these matters has now been definitely ascertained and it appears that, while a sum of £127 13s 4d is due to the Wicklow County Council in respect of decrees for damage to property sustained within the period 21st January, 1919, to 11th July, 1921, which have been discharged by the Council, there is due by the Council a sum of £167 17s 4d in respect of conveyance of prisoners expenses, etc, leaving a balance due by the Council of £40 4s. The Minister accordingly desires me to request that you will kindly transmit at a very early date a Payable Order in favour of the Secretary, Department of Finance, for the sum of £40 4s. As in the majority of cases there are substantial balances due to Local Authorities in the adjustment of the matters referred to above and as this adjustment cannot be completed until payment has been made by your Council of the sum of £40 4s due by it, it is desirable that the payment by your Council should be made as early as possible in order that other Local Authorities may receive payment of the balances due to them. Mise, le meas. (Signed) Sean Ua Luideain. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

The Committee directed the Secretary to write asking for minute particulars, and decided that it was not necessary to adopt the Secretary's suggestion that the £40 4s in question be included in the Estimates for the forthcoming year.

A letter dated 9th February, 1927, was submitted from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, in which he asked for a substantial transfer of funds to credit of his Board's account, as a very large number of Paying Orders are held up for a considerable time past, and some of the parties interested have already written the Ministry complaining, while others threaten to write. The Committee considered the financial situation as outlined by the Secretary, and they have satisfied themselves that he is acting wisely in the circumstances, and in the best interests of both the County Council and the Board of Health.

In compliance with the Order made by the Committee at their last Meeting, Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and Garret Byrne attended to explain the reason why arrears on foot of their several collections up to the 31st March, 1926, had not been collected and lodged. Having investigated the several items of such arrears, with the assistance

of the collectors in each case, and having made some helpful suggestions, the Committee directed that these three collectors again attend before their next meeting, to show what progress in collecting the arrears had been made in the interval.

RATE ESTIMATES.

The Secretary submitted, in the form prescribed, the annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Charges and as Separate Charges during the financial year ending the 31st March, 1928, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the sums demanded in respect to that period by the Subsidiary Bodies.

The following Report in this connection was also submitted:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 31st MARCH, 1928.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit Estimates of the amounts of general charges and separate charges, 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. In the subjoined table I have indicated for comparative purposes the average general rate assessed in respect of the years 1923/24, 1924/25, and 1925/26, and the actual general rate assessed in respect to the year 1926/27:—

	Land	Other Hereditaments
1923/24	6/6½	7/11½
1924/25	5/7¾	7/0¾
1925/26	5/5½	8/4
1926/27	5/3½	8/2

The following are the rates suggested by me for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1928:—

	Other Hereditaments.
A. Roads	2/7
B. County Services	2/10½
C. Poor Relief	2/0¾
D. Health District Charges	¾
Total	7/6¾

It will be observed that this represents a reduction in the rate for the ensuing year of 7½d on other hereditaments. It has been intimated a double Agricultural Grant may be again expected for the year 1927/1928, and accordingly the rate which I suggest should be assessed on land is 4/8½, which is 7½d less than the rate assessed on land for the current financial year.

The outstanding feature in connection with Separate Charges is the clause in the Local Government Bill, 1927, now practically enacted, under which pensions granted to officers whose positions were abolished under the Scheme of Union Amalgamation, and to officers pensioned consequent upon the abolition of Rural District Councils, now become County-at-Large Charges, instead of being charged over the Union and Rural District areas concerned. This will favourably affect the area formerly known as Shillelagh Rural District, but will operate adversely over the other areas in the County. At the moment, I have allowed these pensions to remain amongst the figures of the separate charges, but later, when the Bill referred to becomes in fact an Act, the figures relating to the pensions referred to will be incorporated in the figures of item B (County Services).

I may here draw attention to the fact that as the law at present stands this will be the last occasion on which it will be necessary to strike the separate rate of 6d over the entire county under the provisions of the Damage to Property Act, 1923.

It is 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, are once more 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.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

The terms of the Report, and each figure relating to General Charges on the form (as already printed and circulated to each member of the Council) having received the most careful consideration, and having heard the Secretary's explanation as to the basis upon which each figure appearing in the form was arrived at, the Committee made certain modifications under the following heads, as will be observed by a comparison of the figures in the form already circulated to each Councillor with the figures on the revised form, which accompanies this Report:—

- A. Roads. Acquiring and opening Quarries.
Maintenance of Steamrolling Plant.
Other Expenditure.
- B. County Services. County Medical Officer of Health.
Legal Expenses.
Projected Scheme for the Treatment of Tuberculosis.
- F. Separate Charges. Blessington Tramway Guarantee.
Debit Balance in the County Council's
Ledgers on abolition of Boards of
Guardians and Rural District Councils.

As regards the £1908 appearing in the Estimates under the head of Maintenance of Steamrolling Plant, a prolonged discussion took place on the question as to whether it would be more economical to retain and use the present steamrolling plant, or to dispose of the major portions of it, and continue to hire plant when required. Having heard the County Surveyor's views on the matter, and discussed fully his experience of the cost of hiring plant as required, extending over a considerable period, the Committee desire to express the opinion that our steamrolling plant should be sold, as the practice of hiring has been found to be by far the most economical and satisfactory.

In connection with the item of £1608, representing the arrears of stamps on cards of carters and stonebreakers, which is included in the £1608, the last item of expenditure under the head of A. Roads, the Secretary directed the Committee's attention to the fact that a legal decision had recently been given in another County, the effect of which was that carters did not come under the head of insurable persons. He further pointed out that of the £1608, £1392 represented arrears of stamps on cards of carters covering the period from the 1st January, 1923, to the 30th November, 1925, and that £216 represented arrears of stamps on cards of stonebreakers for the same period. It was natural to assume that the decision which governed carters employed by the County Council of another County would also apply to carters employed in similar circumstances by Wicklow County Council, and accordingly the Committee struck out of the Estimates the entire £1608, believing that the National Health Insurance Commission would not in equity now seek payment of the £1392 for carters and that the stamps which the Council has caused to be placed on the cards of carters from the 1st December, 1925, to date, would more than set off the £216, representing the value of the stamps which should have been on the cards of stonebreakers for the period of 2 years and 11 months above referred to.

The Committee further directed, Councillor Seamus Everett, T.D., dissenting, that no cards of carters be stamped in future, this order to have effect only if the Council's Law Agent agrees that such a course is legally justified by the recent Court decision.

The salary of the Council's Law Agent, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, appearing as a separate item on the Estimate, the Committee cannot see how the sum of £744 is required in the further item of legal expenses appearing on the form. They have reduced the £744 to £500, notwithstanding the fact that the Law Agent, in his letter dated 4th March, 1927, estimates that the total costs of the Council's opposition to the Electricity Supply Bills in the Dail some years ago will amount to at least £1200, of which sum the Law Agent has been paid £300 on account.

The Committee, after careful investigation, find themselves unable to reduce the sums in the Estimate appearing under the head of Insurance Premiums, but they are unanimously of opinion that the Secretary should be directed to call upon the Hibernian Insurance Company and the other Companies with which the Council does business to lodge to credit of the County Council the full amount of such Commission as is usually paid on a percentage basis by these companies in respect to the premiums paid them on the Council's insurance policies. The commission referred to, which is estimated to be something between £90 and £110 a year, would,

in the Committee's opinion, very materially reduce the annual amount of premiums, and they would point out that there appears to be no adequate reason why the responsibility for all work attendant to insurance should not be placed upon the Secretary.

Under the heading of F. Separate Charges, the Committee observe that the Dublin and Blessington Steam Trainway continues to be operated at a steadily increasing annual loss, and that a separate rate of not less than 2s 10d in the £ is estimated to be required to meet its liabilities for the ensuing financial year. The Committee are of opinion that such an impost on the ratepayers of the guaranteeing area, in the economic conditions at present existing, could not be made, and whilst realising that the practice pursued in the last two Estimates, of striking a lower rate than is required to meet the Tramway's liabilities, is not sound finance, they are impelled to reduce the 2/10 referred to to 2/2 in the £, this being the same rate as has been struck for this purpose for several years past.

For somewhat similar reasons the Committee have deferred for another year the striking of a separate charge rate to meet the debit balances appearing in the County Council's ledgers on the abolition of Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils, amounting to £6319, but it is right to point out that this item is only deferred, and that a rate must eventually be struck to liquidate these balances.

The Committee enclose herewith a revised copy of the Estimate already circulated to each Councillor, showing the figures modified as before mentioned, 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, 1928. 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:

		Rate on Other Hereditaments.	
		s.	d.
A—Roads	...	2	4½
B—County Services	...	3	0½
C—Poor Relief	...	2	0½
D—County Health District	...	0	0½
Total Rate on Other Hereditaments		7	6½
Total Rate on Agricultural Land		4	8

The Committee are in the satisfactory position of recommending a General Rate for the ensuing financial year which is 7½d in the £ less than the rate in operation during the current financial year, notwithstanding the fact that the pensions to late officers of Boards of Guardians and late officers of Rural District Councils have been taken out of the separate charges for the ensuing financial year and incorporated in the general rate under the heading County Services.

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

8th March, 1927

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " John Kennedy;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report on the Estimates

as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, subject to the modification that the County Medical Officer of Health appointment and the figures in that connection be first eliminated therefrom.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

That the penny in the £ in the Estimates for Irish be deleted therefrom and from Finance Committee's Report No. 2.

After discussion, this amendment was with the Council's consent withdrawn, and the original motion was declared passed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be informed that it is the considered opinion of this Council that a County Medical Officer of Health be not appointed for the year ending 31st March, 1928, and that the Council hopes he will accord his approval of their action this day in deleting the sum for that purpose in the Estimates and in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, before the latter was adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That, subject to the approval of the Department of Lands and Agriculture, we hereby instruct our Veterinary Inspectors to endeavour to ascertain from time to time by such means as may suggest themselves if there are any cases of diseases of animals—particularly bovine tuberculosis—in the districts for which they are paid salaries from this Council, and to carry out the Regulations in each case.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That having regard to the provisions of the new School Attendance Act, and having in view the steadily increasing cost of maintenance of children committed from County Wicklow to Reformatory and Industrial Schools, now about £1,500 annually, we hereby direct our Secretary, whenever official notices are received of intention to commit children to these institutions, to forward such notices to the Council's Law Agent, with instructions that he take every legal step within his power to protect the Council's interests by (a) opposing committal, and (b) by endeavouring to have added to any committal Order made by the Court a proviso that the parents or guardians make the fullest possible contribution to the institutions concerned for the upkeep of the particular child or children in question, so that the above-mentioned heavy burden on the rates may be reduced to the lowest figure practicable.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and Seal the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) now submitted to us, as amended, 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, 1928, as follows:—

	Land		O.H.	
	s	d	s	d
Construction and Maintenance of Roads	2	4½		
County Services	2	11½		
Health District Charges	0	0½		
Poor Relief	2	0½		
TOTAL:—	4	6½	7	5½

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	d.
Arklow Harbour	2.09
Wicklow Harbour	3.88
Blessington Tramway	26
Compensation to Officers of abolished Avoca School Attendance Committee	.35
Criminal Injury—Ballycullen E.D.	6
Damage to Property Act, 1925	6
Compensation to Officers of abolished Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee	.88
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	.17
Repayment of Guardians Loans—former Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	.42
Repayment of Guardians Loans—former Naas No. 2 Rural District	1.17
Repayment of Guardians Loans—former Union of Rathdrum	.23
Delgany Water Supply and Sewerage	5.28
Greystones Sewerage	7.69
Enniskerry Sewerage	1.88
Greystones Lighting and Dumping	6.45
Newcastle Water Supply and Sewerage	2.42
Rathnew Water Supply	.34
Enniskerry Lighting	1.94
Repayment of District Loans—former Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	6.91
Repayment of District Loans—former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	5.51
Repayment of District Loans—former Rathdrum Rural District	7.56
Repayment of District Loans—former Shillelagh Rural District	11.36
Criminal Injury—former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	.33
" " Imaal N. & S. E.D.'s	15.72
" " Ballinacor E.D.	4.55
" " Dunganstown East E.D.	.36
Pensions to ex-Rate Collectors—former Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	.51
Pensions to ex-Rate Collectors—former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	1.1
Pensions to ex-Rate Collectors—former Rathdrum Rural District	.48
Pensions to ex-Rate Collectors—former Shillelagh Rural District	.23
Rathdown Union Pensions—Co. Wicklow proportion	4.46
Liabilities of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council on abolition	3.6
Passed.	
Proposed by Councillor David Frame;	
Seconded by " David H Haskins;	
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 in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, as follows:—	
Name of Urban District	Total
Roads	Charges
County Services	Poor Relief
£ s d	£ s d
Arklow	2048 6 8
Bri Chualann	9297 15 6
Wicklow	2687 1 5

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby place on record our warm appreciation of the highly efficient manner in which our Secretary, Mr P T Healy, at all times discharges the duties of his position, having special regard to the care and great knowledge manifestly displayed in submitting so clearly to the Council the Estimates for the forthcoming financial year now adopted—and we avail of this opportunity to associate with this tribute each of the other members of our clerical staff, and the County Surveyor and his staff.

Passed unanimously.

The Deputation appointed by the Council at their Meeting on the 14th February, 1927, to wait upon the Directors of the Dublin United Tramways Company, Ltd, with a view to interesting them in the proposal that that Company take over the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, reported that the interview with the Directors took place on Tuesday, the 8th March, 1927, on which occasion Councillors C M Byrne, T.D.; William J Henry, and the Secretary, were present as representing the Council. The proposal was discussed at considerable length, after which the Chairman of the Directors, Mr Hewitt, intimated that the minds of the Directors were fully occupied at the moment with the passing through the Dail of the Bill for the taking over of the Lucan Tramway. He felt that no further progress could be made in connection with the taking over of the Blessington Tramway until the Council had carefully considered and submitted in detail their proposals, financial and otherwise, which would then receive every consideration.

At the suggestion of the Secretary who traced all the circumstances connected with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway since the submission

of the original Presentment in that connection to the Grand Jury of the County of Wicklow, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor William J Henry, and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the May Quarterly Meeting that this Council proceed to give effect to the provisions of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1917, by setting up a Management Committee to take full charge of the management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway; that this Management Committee consist of six persons, three of whom shall be appointed by Wicklow County Council; that the three persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the afore-mentioned Committee be formerly appointed; and that Dublin County Council be asked to co-operate with us in this connection.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow. 14th March, 1927. To Wicklow County Council, Gentlemen. 1. The Minister for Local Government having intimated that the part of the Maintenance Grant not absorbed may be applied to Special Works, I recommend that half of this balance be applied to the improvement of Roads 220—Shillelagh to Carnew; and half to similar work on Roads 334 and 319 (Hollywood to Carrigower).

2. Certain Main Roads No. 80 and 344 have not been tendered for, as the amount you have authorised is wholly insufficient. I recommend that these roads be again advertised at last Contract price.

3. County Road No. 260 also failed to obtain tenders. I recommend that I be authorised to advertise the road at a higher price, viz. £162.

4. The Ministry having raised objection to taking contracts for 3 years expiring in June, I recommend that such contracts be proposed for 3 years and 10 months, so as to expire on 31st March, 1931. This would obviate your having to deal with such an excessive number of road contracts at the one Meeting.

5. I request authority to take such steps as may be required to obtain the Order of the Minister for Local Government to close the road over Knockloe, Ballisland and Humphreystown Bridges, should it be necessary to do so during reconstruction.

6. I enclose a letter relative to the ownership of a yard attached to Baltinglass Court House.

7. I recommend that the Aveling and Porter 12 ton Roller, the Garret Tractor and Waggon be advertised and sold. Yours faithfully (Signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

ORDER—Approved.

Paragraph No. 6.

In this connection the County Surveyor submitted a letter to him from Mr Patrick Kin-ella, Court Keeper, Baltinglass, stating that Mr Thomas Doyle had broken an entrance from the Town Hall to the Court-house yard and erected a door there. The County Surveyor reported that

Mr Doyle claims that the yard in question is marked on the map showing the premises purchased by him from the "Town Hall," which was held by a local club.

ORDER—Referred to Law Agent.

Paragraph No. 7.

ORDER—Approved—County Surveyor to issue the required advertisements.

The Council, with additional information supplied by the members of the Deputation regarding the grants which might be expected for the maintenance and improvement of Main Roads in the County during the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, deemed it advisable to reconsider the terms of the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), dated 2nd February, 1927, No. RGM/201, which is given in full in the Minutes of the Council's Winter Quarterly Meeting on the 14th February, 1927. The Council having heard at length the County Surveyor's views it was

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor D H Haskins; and

Resolved—That being satisfied with the County Surveyor's assurance that no sums out of rates will be expended for the maintenance of Main Roads other than the sum set forth under that heading in the Estimate recommended by the Finance Committee to the Council for approval for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, we hereby authorise the County Surveyor to expend on the upkeep and maintenance of Main Roads during the financial year in question, a sum not exceeding £14706, so as to bring the matter within the terms of the Minister's circular letter of the 2nd February, 1927, No. RGM/201.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor William J Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1928, the figures therein having been first amended and brought into accordance with the Estimates as finally adopted and the Resolutions of this Council passed in relation thereto.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS FROM THE VARIOUS TENDERS COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO PROVISIONAL ROAD CONTRACTS:—

ENNISKERRY.

5 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

The Council had under consideration a tender for Road No. 28, from Christopher Mason, Windgates, Bri Chualann, which had been referred to them by the Tenders Committee on the grounds that the tender was not signed, and decided to readvertise the road.

RATHDRUM.

74 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

The Council had under consideration a memorial from ratepayers in Knockrath and Cullentragh districts threatening to pay no rates if the road from the burnt house at Knockrath to Cullentragh brook is not repaired. No order was made thereon, the County Surveyor having intimated that work is proceeding on this road, and that it will shortly be advertised for contract.

TINAHELY.

11 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

A letter was submitted from M J Byrne, Ballymaghroe, Moyne, Ballinglen, protesting against the withholding of payments on foot of his road contract, and stating that if the Council do not pay him they can have the road.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

SHILLELAGH.

18 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

Councillor W J Doyle submitted a resolution passed by Carnew and district ratepayers' association, protesting against the condition of the roads in Carnew district.

ORDER—Submitted.

BALTINGLASS.

35 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

BLESSINGTON.

32 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

The Council had under consideration two tenders for Road No. 342/345, from Thomas Murphy, Toor, Hollywood, and John Hegarty-Scalp, Hollywood, which had been referred to them by the Tenders Committee on the grounds that the lowest tender had been submitted by John Hegarty, who is a minor, and decided to readvertise the road.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That the deposits in each of the following four 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. 126, Patrick Connolly; Road No. 132, M J Byrne; Road No. 170, Michael Byrne; and Road 254, Daniel O'Brien; and as the Council is satisfied that reasonable excuse existed for not executing the Bond in the case of Road No. 28, Christopher Mason, we hereby direct our Secretary to refund the deposit in this case.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " William Henry;

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 letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:

19th February, 1927, No. R/RM/33. A Chara. With further

reference to your letter of the 14th instant and enclosure on the question of Tenders for Road Maintenance, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sees no objection to the arrangements made by the County Council for the acceptance of tenders and the completion of road maintenance contracts in cases where the existing contracts expire on the 31st March next. As regards cases where the existing contracts expire on the 31st May next, the Council would be well advised to have the works done "otherwise than by contract" or, alternatively, advertise for 10 months contracts, so that a new contract period commencing on 1st April, 1928, can be arranged at next year's Road Works Meeting. Mise le meas (signed) J Moylan, a/s Runaidhe. The Secretary, County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That, having considered the Ministry's letter of the 19th February, 1927, No. R/RM/33, we hereby direct that the roads for which contracts expire on the 31st May, 1927, be advertised for contract from that date for a period of three years and ten months, subject to the

sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed on a show of hands, by 13 votes to 8.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), dated 3rd March, 1927, No. R/RV/33, referring to the application of the Council for an Order closing to char-a-banc traffic the Glenealy-Ballyknockanbeg-Ashford road and Lower Street, Rathdrum, and to the local Inquiry held in that connection, and enclosing Sealed Order closing the above-mentioned roads to motor cars with seats for more than six persons (exclusive of the driver).

ORDER—The County Surveyor to have the required signposts erected, and the Secretary to have the required notices published in the manner directed by the Ministry.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., was, with the Council's consent, withdrawn:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some member for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that nine representatives of this Council be appointed on the Joint Technical Instruction Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Area and Bri Chualann Urban Area; and that the money raised from the rates for Technical Education and Irish in Rathdown No. 2 Area be after the 1st April, 1927, paid to the account of the above Joint Committee."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

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

Resolved—That the recommendation of the Joint Conference of representatives of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee and the Bri Chualann Technical Instruction Committee held on 22nd October, 1926, viz., that a Joint Technical Instruction Committee be set up by the Wicklow and Bri Chualann Councils for the purposes of Technical Instruction in the areas of Bri Chualann and Rathdown No. 2, having been adopted by the Wicklow County Council on 17th January, 1927, and by the Bri Chualann Urban District Council on 7th December, 1926, we

hereby Resolve and it is Resolved that a Joint Committee as recommended in the said Report and pursuant to Section 14 (8) of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, be appointed for the purpose of the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891, and the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, consisting of seventeen members, of whom nine shall represent the County Council and be resident in the Rathdown No. 2 Area, and of whom eight shall represent the Urban Council; that all powers of this Council under the above-mentioned Acts and under Section 16 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, in regard to the area of late Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, be delegated to the Joint Committee hereby appointed, except the power to borrow money or raise rates; that the rates raised under these Acts for the purpose of Technical Instruction and Irish respectively in these areas be paid over to this Committee; that this Committee come into operation when its members are appointed by the respective Councils; and that the following members be appointed to represent this Council on the said Joint Committee, viz.:—Councillors Joseph Byrne, Kilbride, Bri Chualann; Rev J J Mulcahy, M.A., C.C., Kilmacanogue; Councillor Joseph Metcalfe, 28 Pearse Square, Bri Chualann; Councillor John J Redmond, 4 Kenmare Terrace, Greystones; Councillor S E Pim, "Shandon," Greystones; Rev E O'Farrell, B.A., C.C., Greystones; Rev James H Alcock, Enniskerry; Very Rev John Kennedy, P.P. Enniskerry; and Mr Deely, Enniskerry.

In this connection the Secretary submitted a resolution from Wicklow Urban District Council, strongly protesting against a portion of the County Wicklow being included in the Bri Chualann area under the Technical Instruction Scheme, and a letter dated 11th March, 1927, No. 2362-27, from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch), approving of the terms of the above motion.

A poll having having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, and C M Byrne, T.D.—12.

AGAINST—Councillors W J Doyle, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, James Everett, T.D.; and John J Kennedy—5.

The Chairman accordingly declared the motion passed by twelve votes to 5.

The Secretary having submitted a letter dated 10th March, 1927, from Councillor John J Redmond, authorizing another Councillor to move the motion, notice of which stood in his name on the Agenda paper, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle; and

Resolved—That the Resolution passed at our Meeting held on the 16th November, 1925, be rescinded, and that the remission of the rates, be allowed under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1925, as from its

inception, instead of the later date in original Resolution—viz, 1st April, 1925.

Passed.

Consideration of the two Notices of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H Haskins (Nos. 11 and 12 on the Agenda papers was adjourned to the May Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

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

Resolved—That the New Buildings List prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Ratings of New Buildings Orders, 1925, in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, be hereby approved as submitted, and that the appropriate reduction in rate be allowed for the said financial year in each case specified on the said List.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That advertisements drafted by the Law Agent be issued each year inviting tenders for the letting of the plots attaching to Shillelagh Workhouse buildings, for grazing, tillage or mowing purposes, and that the plots be let by our Secretary to the respective persons giving the highest tenders—all responsibility for herding, fencing, weed cutting, etc., etc., to be accepted by the persons tendering,

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

10th March, 1927, No. P 10547/1927. A Chara. With reference to previous correspondence and to your letter of the 7th instant, in regard to the letting of portion of Shillelagh Workhouse to Lady Albreda Bourke, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that a whole block and not a room as originally stated is occupied in this case, and he considers that a fair rent should be fixed for the letting. Is mise, le meas (signed) Tomas Mac Ardghail, ar son an Aire. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—Referred to the Finance Committee.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 9th March, 1927, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, regarding the Council's desire to have Tinahely Courthouse completely insured against fire, in which they stated that the warranty on the existing policy was not contravened by the holding of meetings, bazaars, lectures, or classes, and that while theatrical or dramatic performances involving the use of scenery, or cinematograph entertainments, are not allowed, they would be willing to consider modification of the warranty. They would be glad to know if the Council could give an undertaking as to the number of scenic or theatrical performances or cinematograph entertainments given in any one year.

ORDER—Building to be fully insured against all fire risks.

The Council had also under consideration the question of making definite arrangements regarding the letting of this Courthouse for each of the above-mentioned purposes, and decided to refer this matter to the

Law Agent for his report thereon to the Finance Committee.

The Secretary submitted (i) application for renewal of a Cinematograph Licence from C Traynor, Esq., The Bridge, Greystones, in respect to Greystones Parochial Hall (ii) application for Cinematograph Licence and plan of hall from Messrs M J Doyle and Sons, Baltinglass, in respect to a building in Main Street, Baltinglass, and (iii) plan of hall submitted as requested by the Council by the Imaal Bazaar and Fete Committee, Dunlavin, in connection with their application for a Cinematograph Licence.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;

Seconded by " W J Doyle;

Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby vested with authority to issue licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to every applicant whose premises have been reported on by the County Surveyor as being suitable for that purpose, after the plans of the buildings which he requires have been submitted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke;

Seconded by " George Heatley.

Resolved—That the Agreement with the Great Southern Railway Company, in respect to the setting back of their fence beside the road near Rathnew, be Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " George Fisher;

Resolved—That the Agreement with the Marquis of Downshire, in respect to the letting of portion of Blessington Courthouse building to the Council, be Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in County Wicklow:

14th February, 1927, No. D.W. 493/27. A Chara. With reference to the reconstruction of the destroyed Court House at Bri Chualann the work of which is presently on hands, I desire to inform you that to date no accommodation has been procured for Weights and Measures work at this centre. Up to the present the ex officio Inspector has been compelled owing to lack of accommodation elsewhere to perform the work of verification, stamping, etc., at the Garda Station here and as the accommodation available for this work is very limited and not suitable considerable difficulty has been experienced by the Inspector. I would be obliged therefore if you would kindly cause instructions to be issued to the responsible party to have sufficient and suitable accommodation allotted in the Court House for Weights and Measures work. Mícheál meas (signed) M Laochda, Ard Feadhmanach.

ORDER—Work to be done, provided it does not cost more than £10. The Secretary submitted a letter dated 7th March, 1927, from the Secretary of the Irish Tourist Association, enclosing copy of resolution adopted by that Association to the effect that each local authority contributing in any year

the sum of £100 or more to the funds of the Association shall be entitled to nominate one additional Director who shall hold office only during the year in respect of which the said contribution has been made, and inviting the Council to nominate their representative on the Board of the Association in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.

Proposed by Councillor George Fisher;

Seconded by " Joseph Burke;

Resolved—That Councillor William Henry, of Burgage More, Blessington, be hereby nominated as this Council's representative on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association.

Given under the Seal of Wicklow County Council this 14th day of March, 1927.

L. S.

Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

18th January, 1927. To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I beg to report that I attended at Tereunoy and inspected to-day the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1926. The Receipts of every nature from the Undertaking during the Half-Year amounted to £4314 10s 4d, and the Expenses to £6909 5s 6d, leaving a deficit on the working expenses amounting to £2594 15s 2d.

This sum, when added to the Interest on the Guaranteed Capital, brings the total liability of the Guaranteeing Areas of Counties Dublin and Wicklow to £3594 15s 2d for the Half-Year one moiety of which (£1797 7s 7d) is due for payment by your Council. This is £308 11s 1d more than the amount paid for the previous corresponding Half-Year by County Wicklow.

The gross Receipts for the Half-Year were less by £778 3s 4d than those for the corresponding Half-Year last year, but on the same comparison the Expenditure is less by £165 1s 2d.

I have only to add that these accounts were audited on behalf of Dublin County Council on the 15th January, 1927, by Messrs Kevans and Company, of 31 Dame Street, Dublin, and that no item therein would appear to call for special comment on my part. Yours faithfully (signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council.

ORDER—Approved.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

21st February, 1927, No. G.7250/1927, sanctioning such departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order as would enable the Council to determine the rates for 1927/28 at a date not later than the 15th March, 1927.

21st February, 1927, No. 4033/1927, Sealed Order fixing the area of charge for the special expenses incurred in extending and maintaining the supply of water to Herbert Road, Bri Chualann.

21st February, 1927, No. SS/5147 1927, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, notice of intention to carry transmission wires in connection with the Shannon Electricity Scheme over certain specified roads in the County, and to enter on the said roads for the purpose of maintaining the said wires.

8th March, 1927, No. 1598/27 Wd., from the National Health Insurance Commission, appointing Councillor J J Kennedy a member of County Wicklow Insurance Committee in succession to Councillor David Frame, resigned.

8th February, 1927, from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, reporting that the application of Miss Violet Tynte for compensation for criminal injury for alleging poisoning of cattle had been refused with costs.

15th February, 1927, from same, intimating that Miss Violet Tynte had served notice of Appeal against the decision of the Circuit Court Judge.

22nd February, 1927, from David Frame, Esq, Corke Abbey, Bri Chualann, enclosing letter to him from the teacher of Curtletown National School, strongly recommending the renewal of Miss Ellen Kearney's Secondary School Scholarship.

1st March, 1927, from the National Boiler Insurance Company, Ltd, 2 Crescent Villas, Iona Crescent, Glasnevin, Dublin, offering to tender for the Council's engineering insurances.

2nd March, 1927, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bri Chualann, asking for authority to purchase 6 ½ pint stencils for use

by the Weights and Measures Inspector in connection with the sandblast machine.

ORDER—Secretary's authorization of the purchase of these stencils approved and confirmed.

2nd March, 1927, from the Clerk, Bri Chualann Urban District Council, intimating that his Council have decided not to include Bri Chualann Urban District in the County Circulating Library Scheme.

7th March, 1927, from F McNamara, Esq, Reenmore, Arklow, enclosing copy of a letter which he, on behalf of the Irish Agricultural and Technical Instruction Officers' Organisation, has forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the superannuation proposed to be paid to Mr Andrew Nolan, former Agricultural Instructor under County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.

7th March, 1927, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, Rathdrum, stating that his Board approve of the Council's recommendations regarding the number of samples of drugs to be sent for analysis, and have asked for the Department's consent to their putting same into effect.

9th March, 1927, from the Phoenix Assurance Company, Ltd, 10-12 Trinity Street, Dublin, asking to be allowed to tender for the Council's Engineering and Third-party insurances.

11th March, 1927, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bri Chualann, stating that the Council's recommendation that the number of samples taken by the Food and Drugs Inspectors be reduced shall be strictly complied with.

8th March, 1927, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, stating that the Paying Order payable to Philip Hanlon, Rathnahee, Blessington, for damage done to his land in connection with repairs to Blessington waterworks, has been impounded by his Board with a view to making the amount available to the Council in reduction of the rates due by Hanlon.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Kildare County Council, calling for the repeal of existing enactments whereby County Councils are held responsible for the non-payment of Land Purchase Annuities, and stating that the Land Commission only should be held responsible for the collection of these annuities.

David Frame

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, 23rd May, 1927.

The following members were present :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman.

Councillors M Fleming, Denis Condren, W J Doyle, John J Kennedy, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, J J Bourne, F O'Rafferty, W J Henry, Laurence Moore, John J Barry, David H Haskins, James Kavanagh, John J Metcalfe, P J Carey, Joseph Metcalfe, George Fisher, Edward Byrne, Joseph Burke, Daniel J Kehoe, William Byrne, Patrick Doyle, C M Byrne, T.D.; and James Everett, T.D.

Minutes of previous Meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Reports from Finance Committee.
- 2 To pass a Resolution suspending from office Collectors John Manley, J J Porter, and Garret Byrne, in the event of their having failed to satisfactorily close their collections, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1.
- 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 correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the allocation and expenditure of sums allotted to Co. Wicklow under the National Road Scheme and from the Main Road Improvement and Tourist Grants.
- 7 To consider Proposals for Contracts sent forward by the Proposals Committee and by the various Tenders Committees appointed for the purpose of entering into provisional road contracts.
- 8 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 9 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor David H Haskins :—
"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that inasmuch as the code of laws dealing with Malicious, Injury Claims at present in operation in the Free State in many cases presses severely and inequitably on the ratepayers, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby call upon the Government to introduce legislation repealing these laws, with a view to ensuring that any owner of property who fails to insure adequately his property against loss arising through any cause shall not have any legal redress at the expense of the ratepayers or any section of the ratepayers in his County, and we hereby request each County Council and T.D. in the Free State to exercise all the pressure within their power upon the Government to give effect to the terms of this Resolution."
- 10 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor David H Haskins :—
"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, are of opinion that it is full time that legislation should be introduced by the Government making it compulsory on every motor owner to produce for the inspection of Local Taxation Officers, on each occasion that he or she is registering or licensing a motor vehicle, an adequate fully paid-up policy showing that the car is insured at least against third party risks, so that a stop may be put to the ever increasing number of cases where motor accidents occur and the sufferers subsequently find it to be impossible to legally compel the owner of the motor vehicle causing the accident to pay suitable compensation for the injuries, etc., inflicted, a copy of this Resolution to be sent to each County Council and T.D. in the Free State"

- 11 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor William J Henry :—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the May Quarterly Meeting that this Council proceed to give effect to the provisions of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1917, by setting up a Management Committee to take full charge of the management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway; that this Management Committee consist of six persons, three of whom shall be appointed by the Dublin County Council and three of whom shall be appointed by Wicklow County Council; that the three persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the aforementioned Committee, be formally appointed; and that Dublin County Council be asked to co-operate with us in this connection."

- 12 To consider the proposal of County Wicklow Board of Health to borrow a sum of £4200 for the purpose of providing accommodation for

the community in charge of the County Home at Rathdrum.

- 13 To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the Council's responsibility for the maintenance of the Carnegie Libraries which were formerly maintained by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.

- 14 To consider correspondence from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, regarding the continuance under the Council of Mr. Daniel Doyle's appointment as temporary clerk in the office of the Committee.

- 15 To consider a letter from Councillor Michael Fleming, stating that the gate leading to Shillelagh Workhouse lands is thrown open, and that stray cattle are trespassing on the lands.

- 16 To consider a letter from the County Board of Health, drawing the Council's attention to the fact that over thirty feet of wall around the field attached to the County Fever Hospital at Shillelagh had fallen down.

- 17 To fill three vacancies created on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of two of the Council's representatives, Councillor D H Haskins and Mr E O'Neill, and the resignation of a third, Councillor Joseph Byrne.

- 18 To fill three vacancies created on County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture by the disqualification of the Rev Father Carty, C.C., and Councillors Joseph Burke and Patrick Doyle.

- 19 To pass Resolutions authorizing the transfer from Patrick O'Neill and Miss Anne Braddell to Richard Gibson of certain houses acquired by Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Act.

- 20 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, notifying the conditional allocation to County Wicklow of its share of the Sanatorium Grant amounting to £1085 16s 6d, the condition being that an approved Tuberculosis Scheme be put into operation in the County.

- 21 To consider a letter from Mrs Mary A MacDonnell, setting forth her claim for superannuation following the abolition of her position under the late Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.

- 22 To consider a letter from the Irish Tourist Association, asking for a sealed copy of the Council's Resolution appointing Councillor W J Henry as their representative on the Board of Directors of the Association.

- 23 To consider applications from Patrick Fowler, The Crone, Shillelagh, and Mrs H Gorman, Railway View, Shillelagh, for the tenancy of rooms in Shillelagh Workhouse buildings.

- 24 To fill two vacancies created on Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the disqualification of Messrs Joseph F Turtle and Daniel Kehoe, Junior.

- 25 To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1927.

- 26 To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

- 27 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

- 28 To receive Reports from County Officers.

- 29 To consider Official Correspondence.

- 30 To consider General Correspondence.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 23413/1927. I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1925, and 31st March, 1926. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith. A portion of the County Council's Demand on the Wicklow Urban District Council, representing three Criminal Injuries Decrees, paid out of the County Council's funds under Section 1 (4) of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act, 1919, but chargeable on an area comprised in the Urban District, has so far been withheld by the Urban District Council. A settlement of this matter is now overdue. The state of the Rate Collection is still generally unsatisfactory, and the Council would in my opinion be merely discharging their duty in pressing the question to an immediate issue in the case of those collectors who have shown a minimum of improvement. The Accounts were well kept and presented for audit in an satisfactory manner. (Signed) Sean O h-Ealúighthe, Infiuchoir. Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla agus Sainle Poblidhe.

The Chairman's statement that this Report was very important and highly satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the Secretary's ability in dealing with the Council's financial affairs, was fully endorsed by the Councillors present.

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 Monday, the 25th April, 1927.

The following members were present:

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors William Byrne and John J Kennedy.

A letter was submitted from Councillor David Frame apologizing for his inability to attend owing to an important engagement.

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

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	11878	9	8
(Former) Baltinglass No. 1	55	11	9
" Rathdown No. 2	1133	6	1
" Rathdrum	59	2	4
" Shillelagh	76	12	0
Repayment of Loans	1362	11	0

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:—

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1927.

County Board of Assistance ... £8090 0 0

QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE, 1927

County Board of Public Health ... £443 5 0

POOR RATE COLLECTIONS.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 6th April, 1927, No. G.14586/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, intimating that the Minister notes with grave displeasure that the large sum of £28350 remained outstanding at the end of the financial year, and also a detailed Schedule showing the exact condition of the Poor Rate Collections in the County as they appeared on the 22nd April, 1927, together with the following Report:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Offices, Court House, Wicklow. 25th April, 1927. Gentlemen. I beg to submit herewith for your information and most serious attention statement showing the condition of the various rate collections on the 22nd April, 1927. As usual, the collections of Messrs John Manley, Garret Byrne, and James J Porter are considerably the most backward in the County, these three collectors between them having no less a sum than £6419 12s 6d outstanding in their districts. I am also reluctantly compelled to direct your attention to the collections of Messrs Denis J Kinsella, John Byrne and Michael Halpin, in whose districts the position is most decidedly unsatisfactory. With reference to the large amount outstanding in the collection District of Mrs K Doyle, you are aware the circumstances under which she took up her collection and has since proceeded with her duties place her in an entirely different category from other collectors.

I must once more strongly emphasize the fact that so long as the Poor Rate Collections are in the condition in which they are, with over £20,000 in rates outstanding, it is utterly impossible for the Council to finance the Board of Health or meet their other liabilities punctually, and the constant necessity for holding up Paying Orders in this office for the want of money to meet them frequently causes considerable hardship, as well as serious dislocation in the Council's accounts. Furthermore, making every allowance for the depression in agriculture, that fact alone in my opinion does not by any means account for the excessively large sums still uncollected in the above-mentioned cases. Yours faithfully (Signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the Council.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to write to Collectors John Manley, Garret Byrne and James J Porter, notifying them unless their collections are closed before the County Council's Quarterly Meeting on the 23rd May proximo, the Council will be asked by the Committee at that meeting to dismiss them from office for failing after repeated warnings to efficiently discharge the duties of their positions.

The Committee had under consideration the terms upon which Tinahely Courthouse might be let for meetings, bazaars, lectures, classes, and dramatic and cinematograph entertainments, and in this connection the Secretary submitted a letter dated 24th February, 1927, from the court keeper, Michael Byrne, Barton Street, Tinahely, indicating as requested the purposes for which the building had been used during the previous year, and also a communication dated 9th March, 1927, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, outlining the purposes for which the building might be used without contravening the warranty on the Fire Policy taken out in respect to it. Having given this matter most careful consideration, the Committee recommend that no cinematograph performance of any kind whatsoever be allowed, the building being wholly unsuitable, and that no dramatic performances be allowed either unless and until the Secretary has been first furnished with a fully paid-up insurance policy insuring the building and its contents, during the night

or nights on which it is proposed to use the building for such dramatic performances, against all risk by fire to the amount of the policy which the Council have themselves taken out against risk by fire while the building is being used for court purposes. The Committee further recommend that the two County Councillors residing nearest the building (at present Messrs J J Bourne, Forttown, Tinahely, and W J Doyle, Lugduff, Tinahely) be authorised by the Council to give from time to time the use of the building for the purpose of holding meetings, bazaars, lectures, classes or dramatic entertainments, the court keeper to be warned that he is not to allow the building to be used for any purpose whatsoever other than court purposes unless he has been first authorized in writing to do so by both the afore mentioned Councillors, such written authority to disclose the exact purpose for which the building is being allowed to be used; and further, that the court keeper be instructed to refuse the building for dramatic entertainments until he has been first notified by the Secretary that a fire policy fulfilling the conditions and endorsed by the local Councillors has been duly received by him.

The Secretary reported that the Chairman of the Council, Councillor David Frame, and the Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor, had

waited upon the Chairman of the Directors of the Hibernian Insurance Company, and that as directed by the Chairman of the Council and requested by the Law Agent he (the Secretary) had accompanied these gentlemen with a view to a compromise of the Council's claim under the Fidelity Bond indemnifying the Council against fraud or embezzlement on the part of Mr John Cullen, Donard, whilst he acted as Poor Rate Collector for Nos. 5 and 6 districts, so as, if possible, to avoid the necessarily heavy expenses of arbitration between the Insurance Company and the Council, and also the possibility of the still heavier expenses of legal proceedings to follow. As a result of that interview the Committee had under consideration the following letters from the insurance company and the Law Agent:—

The Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd. 48/49 Dame Street, Dublin. 2nd April, 1927. P T Healy, Esq. Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow. Dear Sir: Re F. G. Claim—Cullen v Wicklow County Council. Referring to the interview which Mr Frame, Mr McCarroll and yourself had with our Chairman here on Thursday last, we beg to advise you that, as arranged, the question of compromise of this claim for £500 was submitted to our Directors at their meeting yesterday, and we have pleasure in advising you that the tentative arrangement entered into, namely that we are prepared to make an ex gratia payment of £500 subject to your Council entering into an agreement to place all their Insurances with us for five years, was confirmed by them. Of course it is understood that the rates charged for the different risks will be subject to variation, but will not exceed the rate fixed by the Fire Offices Committee, or the Accident Offices Association. We enclose herewith copy of Resolution for approval by your Council.—Yours faithfully (Signed) J P McHale, Manager, Accident Department.

4 Church Street, Wicklow. 12th April, 1927. Wicklow County Council and Ex-Collector John Cullen. Dear Sir. I have your favour of the 7th enclosing letter of the 2nd from Mr McHale on behalf of the Hibernian Insurance Company. The report, which you have brought up to date, shows the present position. I will forward you a copy of the list of cases in which payment Orders have been obtained and which are still outstanding. As far as I can see nothing further will be recovered and the Council can, of course, send the majority on the list of Payment Orders to prison for a period not exceeding three months. Having regard to the fact that so many of the defaulting ratepayers have undergone terms of imprisonment I have arrived at the conclusion that no tangible result will be derived by sending any more of them to jail, and I would, therefore, advise the Council to accept the terms of the Hibernian Insurance Company and write off the balance as a bad debt. It is to be remembered, of course, that the various proceedings in connection with the arrears herein have seriously militated against the collection by the present Collector, in whose case, I may add, a number of other defaulting ratepayers have been imprisoned. Yours faithfully (Signed) J H McCarroll. P T Healy, Esq. County Secretary.

The Secretary having summarized the situation and the circumstances which had led up to it from the year 1921 to the present date, and the Law Agent, who was present, having dealt with the legal aspect of the case and the prospects of the recovery of the sums outstanding in

the event of the terms of the Insurance Company's offer being refused, the Committee unanimously recommend the Council to accept the Insurance Company's offer in settlement of the Council's claim on the conditions specified in their letter now submitted, in respect to the sums outstanding in the two collecting districts in question for which Mr John Cullen was collector for the financial years 1920/21 and 1921/22. The Committee further recommend the Council to instruct the Law Agent to submit an application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, with a view to having the balance of these collections allowed as irrecoverable, as they feel that any further legal proceedings can only have the effect of inflicting still greater hardships and distress on numbers of the ratepayers in these two districts, with only the most remote possibility of even slight financial benefit to the Council.

The Committee, in making these recommendations, with a full

knowledge of the facts, are satisfied that they are in the best interests of the Council, and they would further desire the Council to note that the Hibernian Insurance Company has undertaken to concede a reduction of 25% of the amounts of the annual premiums on the Council's policies with that Company against fire for the next five years, in the event of the offer contained in their letter being accepted by the Council.

The Committee had under consideration communications from Mr James Murray and Dr Denis P Kenna, Coroners for East and West Wicklow respectively, dealing with the question of the payment of medical and witnesses' expenses at inquests, the scale of which has been increased under the provisions of the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1927, recently passed. The Secretary pointed out that the practice hitherto had been for coroners themselves to pay in the first instance these expenses, and at the close of each quarter to claim from the County Council recoupment of same. Under the Act referred to, however, it was possible, if this practice was continued, for a coroner to be out-of-pocket to the extent of almost a quarter's salary for a period of at least two months, and a possible four months, owing to the fact that the County Council's quarterly meetings were usually fixed to take place close on two months after the expiring date in each quarter. The Committee recommend that the hardships which coroners are likely to suffer under this new Act be brought before the Minister for Justice, with the request that after due consideration of same he issue regulations prescribing the procedure to be adopted by the County Council in future in that connection.

The Secretary submitted the following Report from the County Surveyor :—

Re : Court House Furniture.

28th March, 1927. P T Healy, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow. Dear Sir. Three Presses, fitted with pigeon holes and shelves are now ready for delivery as follows :—1 for Blessington Court House ; 1 for Baltinglass do ; 1 for Dunlavin do. Also 1 press, fitted only with shelves, and one table, for Baltinglass. I have supplied three chairs for the Justice's Room and Chair for Judge on Bench and 12 chairs for Jury Room in Baltinglass Court House, and also a small mirror for lavatory off Judge's Room in Baltinglass. Re Blessington Court House :—No seats are being provided by the County for this Court House (which is not County property) and I have no definite recollection of what

seating was formerly in the Court. I have a vague recollection that the seats were somewhat similar to the old fashioned School desks and benches, but since I have been County Surveyor I have never supplied any seats, presses or other furniture for any Court Houses which were not the property of the County Council. It will be also necessary to supply a large table for Jury Room at Baltinglass and also some smaller tables will be required for the other rooms there. I also think a carpet should be supplied for the Judge's room. I have obtained tenders locally for the supply of the tables referred to for the Jury and other rooms and have also obtained a tender for the supplying and fitting of Blinds for the windows of Baltinglass Court House. Yours faithfully (Signed) S G Gallagher, County Surveyor.

ORDER—County Surveyor to procure for those three Courthouses such items of equipment as may be required, taking care, however, to reduce the expenditure as much as possible.

The Council having referred to the Committee the question of fixing a suitable rent for the portion of Shillelagh Workhouse let to Lady Albreda Bourke for the purpose of carrying on a Wood Industry, the Committee considered letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 10th and 22nd March, respectively ; from Mr John P Hopkins, Clerk to the late Board of Guardians of Shillelagh Union, dated 10th November, 1926 ; plan of the portion of the building to be used as a factory with a view to training young boys and girls in handicraft ; and the following letter from the Manager of the Wood Industry :—

1 Tritonville Avenue, Sandymount, Dublin. 30th March, 1927. Dear Sirs. Yours of the 23rd inst : The Industry carried on in the factory is the manufacture of wheelbarrows and furniture, and is financed by Lord Fitzwilliam, Lady Albreda Bourke, and Lady Charlotte Fitzwilliam. The factory was re-opened in May 1924, and up to the present time has shown a loss of about £400. In 1926, the factory had orders for 700 wheelbarrows but no furniture. During the same period about 7000 wheelbarrows were imported into the Free State. I asked the Minister for Finance to put a tax on imported wheelbarrows but he refused. As regards the building in which the work is carried on it is almost derelict. Ridge tiles and slates being off the roof, walls badly cracked, and windows almost without glass. As you are aware the factory is run to give local employment, and if there is an increase of rent before the factory is self supporting, I can only recommend the owners to close. Yours faithfully (Signed) James A Davis, for Shillelagh Wood Industry.

ORDER—The Committee consider 6d per week to be sufficient until such time as the industry is a paying proposition.

The Secretary submitted the following further letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding that Department's claim for payment of a sum of £81 6s 7d expenses payable by the Council in respect of the administration of the Local Authority (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, during the year ended 31st March, 1927, and which claim had been before the Committee on the 4th March, 1927 :—The Council at their Special Meeting held on the 14th March, 1927 :—4th April, 1927. S.11984/1927 (General). A Chanc—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under consideration your letter of the 15th ultimo, in which it is stated that the Wicklow County Council have adopted a Re-

port of their Finance Committee refusing to pay the amount assessed upon the County Council in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1926, under Section 10 (3) of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925. The system of Combined Purchasing has enabled public bodies and institutions to obtain their requirements upon the most advantageous terms, and it is trusted that the Council will take an early opportunity to reconsider their decision to withhold the amount assessed on them in accordance with the Act. If the Council should persist in their refusal to make payment and any loss to the rates should accrue as a result of their action, the members who voted for the Finance Committee's Report recommending the withholding of payment may find themselves held personally responsible for any such loss when the matter comes up for review at Audit. Mise, le meas (Signed) J Hurson, a.s. Runaidhe, The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—To be paid.

An application dated 22nd April, 1927, was received from Mr S G Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor, for permission to purchase a typewriter for use in his office, the secondhand machine purchased in 1903 being worn out. The Committee recommend the purchase of a new machine, the County Surveyor to obtain tenders and submit same to the next meeting of this Committee.

(Signed), DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by „ John J Kennedy ;

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 6th May, 1927. No. G.21362/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, noting that the sum of £14000 remained outstanding one month after the close of the financial year, and that Collectors Halpin, Manley, Garret Byrne, Mrs Doyle, Porter, Kinsella, and John Byrne had each over £1000 outstanding in their districts, and stating that the Council should take action so that the rates for last year may be fully lodged. He also directed the Council's attention to the portion of the Finance Report No. 1 dealing with Collectors Manley, J J Porter and Garret Byrne, and submitted a statement showing the present condition of these men's collections, pointing out that these three collectors were responsible for about 41% of the total sum outstanding on the 1926/1927 collection. The Council had also before them letters from Collectors John Manley, J J Porter, Garret Byrne and Michael Halpin explaining the reason why their collections were so backward.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by Councillor John J Kennedy ;

Resolved—That Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and Garret Byrne's explanations of the cause of their large sums of rates still out standing be accepted, and that they be given until the Council's Special Meeting on the 13th June next to close their collections in full.

Passed.

In reference to the paragraphs in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, relating to the proposed arrangements for the closing of ex-Collector John Cullen's collections, it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by „ William J Henry ; and

Resolved—That whereas a provisional Agreement has been made between the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Limited, and the Chairman of this Council by which the Hibernian Company has agreed to pay this Council a sum of £500 (Five Hundred Pounds) in full satisfaction of our Claims such sum to cover all costs in respect of alleged defalcation by John Cullen late Rate Collector, provided this Council agreed to enter into an Agreement with the Hibernian Company to guarantee to that Company the whole of the Insurance business of this Council in all departments including fire, accident, third party, motor and workmen's compensation for a period of five years from the date of the next premium in each case falling due : It is hereby resolved that the action of our Chairman is approved and confirmed, that the settlement with the Hibernian Company is to be accepted and the necessary Agreement entered into without delay and that the arbitration proceedings are to be withdrawn ; and it is hereby further resolved that our Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorised to sign and seal the necessary documents giving effect to this resolution and to execute the necessary contracts with the Hibernian Insurance Company to give full effect to this resolution and to above settlement.

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, Denis Condren, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Felix O'Rafferty, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, John J Barry, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and John J Kennedy—19.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, Daniel J Kehoe, John J

Metcalfe, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, T.D.; and James Everett T.D.—
The Chairman thereupon declared the motion passed by nineteen votes to six.

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

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 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 20th May, 1927.

The following members attended:—

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—£7474 0s 3d

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval:—

Year	District No.	Amount £ s d
1920/22	11	4 16 8
do	11	147 2 2
do	16	119 12 5
1922/23	6	33 13 10
1923/24	6	81 9 6
1924/25	6	44 5 6
do	12	7 2 6
do	17	24 0 8
1925/26	2	4 15 9
do	6	20 4 3
do	8	6 3 3
do	12	21 0 11
1926/27	1	18 8 11
do	3	5 14 11
do	4	5 19 5
do	8	16 5 11
do	14	9 19 6
do	14	9 19 3

The Committee had under consideration a letter dated 5th April, 1927, from County Wicklow Board of Health, stating that they propose to carry out certain works in connection with the provision of Hospital, accommodation on the former Balinglass Workhouse premises, and that the owners of the property make it a condition that the costs of their solicitors, Messrs Hamilton and Craig, amounting to £17 0s 3d, in connection with the Criminal Injury Claim lodged by them regarding the destruction of the Workhouse in the troubled times, be paid. The Secretary submitted a letter 6th May, 1927, No. P.21055/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating the Minister does not think that payment of this bill of costs is a matter for Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—The Committee regret that the Council have no powers in this matter.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 29th April, 1927, from the Controller, Stationery Office, Dublin, acknowledging receipt of a copy of an advertisement closing to char-a-banc traffic the Glenealy-Ballynocken-Ashford road and Lower Street, Rathdrum, and stating that the advertisement would be inserted as requested in "Iris Oifigiúil" on receipt of the sum of £1 10s, while if a voucher copy of the paper was required the cost would be 2s extra.

ORDER—The Committee regret they must recommend the Council to make this payment.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow:—
2nd April, 1927. Wicklow County Council—Barrow Drainage.

Dear Sir. Referring to yours of the 16th ult I attended in the Dail when Mr C M Byrne's amendment to delete from the area of charge any portion

of County Wicklow came on. I interviewed Deputies Wilson and Everett and they promised to support the amendment, which, however, other Deputies were strongly opposed to. The amendment, however, was lost; Deputy Everett challenged a division, but only two members were in favour of the amendment. I will during the course of next week let you have the Official Report of the Debate. It must be remembered that County Kildare is deriving and for many years did derive a large benefit from the Blessington Steam Tramway, which supplied a number of fairs adjacent to Kildare, yet County Kildare does not contribute to the charge in respect of the Tramway, and it seems somewhat anomalous that Co. Wicklow should have to contribute to a Drainage Scheme which would primarily benefit Co Kildare and that Co Kildare should not con-

tribute to the rate for the Tramway of which they enjoy the benefit.
Yours faithfully (Signed) J H McCarroll. P T Healy, Esq, County Secretary, Wicklow.

ORDER—The Committee note the contents of this letter with regret, as they believe the area of charge should be solely that in which the ratepayers will benefit.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 18th May, 1927, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects, for the rebuilding of Bri Chualann Courthouse, asking for the Council's decision as to whether a jury gallery in that Courthouse is necessary, as in their opinion jury cases will not be heard there, and it might be well to have a saving on the contract to meet necessary extras.

ORDER—The Committee are of opinion that a jury gallery is not required.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from Miss E. Merry, Downshire Office, 72 Rathgar Road, Dublin:—

9th May 1927. Dear Mr Healy. I am now in a position to write informing you that Lord Downshire would be open to accept a bulk sum for the Courthouse premises, Blessington. He would like to sell the whole premises in fee-simple, and naturally would give you first preference. We have as you know an Office for ourselves in the upper portion of the building, but we would give this up completely to you and make other arrangements. I would be glad if you would bring this to the notice of the County Council, and let me know their decision together with their best offer, if they decide they would like to buy it. Yours faithfully (Signed) E. Merry. P T Healy, Esq, Court House, Wicklow.

The Committee after considerable discussion came to the conclusion that, as the Council were already paying £9 per annum for the portion of the premises used for court purposes, the purchase of the building would be a good investment for them, if it could be obtained at a reasonable price, and accordingly they recommend that the Law Agent open up negotiations in the matter, without, however, incurring any costs without the Council's sanction.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 16th May, 1927, from Messrs McMahon and Tweedy, 13 Hume Street, Dublin, Agent for the Tynte Estate, asking, if the Court House premises at Dunlavin maliciously destroyed some years ago were rebuilt as a Courthouse, whether the Council would take a new letting of the premises at the rent at which they were formerly let.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the Council enter into a new letting on the terms stated, provided the building is constructed in a manner suitable for court purposes.

The Secretary submitted the following advertisement published in the "Wicklow People":—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

LETTINGS AT SHILLELAGH WORKHOUSE FOR ELEVEN MONTHS.

Notice is hereby given that Wicklow County Council will receive Tenders for the Letting of the undermentioned Lots for the period of eleven months from the 1st day of June, 1927, to the 30th day of April, 1928.

The Highest tender for each Lot will be accepted subject to any official sanction that may be required.

Half of the Rent to be paid within one week after receipt of notification of acceptance of Tender, and balance thereof within six months.

The County Council shall not be liable for fencing or herding.

Tenders (in writing) to be addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside "Tenders for Lettings" and to be received on or before the 12th day of May, 1927.

Lot 1—Plot adjoining Porter's Lodge containing about 1 rood, statute, for Tillage or Meadow.

Lot 2—Plot on left of Avenue containing about 20 perches, statute, for Tillage, Grazing, or Mowing.

Lot 3—Plot (enclosed) containing about 1 rood, for Grazing.

Lot 4—Plot on right of side entrance containing about 1 rood, for Tillage.

Lot 5—Plot on right of Avenue, containing about 20 perches, statute, for Tillage, Grazing or Mowing.

Lot 6—Plot at end of stables containing about 1 rood, statute, for Tillage.

Lot 7—Field at rear of Temporary Fever Hospital containing about 1 acre, statute, for Grazing or Mowing.

Lot 8—Field at rear of Old Fever Hospital containing about 4 acres, statute for Grazing.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1927.

By order,
P T HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

The Committee had under consideration the tenders which had been received in reply to the above advertisement, as follows:—Lot 1, no tender; Lot 2, one tender at 5s; Lot 3, two tenders at 5s and 8s respectively; Lot 4, one tender at 5s; Lot 5, one tender at 6s; Lot 6, one tender at 6s; Lot 7,

three tenders at £3 0s 6d, £2 15s and £4 respectively; Lot 8, one tender at £12 10s. A tender at £1 10s 6d was also received for Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The Committee recommend the Council to accept the highest tenders as follows:—Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, R C McMahon, Post Office, Shillelagh, at £1 10s 6d; Lot 7, James Byrne, The Forge, Shillelagh, at £4; and Lot 8, Thomas Fleming, Shillelagh, at £12 10s; and to grant the lettings of the said Lots to the above-mentioned persons on the terms set forth in the published advertisement.

In compliance with the Committee's Order at their Quarterly Meeting, the County Surveyor submitted three tenders for the supply of a typewriter to his office from three typewriter companies.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the County Surveyor be authorised to purchase a Smith Premier typewriter (brief size) for his office at a cost not exceeding £19, and that the old Yost typewriter, which was procured secondhand for his office in 1903, be sold for £1.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow:—

Stamping of Carters' Cards.

12th May, 1927. Dear Sir: I would recommend that the further stamping of the cards of Carters under the National Health Insurance Acts and the Unemployment Acts should be discontinued. I have not yet seen the Official Report of the cases decided before Mr Justice Johnston, but from what I learn there is sufficient to justify the Council in this course, at least for the present. These Official Reports will come to hand later on, when I will send you copy. Yours faithfully (Signed) J H McCarroll. P T Healy, Esq., County Secretary, Court House, Wicklow.

ORDER—Noted.

The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to the legal obligation upon the Council to fill by a permanent appointment the vacancy on the clerical staff of the County Surveyor's Office.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the services of the two temporary girl clerks attached to the County Surveyor's Office be continued in a purely temporary capacity, and that the personal sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be obtained to this arrangement, which has been found to work so satisfactorily.

The following letter was submitted from the County Surveyor:—

20th May, 1927. The Proposals and Finance Committee, Wicklow Co. Council. Gentlemen. Owing to the incidence of large grants for Tar Spraying it will be necessary to provide, at least, 3 new Tar Sprayers. These can be obtained on the Hire Purchase Scheme and the cost of same defrayed from the charge made against the Grant for use of Plant. Owing to the urgency of the case I took the opportunity of purchasing one which can be delivered immediately.

Owing to the lack of Office accommodation the State Solicitor is willing to allow me the use of his room provided he can have the use of same for the few days in the year on which he uses it. I will require certain Files and Presses which I request authority to obtain. Also the paper on the walls is falling off and it requires renewal. Yours faithfully (Signed) S G Gallagher.

Order—1st Paragraph: The Committee recommend that the County Surveyor be authorized to purchase three Tar Spraying Machines on the hire purchase system, at prices not exceeding those on the list of the Trade Department.

2nd Paragraph: The Committee recommend that the County Surveyor be authorized to obtain office equipment, to be placed in the State Solicitor's Office for the use of the officials connected with the County Surveyor's Department.

Councillor John J Kennedy having initiated a discussion as to the deplorable condition of the Main Street, Wicklow, right through the town, the Committee agree that the reconstruction and tar surfacing of this street is now a matter of grave urgency, and would therefore recommend the Council to appoint a Deputation to wait immediately on the Ministry with a view to getting a special grant to be expended on this very necessary work.

(Signed) David H Haskins,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

20th May, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Kennedy;

Seconded by Councillor David H Haskins;

Resolved—That in accordance with the recommendation contained in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as approved and adopted by the Council, we hereby appoint the following on a Deputation to wait upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, with a view to obtaining a special grant for the reconstruction and tar surfacing of the Main Street through the town of Wicklow, the said street being at present in a deplorable condition:—Councillor James Everett, T.D.; C M Byrne, T.D.; D H Haskins, and John J Kennedy.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins

Seconded by Councillor John J Kennedy;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting to £11,378 9s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke;

Seconded by " Daniel J Kehoe;

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 £55 11s 9d (any modification 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 " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the former area of Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £1133 6s 1d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by Councillor John J Barry;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £59 2s 4d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £76 12 0d (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 J Kennedy;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £1362 11s 0d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " C M Byrne, T D;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals, for Payments amounting to £ 7474 0s 3d (any modification 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 " John J Metcalfe;

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

Passed.

ROADS GRANTS.

The Secretary submitted the following letters:—

1 23rd March, 1927, No. SGD/201, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), notifying the allocation to County Wicklow of £8000 from the Main Road Improvement Grant, to be expended on surface dressing with tar or bitumen such lengths of Main Roads as may be approved by the Department's Chief Engineer, the usual conditions governing the allocation of grants to apply.

2. 25th March, 1927, No. R/RG/201, from same, notifying the allocation to County Wicklow of £8000 from the Road Fund for works of road improvement in certain tourist centres, and specifying the areas selected and the amount allocated to each area.

3 7th April, 1927, No. SGN/201, from same, stating that as the final distribution under the National Road Scheme the sum of £29051 has been allocated to County Wicklow under the usual conditions, and specifying the lengths of roads to be improved, the description of work to be done, and the amount allocated to each work.

4 19th April, 1927, No. R/RG/33, from same, referring to No. 3 above, and stating that as the Minister is anxious that the works should be completed in the most suitable period of the year, he would be glad

if the Council issued the necessary instructions to the County Surveyor without delay.

5 29th April, 1927, No. R/SGN/33, from same, approving of the works on L.31 and T.42 proposed to be carried out by the Council out of the Road Maintenance Grant.

6 29th April, 1927, No. R/SGN/32/2, from same, approving of the Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the expenditure of £17271 out of the £29051 earmarked for County Wicklow under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme.

7 4th May, 1927, No. SGD/33, from same, approving of the Scheme submitted for the expenditure of the £8000 allotted to County Wicklow out of the Main Road Improvement Grant.

8 5th May, 1927, No. R/SGN/33/2, from same, approving of the further Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the expenditure of £5280 out of the £29051 allocated to County Wicklow under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme.

9 9th May, 1927, No. R/RG/33.B., from same, approving of the scheme for works of road improvement in the Shillelagh-Carnew area, proposed to be carried out under the £8000 Tourist Grant.

10 9th May, 1927, No. SGN/32/2, from same, approving of the further scheme submitted for the expenditure of £3500 out of the £29051 allocated to County Wicklow under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme.

11 20th April, 1927, from the County Surveyor to the Secretary, stating that the proposals for the expenditure of the above Grants cannot be sanctioned until the County Council approve and accept the conditions of same, and that the Chief Engineer to the Roads Department had asked him to press for a Special Meeting of the Council to be held as soon as possible to deal with the matter.

12 22nd April, 1927, from the Chairman, Councillor David Frame, enclosing copy of letter forwarded by him to the County Surveyor, stating that owing to the urgent necessity for the immediate relief of unemployment he was instructing him to forward without delay to the Roads Department proposals for the expenditure of the above-mentioned grants so as to enable the Ministry to authorize him to start the works immediately, and that he would ask the Council to confirm his action at the next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That the Council hereby approve of the Ministry's allocation of the several Grants referred to in the correspondence now before us from that Department, and we confirm the County Surveyor's action in proceeding with the work by direction of the Chairman, following the latter's visit to the Roads Department.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Henry;

Resolved—That a deputation of this Council be appointed, consisting of the Chairman and the members of the County Council from West Wicklow, with three T.D.s, to wait on the Minister for Local Government, to press claims for special grants to bring the tourist road from the County Bounds at Dublin to Baltinglass bounds into a proper condition for motor traffic.

Passed.

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

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby instructed to submit a scheme to the Department of Local Government for the steam-rolling of the road from Rathnew to Coolbeg.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a memorial from unemployed workmen in Anghrim district, calling the Council's attention to the distress prevailing in that district owing to lack of employment, and asking that portion of the tourist grant be allocated to the district.

ORDER—Submitted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

23rd May, 1927. A Chairde. I beg to report that proposals have been forwarded to and accepted by the Ministry for Local Government for the following works:—NATIONAL ROAD: Reconstruction of the road from Meetings to Woodenbridge and Woodenbridge to Arklow, £17271; Resurfacing in Bituminous macadam on 1 mile of road Bri Commons to near 3 roads at Kilcroney, £3500; Bituminous or tar dressing the National Road from near Kileroney to Rathdrum, £5280; on other Main Roads—Tar dressing those parts of the Main Roads fit for such treatment, £8000. For the roads indicated by the Ministry for Tourist Routes—a proposal has been forwarded and accepted for the improvement of the Shillelagh-Carnew Roads, £1500. The outstanding works for which proposals are in preparation are:—TOURIST GRANT: Improvement of the road Kilmacanoge to Laragh. I recommend that the works to be carried out on this road be the removal of certain dangerous bends and corners—mainly at 3 roads, Kilmacanoge, at Togher Church, and the bad bends between Togher and Annamoe. Surveys are in progress and estimates are being prepared. The improvement of the road Kil-

croney to Enniskerry—it is proposed to open out and widen the junction of the road with the National Road, widen the Little Dargle Bridge and ease certain bends. Plans and estimates are in preparation and total extent of the work will depend on the result of the estimates for the proposed works. A certain portion of the Tourist Grant (£2500) is to be expended at Glendalough Resort. I have some difficulty in finding a suitable work within the limits of the proposed Grant and suggest that a wall be built at the river side of the road opposite the Seven Churches and that the space between present road and the wall be filled. This would give some additional space as a lie-by for char-a-bancs and motors. All proposals sent in have been approved of and the works to be done are in progress. I submit sealed tenders received for the sale of certain Plant. The Railway Company are re-building the walls at Anghrim Bridge and I have asked the Company to set back the wall next bridge to ease the turn. This, the Company are willing to do, provided the County Council defray the cost of the new foundations up to road level. I recommend that this useful work be approved of as the cost of the new foundations, etc., would be comparatively trifling as compared with the cost of setting back the wall if done altogether by the County Council. Of

course, we will also have to make up the road on the space given by the Railway Company. I submit some tenders sent me for road No. 156, No. 7, No. 14, No. 19, which were not tendered for at the local Tenders Committee Meeting. Your obedient servant (Signed) S. G. Gallagher.

ORDER—Approved.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

FOR SALE.

1 12-ton Aveling and Porter Steam Roller. (This machine can be inspected on the Fair Green, Dunlavin, Co Wicklow).

1 7-horsepower Garrett Tractor. (Can be inspected at Glen-of-the-Downs Quarry, Delgany, Co Wicklow).

2 Trailer Waggon—about 5 tons capacity. (Can be inspected at Glen-of-the-Downs Quarry, Delgany, Co Wicklow).

Sealed Tenders for above to be forwarded to the County Surveyor, Court House, Wicklow, not later than the 20th May, 1927.

Each item to be separately tendered for. The Tender to be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked on outside with the name of the item tendered for. The County Council do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.

By order,

S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor submitted copy of the above advertisement which had been published in the Dublin Press, four tenders which he had received tendering for the steam-roller at £60, £35, £30, and £10 10s respectively, and one tender which he had received tendering for the two trailer waggon at £10 each. Councillor Patrick Doyle informed the meeting that Mr Joseph Cleary, of Tinahely, who had been down on the train with him that morning, had told him that he (Mr Cleary) would be willing to pay £100 for the steam-roller, if the Council would give him credit for portion of the purchase money; that he would give the Council solvent personal security; and that he had been unable to attend the Council meeting owing to urgent personal affairs in Dublin. The Council, after some discussion, ordered the Finance Committee to interview Mr Joseph Cleary and his sureties at their next fortnightly meeting, and empowered the Committee, if Mr Cleary held to his offer, to sell him the steam-roller for £100, and to get him and his sureties to enter into a bond for the balance unpaid of the purchase-money. The Council also empowered the Committee to confer with Mr Cleary regarding the two trailer waggon, and to sell them to him if he offered a reasonable price, Councillor Patrick Doyle having giving them to understand that Mr Cleary would be a likely purchaser for these items also.

The Secretary submitted the following application from the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow. 23rd May, 1927, to Wicklow County Council. Dear Sirs. Owing to the excessive travelling involved by the incidence of the road improvement I am compelled to ask you to allow me my travelling expenses on the Scale from time to time allowed and sanctioned by the Ministry for Local Government—I wish to point out that practically every County Council in the Saorstát for years past have allowed travelling expenses to their County Surveyors. Also I request that you allow a sum to recoup me for the heavy expenses I have been put to in travelling during the past 3 years. I had to provide a motor car and run this wholly out of my Salary and I am at least £500 out of pocket. When you take into consideration that this year alone you will have over £57000 to be expended in road improvement over and above your ordinary expenditure I do not think

my request can be regarded as unreasonable. Your obedient Servant (Signed) S. G. Gallagher.

Proposed by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;

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

That the County Surveyor, Mr S. G. Gallagher, B.E., be granted his travelling expenses whilst on the duty of his office as from the 1st June proximo, at the rate allowed and fixed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, he to submit a detailed statement of his travelling to be submitted to and checked by the County Council at each Quarterly Meeting before any payment of expenses is made.

This motion was withdrawn with the permission of the Council, who referred the matter to a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee to be convened for the 13th June, 1927.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE SEVERAL TENDERS COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO PROVISIONAL ROAD CONTRACTS WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

1 To purchase three Tar Sprayers required for the purpose of the extra work under Grants. Cost not to exceed the prices quoted in the Trade Department's list. Approved.

2 To supply certain Presses and Files for use in the County Surveyor's Office. Approved.

ENNISKERRY.

12 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

RATHDRUM.

45 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

From Garrett Byrne, the Crosses, Moneystown, objecting to one of the sureties of Patrick Byrne, of Ballylug, whose contract was provisionally accepted. No Order.

7th May, 1927, from William Stewart, Oughill, Redcross, alleging that he met with an accident on his way to the Tenders Committee Meeting, claiming refund of the two deposit fees lodged by him on his tenders for Roads No. 174 and 177, and asking to be allowed to contract for some of the roads not tendered for.

ORDER—Deposit fees to be refunded.

Mr William Loughlin, Ballymorris, Aughrim, attended before the Council, and urged on them to use stone from local quarries in Aughrim for road maintenance, with a view to giving employment.

ORDER—County Surveyor to do what he can on the matter.

From Patrick Freney, Main Street (town not given) complaining that single men are given work while married men and their families are hungry. Submitted.

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

Seconded by " John J Barry;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to take such steps as may be considered necessary to prevent all forms of heavy traffic which would be calculated to endanger either the driver thereof or the public from using the Lower Street in the village of Rathdrum recently closed to traffic by motor vehicles capable of seating more than six passengers; and that the County Surveyor be directed to take such necessary steps regarding the position of the public notice at the Ballinalea and of the other closed road

as will allow char-a-banc traffic up to the premises of Mr Donohoe.

Passed.

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

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to remove the corner at "Red Peg's" cross roads.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor David H Haskins and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby prohibit the erection of any huts, kiosks, or other buildings on the streets of Wicklow town, as they would be an obstruction, and an interference with the rights of the residents."

TINAHELY.

12 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be instructed to remedy the dangerous corner on the road from Aughrim to Tinahely at the Annacurra cross roads, also the dangerous corner at Carrig on the road to Tomacork, and also the road from Tinahely to Shillelagh at Coolross.

Passed.

SHILLELAGH.

15 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

BALTINGLASS.

29 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

Proposed by Councillor John Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Burke;

Resolved—That Roads No. 296, 322, 332, 339 and 338 be not ratified by the County Council, but instead be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor to be maintained otherwise than by contract for ten months, because of the fact that the local Committee was misled by the would-be contractors whose tenders were provisionally accepted.

Passed.

From John Flood, Ballynure, Grangeon, objecting to the tender of Patrick Kelly, Moyle Abbey, Crookstown, Co Kildare, on the grounds that it is for an impossibly low price, and to that of Thomas Doran, Mullaghmast, on the grounds that he has no valuation at the present time. Submitted.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

That the provisionally accepted tender of John Cullen, Killamoate, Rathdangan, at £145, Road No. 260, 1431 perches, be refused, as it was £6 1s

more than the tender of another man, Denis Kinsella, concerning whose sureties there was some doubt as to their valuation being high enough.

Lost on a show of hands.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be instructed to have dangerous corner removed at Tinneyclash graveyard, Kiltegan.

Passed.

BLESSINGTON.

9 provisional Contracts, particulars of which were submitted on the usual Forms, were considered and approved.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne.

Resolved—That the deposits in each of the following three cases be impounded and lodged to credit of the County Council, consequent upon his failure to execute, with his sureties, the Bond submitted at the Roads Committee Meeting:—Hubert Stevens (Roads No. 67, 69 and 95 respectively).

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the several Contracts which have been approved at this Quarterly Meeting be Sealed and Signed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts 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 William J Henry;

Seconded by " Joseph Burke; and

Resolved—That this Council proceed to give effect to the provisions of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1917, by setting up a Management Committee to take full charge of the management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway; that this Management Committee consist of six persons, three of whom shall be appointed by the Dublin County Council; and three of whom shall be appointed by Wicklow County Council; that the three persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the aforementioned Committee be formally appointed; and that Dublin County Council be asked to co-operate with us in this connection.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, stating his Council had decided to co-operate with Wicklow County Council in the above matter, and had appointed Councillors Caffrey, Nugent and Sheil to represent them on the Joint Committees.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " Joseph Burke;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors:—(i) W J Henry; (ii) C M Byrne, T.D.; and (iii) James Everett, T.D.; to represent this Council on the Management Committee now being set up under the provisions of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1917, to take full charge of the management of the said Tramway.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 28th April, 1927, from Mrs M A McDonnell, former clerk in the offices of the abolished Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, setting forth certain details regarding her appointment and her claim for superannuation on abolition of her office, which the Minister has refused to sanction.

ORDER—Copy of Mrs MacDonnell's letter to be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, respectfully submit to the Postmaster-General that additional facilities should be given to the people of Knockananna and district by the establishment of a sub-postoffice in the town of Knockananna.

Passed.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

(i) By Councillor C M Byrne, T.D., "I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of the Wicklow Co. Council I will move that the County Council approve of the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance borrowing a sum of £4200 for the purpose of providing accommodation for the Community in charge of the County Home at Rathdrum.

(ii) By Councillor Michael Fleming, "I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining a loan of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds for the purpose of carrying out the necessary work in connection with the repairs to the Fever Hospital building at Shillelagh Workhouse, and the equipment of same, so as make the Hospital suitable for the accommodation of fever patients."

(iii) By Councillor J J Bourne, "I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the complete abolition of the County Council's insurance agents shall receive further consideration."

The following Notices of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H Haskins were withdrawn:—

(i) I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that inasmuch as the code of laws dealing with Malicious Injury Claims at present in operation in the Free State in many cases presses severely and

inequitably on the ratepayers, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby call upon the Government to introduce legislation repealing these laws, with a view to ensuring that any owner of property who fails to insure adequately his property against loss arising through any cause shall not have any legal redress at the expense of the ratepayers or any section of the ratepayers in his County, and we hereby request each County Council and T.D. in the Free State to exercise all the pressure within their power upon the Government to give effect to the terms of this Resolution."

(ii) "I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow are of opinion that it is full time that legislation should be introduced by the Government making it compulsory on every motor owner to produce for the inspection of Local Taxation Officers, on each occasion that he or she is registering or licensing a motor vehicle, an adequate fully-paid policy showing that the car is insured at least against third party risks, so that a stop may be put to the ever-increasing number of cases where motor accidents occur, and the sufferers subsequently find it to be impossible to legally compel the owner of the motor vehicle causing the accident to pay suitable compensation for injuries, etc, inflicted, a copy of this Resolution to be sent to each County Council and T.D. in the Free State."

The Council ordered that the remaining items of business be put on the Agenda for the Special Meeting to take place on the 13th June, 1927.

J. Everett
22/5/27

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 13th June, 1927.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman.

Councillors M Fleming, Joseph Metcalfe, David H Haskins, George Heatley, J J Bourne, P J Cullen, W J Henry, P J Carey, John J Barry, Patrick Doyle, Denis Condren, George Fisher, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, Laurence Moore, W J Doyle, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; William Byrne, and James Kavanagh.

BUSINESS.

1—To consider Finance Committee's Report on the County Surveyor's application for travelling expenses.

2—To again consider the condition of the Poor Rate Collections of Messrs John Manley, J J Porter and Garrett Byrne, and to take such action in connection therewith as the Council may deem necessary.

3—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, and to Sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.

4—To Sign and Seal Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bri Chualann and Wicklow.

5—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, and of the Proposals Committee, in the coming year 1927-1928.

6—To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1927 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.

7—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor David H Haskins—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby prohibit the erection of any huts, kiosks, or other buildings on the streets of Wicklow town, as they would be an obstruction, and an interference with the rights of the residents."

8—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C M Byrne, T.D.—"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of the Wicklow County Council I will move that the County Council approve of the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance borrowing a sum of £4,200 for the purpose of providing accommodation for the Community in charge of the County Home at Rathdrum."

9—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining a loan of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds for the purpose of carrying out the necessary work in connection with the repairs to the Fever Hospital buildings at Shillelagh Workhouse, and the equipment of same, so as to make the Hospital suitable for the accommodation of Fever Patients."

10—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J J Bourne—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that the complete abolition of the County Council's insurance agents shall receive further consideration."

11—To consider a communication from Wicklow Urban District Council, asking the Council to accept liability for a loan of £2500 raised by the Urban Council for the steam-rolling of Rathnew-Wicklow Road.

12—To consider correspondence regarding the serious dust nuisance in Greystones.

13—To consider correspondence relating to matters connected with road maintenance.

14—To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the Council's responsibility for the maintenance of the Carnegie Libraries which were formerly maintained by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.

15—To consider correspondence from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, regarding the continuance under the Council of Mr Daniel Doyle's appointment as temporary clerk in the office of the Committee.

16—To consider a letter from Councillor Michael Fleming, stating that the gate leading to Shillelagh Workhouse lands is thrown open, and that stray cattle are trespassing on the lands.

17—To consider a letter from the County Board of Health, drawing the Council's attention to the fact that over 30 feet of wall around the

field attached to the County Fever Hospital at Shillelagh had fallen down.

18—To fill three vacancies created on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of two of the Council's representatives, Councillor D H Haskins and Mr E O'Neill, and the resignation of a third, Councillor Joseph Byrne.

19—To fill three vacancies created on County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture by the disqualification of the Rev Father Carty, C.C., and Councillors Joseph Burke and Patrick Doyle.

20—To fill the vacancy created on the County Central Library Committee by the departure from the County of the Very Rev Canon Breen, P.P. V.F.

21—To pass Resolutions authorising the transfer from Patrick O'Neill and Miss Anne Braddell to Richard Gibson of certain houses acquired by Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Act.

22—To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, notifying the conditional allocation to County Wicklow of its share of the Sanatorium Grant amounting to £1986 16s 6d, the condition being that an approved Tuberculosis Scheme be put into operation in the County.

23—To consider a letter from the Irish Tourist Association, asking for a sealed copy of the Council's Resolution appointing Councillor W J Henry as their representative on the Board of Directors of the Association.

24—To consider applications from Patrick Fowler, The Crone, Shillelagh, and Mrs H Gorman, Railway View, Shillelagh, for the tenancy of rooms in Shillelagh Workhouse buildings.

25—To consider a Resolution passed by Bri Chualann Urban District Council, conveying the result of a plebiscite taken regarding the name

of that town, and asking the Council to sanction their former request to change the name of the town back to Bray.

26—To fill two vacancies created on Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the disqualification of Messrs Joseph F Turtle and Daniel Kehoe, Junior.

27—To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1927.

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

29—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

30—To receive Reports from County Officers.

31—To consider Official Correspondence.

32—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That this Council has heard with deep regret of the great bereavement that has fallen on County Surveyor, Mr S G Gallagher, B.E., on the death of his daughter, and we hereby tender to him and the members of his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed.

A letter dated 11th June, 1927, was submitted from the County Surveyor, regretting that owing to the death of his daughter he would be unable to be present at the Meeting, and asking the Council to permit him to avail himself of the balance of his leave of absence.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be granted two weeks leave of absence from this date—the three Assistant Surveyors to carry out his duties as well as their own in his absence.

Passed.

The Special Meeting of the Finance Committee summoned for 11 o'clock a.m. on the day of the Council Meeting to consider and report on the County Surveyor's application to be allowed travelling expenses did not take place, a quorum not being present up to the hour fixed for the beginning of the Council Meeting, and accordingly no Report was submitted on this matter. The Secretary was directed to again summon this meeting for Monday, 12th July, 1927, the date of the Council's Annual Meeting, the Finance Committee Meeting to be held when the business of the Annual Meeting was disposed of.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That the County Council go into Committee for the purpose of considering the poor rate collections of Collectors Manley, Porter and G Byrne.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following:—(i) letter dated 28th May, 1927, No. G.25551/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that as matters stand Collectors Manley, Porter and G Byrne cannot receive poundage fees unless they are specially sanctioned by the Minister, and if they fail to comply with the concession given by the Council at their Meeting on the 23rd May drastic action should be taken at this Meeting of the Council; (ii) schedule showing the position at present of the various rate collections; (iii) letter dated 13th June, 1927, from Collector John Manley, stating that he is doing his best, but that in five or six cases the pro-

perty is in probate; (iv) letter dated 13th June, 1927, from Collector J J Porter, stating that he cannot for the present collect the sum of £364 odd due on the Tighe estate, which is changing hands, and that he is doing his best.

The Secretary explained to the Council that at their Meeting on the 23rd May he had given Collector Garret Byrne credit for the sum of £835 13s 9d, a bank receipt for which had reached his office a few days previously through the Deputy Checker, but that on examination of the Council's Bank Pass Book at the end of May it was found that the Council had not been given credit therein for this amount, nor was there any record in the bank of its having been lodged. The receipt appeared to be stamped with the bank stamp and initialled by the cashier, and the manager of the Wicklow Branch of the National Bank and an inspector from the Bank's head office were now investigating the matter. The Council noted these facts, and directed the Secretary to summon a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee to deal with any developments.

The Council having come out of Committee, it was,

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne.

Resolved—That further consideration of the condition of the poor rate collections of Messrs J J Porter, John Manley and Garret Byrne be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee—they to bring with them every book and document relating to each of their collections, and we empower that Committee to retain these collecting books if they deem it advisable to do so, pending a further meeting of the Council.

Passed.

The Council directed the Finance Committee to consider at their next meeting the progress made by each of the Council's poor rate collectors in collecting the arrears, and to order the issue or withholding of the new collecting books in each case as to them might seem advisable.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

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, 1928, be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren;

Seconded by Councillor David H Haskins;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £2048 6s 8d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Bri Chualann, for the amount of £9297 15s 6d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £2687 1s 5d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by Councillor William Henry;

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 1927/1928:—

Name of Body and Place of Meeting	Hour	Summer Quarter 1927	Autumn Quarter 1927	Winter Quarter 1928	Spring Quarter 1928
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE		Monday 1927	Monday 1927	Monday 1928	Monday 1928
Court House, Wicklow 12		July 25	Oct. 24	Jan. 23	April 23
COUNTY COUNCIL		Monday 1927	Monday 1927	Monday 1928	Monday 1928
Court House, Wicklow 12		Aug. 22	Nov. 14	Feb. 13	May 21.

Passed.

The Council deferred passing the usual Resolution fixing their contribution for the year 1927 towards Sanatorium Benefit to be administered by County Wicklow Insurance Committee, because of the fact that no Estimate had been received from the National Health Insurance Commission.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor David H Haskins was withdrawn with the Council's consent:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby prohibit the erection of any huts, kiosks, or other buildings on the streets of Wicklow town, as they would be an obstruction, and an interference with the rights of the residents."

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

Ballykillavane. Glenealy. 13th June, 1927. Dear Mr Healy. I regret having to request you to place my resignation as a member of the

County Council before that body at their meeting to-day. Leaving public life is indeed a very great wrench for me, but I feel compelled to take this course. The people of Wicklow on Thursday decided they did not require my services any longer in Dail Eireann. I am not complaining of this decision, but if the people of Wicklow do not require my services in the Dail I feel in fairness to myself that I cannot continue to serve the people on the County Council and the various public bodies in which the County Council honoured me by appointing me as one of their representatives. I have been eight years a member of the County Council and acted as Chairman during four years of the most strenuous period of the Council's existence, and all during that period I received nothing but the greatest kindness and courtesy from my colleagues and the officials. I will now ask you to convey to the Chairman, especially, to every member of the Council, and to all the officials in the service of the County, my sincere and grateful thanks, and I will also ask you personally to accept my best thanks for the kindness and consideration which you always extended to me. I shall watch with sympathetic interest the work of the Council during its remaining year of office, and I earnestly hope for a peaceful and

successful year of office for the Council and a prosperous year for County Wicklow. Mise le meas (signed) C M Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That it is the considered and unanimous wish of this Council that Mr C M Byrne be asked to withdraw his resignation of membership of our body, and we would earnestly urge him to continue to give his valued services to this Council and the other public Boards of which he is a member.

Passed.

A letter dated 13th June, 1927, was submitted from Councillor C M Byrne, stating that the Notice of Motion standing in his name (No. 8 on the agenda) was an urgent matter, and suggesting that Councillor J J Bourne, vice-chairman of the County Board of Health, be requested to move it. The Secretary also submitted a letter dated 7th June, 1927, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, formally applying for the Council's approval to the Board's borrowing the sum of £4200 for the purpose of carrying out works at the County Home, Rathdrum, and copy of a formal notice dated 12th May, 1927, sent by him to each member of the Council in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That the County Council hereby approve of the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance borrowing a sum of £4200 for the purpose of providing accommodation for the Community in charge of the County Home at Rathdrum.

Passed.

The Council deferred consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Fleming, and directed that it be brought forward again, and that there be deducted from the amount mentioned in the Notice of Motion £68 6s 4d, being the amount paid to Wicklow County Council in respect of damage done to Shillelagh Workhouse Building during the military occupation of the buildings, and now transferred to the Board of Health:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining a loan of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds for the purpose of carrying out the necessary work in connection with the repairs to the Fever Hospital buildings at Shillelagh Workhouse, and the equipment of same, so as to make the Hospital suitable for the accommodation of Fever Patients."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That the Council hereby rescind their action at the Meeting held on the 14th March, 1927, abolishing the position of insurance broker for the discharge of their insurance business and requesting the Insurance Companies to pay direct to the Council such commissions as have hitherto been received by the broker, and that Mr Thomas Fleming be restored to the position of insurance broker to the Council.

Passed.

Two tenders, one for £155 and the other for £100, were submitted for the Council's Aveling and Porter steam-roller at present lying in Dunlavin, which tenders had been received in response to an advertisement issued by the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by " W J Doyle;

Resolved—That the Council should re-advertise the steam roller, etc, for sale—tenders to be received and accepted by the Finance Committee.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors P J Carey, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, George Fisher, John Metcalfe, Laurence

Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Barry, and James Everett, T.D.—11.

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, James Kavanagh, W J Henry, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—10.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by eleven votes to ten. Before the poll was taken the Secretary reminded the members present that those voting for the motion might be liable to surcharge if any loss to the rates resulted.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

Comhairle Cheanntair Bhaile Chillemanntain. Oifig: Halla an Bhaile, Cille Manntain. 21st May, 1927. Dear Sir. I am directed by the Wicklow Urban District Council to inform the County Council that last year just as the sum of £2500 had been expended on the steam rolling of the Rathnew-Wicklow road, the road was taken over by the County Council by order of the Government. My Council contributed the sum of One Thousand Pounds by way of loan in connection with this work, and I am directed to ask the Council that inasmuch as they have taken over the road that they also take over the Thousand Pound Loan by paying the principal and interest on same; as my Council are of opinion that it would be very unfair for the road to be taken over from them and that they be expected to pay for the Loan. I may add that my Council have already paid the sum of £214 5s 9d of this Loan and the balance due on the 31st March was £785 14s 3d. Hoping for the Council's favourable consideration, yours faithfully (signed) H J MacPhail, Town Clerk.

ORDER—The Council are not aware of any powers they may have to take over this liability—they suggest the Urban Council themselves approach the Ministry.

The following correspondence dealing with road maintenance, etc., was referred by the Council to the County Surveyor for attention:—

28th May, 1927, from O H West, Burnaby Lodge, Greystones, dealing at length with the serious dust nuisance on certain of the roads in Greystones.

3rd May, 1927, from Edwin Doyle, The Stanley Stores, Greystones, with enclosures, on the same subject.

Memorial from a large number of Greystones ratepayers, on the same subject.

22nd March, 1927, No. G.8846/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister had received a deputation from the Greystones and District Development Society, setting forth certain works which in the view of that Society required to be carried out in Greystones, and requesting the Council to give the particular needs of Greystones area their immediate consideration.

Annual Report of the Greystones and District Development Society for the year ending 30th April, 1927.

21st May, 1927, from Wilfred Tighe, Rosanna, Ashford, seeking permission to rail in and plant the coach turn on the Rathnew-Ashford road, and also to rail in the piece of ground near Doyle's, Rathnew.

22nd April, 1927, memorial from ratepayers asking to have the road from Kileavan Gap to Kennystown put on contract at once.

Memorial from unemployed workers in Killinure and Coolkenno district.

11th April, 1927, memorial from residents in Dunlavin area, asking that Thomas Bowles be reinstated in his position in charge of the Council's roller.

Memorial from West Wicklow residents, protesting against the proposed removal to East Wicklow of the new steam-roller stated to be specially procured for West Wicklow.

15th May, 1927, from John Walshe, Donard, protesting against alleged unfair discrimination against him on the part of overseer Patrick Rogers in the matter of employment.

20th May, 1927, from David Kavanagh, Rathdangan, asking the Council to repair the footpath on the road from Rathdangan to Killamoate Church.

9th June, 1927, from the Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society, Ltd., 151 Thomas Street, Dublin, stating that they are prepared to dispose of 65-ton Foden Steam Wagons at considerably less than their market value.

The Secretary submitted the following correspondence:—(i) letter dated 8th March, 1927, from M O'Sullivan, Hon. Sec., Greystones Carnegie Library, stating that his Committee wished to bring to the notice of the County Council the urgent need for repairs to the Library building; (ii) 30th April, 1927, No. G.19696/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the maintenance of the Carnegie Library, Greystones, now devolves upon the County Council; (iii) 7th May, 1927, No. G.21547/1927, from same, stating that the County Council would appear to be responsible for the maintenance of the Carnegie Library, Enniskerry; (iv) 11th May, 1927, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, stating that in the Estimate of his Board for the year 1927/28, the sum of £140 had been provided for the upkeep of the libraries at Curtlestown, Enniskerry, Greystones, and Kilmacanoge, formerly maintained by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and giving

particulars of how this sum was intended to be spent; (v) 8th June, 1927, from same, stating his Board has referred to the County Council the repairing, painting, etc., of Greystones Library, and the providing of a new book case for Kilmacanoge Library.

Proposed by Councillor David H. Haskins;
Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of the communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 30th April, 1927 (No. G.19696/1927), and 7th May (No. G.21547/1927), respectively, we hereby request the County Wicklow Central Libraries Committee to take over from the County Wicklow Board of Health the maintenance of the Carnegie Library at Greystones, the Library at Enniskerry, and the Libraries at Curlestown and Kilmacanoge, and further, that we hereby request the County Wicklow Board of Health to transmit to the County Wicklow Central Library Committee for this purpose the £140 demanded for the upkeep of these libraries in the Annual Estimate and Demand furnished to this Council by the Board of Health for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1928 (vide Section 65 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and Section 12 of the Public Libraries Act, 1855).

Passed.

The Council had before them the minutes of the meeting of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 11th March, 1927, containing the following resolution passed by the committee at that Meeting:—"That this Committee renew the appointment of Mr. Daniel Doyle (Domhnall O'Dubhghaill) as Temporary Assistant Librarian."

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourne;
Seconded by " George Fisher;

Resolved—That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, this Council hereby approves of the proposal of County Wicklow Central Library Committee to retain Mr. Daniel Doyle as clerk in the County Librarian's office, his salary to be £1 5s per week, and his appointment to be in a purely temporary capacity, as heretofore.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 25th April, 1927, from Councillor Michael Fleming, stating that the gate leading off the county road to Shillelagh Workhouse lands was thrown open and that stray animals were trespassing on the land, and further stating that the shrubs and hedges were being destroyed by a brace of goats kept by Mr. James Holden, the ambulance driver employed by the County Board of Health. This letter was withdrawn by Councillor Fleming, and the Council took no action thereon.

The Council took no action on a letter dated 30th April, 1927, from County Wicklow Board of Health, stating that considerable portions of the wall around the field attached to the County Fever Hospital at Shillelagh had fallen down.

The Council had under consideration a letter from Mr. Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, caretaker of the Baltinglass Workhouse buildings, stating that it was time to dispose of the meadow on the grounds attached to the buildings, and directed the Secretary to arrange for the sale of the meadow in the usual manner.

A letter dated 11th June, 1927, was submitted from Mr. Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, suggesting that the Council ask the Board of Health to hold the contractor for the renovation of Baltinglass Hospital responsible during the term of the contract for the safety of the Council's property, such as doors, window sashes, eave gutters, etc., in the old Workhouse Buildings adjoining the Hospital.

ORDER—The Board of Health to be asked to give effect to this proposal.

Proposed by Councillor John Metcalfe;
Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancies existing in the County Council's representation on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, by reason of the disqualification of Councillor David H. Haskins, and Mr. E. O'Neill, Baltinglass, and the resignation of Councillor Joseph Byrne:—Councillor D. H. Haskins, Dunganstown, Wicklow; A. S. Manning, Esq., Church Street, Wicklow; and the Rev. Eugene Doyle, B.A., C.C., Donard.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby elect Mr. John Evans, Charlesland, Pelgany; Mr. Patrick Carr, Ashtown, Wicklow; and Mr. Alan Patten, Clone, Aughrim, on the County Committee of Agriculture, to fill the vacancies created on that Committee by the disqualification of the Rev. Father Carty, C.C., Annacurra, Councillor Joseph Burke, and Councillor Patrick Doyle.

Passed.

Letters were submitted from Mr. Geoffrey Phibbs, County Librarian, stating that there was a vacancy on his Committee as a result of the Very Rev. Canon Breen, P.P., V.F., Arklow, having left the County, and that the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin wished to nominate the Very

Rev. Canon Hoey, P.P., V.F., Wicklow, in his stead.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey;

Seconded by Councillor John Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the Very Rev. Canon Hoey, P.P., V.F., of Wicklow, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy created on the County Central Library Committee by the departure from the County of the Very Rev. Canon Breen, V.F., Arklow.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 8th April, 1927, from Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, Wicklow, applying on behalf of Mr. Patrick O'Neill, junior, Coolattin Row, Carnew, the registered owner of premises situate in Coolattin Row, Carnew, for the Council's consent to transfer this property to Mr. Richard Gibson, Coolattin Row, Carnew, and also a further letter dated 14th April, 1927, from same, applying on behalf of Miss Anne Braddell for the Council's consent to the sale by her of the house situate at Coollattin Row, Carnew, to Mr. Richard Gibson.

Proposed by Councillor David H. Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9 (1 and 2) of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, we hereby approve of the transfer to Richard Gibson of the premises at Coolattin Row, Carnew, registered in the names of Patrick O'Neill and Miss Anne Braddell, respectively, subject to our Law Agent's having ascertained that the interests of this Council are not prejudiced by the transfer.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 20th April, 1927, No. P.H.16833/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister, in view of the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1927, requiring the powers and duties of County Councils under the Tuberculosis Acts, 1908 and 1913, to be exercised and performed through and by Boards of Health, has obtained the consent of the Minister for Finance to the unexpended portion of the County share in the Sanatorium Grant (£1986 16s 6d) being provisionally assigned to the Board of Health subject to compliance with the following conditions:—(A) that the proposals of the Board of Health are made in connection with an approved Tuberculosis Scheme administered by them; (B) that such proposals with necessary plans, specification and estimate shall be submitted to the Department before the 31st March, 1928; and (C) that the work if approved shall be completed expeditiously and not later than two years after the date of the Minister's approval. Recoupment would be afforded from the National Tuberculosis Grant of one-half of any capital expenditure in excess of the county share in the Sanatorium Grant, and the county share of the Sanatorium Grant could be allocated to other counties if the Board of Health had not expended it on or earmarked it for an approved undertaking before 31st March, 1928. Certain suggestions were also made in the letter calculated to be of assistance to Boards of Health in framing Schemes, and with a view to economy it was suggested that premises which could be made suitable for the purpose of institutional accommodation might be found amongst the buildings already vested in county authorities.

ORDER—Submitted.

A letter was submitted from Mr. J. P. O'Brien, Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, stating that under his Articles of Association he would require a copy with the Council's Seal attached of their Resolution appointing Councillor W. J. Henry as their representative on the Board of Directors of the Association.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " W. J. Henry;

Resolved—That, in compliance with the request of the Secretary of the Irish Tourist Association, a copy of the Resolution passed by this Council nominating Councillor W. J. Henry as their representative on the Board of Directors of that Association be sealed with the Seal of the Council, for inclusion in the records of the said Association.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 2nd June, 1927, from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, American Chambers, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of a Sealed Order made by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, dated 3rd May, 1927, laying down the procedure for the expenditure of monies raised by means of the poor rate for tourist development, and prescribing the manner in which the said monies might be expended.

ORDER—The Irish Tourist Association to submit to the Council the detailed scheme referred to in Article 3 of the Sealed Order.

The Secretary submitted the following:—(i) letter dated 19th March, 1927, Mrs. H. Gorman, Railway View, Shillelagh, asking to be let a room in the Workhouse Buildings, Shillelagh; (ii) letter dated 2nd May, 1927, from Patrick Fowler, The Crone, Shillelagh, to the same effect; and (iii) letter dated 16th May, 1927, No. P.16574/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing copies of two letters received by the Minister from Patrick Fowler, and asking for the Council's observations in the matter and whether it would be desirable to arrange such a letting.

ORDER—Applications refused.

The Secretary submitted the following letter:—

Comhairle-Bhaile Bri Chualann; Arus an Bhaile; Bri Chualann, 18adh la de Bealtaine, 1927. P T Healy, Esq, Runaidhe, Comhairle Condae, Cill manntain. A Chara. At Meeting of Council last evening I was directed to forward you the following resolution:—"That the result of the Plebiscite be sent to-morrow (Wednesday) to the Wicklow Co. Council asking them to sanction the former request of changing the name of the town back to Bray, "9 voting for to 3 against." The result as conveyed to me by Councillor Pennefather is as follows:—No. of papers sent out by him 3000; total papers returned 2168; spoilt 39; returned by Post Office undelivered 81; No. not signed:—for Bray 181; do for Bri Chualann 84; No. of valid papers passed: for Bray 1404; for Bri Chualann 374. Mise le meas (Signed) S MacCathmhaoil, Cleireach an Bhaile.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That in view of the result of plebiscite recently taken in Bri Chualann Urban District, we, in pursuance of the powers vested in us under the provisions of Article 14 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, 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 District 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 three weekly papers circulating in the County, and in at least one issue of "Iris Oifigiúil."

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, John J Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P Cullen—12.

AGAINST—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, W J Henry, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, and James Everett, T.D.—6.

The motion was accordingly declared carried by twelve votes to six. Councillor Michael Fleming declined to vote.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 9th June, 1927, No. G.28191/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that it has been brought to the Minister's notice that in consequence of the passing of The Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1927, the practice of reconpment of expenses hitherto obtaining might involve hardship to coroners as they would be considerable sums out of pocket for months, and that consequently, if any County Council so wished he would authorise the payment of these expenses direct through the subsidiary account, on the certificate of the coroner.

ORDER—The Finance Committee to make such payments to doctors and witnesses under the Coroners Act, as may be properly certified by the coroners.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by " John Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillors Joseph Burke and George Fisher to fill the vacancies created on Baltinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the disqualification of Messrs Joseph F Turtle and Daniel Kehoe, junior.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J Metcalfe and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some one for me, shall move at the next quarterly meeting of this Council that (i) the duties of County and Assistant Surveyors employed by Wicklow County Council in connection with the roads under their charge be furnished by the L.G.B. for the information of Councillors to next quarterly meeting and (ii) that the County Surveyor have for the information of members the working hours and weekly wage of all employees on road work at next Quarterly Meeting, with a view to alteration or amendment by the Council."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor William J Henry and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that I or another Councillor will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that the situation of election booths and the electoral areas be changed for the greater convenience of electors of the County."

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending 31st March, 1927:—
1 brandy, Roundwood, Sergt McCarragher, not genuine; 1 whiskey, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do; 1 dripping, do, do; 1 margarine, Rathdrum, Sergt Cartwright, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do; 1 whiskey, do, do; 1 brandy, do, not genuine; 3 port wine, Blessington, Sergt O'Connell, genuine; 3 ginger wine, do, do; 2 claret wine, do, do; 2 sherry wine, do, do; 1 sugar, do, do; 1 bread soda, do, do; 1 rice, do, do; 1 shell cocoa, do, do; 3 oatmeal, do, do; 1 cocoa, Aughrim, Sergt Long, genuine; 2 tea, do, do; 1 coffee, do, do; 7 new milk, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, genuine;

1 buttermilk, do, do; 1 tea, Roundwood, Sergt McCarragher, genuine; 2 sugar, do, do; 1 whiskey, do, do; 2 new milk, do, do; 1 new milk, Aughrim, Sergt Long, genuine; 2 tea, do, do; 2 new milk, Newtown-Mt-Kennedy, Sergt Towey, genuine; 2 lemonade, do, do; 1 porter, do, do; 1 stout, do, do; 1 whiskey, do, do; 1 jam; Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, not genuine; 1 bread soda, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 lard, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 2 tea, do, do, genuine; 2 butter, do, do, genuine; 2 new milk, Arklow, Guard McEvaddy, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 butter, do, do, genuine; 3 new milk, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 2 sugar, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 5 milk, Baltinglass, Sergeant Kirwan, genuine; 1 brandy, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 2 butter, Shillelagh, Sergeant Murray, genuine; 2 cheese, do, do, genuine; 2 new milk, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 2 butter, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, genuine; 2 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, whiskey, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 wine, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 10 new milk, Bri Chualann, Guard Stanton, genuine; 1 new do, do, genuine; 10 new milk, Bri Chualann, Guard Stanton, genuine; 1 brandy, Aughrim, Sergt. Long, genuine; 1 Jam, do, do, do; 2 butter, do, do, do; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 2 margarine, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 4 butter, Baltinglass, Sergeant Kirwan, genuine; 3 sugar, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 2 whiskey, Baltinglass, Guard Kirwan, genuine; 1 flake meal, do, do, genuine; 2 rice, do, do, genuine; 1 brandy, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 5 butter, Arklow, Guard McEvaddy, genuine; 8 new milk, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 5 new milk, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, genuine; 1 margarine, Shillelagh, Sergeant Murray, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 2 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 coffee, do, do, genuine; 1 cocoa, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, Newtown-Mt-Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 2 sugar, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 breadsoda, do, do, genuine; 8 new milk, Bray, Guard Stanton, genuine; 1 Jam, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 cocoa, do, do, genuine; 1 flour, do, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 2 butter, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 2 margarine, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 jam, do, do, genuine; 1 floor, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Dunlavin, Sergeant Kiawan, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 2 rice, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 cocoa, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, Bray, Guard Stanton, genuine; 2 butter, do, do, genuine; 2 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 2 port wine, do, do, genuine; 5 butter, Arklow, Guard McEvaddy, genuine; 1 whiskey, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 lemonade, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 2 new milk, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 1 coffee, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 2 new milk, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine; 1 butter, do, do, not genuine; 1 water, Town Clerk, Wicklow, condemned; 3 drugs, Blessington, genuine; 3 drugs, Co. Fever Hospital, genuine; 3 drugs, Baltinglass, genuine; 3 drugs, Delgany, genuine; 3 drugs, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 drugs, Delgany, genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods 241

Drugs 18, Waters 1. Total 260. Number adulterated—Brandies 2, Butters 2, New Milks 2, 1 Water condemned. Date 15/4/1927.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Submitted.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor William J Henry;

Resolved—That Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be hereby granted to the following:—Thomas Annesley, 50 Main Street, Arklow; William B Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen; James Quinn, Monamuck, Vallemount; and Messrs M J Doyle and Sons, Baltinglass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the County Council has had its attention drawn each year to the many cases of dogs poisoned in the streets of Wicklow at a certain time of the year—and we would urge the Chief Superintendent of the Civic Guards to have the recent cases investigated and a report subsequently submitted to this Council as to the steps that may be taken to put an end to this deplorable practice of leaving poison about the streets for the destruction of dogs and other animals.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Memorandum giving particulars of the cost of elections to ratepayers and taxpayers, and trusting that a dissemination of these facts may reduce the number of those who neglect to record their votes.

22nd March, 1927, and 2nd April, 1927, No. R/RM/83, stating the Minister is not prepared to sanction the Council's proposal to advertise certain roads for contract for a period of three years and ten months, but that no objection will be raised to advertising the roads for a period of two years and ten months.

24th March, 1927, No. G 11985/1927, stating that as soon as possible circular instructions will be issued regarding the procedure for the

payment of the Accounts of the Library Committee, but that meantime the Department do not wish to hamper the Library movement by prescribing any particular system of Account Keeping.

20th April, 1927, No. G.16836/1927, stating that the Council is authorised to transfer funds to the Joint Committee set up for Technical Instruction administration purposes in the Bri Chualann Urban District and the area formerly known as Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

21st April, 1927, No. G.17048/1927, enclosing copy of letter to Arklow Urban District Council approving of the proposal of that Council to relinquish to the County Council their powers under the Public Libraries Acts, on the terms involving the transfer of the produce of a 1d rate to the County Council.

25th April, 1927, No. S.19201/1927 (Gen.) explanatory of the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, relating to borrowing by local Authorities.

28th May, 1927, No. F.25881/1927, stating that the Annual Meetings of County Councils are due to be held on the tenth day after the 23rd day of June.

1st June, 1927, No. C.18/27, enclosing particulars regarding contracts entered into with Messrs W F MacNamara, Ltd., Shannon Foundry Co., Limerick, for the supply of wrought iron clips for attachment of signs, etc., to posts.

2nd June, 1927, No. G.25797/1927, acknowledging receipt of Mrs McDonnell's letter regarding her superannuation, and noting that she misquoted therein a previous letter of the Department's.

4th June, 1927, No. R/RV/33, stating the Minister could not without a fresh inquiry prohibit all forms of heavy traffic from using Lower Street, Rathdrum, and noting that the County Council have no objection to allowing motor cars with seats for more than six persons to drive to and from the premises of Mr Joseph Donohue, Ballinalea, Ashford.

9th June, 1927, No. R/RV/33, stating the Minister after full consideration of all the circumstances cannot see his way to amending his Sealed Order so as to allow motor cars with seats for more than six persons to drive to and from the premises of Mr Joseph Donohue, Ballinalea, Ashford.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE.

County Tipperary (North Riding) (Control of Dogs) Order, 1927. 23rd April, 1927, No. L.10613/26, summarising the powers and duties of Veterinary Inspectors under Local Authorities.

5th May, 1927, No. L.1576/27, stating that an officer of the Department had purchased twelve samples of Butter in Arklow, Bri Chualann and Wicklow, which on analysis were certified to be genuine.

6th May, 1927, No. L.1415-27, stating the Garda Síochána have been instructed to renew for this year the arrangements made last year in connection with the enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order.

10th March, 1927, from the Irish Land Commission, list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants against whom proceedings have been taken for the recovery of the instalments due on the 1st November and 1st December last.

26th May, 1927, from the Council's Law Agent, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, stating that an Order was made at Baltinglass District Court giving the Council liberty to enter the quarry of Andrew O'Brien, Holdenstown, Baltinglass, the amount of compensation to be fixed by the Court.

23rd March, 1927, No. R.27-55, from the National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin, intimating that the examination for the Schools Leaving Certificate is approved by the University as a test examination on which County Council and County Borough Entrance Scholarship may be awarded.

23rd March, 1927, from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited 84 Dame Street, Dublin, noting the terms of the Council's resolution that all commission on premiums is to be lodged to credit of the Council.

24th March, 1927, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd, 48 and 49 Dame Street, Dublin, noting the terms of the Council's resolution that all commission on premiums is to be lodged to credit of the Council, and stating that the annual amount of such Commission represents £75 11s 7d.

Minutes of the Meeting of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 1st April, 1927.

Minutes of the Meeting of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 6th May, 1927.

27th May, 1927, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, stating that they are quite satisfied with the arrangements made by the County Council regarding the use of Tinahely Courthouse, and asking to be informed when it is intended to use the Courthouse for dramatic entertainments.

26th May, 1927, from the Cloncurry Evicted Tenants Association, Murroe, Co. Limerick, asking the Council to pass a resolution asking

candidates for election to Dail Eireann to make justice for evicted tenants part of their programme.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Cavan County Council, complaining of the present system of assessing rates on the basis of valuation, which it is alleged unfairly discriminates against ratepayers as distinct from taxpayers.

From Tirconail County Council, demanding that legislation be introduced excusing County Councillors from service as jurors.

From Cavan County Council, calling upon the Government to repeal the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

Insert
27/8/27

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 4th July, 1927.

The following members attended :—
Councillors David Frame, Michael Fleming, W J Doyle, Denis Condren, D H Haskins, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, Joseph Burke, F O'Rafferty, George Fisher, P J Cullen, William J Henry, P J Carey, J J Bourne, Edward Byrne, John J Metcalfe, Patrick Doyle, James Kavanagh, and John J Kennedy.

BUSINESS.

- 1 Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2 To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 3 To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 4 To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.

The Chair having been taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor David Frame, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

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.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;

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 Councillor William Henry;

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.

A letter was submitted from Councillor C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy, dated 4th July, 1927, withdrawing his resignation as a member of the Council in response to the resolution passed by them and in fulfilment of a promise made to his supporters, and thanking the Chairman, his colleagues and the Secretary for the kind references made concerning him at the Council's Special Meeting held on the 13th June, 1927. Noted with pleasure.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 4th July, 1927.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman;

Councillors M Fleming, W J Doyle, Denis Condren, David H Haskins, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, Joseph Burke, Felix O'Rafferty, George Fisher, P J Cullen, William J Henry, P J Carey, J J Bourne, Edward Byrne, John J Metcalfe, Patrick Doyle, James Kavanagh, John J Kennedy.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 1.
- 2 To consider the condition of the Poor Rate Collections in No. 12 District (Collector Garret Byrne) and to make such order in connection therewith as the Council may deem advisable.
- 3 To consider the state of the Poor Rate Collection in No. 9 Collecting District (Collector John Manley), and if so decided to give effect to the Finance Committee's recommendations with respect thereto.
- 4 To consider the state of the Poor Rate collection in No. 11 Collecting District (Collector J J Porter), and if so decided to give effect to the Finance Committee's recommendations with respect thereto.
- 5 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 2, on the question of the County Surveyor's application for travelling expenses.
- 6 To consider a letter from the Office of Public Works regarding a Drainage Scheme in the area of Carrigower (Dunlavin), which it is proposed to put into operation and hand over to the County Council for maintenance.
- 7 To consider a letter from the Law Agent dealing with the Council's proposal to purchase Blessington Courthouse.
- 8 To consider such other business as the Council may deem urgent.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 24th June, 1927, when the following members were present :—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors David Frame, John J Kennedy, William Byrne, and James Everett, T.D.

The Secretary submitted the following communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :—

21st June, 1927. No. G.29191/1927, Wicklow County. A Chara. With reference to the past year's rate collection, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, he has frequently expressed his thorough dissatisfaction at the manner in which Collectors Porter and Manley discharge their duties. These Collectors have been repeatedly warned as to the consequences which would follow their failure to close their collections which are now three months overdue. The Minister is unable to agree to further leniency, and if the warrants have not yet been closed, he directs the Council to terminate the services of these Collectors and report their action to this Department for the sanction of the Minister. Mise, le meas (signed) J M Hickey, a/s Runaidhe.

The Committee proceeded to examine the collection books of Collector John Manley (No. 9 District) and questioned him regarding the items which appeared to be uncollected. A member of the clerical staff having prepared by order of the Committee a list of the uncollected sums with the assistance of Collector Manley, it was found that there was a sum of over £780 made up of sums of £9 and over due by individual ratepayers. The collector was thereupon warned by the Committee that if at least £800 had not been collected and lodged before the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th July, 1927, the Council would at that meeting dismiss him from office as collector, as the Committee were satisfied that he was not in a position to submit any reasonable excuse for the backward condition of his collection.

The Committee also examined the collection books of Collector J J Porter (No. 11 District) and questioned him regarding the items which appeared to be uncollected. A member of the clerical staff having prepared by order of the Committee a list of the uncollected sums with the assistance of Collector Porter, it was found that there was a sum of over £496 made up of sums of £1 and over due by individual ratepayers. The collector was thereupon warned by the Committee that if at least £400 had not been collected and lodged before the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th July, 1927, the Council would at that meeting dismiss him from office as collector, as the Committee were satisfied he was not in a position to submit any reasonable excuse for the backward condition of his collection.

The Secretary submitted a schedule showing in detail the condition of the several Poor Rate Collections on the date of the Meeting, and asked the Committee to examine the figures of each collection and to indicate to him what collectors were to receive the collection books for the service of the

financial year ending 31st March, 1928. After careful examination of the figures the Committee directed the Secretary to issue the new Collection Books to the following:—Collector Luke MacDonnell (No. 1 District), Collector Edward Lynch (No. 3 District), Collector William Burke (No. 4 District), Collector P J Doyle (No. 7 District), Collector Patrick Mulligan (No. 8 District), Collector W J Quin (No. 13/15 District), and Collector Michael Roche (No. 14 District). The Committee directed that the new collection books be issued to Collector Thomas Fleming (No. 18 District) when the amount outstanding in respect of his collection for the financial year 1926/27 is under £100.

The Secretary reported that in pursuance of the order of the Committee made at their Special Meeting held on the 17th June, 1927, in compliance with the written request received from Superintendent P Meehan, Garda Síochána, Wicklow, he had on that date caused all the poor rate collection books issued to Collector Garret Byrne (No. 12 District) to be taken up, and they had since been the subject of a thorough investigation in the Council's office, when it was found that the collection was in a very grave condition. The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to the fact that Collector Garret Byrne was one of a number of collectors whom he found it necessary at the Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 24th August, 1925, to report for dilatoriness in the discharge of his duties, the two other principal offending collectors being Collectors John Manley (No. 9 District) and J J Porter (No. 11 District). He pointed out that a reference to the Minutes (of Proceedings of the County Council's Meetings) would disclose that he had consistently reported these three collectors at almost every meeting of the Finance Committee and of the County Council since the date in 1925 referred to. In outlining what had happened in connection with Collector Garret Byrne's poor rate collections, the Secretary pointed out that when preparing the usual monthly return on the 2nd June, showing the condition of the poor rate collections in the County on the 31st May, a comparison of the Treasurer's receipts issued to poor rate collectors with the County Council's bank pass book had disclosed the fact that a receipt or a sum of £835 13s 9d, which purported to have been given Collector Garret Byrne by the cashier in the National Bank, Wicklow Branch, on the 18th May had not been credited to the County Council in their Bank Pass Book. Accordingly on the 3rd inst he had forwarded to the bank manager in the aid branch for his inspection that receipt for £835 13s 9d, with a letter requesting the manager to have steps taken to have the sum indicated on that receipt lodged forthwith to credit of the County Council. Within the hour the bank manager informed him in the Council's office that there was no record

whatsoever in the bank's own books to show that a lodgment of £835 13s 9d had in fact been received on the 18th May, the date on the receipt referred to. This receipt had reached the Secretary from the duly appointed Deputy Checker, Mr P W Sheehan, Secretary to the County Wicklow Board of Health, Rathdrum. A careful examination of the receipt showed that certain alterations appeared to have been made thereon, whether before handing same to the cashier or after receipt by the collector from the cashier it was impossible to say. Mr Garret Byrne had alleged he lodged the sum in question, and that on the same date, but at a different hour, he lodged the sum of £35 12s. The cashier in the bank on the other hand alleged that what really happened was the Collector obtained two receipts for the one lodgment of £35 12s (one receipt on the counterfoil of an ordinary bank lodgment docket, such as hangs up in every bank, and the other on the County Council's official Treasurer's receipt (Form 54) as torn from a book of receipts, such as is issued from the Council's offices to each poor rate collector, in compliance with the provisions of the Public Bodies Order) and that further Mr Garret Byrne altered the £35 12s in the official receipt so as to make the sum read £835 13s 9d. The bank official in question had since sworn an information against Collector Garret Byrne as a consequence of which the latter was arrested and following a preliminary hearing at Newtown-Mt. Kennedy District Court yesterday was allowed out on bail on two solvent sureties of £500 each. The Secretary went on to state that as above-mentioned he had had the collection books taken up from Collector Garret Byrne fully checked and investigated. He found that 66 rate receipts were missing from the books, totaling in value £1139 4s 9d (representing £777 13s first moiety and £361 11s 9d second moiety) but none of these ratings is entered on any abstract relating to Mr Byrne's collection received by the Secretary from the Deputy Checker, Mr P W Sheehan, though the counterfoil in the collection book itself purported in each case to bear the initials "A.M.", which are the initials of Mr A Manning, the Accountant in the office of County Wicklow Board of Health, Rathdrum, who apparently assisted Mr P W Sheehan, the officially appointed Deputy Checker, in checking the poor rate collections of the rate collectors resident in the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District. The Secretary immediately sent the collection books to Mr Sheehan's office by a member of the Council's staff in his own car, and had since received from Mr Manning a letter dated 29th inst in which he distinctly stated "I am satisfied that the initials on the receipts, the numbers of which are on the list made out in your office, were not written by me." Immediately on receipt of this communication from Mr Manning the Secretary wrote to Superintendent Meehan, who when he arrived back in Wicklow from night inspection in the early hours on Tuesday morning (21st June) arrested Mr Garret Byrne. When the latter was charged in custody at Newtown-Mt. Kennedy District Court on the same day the Superintendent, in resisting bail, informed the Court that he had reason to believe other very grave charges would be preferred against Mr Byrne, in addition to the charge in the sworn information of the cashier in the National Bank. The Secretary also stated that on the 21st June he had posted from the Council's offices 178 Forms 60, 112 being to the ratepayers whose receipts still remained in the collection books when taken up, and 66 being to the ratepayers whose receipts were missing from the collection books, but concerning which Mr Manning repudiated the initials "A.M." on the counterfoils.

ORDER—The Secretary to hold himself at the disposal of the Garda Síochána authorities at all times for any purpose for which he might be required in this case.

A discussion arose as to the method in which Poor Rate Collectors' books were checked and the official receipts and books signed and dated, and in this connection the Secretary submitted the following circular letter which he had forwarded to each poor rate collector, to each Deputy Checker and to the Law Agent:—

9th March, 1927. A Chara. I note with much concern that though it is now the last month of the financial year a very considerable portion of the second moiety is still uncollected, while many collectors have not even closed the first moiety. You are aware of the recently expressed intention of the Ministry to insist upon strict compliance by collectors with the terms of their appointments, and con-

sequently, in your own interest as well as in that of the Council, which at the present time is in considerable financial embarrassment, I have to urge you to spare no effort to secure the lodgment of all collectible rates before the end of the month. The attendance of certain collectors for checking is again becoming unsatisfactory. The regulations in this case are very explicit, and except where all years' warrants are closed or in cases of illness, collectors must produce their books every fortnight to the Deputy Checker. In future, where a collector misses an attendance and the Deputy Checker receives no letter of explanation, I shall place the matter before the Finance Committee. Furthermore, in no case will the practice of retaining monies in hands at checking be tolerated. Every collector, when he goes to be checked, should know to the penny how much rates he has collected, and it is incumbent upon him to make arrangements to have it all lodged beforehand and to be able to produce bank receipts to the Deputy Checker for the full amount. Where this is not done I shall have to consider asking the Deputy Checker to take up the collection books. I am directed by the Department of Local Government and Public Health to state that in no case will signed official receipts be accepted as vouchers for irrecoverable items. Collectors should therefore note that where receipts are signed the amounts will be automatically disallowed. They should further clearly understand that in no circumstances should their signatures or a date appear on a rate receipt or on the counterfoil unless and until they have in actual fact received the rates. As much care should be given to the insertion on the rate receipt and counterfoil of the actual date on which payment has been made as should be given to the signature on the rate receipt and counterfoil, for it has been definitely held one is as important as the other. Yours faithfully (signed) P T HEALY, Secretary to the County Council.

ORDER—The contents of this circular letter to be again communicated to the Deputy Checkers and Poor Rate Collectors, special emphasis to be laid on the necessity for observing carefully the instructions in the last paragraph thereof.

Only one tender was received by the County Surveyor for the 12-ton Aveling and Porter steam engine which he had advertised for sale, in accordance with the order made by the Council at their Special Meeting on the 13th June, 1927. This tender was for the sum of £160, and was received from Mr R R Graham, Balraheen, Maynooth. Mr Graham, who was present in the building, came before the Committee and handed in a cheque for £160, receiving in return an order for the immediate delivery of the engine to him. The Committee desire to point out that this accepted tender is £100 higher than the highest tender received when the roller was first advertised.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

28th June, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor D 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 D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the Council go into Committee for the purpose of discussing the condition of the Poor Rate Collections of Messrs Garret Byrne, John Manley and J J Porter.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following:—

(i) Letter dated 17th June, 1927, No. G.29191/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister is gravely concerned with the facts disclosed regarding Mr Garret Byrne's collection, that if he is found to have failed to account for monies collected an information should be sworn against him in addition to appropriate civil proceedings under the bond, and that the sureties should be notified of the circumstance and inquiries made from selected ratepayers on Form 60.

(ii) Letter dated 22nd June, 1927, from Mr Garret Byrne to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, outlining the facts regarding his collection, stating that

the sum of £835 13s 9d was in actual fact lodged with the Council's Treasurer as follows:—53 £10 notes, other notes amounting to £300 10s, and silver amounting to £5 3s 9d, alleging that the bank receipt for this sum was handed to the rate inspector as he received it in the bank, and strongly affirming his innocence of any criminal act in the matter.

(iii) Letter dated 24th June, 1927, from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, stating that his bank do not admit the alleged lodgment of £835 13s 9d, and that pending inquiries he regrets he cannot credit the Council's account with that amount.

(iv) Letter dated 24th June, 1927, No. G.30081/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of a letter addressed by Collector Garret Byrne to that Department on lines similar to those of his letter addressed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

(v) Letter dated 24th June, 1927, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., noting the present position in regard to Collector Garret Byrne's collections, and stating they had that morning received a letter from him.

(vi) Letter dated 28th May, 1927, No. G.25551/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that as matters then stood Collectors John Manley, J J Porter and Garret Byrne could not receive poundage fees unless specially sanctioned by the Minister, and that drastic proceedings should be taken against these collectors if they did not avail of the concession given them by the Council.

(vii) Letter dated 21st June, 1927, No. G.29191/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, directing the Council, if the warrants of Collectors Manley and Porter have not yet been closed, to terminate their services and report their action to the Minister for approval.

(viii) Letter dated 4th July, 1927, from Collector J J Porter, briefly summarizing the condition of his collection, and offering to lodge £400 to credit of the County Council by the 24th July, 1927.

(ix) Tabular statement prepared by the Secretary showing the condition

of the poor rate collections in general on the 30th June, 1927.

The Council, having discussed the matters referred to in the above correspondence at considerable length, and having examined Collectors John Manley and J J Porter, who were present, regarding the steps they were taking to collect the large sums of rates outstanding in their districts, came out of Committee.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That we hereby suspend from his position as Poor Rate Collector Mr Garret Byrne (No. 12 District), because of negligence in the discharge of his duties, notwithstanding the repeated warnings of the Finance Committee and of this Council, and we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under the terms of Article 99 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, to approve of his suspension.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne.

Resolved—That in the exceptional circumstances now submitted we allow Collector J J Porter and Collector John Manley to the Meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the 25th July, 1927, to close their collections, and the Finance Committee are hereby authorized to take up their books on that date, and suspend them from their offices as collectors if such collections are not closed.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted an application dated 4th July, 1927, from Collector Michael Roche, 25 Main Street, Arklow, asking to be appointed poor Rate collector for No. 12 district (now rendered vacant) in addition to his own district (No. 14).

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,
Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the collection of poor rates in No. 12 district be given on a temporary basis to existing Collector Michael Roche, who at present collects in No. 14 district in a highly satisfactory manner, on his undertaking to discharge the duties in both districts at a poundage fee of sixpence in the £.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.; and
Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

That the vacant position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 12 (Dungstown) district be advertised at a poundage rate of sevenpence and that the position be filled at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

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, James Kavanagh, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D.; and John J Kennedy—7.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Michael Fleming, Felix O'Rafferty, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—14.

The amendment having been declared lost by fourteen votes against to seven for, the original motion was put to the Meeting by the Chairman and declared passed on the same voting.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming:

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the necessary warrants be now signed and sealed for the collection of the rates in No. 12 District, now rendered vacant by Resolution passed to day.

Passed.

The Special Meeting of the Finance Committee summoned for the purpose of considering the County Surveyor's application to be allowed travelling expenses not having met, the Council themselves proceeded to consider this question.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor's application for travelling expenses be adjourned for consideration to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to be held in August next, when the duties of the various officials identified with road maintenance in this County have been first obtained.

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, Patrick Doyle, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, John Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—12.

AGAINST—Councillors Denis Condren, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, Felix O'Rafferty, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D.; and John J Kennedy—9.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by twelve votes to nine.

The Secretary submitted the following letter received by him from

the Commissioners of Public Works:—

CARRIGOWER DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

13th June, 1927. 2891/24. We beg to inform you that we have had an inspection of the above-named Drainage District carried out by one of our Engineers under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, and have considered his report from which it appears that the district is at present in need of a good general cleaning. The area of lands drained or improved as set out in the Final Award is 592 acres 0 roods and 31 perches. We are prepared to proceed with works of restoration in the District comprising a general cleaning of the 7 miles of main stream and 5 miles of tributaries and drains which are overgrown with weeds in places, and the widening of parts of the waterway where the sides have grown in. Improvement works will be necessary between Blackmoor Bridge and Giltraps Bridge, where the adjoining lands are almost under water due partly to the growth of weeds and silt and to insufficient outfall and depth. A number of field drains are in a very neglected condition, and will require a thorough cleaning. The estimated cost of these works is £1350. We propose to ask the Minister for Finance to sanction a Government Free Grant of 25% of the cost to enable us to carry out the scheme. Assuming that the Minister agrees to give a 25% Grant, the average annual rent charge required to repay the balance of the cost in 15 years would be about 3/5 per acre. We may add that on completion of the works of restoration the business of the Drainage Trustees will be transferred in pursuance of Section 3 of the Act of 1924 to the Wicklow County Council. (Signed) J W Taylor, for Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved—That the Carrigower Drainage Scheme be maintained in future by each land owner keeping that portion of the river and turbaries on his lands in order and that each land owner be notified by the Trustees forthwith to that effect; that the cleaning be done each year by the 1st day of August; and that no expenses be incurred of any nature in any other matter.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 13th June, 1927, from the Council's Law Agent, enclosing copy of a letter from Miss E Merry, Downshire Office, Rathgar Road, Dublin, stating that Lord Downshire

would be prepared to accept £850 for Blessington Court House premises in fee simple; a letter dated 21st June, 1927, from the Council's Law Agent, suggesting that Mr P J Foley be asked to make a valuation of the premises, and enclosing copy of a letter from Miss Merry stating that the attached plot and the weighbridge would be included in the sale of these premises; and a further letter dated 25th June, 1927, from the Council's Law Agent, enclosing tracing of the above-mentioned plot.

ORDER—Referred to Engineer for Report.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 24th June, 1927, No. M.26093, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, enclosing draft of a Sealed Order proposed to be issued by the Minister in connection with the setting up of a Joint Committee in control of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

ORDER—Draft Order to be printed and circulated to each member of the Council for consideration at the August Quarterly Meeting.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that all rate collectors employed by the County Council be paid only 6d in the £ as poundage on all monies collected from the 1st August, 1927."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Council pay to Mr Andrew Nolan, late instructor of Agriculture, the full superannuation allowance to which he is entitled having regard to his total number of years of service, that is, two-thirds of his average annual salary during his last three years of office with the fluctuating bonus thereon, amounting to £195 per annum together with the fluctuating bonus thereon."

W. J. Henry
22/8/27

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 22nd August, 1927.

The following members attended:—

Councillors J J Bourne, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, David H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, P J Cullen, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, J J Metcalfe, P J Carty, James Everett, T.D.; M Fleming, Joseph Metcalfe, George Heatley, and John J Kennedy.

A telegram was submitted from Councillor David Frame, Chairman, apologising for his inability to attend owing to an important engagement, and in the absence of the Vice-Chairman also, it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne; and

Resolved—That, in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Chair be taken by Councillor J J Bourne.

Passed.

At a later stage, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor James Everett, T.D., arrived and took the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

BUSINESS

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Reports.
- 2 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 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 a letter from the Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, asking the Council to take steps to prevent the affixing of posters all over the walls of the new Courthouse, as they would be an eyesore and injurious to the town.

9 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining a loan of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds for the purpose of carrying out the necessary work in connection with the repairs to the Fever Hospital Buildings at Shillelagh Workhouse, and the equipment of same, so as to make the Hospital suitable for the accommodation of Fever Patients."

10 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J J Metcalfe:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some one for me, shall move at

the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that (i) the duties of County and Assistant Surveyors employed by Wicklow County Council in connection with the roads under their charge be furnished by the L.G.B. for the information of Councillors to next quarterly meeting and (ii) that the County Surveyor have for the information of members the working hours and weekly wage of all employees on road work at next Quarterly Meeting, with a view to alteration or amendment by the Council."

11 To again consider the County Surveyor's application for his expenses of travelling whilst in the discharge of his duties.

12 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor William Henry:—

"I hereby give Notice that I or another Councillor will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that the situation of election booths and the electoral areas be changed for the greater convenience of electors of the County."

13 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Patrick Doyle:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that all rate collectors employed by the County

Council be paid only 6d in the £ as poundage on all monies collected from 1st August, 1927."

14 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Council pay to Mr Andrew Nolan, late Instructor of Agriculture the full superannuation allowance to which he is entitled having regard to his total number of years of service, that is, two-thirds of his average annual salary during his last three years of office with the fluctuating bonus thereon, amounting to £195 per annum together with the fluctuating bonus thereon."

15 To consider draft of a Sealed Order proposed to be issued by the Minister for Industry and Commerce in connection with the setting up of a Joint Committee for the management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

16 To consider Special Committee's Report and letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the collections left unclosed by ex-Collector Charles Byrne.

17 To consider Reports from the Central Library Committee, regarding the new staffing arrangements rendered necessary by the taking over by that Committee of the libraries at Curtinstown, Enniskerry, Greystones and Kilmacanogue.

18 To pass a Resolution instructing the Council's Treasurer to sell £100 5 per cent. Compensation Stock inscribed in the name of Wicklow County Council by the Ministry of Finance, and to execute the usual Letters of Attorney in this connection.

19 To consider draft Agreement submitted by the Law Department, Great Southern Railways, in connection with the setting back of the railway wall at Aughrim.

20 To consider letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Office of Public Works regarding the proposed restoration of Carrigower Drainage District.

21 To consider letter from the Secretary, Irish County Council's

General Council, asking if the Council wish to have any matters brought forward at the next meeting of the General Council.

22 To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 30th June, 1927.

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

24 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

25 To receive Reports from County Officers.

26 To consider Official Correspondence.

27 To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 12th August, 1927.

The following members attended:

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne and C M Byrne.

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

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	10337 6 5
(Former) Baltinglass No. 1	1821 4 6
" Rathdown No. 2	88 19 7
" Rathdrum	59 2 5
" Shillelagh	8 5 8
Repayment of Loans	364 7 6
" (transferred to Board of Health	1117 0 2

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:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

County Board of Assistance £8196 0 0

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1927.

County Board of Public Health £443 5 0

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:—

Year	District No.	Name of Collector.	Amount.
1923/24	16	Patrick J O'Byrne	£20 11 2
1924/25	12	Garrett Byrne	1 10 11
1925/26	12	do.	6 4 6
do.	16	Patrick J O'Byrne	4 0 2
1926/27	1	Luke McDonnell	20 6 11
do.	4	William Burke	4 10 9
do.	7	P J Doyle	168 0 2
do.	10	W P Murphy	33 8 4
do.	11	James J Porter	60 7 11
do.	11	do.	54 3 11
do.	11/15	W J Quinn	61 15 2
do.	16	Patrick J O'Byrne	86 15 6
do.	18	Thomas Fleming	13 8 8

The Committee proceeded to consider the condition of Collector John Manley's poor rate collections in No. 9 District, in accordance with the terms of the Council's Resolution passed at the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 4th July, 1927. They fully investigated the facts and figures and heard the explanations of Collector Manley, whom they brought before them. Collector Manley asked for further time to put his collections in order, but in view of the fact that this question had already been postponed many times on his giving undertakings which had not been carried out, the Committee see no possibility of any change for the better being effected in the present most unsatisfactory situation by their accepting further promises from Collector Manley. Accordingly it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ; and

Resolved—That, pursuant to the terms of the Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at their Special Meeting held on the 4th ulto, we hereby suspend Collector John Manley from his position as Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 District for continuous neglect in the discharge of his duties, we having at this meeting examined the condition of his collection and discovered that no appreciable progress has been made by him, and we hereby direct Mr Manley to surrender to the Secretary all collection books relating to his uncollected collections and such other books and documents as he has in his possession relating to these collections—this Resolution not to come in effect or to operate if Collector John Manley produces before 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 17th August, 1927, to the Secretary a Treasurer's receipt for the lodgment of the sums of Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£850) to credit of the County Council.

Passed.

The Committee also reviewed carefully the condition of Mr J J Porter's poor rate collection in No. 11 District, pursuant to the terms of the Council's Resolution already referred to. Having heard Collector Porter's explanations, the Committee adjourned further consideration of the matter to their meeting to be held on Friday, the 19th August, 1927, on which date Collector Porter was directed to appear before them again.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Reports dated 16th July, 1927, were submitted from the Mother

Superioress, Loreto Convent School, Gorey, and the President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, respectively, regarding the application and progress of the Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders in these colleges for the scholastic year just expired, together with applications from the scholarship holders for the renewal of the scholarships for the scholastic year 1927/1928. The reports were of a satisfactory nature in the cases of all the students with the exception of John O'Grady, Main Street, Baltinglass. In his case the President of St. Peter's College reported that he had made fairly good progress in his studies, but that he gave the college authorities much trouble by violation of the rules of the college, and in that respect had made no improvement during the year 1926/1927. In view of the fact that the Council, at their Meeting held on the 21st June, 1926, had directed the Secretary to write this student and his father, Mr Patrick O'Grady, drawing their serious attention to a similar report that day before the Council in respect to the year 1925/1926, and warning them that the Council would not again renew this boy's scholarship unless there is a good report as to conduct and progress during the scholastic year 1926/1927, the Committee refuse to recommend the renewal of John O'Grady's scholarship for a fourth year.

The following are the names of the students whose scholarships the Committee recommend the renewals of, subject to the sanction of the Minister of Education:—Miss Mary Nolan, Ballyvroghan, Donard; Miss Monica Larkin, 3 St. Aidan's Terrace, Bray; Miss Annie M. Hopkins, Kevin Street, Tinahely; Master John Traynor, Tinahely; and Master John Geoghegan, Aughrim.

The Secretary submitted communications from the Irish Tourist Association, dated 4th July, 1927, enclosing as follows copy of a detailed Scheme for the proposed expenditure of Wicklow County Council's advertising funds covering the year 1927/1928:—

Detailed Scheme for Expenditure of Advertising Funds 1927/8.

TOTAL—£580.

Adminis- tration	Bureaux	Editorial	Photographic	Total Publicity	National Publicity
10% 58	10% 58	5% 29	5% 29	50% 290	20% 116

ADMINISTRATION. The allowance of 10% in accordance with the Scheme approved by the Ministry for Industry and Commerce covers all administrative and organisation expenses in connection with the promotion of tourist traffic to and in Ireland.

BUREAUX. The Allocations from the various contributory bodies for this purpose are being utilised for the maintenance of a Tourist Bureau in London with Dublin and other points of arrival in the Irish Free State, and for the payment of uniformed Reception Officials to meet visitors on arrival in London and provide necessary information for the guidance while in the country. It is hoped as a result of increased allocations for this purpose during the current year to initiate Bureau arrangements in Paris and New York and a Scheme is also being considered for the enlargement of our activities in London as justified by the results of our present arrangements.

EDITORIAL. The allocations for this purpose from the various contributing Bodies cover (a) the writing up of interesting material covering all parts of the country; (b) the supplying of this material for the information of tourists both in hand books, leaflets, folders, etc., and in press articles supplied to newspapers free of charge. A large amount of publicity is being secured through this latter source.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY. Owing to the absence of good modern photographs of various tourist resorts the Association is arranging for the photographing of the important places of interest throughout the country and the work under this head will be begun immediately. A number of photographers will have to be retained for this purpose as most of the work will have to be done in August when resorts are being frequented by large numbers of visitors. The photographs will be used in I.T.A. publications and will also be supplied to newspapers, magazines, etc., in foreign countries for free publication, thus giving further valuable publicity.

LOCAL PUBLICITY. Funds allocated for this purpose would be spent on publications and newspaper advertising, etc., dealing wholly with the County or parts of it. The first publications under this head—an illustrated Guide and Folder for County Wicklow—are practically completed.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY. The joint allocations for this purpose are being spent on similar lines to those utilised under the head "Local Publicity" with the exception that the expenditure will be on Ireland as a whole without reference to particular parts of it. This is the most important and valuable publicity inasmuch as it is a broader appeal and has more widespread distribution than "Local Publicity" efforts, and all districts benefit as a result of it.

ORDER—The Committee are not at all satisfied that an adequate return may be expected under the proposed Scheme for the Council's contribution. They further note that the amount included in the Scheme is £580, whereas the proceeds of the 1d rate raised by the Council over the rural portions of County Wicklow amounts to only £517.

An estimate dated 15th July, 1927, was submitted by Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Grafton Street, Dublin, the Council's architects for the rebuilding of Bray Courthouse, for fitting up the basement of that building in accordance with the requirements of the Sergeant of the Garda Síochána who has charge of the weights and measures for that district, in which estimate the contractors, Messrs McNally and Company, propose to supply and fit up the following for the sum of £12:—(i) Deal benches, 12' 0" x 38' 0" wrot deal leaf on No. 6 framed trestles out of 3" x 2" wrot deal (ii) Shelf, 12' 0" x 18" x 2" wrot deal against old stone wall on and including No. 5 Tee iron bearers each cemented into wall and with No. 3 screw holes for screwing shelf; (iii) Wrot deal table, 6' 0" x 2' 6", 1" leaf, 3" x 3" legs, 4" x 2" bearers under leaf and 3" x 2" bottom; (iv) Kitchen chair.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to have the basement fitted up in the manner mentioned at a cost not to exceed £12.

The Committee also recommend the Council to give authority to Sergeant Glynn, Garda Síochána, Weights and Measures Inspector for Wicklow district, to obtain, and accept the least of, three tenders for (i) repair of boxes holding sub-standard weights and measures; (ii) making of some new boxes for same; (iii) making of a table for use in the workshop provided by the Council in Wicklow.

A letter dated 18th June, 1927, was submitted from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, with which he enclosed copy of a letter dated 17th June, 1927, which he had received from the Roads section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, concerning the liability of certain owners of petrol pumps in County Wicklow to pay the prescribed fees. The Committee recommend that the Law Agent be directed to take to Court the owners of such petrol pumps as are not governed by the Ministry's letter the services of the Assistant Surveyors to be placed at his disposal by the Council for that purpose.

An application was submitted from Mr Herbert Stevens, Ashford, for refund of 30s, being the amount of three deposits lodged with three tenders for road maintenance contracts which he failed to secure at the recent local roads committee meeting in Rathdrum, which 30s was impounded by the Council and lodged to credit of their account. The Committee, understanding that Mr Stevens and his two sureties were not present at the roads committee meeting when called upon owing to a misunderstanding, recommend that he be refunded the 30s in question.

An application dated 13th June, 1927, was received from Mr J R Dagg, 4 Palmerston Road, Rathmines, late Clerk of Baltinglass Board of Guardians and of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, to have his pensions paid monthly, in order to allow of his paying arrears of income tax by monthly instalments.

ORDER—The Committee are unable to recommend the Council to comply with this request, and they see no reason for departing from the order made on his previous application in this connection.

The Committee postponed to their next Quarterly Meeting consideration of two tenders received for the Council's Garrett Tractor and waggons, in reply to an advertisement issued by the County Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted the following:—

Grafton Chambers, 102-103 Grafton Street, Dublin. 9th August, 1927. Dear Sir. I have inspected Blessington Courthouse and I find it in good state of repair, except the Heating System of which I do not approve. In view of the fact that the Council pay only £10 rent I am of opinion that £500 is sufficient to pay for it. This amount has been arrived at, taking into account that the upper portion of the buildings is not included in the rent which the Council pay and will be available as a store for the tools, etc., which will certainly have to be provided in each area. It might be possible to set portion of the building at a rent of £15. I am not aware if the Council could charge rent for the Market portion of the building. Yours faithfully (signed) P J Foley. P T Healy, Esq, Court House, Wicklow.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the Council offer the sum of £500 for the Courthouse at Blessington, together with the attached plot.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor C M Byrne;

Resolved—That, having thoroughly satisfied ourselves that the work in the Secretary's Office has vastly increased in recent years, and has now reached the stage when a Secretary, with three clerks, is unable to adequately and efficiently deal with it, we, the Finance Committee of Wicklow County Council, acting under the powers conferred upon us by Standing Order No. 87, and subject to the Council's approval, hereby authorise the Secretary to employ an additional clerk at 30s per week until such time as the Council is satisfied that the volume of work to be discharged in the Secretary's Office has appreciably diminished, the usual fidelity Bond in the sum of £100 to be entered into.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the Abstract of Accounts of County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the half-year ended 31st March, 1927. Noted.

(Signed) David H Haskins,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

18th August, 1927.

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 P J Carey;

Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

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 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 19th August, 1927.

The following members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors William Byrne, John J Kennedy and C M Ua Broin.

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

ADDITION PROPOSALS—£1 16s 4d.

The Committee having satisfied themselves that Collector J J Porter has lodged to credit of the County Council all monies at present collectible in his district in respect of arrears of rates to the 31st March, 1927, recommend that this collector be given the collection books for the year 1927/1928, and that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for permission to pay the collector the poundage due him on his collection.

The Committee, having satisfied themselves that Collector John Manley has lodged the full amount of the outstanding rates on his collections for the years 1922/1923, 1925/1926 and 1926/1927 (with the exception of the rates for each of these three years due on the Dumville and Casey holdings which are still in the courts), hereby recommend, notwithstanding any previous order made to the contrary, that the Secretary issue to Collector Manley the collection books for the service of the year 1927/1928, and that the usual application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for permission to pay this Collector the poundage due him on the foregoing collections.

The Secretary submitted reports dated 15th and 17th August, 1927, from Mr Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, rate inspector, to the effect that as Collector Michael Halpin had not attended for checking on the 12th August, 1927, the date appointed, he had gone to this collector's house that evening, and returned next day, for the purpose of thoroughly checking the books. He found that Collector Halpin had entered in his abstract amounts of rates totalling £11 9s 3d, and had lodged the sum of £11 3s, but that there were other items appearing to be collected which the collector had not entered in his abstract amounting to between £145 and £150. Mr Furlong, acting on the instructions recently issued by the Secretary to all rate inspectors, took up the collection books, and warned Collector Halpin that the amount under-logged should be lodged within twenty-four hours. This Collector Halpin undertook to do, but up to the 17th inst. the lodgment had not been made.

ORDER—The Committee, having noted that Collector Halpin has in hands collected but not lodged the sum of £148, we hereby direct him to produce to the Secretary a receipt from the Treasurer for £148 not later than 12 noon on Friday, the 26th August, 1927, failing which they direct the Secretary to swear an information for the arrest of Collector Halpin for embezzlement.

The Committee take a very grave view of the unclosed collections of Collectors Healy, Mrs K Doyle, D Kinsella and John Byrne, and we hereby recommend the Council to dispense with the services of these collectors if their collections are not forthwith closed.

(Signed),

DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

19th August, 1927.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 19th August, 1927, from Collector Halpin, setting out the difficulties he experienced in obtaining payment of rates, and also the following letter:—

Kiltegan. 20th August, 1927. Mr Healy. Dear Sir. In reply to your letter of to-day I regret to state that within the last month I unfortunately bought live stock from several people in order to get in the rates, and as the times and weather was so bad lately I could not dispose of them, but I am bringing a large number to Mr Rooney's sales to be held in Duniavin on Friday, and I expect after that date to be able to lodge all the money—the deputy checker can certify that the above report is true. I also beg to say that I was unfortunate to get into this yoke but I thought I was doing the best, and I guarantee that if I get safe this time it won't occur again. I may add that the amount given in your letter, namely £148, is a good lot in excess, as the irrecoverables are included in it. I was making out the irrecoverable sheet at the time to send it to you. Thanking you exceedingly. Yours faithfully (signed) Michael Halpin.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, the Council, however, allowing Collector Halpin until 12 noon on Monday, the 29th August, 1927, to lodge the total sum collected but not lodged.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:— COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting to £10,337 6s 5d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Burke;

Seconded by " Daniel J Kehoe;

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 £1821 4s 6d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) RATHDOWN No 2.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the former area of 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.

(former) RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;

Seconded by " Patrick Cullen ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £59 2s 5d (any modification 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 " W J Doyle ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £8 5s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to 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.

TRANSFERS TO MEET LOAN REPAYMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor David H Haskins

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments to meet Loans, amounting to £1,117 0s 2d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor D H Haskins

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals, for Payments amounting to £1 16s 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 " George Fisher ;

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,
17th August, 1927.

COUNTY SURVEYORS REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 22nd August 1927.

The work done on the County Roads has been satisfactory and the contractors have been reasonably attentive to their work and most of the men are getting out their metal supplies.

1—Owing to the extraordinary heavy bursts of rain-storms certain roads have been damaged and torn. In previous times the Contractor could be allowed some extra payment for such work caused by these sudden and uncontrollable storms and I consider that where such cases occur it would be advisable to allow the contractors, on my Certificate, a reasonable extra payment when the work is completed.

2—I regret to report that a group of old gulleys on Road No 80 (Wicklow Gap Road) required an extensive overhaul and that in the interest of public safety I was compelled to carry out the work—the whole road was in danger of collapsing owing to the undermining of the foundations of the gulleys by rabbit burrows and the collapse of an ancient and disused gullet—the work is nearly complete and will have involved an expenditure of about £120.

3—Despite the inclement weather the work on the Tar Grants has been carried on and it is hoped that if we get anything like reasonable fine weather in the next three weeks we can complete the programme. Had we received the normal amount of dry weather this work would have been completed early last month.

From the experience of this year in regard to tar dressing it is obvious

that should the Council decide to continue to carry out this class of work by direct labour a mechanical spraying plant should be obtained, which owing to its capability of covering large areas in a short period of time will enable us to utilise to better advantage such fine weather as we may receive. If the Council do provide such mechanical plant it would be advisable to retain the Garret Tractor which it was proposed to sell, as I consider it would be suitable for hauling this plant.

4—Considerable progress has been made in the Greystones Area—and this will—as far as the Grant work is concerned—be completed in a few days. This work was greatly delayed by weather conditions and the difficulty of procuring delivery of suitable material.

The work at Shillelagh is making satisfactory progress and also the work on the National Road between the Meetings and Arklow. As requested by the Council, the old "Parnell" Quarry near Woodenbridge has been opened and material is now being prepared.

The work on the Blessington-Baltinglass road is progressing and despite the difficult weather conditions has been fairly well kept.

5—The repair work of walls (included in my proposals in the Road Scheme and postponed by the Council) near Poulaphuca is becoming a matter of urgency and should be undertaken as soon as possible.

6—The use of certain mountain roads by Char-a-banc and motor lorries is increasing. In connection with this I have received a complaint (per the Ministry for Roads, etc.) from the Automobile Club relative to the use of the road from Derrybawn to Drumgoff. I wish to direct attention to the fact that under Article 5 (3) of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, the County Council, on the report of the County Surveyor, may apply to the Minister to reduce the maximum axle loads allowed by the Order viz :—8 tons an axle and 12 tons gross.

I therefore report that the undernoted roads, which are mountain roads of weak and poor construction, are, in my opinion, unfit for heavy motors viz. :—

Road No. 12	Glasnamuckey to Sallygap Cross Roads.
" " 37	Shroughmore to Sallygap Cross Roads.
" " 57, 58	Sallygap to Laragh
" " 376, 379	Sallygap to Tinode.
" " 80, 343, 344	Laragh (Seven Churches to Hollywood)
" " 83	Drumgoff to Derrybawn.
" " 128	Aughavannagh to Drumgoff.
" " 130	Mullan Cross to Ballygobban.
" " 260	Mullan Cross Roads to Graiguecross.

These roads, which are mostly constructed of a light surface coat of granite sand on boggy soil, are wholly unsuited for heavy motor vehicles.

Is mise le meas,

S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

ORDER—(1) To be left in County Surveyor's hands to be properly dealt with ; (2) County Surveyor's action approved ; (3) All footpaths in the County Rural to be made properly fit for the use of pedestrians, County Surveyor to make application for this sprayer and four standby boilers to the Committee considering next Estimates, Garret Tractor to be repaired after tenders have been obtained and retained for tarring purposes ; (4) No order ; (5) These walls to be repaired by contract ; (6) No order.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
17th August, 1927.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO QUARTERLY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 22nd AUGUST, 1927, REGARDING MATTERS REFERRED TO HIM SINCE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION PASSED 13th SEPTEMBER, 1926.

A CHAIRDE,

- Petition from Ratepayers relative to the Road-Kilcavan Gap to Kennystown. This road was many years ago "on the County." If the County Council desire to maintain and repair this road an application by a County Councillor should be made to me asking that it be included in next year's Road Scheme and giving the particulars required by the Public Bodies Order.
- Letter from Transport Workers' Union, Dunlavin, demanding that Thomas Bowles be placed in charge of the Council's Roller. As a matter of fact, Mr Bowles is so employed.
- Letter from Ratepayers in West Wicklow relative to the removal of the Council's Roller to East Wicklow and that it should be placed in charge of a local driver. I am not aware that the Roller is to be removed to East Wicklow. See reply to letter No. 2.
- 5, 6, 7. Communications relative to dust in Greystones. The Main Roads in this Area have been included by the County Council in the Tar Grant of this year and have been so treated.
- Letter from Ministry of Local Government re Greystones. The only paragraphs dealing with road work are :—

Paragraph 2—provision of railings on sea front. This was included in Road Scheme 1927-28 and postponed.

- " 3—Relative to Windgates—Bray Road. This road was steamrolled from Bray to Windgates and the remainder tar painted and well repaired.
- " 5—Footpaths—Railway to Blacklion. Included in Road Scheme 1927-28 and postponed.
- 9 Letter from Mr Wilfred Tighe, Rossannagh, Ashford, asking leave to enclose space opposite Rossannagh entrance. This space was at one time constructed to allow coaches to turn at Rossannagh. If the County Council see fit they can allow the space to be enclosed. At present it is of no use to the road.
10. Letter from Mr James McDonnell, Scalp, Enniskerry, complaining that lorries, hauling sand from a gravel pit on the Killegar Road, pass near his house and endanger the house and the lives of his children. The road in question is now used by lorries hauling sand and as Mr McDonnell's house is at the edge of the road (which is very narrow) and at the junction of this road with the Main Road Scalp to Enniskerry no doubt the lorries pass unduly close to the house. The matter was referred to the Law Agent and his opinion is that the grievance is one to be adjusted between the lorry owners and the owner of the cottage.
11. Letter from R J McCann, Baltinglass, asking that the Street be tarred in Main Street, Baltinglass. I do not think it would be advisable to tar this Street at present as it would not be possible to sufficiently clean road to enable the tar to get a bond with the old road surface.
12. Letter 13/8/27 from Mr Leeson, Rathdrum, asking leave to pave with concrete the path at his house, 29 Lower Main Street. There is no objection provided County Council gives leave.
13. Petition 15/8/27 unsigned from Ratepayers asking that a dangerous turn at Raheenavine and Coolafake be removed. This should be included in the Road Scheme 1928-9 if so requested by a County Councillor in accordance with provisions of the Public Bodies Order.

Is mise, le meas,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

ORDERS—(1) Referred to a local Councillor; (2) Noted; (3) Noted, one roller to be retained at all times in West Wicklow; (4), (5), (6), (7) Noted as already dealt with; (8) Noted; (9) Referred to Law Agent for his opinion; (10) No action to be taken acting on Law Agent's advice; (11) Noted, no action; (12) Permission granted; (13) Referred to a local Councillor.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 3.

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow. 19th August, 1927. To the Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. The enclosed letter and Plan were received from the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern Railways. It is proposed to cede to the County Council the plot of ground in front of the Railway Station, Greystones, provided the County Council undertake to repair and maintain same. The space in question appears to be used largely as a Car Stand and in my opinion ordinary surfacing would be inadequate and I consider that it should be paved with Sett Paving, which would withstand the constant pounding of the horses' feet. Also, the cleansing of this space from horse droppings and other debris would be a public charge as the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health apparently rule that the removal of all dirt and debris, other than that arising from the wear of the road surface is a matter which should be dealt with by the local Sanitary Authority. The area from the plan shown is approximately 250 square yards and the probable cost £250. If the Council decide to accept the Company's offer the work should be included, at the request of a County Councillor, as a work of improvement in next year's Road Scheme. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—Railway Company's offer refused.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 4.

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow. 19th August, 1927. To Wicklow County Council. In reference to an application made by Mr Wilfred Tighe a letter has been received in reference to another plot of ground adjoining the County Road at Rathnew. This plot of ground is adjoining a laneway (not on the County) and apparently at some period was fenced. I do not consider that the matter affects the County Road and I am of the opinion that the question of enclosing the space is one to be settled between Mr Tighe and any persons aggrieved by his enclosing and fencing the plot. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—Referred to the Law Agent for his opinion.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 5.

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow. 22nd August, 1927. To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. The letter enclosed is from Ratepayers in Aghowle and Boley relative to the repairing of a road in that Area. The road in question is not at present maintained by the County and the proposal to repair and maintain this road should be included in next year's road Scheme in the manner provided by the Public Bodies Order and the Local Government Act, 1925. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

It was suggested that a local County Councillor might hand in a Notice of Motion for this work to be considered in next Road Scheme.

The Council had before them an application dated 19th August, 1927, from the County Surveyor, asking for his annual leave of absence on vacation from and including 27th August, to 24th September, 1927, and requesting the Council to authorise and direct each Assistant Surveyor to attend to urgent matters which may arise during that period.

ORDER—Granted—Mr O'Byrne to be also granted two weeks. Mr Boyd to carry on during his absence.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

To authorise the County Surveyor to purchase one Mechanical Tar-sprayer and four stand by Boilers. Cost not to exceed £850. Adjourned.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 12th July, 1927, from J Donohoe, St. Joseph's Ballinalea, Ashford, complaining of the loss of business he has suffered by reason of the fact that char-a-bancs are now prohibited from using the Glenealy-Ballyknockan-Ashford road, near the Ashford extremity of which his house stands. After considerable discussion the Council requested Councillor D H Haskins to interview the Sergeant of the Garda Siochana in Ashford, with a view to effecting a compromise.

The Council took no action on an anonymous letter dated 31st July, 1927, purporting to come from a motorist, alleging that a farmer was charging motorists for parking their cars on the public road at Brittas Bay, on the ground that the road ran through his land.

The Secretary submitted a memorial from Avoca residents asking the Council to steamroll the road from Avoca railway bridge to Millmount.

ORDER—To be referred to a local Councillor with a view to application being made to have the work included in the next Road Works Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised and directed to take such steps as he may deem necessary to remedy the dangerous corner at Deegan's field where the roads from Ballycullen and Roundwood join the main road from Ashford to Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, which corner in its present condition is a daily menace to all forms of traffic.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " P J Carey;

Resolved—That as practical experience has shown it to be impossible to maintain the road to Brittas Strand in a condition proper to receive the enormous and steadily increasing tourist traffic thereon, we hereby request the three T.D.'s for the County to interview the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, with a view to impressing upon him the necessity for scheduling this particular road as a tourist traffic road.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " P J Cullen;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following:—

Comhairle-Bhaile Bri Chualann. Arus an Bhaile. Bray. 7adh la de Iul 1927. P T Healy, Esq, Runaidhe, Comhairle Chondae, Cill Manntain. A Chara. Now that the Courthouse is nearing completion I think it would be well if some steps were taken to prevent the posting of Bills all over the north and west faces of the Courthouse wall as it is a great nuisance and an eyesore and must be very injurious to the town in the eyes of visitors coming from Dublin direction. There is a notice "Post No Bills" cut into the stone facing of the wall and if this were painted in relief in black it would show better than the grey stone as at present. If Superintendent Casserly were asked I am sure the Gardai would keep the walls free of these posters. Mise, le meas (signed) S Mac Cathmhaoil, Cleireach an Bhaile.

The Secretary also submitted a letter dated 19th July, 1927, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, stating that if desired they would instruct the builders of the Courthouse to paint in black as suggested the letters "Post No Bills."

ORDER—Architects' suggestion approved.

The Secretary having first submitted formal application dated 7th June, 1927, from the County Wicklow Board of Health, for the Council's approval to that Board's borrowing the sum of £450 for the under-mentioned purpose, and also copy of a notice dated 25th June, 1927, which he had forwarded to each County Councillor in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, it was, in accordance with Notice of Motion,

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming,
Seconded by " D J Kehoe ; and

Resolved—That the approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining a loan of £381 13s 8d (the sum of £68 6s 4d having already been transferred by the County Council to the Board of Health) for the purpose of carrying out the necessary work in connection with repairs to the

Fever Hospital Buildings at Shillelagh Workhouse, and the equipment of same, so as to make the Hospital suitable for the accommodation of Fever patients.

Passed.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J J Metcalfe was adjourned until the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council :—

" I hereby give Notice that I, or some one for me, shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that (i) the duties of County and Assistant Surveyors employed by Wicklow County Council in connection with the roads under their charge be furnished by the L.G.B. for the information of Councillors to next quarterly Meeting and (ii) that the County Surveyor have for the information of members the working hours and weekly wage of all employees on road work at next Quarterly Meeting, with a view to alteration or amendment by the Council."

During the discussion which arose on the above-mentioned Notice of Motion, the Council directed that the Finance Committee were to be given full information by the County Surveyor's department at each of their fortnightly meetings regarding the number of gangers, overseers and charge hands to be paid on each Pay Sheet.

The Council had again under consideration the County Surveyor's application for travelling expenses, as given in full in page 19 of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council's Quarterly Meeting held on the 28rd May, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That the Council approach the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health with a view to one per cent or some other fixed per centage being paid to our County Surveyor, Mr Gallagher, by the Ministry, on the total sum he expends in Grants in the County, and that the following members represent this Council on a deputation :—the three T.D.'s, the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and Councillor John J Kennedy.

Passed.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W J Henry was adjourned, the Council however making an order that a copy of the present Polling Districts and Polling Places Scheme be forwarded to each County Councillor with a request that he put in writing any suggestions for alterations therein which he might have to offer :—

" I hereby give Notice that I or another Councillor will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that the situation of election booths and the electoral areas be changed for the greater convenience of electors in the County."

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That the Treasurer, the National Bank, Wicklow Branch, be asked to allow this Council an overdraft from this date to the

31st December, 1927, at no time to exceed £10,000, at the Secretary's discretion.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That having received communications from the two local County Councillors on the subject, we hereby approve of Patrick Moore, 20 Main Street, Arklow, and W H Butler, 26 Main Street, Arklow, as joint sureties with Mr Michael Roche in the sum of £3000 for the satisfactory performance of his duties in No. 12 Collecting District.

Passed.

At this stage the Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda to a meeting to be held on Monday, the 19th September, 1927.

David Frame

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 19th September, 1927.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ;

Councillors Michael Fleming, Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, J J Bourne, W J Henry, James Kavanagh, P J Carey, W J Doyle, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D. ; John J Kennedy, David H Haskins, George Fisher, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, and Joseph Burke.

A letter was submitted from Councillor C M Byrne, apologizing for his inability to attend owing to an important business engagement in Dublin. A letter was submitted from the Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, stating that he had to attend Arklow District Court in connection with a prosecution for rates, but that he would attend the Council's meeting as soon as he could get back to Wicklow.

Wicklow County Council, Court House, Wicklow, 9th September, 1927. 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 19th September, 1927, to consider Finance Committee's Reports regarding the default made by Collector Michael Halpin (No. 2 District), and also the items of business on the printed Agenda submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on Monday, the 22nd August ulto, which remained to be considered at the stage when that Meeting adjourned. Le meas mor (Signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor John J Kennedy ;

Seconded by " David H Haskins ;

Resolved—That we have heard with regret of the death of Mrs Teresa Hollywood, and we tender our sincere sympathy to her mother, Mrs Williams, to her husband, Mr Thomas Hollywood, and to her sisters and brothers, in their sad bereavement.

Passed.

Mr J P O'Brien, Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, was in attendance, and was given permission by the Council to amplify and defend his Association's detailed scheme for the expenditure of the monies raised by the Council by means of the poor rate for tourist purposes, concerning which scheme the Finance Committee had reported to the Council on the 22nd August, 1927, that they were not at all satisfied that an adequate return might be expected by the Council for their contribution.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Scheme of Tourist Development in Co. Wicklow, involving a contribution from the rates for 1927/1928 amounting to £517, as submitted by the Irish Tourist Association, be hereby approved.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 2nd September, 1927.

The following members were present :—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors J J Bourne, J J Kennedy, and James Everett, T.D.

The Committee had before them an application from Mrs K Doyle, poor rate collector for No. 6 (Blessington) District, to be given the new collection books for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1928. Having satisfied themselves that all sums that were collectible without legal proceedings then pending had been lodged, and having noted that all collections in this district up to the 31st March, 1926, had been closed, the Committee directed the Secretary to issue the new collection books to Mrs. Doyle.

The Committee had before them an application from Mr Denis J Kinsella, poor rate collector for No. 17 (Tinahely) District, to be given the new collection books for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1928. Having satisfied themselves that all sums that were collectible without legal proceedings then pending had been lodged, and having noted that all collections for which Mr Kinsella was responsible in this district up to the 31st March, 1926, had been closed, the Committee directed the Secretary to issue the new collection books to Mr Kinsella.

The Committee had under consideration an application from Mrs K Doyle (No. 6 District) for the service of the Council's Law Agent in instituting legal proceedings against twenty-three defaulting ratepayers in her area, the Council to undertake to meet the necessary out-of-pocket expenses and costs. The Council acceded to her request and ask for the Council's approval to their action.

The Secretary reported that in the disturbed condition of the country some years ago, when it was practically impossible for the rate collectors to avail of their personal powers for the collection of rates, he had been vested with authority to instruct the Law Agent to afford legal assistance to rate collectors in the collection of rates, in cases which would be reported to him as uncollectible otherwise. As these disturbed conditions no longer existed, he now surrendered this authority. The Committee recommend that legal assistance be not in future given to poor rate collectors in any case without their express direction.

An application dated 17th September, 1927, was received from Mr Patrick Smith, asking the Committee to hire the Council's Garret tractor, at present in the Glen of the Downs, to his son John for ten weeks for threshing purposes. The Committee direct that Mr Smith be hired the tractor at the rate of £4 per week for ten weeks, on the condition that he take it at his own risk and in its present condition.

The Committee proceeded to consider the condition of the poor rate collection in Collector Michael Halpin's district (Humewood) in which the rate inspector had reported that the sum of £149 16s 9d had been collected but not lodged. The Secretary reported that as directed he had by registered letter requested Mr Halpin to lodge the afore-mentioned sum of £149 16s 9d, and that Mr Halpin had since lodged the sum of £97 13s. Having heard the terms of his letter accompanying this lodgment, the Committee directed that Mr Halpin be instructed to appear before them at a Special Meeting to be held on Friday, the 9th September, 1927, at 11.30 a.m., and that he be warned that all monies collected by him and not lodged be lodged with the Treasurer before that meeting.

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

12th September, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

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

Passed.

In reference to the second-last paragraph in Finance Committee's Report No. 1 a letter dated 10th September, 1927, was submitted from the Council's Law Agent, stating that on that date Mr John Smyth had executed the Agreement and Bond relative to the hire of the engine, and that Mr Smyth had informed him that his sureties, Messrs Patrick Smyth and John J Clarke, would execute the Bond on or before the following Wednesday.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " P J Carey ;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Mr John Smyth relative to the hiring to him for threshing purposes of the Council's Garret tractor be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by " P J Carey ;

Resolved—That as Collector Frank Healy (No. 5 District) has reduced the amount outstanding in his area to £88, we hereby direct the Secretary to issue to him his new collection book for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1928.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle ;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming ;

Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby directed to issue to Collector John Byrne (No. 19 District) his new collection books for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1928.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S NO. 2.

A Special Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 9th September, 1927.

The following members attended :—

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

The Committee having heard Collector Michael Halpin regarding his default in not lodging in full to credit of the County Council certain monies which the rate inspector had reported as being collected, instructed him to lodge the balance of the amount collected but not yet lodged, amounting to £52 3s 9d, with the Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited,

Wicklow, not later than Thursday, the 15th September, 1927. Collector Halpin was informed by the Committee that if this order was complied with the rate inspector would be advised to hand back to him his collection books, in order that he might proceed to collect and lodge the amount of rates still requiring to be lodged to close his poor rate collection for the service of the year 1926/1927, amounting to £889 15s 8d. This Collector Halpin promised the Committee he would do.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

12th September, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins ;

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 following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Patrick Doyle was ordered to be struck out, Councillor Doyle not being present to move it :—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that all rate collectors employed by the County Council be paid only 6d in the £ as poundage on all monies collected from 1st August, 1927."

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Fleming was with the Council's consent withdrawn :—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Council pay to Mr Andrew Nolan, late Instructor of Agriculture the full superannuation allowance to which he is entitled having regard to his total number of years of service, that is, two-thirds of his average annual salary during his last three years of office with the fluctuating bonus thereon, amounting to £195 per annum together with the fluctuating bonus thereon."

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey ;

Seconded by " William J Henry ;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to wait upon the Ministries of Lands and Agriculture, of Finance and, if necessary, of Local Government and Public Health, to press the equity of Mr A Nolan's claim for pension in respect of his twenty-two completed years of service with the Board of Education and later the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction :—the three T.D.'s for the County ; the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Haskins, Councillor P J Carey, and the Secretary.

Passed

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

The Secretary submitted the following two letters (i) 20th July, 1927, from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, stating that the Committee appointed to represent his Council on the proposed Committee of Management had met on that date, and had directed him to ask the Secretary to Wicklow County Council to name a suitable date for an informal conference of the representatives of both Councils, with a view to arriving at some conclusion as to what was best to be done ; and (ii) 15th July, 1927, from the Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Terenure, Co. Dublin, stating that the salary which the County Surveyor of Dublin had received as Interim Manager of the Company for the past two years was £126 per year. The Secretary also submitted the following, which in accordance with the Order made by the Council at their Special Meeting on the 4th July, 1927, had been printed and circulated to each member :—

Copy of Draft of Sealed Order proposed to be issued by the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY (COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT) ORDER, 1927.

WHEREAS, by the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Order, 1887 (hereinafter generally called the Order of 1887), the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company (hereinafter called the Company) were authorised to construct, maintain and work, subject to the provisions of the said Order, and of the Acts incorporated therewith, a tramway from Terenure, in the County of Dublin, to Blessington, in the County of Wicklow, and the presentments and resolutions of the Grand Juries of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, respectively set out in the 1st Schedule to the said Order were thereby confirmed so far as they relate to the charge to be defrayed by the baronies and places in the respective presentments and resolutions specified for the payment of dividends at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum upon the paid-up capital of the Company as limited by the said Order, and so far as they relate to the liability of the same baronies and places, respectively, to provide for the completing, working and maintaining of the undertaking.

And Whereas, by Section 40 of the Order of 1887, it is provided that if at any time the baronies have been called upon to pay and have continued to pay during a period of not less than two years any money for maintaining or working the undertaking, the undertaking and all the property of the Company connected with it shall become the property of the Grand Jury of the County in which such barony is situate, subject to any liabilities affecting such undertaking or property, and that the Lord Lieutenant may thereupon order that such Grand Jury, or in the case of Dublin, the Finance Committee of such Grand Jury, shall appoint a Committee of Management for the purpose of the undertaking, with such powers and duties as he may direct.

And Whereas, by Section 41 of the Order of 1887, it is provided that every Committee of Management appointed as aforesaid shall be constituted in such manner, and shall have such power with reference to the undertaking as the Lord Lieutenant may order; and that the Grand Jury shall from time to time present in advance or otherwise such sums as the Committee so appointed may estimate or report to be necessary for the purposes for which the Committee has been appointed, to be levied off the said baronies, or parts thereof, as the case may be, in the same proportion as their guarantee or dividends; and that the members of the Committee shall be paid by the Grand Jury, out of moneys to be levied off the same baronies and places, such remuneration as the Lord Lieutenant may by general or special Order prescribe; and that the Committee of Management shall apply the sum so presented in such manner as the Order of the Lord

Lieutenant may prescribe; and that pending the appointment of a Committee of Management the Lord Lieutenant may direct the County Surveyor of the respective counties, or either of them, to do all such matters and things as a Committee of Management might do if appointed during such period as the Lord Lieutenant may direct.

And Whereas, in pursuance of the Order of 1887, the Company have constructed, maintained and worked the said Tramway.

And whereas certain parts of the baronies of Rathdown, Uppercross, and Newcastle, in the County of Dublin, and of the barony of Lower Talbotstown, in the County of Wicklow, which were, by virtue of the said presentment and resolutions of the Grand Juries of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, chargeable with the payment of dividends upon the paid-up capital of the Company subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the said presentments and resolutions, and with the payment of such sums as should be required for completing, working and maintaining the undertaking have been called on to pay and have paid during a period of not less than two years—namely, in respect of the four half-years ending on the 30th day of June, 1914, the 31st day of December, 1914, the 30th day of June, 1915, and the 31st day of December, 1915, respectively, money for the maintenance and working of the undertaking.

And Whereas, by the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Interim Management) Order, 1916, the management and control of the undertaking and property of the Company was vested, subject to the provisions of the Order in recital, in the County Surveyor of the County of Dublin for the time being, pending the determination of certain questions arising in an action in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland in which the County Wicklow Council were the plaintiffs and the Company and the County Dublin County Council were the defendants, and until the Lord Lieutenant should otherwise order.

And Whereas, under the provisions of the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919 (9 & 10 Geo. V., ch. 50), and the Ministers and Secretaries Act, 1924 (No. 16 of 1924), the powers and duties of the Lord Lieutenant and the Privy Council of Ireland in relation to railways, light railways and tramways have been assigned to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

And Whereas judgment has been given in the said action in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, and the County Councils of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow have applied to the Minister to appoint a Committee of Management for the purpose of the undertaking, and it appears expedient to the Minister to make the Order following:—

Now I, the Minister for Industry and Commerce, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Order, 1887, the Tramways (Ireland) Acts, 1860 to 1900, and every other power me thereto enabling, do hereby order that the County Councils of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow shall appoint a Committee of Management for the purpose of the said undertaking, and that, subject to any Order which the Minister may from time to time make, the said

Committee of Management shall be constituted in the following manner, and have the following powers with reference to the undertaking:—

1—(a) The County Council of the County of Dublin shall, on or before the first day of.....subsequent to the date of this Order, and thereafter, on or before the first day of.....in every year, appoint three persons, and the County Council of the County of Wicklow shall, on or before the first day of.....subsequent to the date of

this Order, and thereafter, on or before the first day of.....in every year, appoint three persons, and the six persons so appointed shall form a Committee of Management for the purpose of undertaking, under the said Order of 1887, and the Tramways (Ireland) Acts, 1860 to 1900.

(b) The Chairman of the Committee shall be such one of the members of the Committee as is appointed by the Minister. The Chairman shall hold office until the ensuing appointment of members of the Committee, and it shall be the duty of the Chairman constantly to superintend and supervise the working of the tramway.

(c) Each of the County Councils of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow may nominate a person or persons to fill any vacancy or vacancies by death, resignation or otherwise which have occurred among the members of the Committee respectively appointed by them, and such person or persons shall hold office until the ensuing appointment of members of the Committee.

(d) Any vacancy occurring in the office of Chairman by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the nomination of a Chairman by the Minister from among the members of the Committee, and the Chairman so nominated shall hold office until the ensuing appointment of members of the Committee.

(e) Every member of the Committee appointed or nominated as aforesaid by the County Council of Dublin shall be a ratepayer of the County of Dublin owning or occupying rateable lands and hereditaments in the guaranteeing area within the County of Dublin of a minimum annual value of £20, and every member of the Committee appointed or nominated by the County Council of Wicklow shall be a ratepayer of the County of Wicklow owning or occupying rateable lands and hereditaments in the guaranteeing area within the County of Wicklow of a minimum annual value of £20.

2—The Committee may, notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, exercise any of the powers and do any act or thing by this Order or any Order of the Minister conferred upon them or authorised to be done by them.

3—The Committee shall meet at such place as they shall appoint for the discharge of their duties and transaction of the business of the undertaking and for the purpose of this Order. Such meeting shall be held at least once in every month, on such days and at such times as shall from time to time be appointed by the Committee. Such meetings are in this Order referred to as ordinary meetings.

4—The Chairman or the Secretary of the Committee or other person nominated by the Committee for such purpose, or any two or more members of the Committee, may at any time summon a special meeting of the Committee by giving to each member of the Committee, or by leaving at or sending by post to any address appearing in any minutes, papers, or books kept by the Committee, or by the respective Secretaries of the County Councils of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, as an address of such member, two clear days' notice of such meeting.

5—At any ordinary or special meeting of the Committee any three members of the Committee shall form a quorum, and previously to proceeding to the business of any meeting the members present shall, in the absence of the Chairman, elect a Chairman, and all powers vested in the Committee shall be exercisable by the quorum, and all matters and questions shall be determined by the majority of the members of the Committee present, and in case of an equality of votes the Chairman of such meeting shall have a second or casting vote, and the acts and proceedings of a majority of the members of the Committee present, at any meeting shall be binding on the Committee, but the majority of members present at any subsequent meeting duly held shall have power from time to time to alter, vary, or rescind any resolution or direction which has been come to or given at any previous meeting. Provided that at least fourteen days' notice, in writing, of any such proposed alteration, variation, or rescission shall be given to each member of the Committee in the manner prescribed by Clause 4 of this Order.

6—Any meeting of the Committee may adjourn such meeting to another day.

7—The Committee shall cause to be kept minutes true, proper, and sufficient, of their meetings, and the proceedings thereat, which minutes shall from time to time be punctually and fairly entered in books to be kept for that purpose, which books shall at all times be open to the inspection and transcription of such persons as may be appointed by the Minister or the Minister for Finance, or the County Councils of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, or either of them, for that purpose, and the Committee shall afford all proper and sufficient facilities for the inspection and transcription thereof.

8—The Committee may appoint a Secretary of the Committee, and the person so appointed shall hold office until removal therefrom by the Committee, or until some other person shall be appointed to the office by the Committee.

9—The Secretary shall undertake and discharge such duties and acts as the Committee shall from time to time direct.

10—The remuneration of the Committee of Management and the Secretary shall, until further order of the Minister (which he is hereby empowered from time to time to make), be as follows, that is to say:—

- (a) The Chairman shall be paid a salary of £100 per annum, inclusive of travelling expenses.
- (b) Each other member of the Committee shall be paid a fee of £2, inclusive of travelling expenses, for every attendance at meetings of the Committee, subject to a maximum of £24 per annum.
- (c) The Secretary of the Committee shall be paid such salary as the Committee, with the approval of the Minister, may direct.

11—Subject to the provisions of the Order of 1887, and the Acts therein incorporated, and the Tramways (Ireland) Acts, 1860 to 1900, and to any Order which the Minister may from time to time make, the management and control of the said undertaking and property shall be vested in the Committee, and the Committee may, in addition to the powers by this Order expressly conferred on the Committee, exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things with reference to the undertaking as under the Order of 1887 and the Acts therein incorporated, and the Tramways (Ireland) Acts, 1860 to 1900, might have been exercised and done by the Company, if the said undertaking and property had continued to be the property of the Company, except such powers, acts and things as are by statute directed or required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting.

12—In the exercise of the powers hereinbefore or hereinafter by this Order conferred on the Committee, and in the management and control of the said undertaking, the Committee shall be subject to the Order of 1887 and the Acts incorporated therein, and to the Tramways (Ireland) Acts, 1860 to 1900, and to any Order of the Minister, made or to be made in reference to the undertaking in his exercise of the functions of the Board of Trade, and to any resolution, regulation or direction which the County Councils of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow may lawfully make in reference to the undertaking, until such last mentioned resolution, regulation, or direction has been rescinded, varied or annulled by any resolution of the said County Council or by Order of the Minister.

13—Without prejudice to the generality of the powers given to the Committee by Clause 11 of this Order, the Committee shall have and may exercise all or any of the powers following, that is to say:—

- (1) Power, subject to the approval of the Minister, to enter into any agreement with any corporation or person with regard to all or any of the following matters—namely:
 - (a) The maintenance and management of the Tramway or any portion thereof, or of the works connected therewith, or any of them.
 - (b) The use and working of the Tramway and works aforesaid, or any part thereof, and the conveyance of traffic thereon whether of passengers or goods, and the fixing, collecting and apportionment of the tolls, rates, charges, receipts and revenues levied, taken or arising in respect of such traffic.
- (2) Power to repair and maintain or alter (such alteration being subject to the approval of the Minister for Industry and Commerce in his exercise of the functions of the Board of Trade) as they shall think fit, the Tramway and any works, buildings and property forming portion of the undertaking, and keep the same in good order and repair, and for the purposes aforesaid to enter into any such contracts and to incur such expenditure as shall be thought proper.
- (3) Power to enter into such agreements for the conveyance of goods and passengers as the Company might have entered into, and to receive, collect, levy and enforce such tolls, rates and charges as the Company might have received, collected, levied and enforced if the undertaking had continued the property of the Company.
- (4) Power to purchase, hire, or otherwise acquire all such machinery plant, engines, carriages, waggons, stores, materials and things, as the Committee may think necessary or proper for equippings maintaining and working the Tramway.
- (5) Power to appoint, employ, hire, pay, dismiss or suspend such officers, agents, workmen or servants as the Committee may think proper for the purpose of exercising any of the powers or doing any of the acts or things by this Order or any other Order of the Minister conferred upon the Committee or authorised to be done by them.
- (6) Power to employ bankers and open one or more accounts with such bankers in the names of members of the Committee, or any two or more of them, or any other names or name which the Minister may direct, and to arrange for the custody of cash or securities under the control of the Committee.
- (7) Power in the exercise of the powers conferred on them by this Order or any other Order of the Minister, to take in accordance with the law for the time being in force any civil or criminal proceedings, and no such proceedings shall abate or be discontinued by reason solely of any change of the members of the Committee.

(8) Such other powers as the Minister may from time to time by order confer on the Committee.

14—The Committee shall keep full, true and distinct books of account, showing the capital of the undertaking and its receipts from every source, and its expenditure, and they shall keep and preserve all receipts and other documents necessary for vouching same, and shall, at all times, produce the said books, receipts and documents for the inspection of such person or persons as the County Councils of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, or either of them, may from time to time respectively appoint to examine same, and also of such person or persons as the Minister or the Minister for Finance may from time to time appoint for the like purpose, and also of the Arbitrators appointed pursuant to section 6 of the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883.

15—The Committee shall furnish to the Minister in such form as he may direct six copies of an annual account of the undertaking, not later than sixty days after the expiration of the year for which the account is made up, and shall compile and furnish to the Minister in such form and manner as he may direct such statistics and returns relating to the undertaking as he may require.

16—The accounts of the undertaking shall be audited once in each year by some person to be appointed from time to time for that purpose by the Minister, and the Committee shall produce for the inspection and examination of such auditor their books of accounts, and all receipts and documents necessary for vouching same, and supply the auditor with all such further information as may be reasonably required by him for the purpose of auditing the said accounts. The expenses of the audit shall be paid by the Committee, and shall include such reasonable remuneration of the auditor as shall be fixed by the Minister by any general or special order.

The auditor shall furnish a statement of the result of the audit, with a summary of the accounts of the undertaking since the last preceding audit to the Minister, and the respective County Councils of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow.

17—If at any time hereafter it shall appear expedient or desirable that any alteration should be made in the constitution or functions of the Committee, such alterations may be made by Order of the Minister.

18—In this Order the following words and expressions shall have the meaning following, that is to say:—"The Minister" means the Minister for Industry and Commerce. "Tramway" and "The Undertaking" shall mean respectively the Tramway and works, and the undertaking authorised by the Order of 1887 and described in the Second Schedule thereto.

19—From and after the appointment of the Committee and of the Chairman thereof, as provided by this Order, the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Interim Management) Order, 1916, shall cease to have effect, but without prejudice to the validity of any act or proceeding done or taken thereunder.

20—This Order may be cited as the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1927.

Dated this day of 192

Signed,

(Signature of Minister.)

After considerable discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That the following three members of this Council be asked to meet three members of Dublin County Council with a view to conferring on the terms of the proposed Order of the Minister of Trade and Commerce concerning the suggestion that a Joint Committee of both Councils be set up to operate the Dublin and Blessington Tramway in future, before that Draft Order is issued by the Minister:—Laurence Moore, Blessington; David Frame, Corke Abbey, Bray; William J Henry, Burgage, Blessington, with the Secretary and Solicitor of this Council.

Passed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Special Committee established under the terms of the following Resolution passed by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 14th February, 1927, met on the 14th and 29th March, 1926, and on the 4th and 26th July, 1927:—

Resolved—That, having reviewed the letter received from Mr Charles Byrne, ex-Poor Rate collector, regarding the unlodged monies of his Poor Rate collections, we refer this case for consideration by Councillors C M Byrne, T D; James Everett, T D; W J Doyle, J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, and P J Carey, at an early meeting, they to report specially to the Council thereafter, the County Solicitor to take no step

meantime regarding the enforcing by legal methods of the lodgment of the outstanding sum, amounting to £584 approximately. Passed.

The proceedings for the enforcement of ex-Collector Charles Byrne's Fidelity Bond against himself and his two personal sureties, requested by the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health on the 9th April, 1925, and ordered by the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 25th May, 1925, were accordingly stayed until such time as a further order shall be conveyed to the Council's Law Agent.

The following Statement, prepared by the Secretary in accordance with instructions given him at the committee meeting held on the 4th July, 1927, was submitted to the meeting held on the 26th July, 1927, and was approved and adopted at that meeting. This statement discloses the main features of the condition of ex Collector Charles Byrne's Poor Rate Collection in No. 17 District in so far as they related to the years 1921/22, 1922/23, and 1923/24, and it embodies the points discussed at the Committee's several meetings, together with the submissions presented by Mr Charles Byrne, who was present at each of these meetings.

STATEMENT REGARDING CHARLES BYRNE'S COLLECTIONS.

- 1—Charles Byrne was appointed Poor Rate Collector on the 30th November, 1908.
- 2—Letter from Charles Byrne, dated 29th September, 1924, resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector.
- 3—Letter dated 30th September, 1924, from the Secretary of the County Council to Charles Byrne, stating his resignation cannot be considered until the sum of £444 12s 8d still in his hands collected but not lodged had been placed to credit of the Council.
- 4—The collection books were taken up from Mr Byrne by the Deputy Checker, Mr John Hopkins, on the 25th October, 1924.
- 5—Value of his warrant for the year ending 31st March, 1924 ... £ s. d.
 5810 18 3
 Lodged by Mr Byrne prior to his being removed from the position of Poor Rate collector on the 18th November, 1924, by the Sealed Order of the Minister for Local Government... 4905 16 3
 Further lodgment on 21st November, 1924 ... 47 5 0
 Leaving still unlodged on the warrant ... 857 17 0
 Total receipts remaining in books unissued ... 547 16 11
 Amount remaining in Collector Charles Byrne's hands on 21st November, 1924, collected but not lodged to credit of the County Council ... 310 0 1
- 6—The collector and his sureties were given till Saturday, the 22nd November, 1924, to lodge this £310 0s 1d to credit of the County Council.
- 7—On Monday, the 24th November, 1924, Mr Charles Byrne was arrested, the £310 0s 1d not having been lodged by that date.
- 8—Subsequent to his arrest, but before his trial, Mr Charles Byrne lodged on the 3rd December, 1924, the sum of £180 to credit of the County Council. This reduced his total indebtedness to the Council to the sum of £130 0s 1d, which sum still remains collected but not lodged.
- 9—Mr Charles Byrne was acquitted on the charge of embezzlement at the hearing of the case on Friday, the 6th February, 1925.
- 10—There still remained in the collection books for the year 1921/22 unissued receipts value ... £ s. d.
 40 11 5
 Do, do., in books for the year 1922/23 ... 124 16 10
 Do, do., in books for the year 1923/24 as given above ... 517 16 11
 Total unissued receipts in collection books ... 713 5 2

Mr Denis J. Kinsella, the newly-appointed collector, was handed the collection books for these three years after his appointment on the 14th January, 1925, and collected and lodged to credit of the County Council:—

On the 1921/22 collection	...	£ s. d.
On the 1922/23 collection	...	19 11 3
On the 1923/24 collection	...	20 6 10
	...	218 14 6
Gross total lodged by Collector Kinsella on these three collections	...	258 12 7
This being deducted from the above-mentioned £713 5s 2d leaves still uncollected and unlodged in the No. 17 District for the three years in question the sum of	...	454 12 7
To this must be added the sum remaining in the hands of Charles Byrne, collected but not lodged	...	130 0 1

Total to be lodged to credit of these three collections if they are to be finally closed ... 584 12 8

It was found necessary to take up the Collection Books from Mr Kinsella, as many Ratepayers claimed that they had already paid their Rates. Mr Kinsella's position was impossible, and the Ministry desired that proceedings be instituted under the terms of Mr Charles Byrne's Fidelity Bond.

Sums which must be lodged to close the outstanding collection in No. 17 District:—

	£ s. d.
1921/22	21 0 2
1922/23	104 10 0
1923/24	459 2 6
Total	£584 12 8

N.B.—The £130 0s 1d remaining in Mr Charles Byrne's hands collected but not lodged is included in this sum.

SUMMARY OF MR. CHARLES BYRNE'S CLAIMS.

	£ s. d.
1—Decrees in Sheriff's hands returned "No Goods"	65 4 3
2—Decrees obtained in the District Court, for the execution of which Mr Byrne alleges the late Sergeant Nagle, Garda Siachana, was responsible	144 14 11
3—Value of the remaining receipts in the books for the three collection years, excluding the receipts represented by the above sets of decrees	244 13 5
4—Amount which the collector alleges was taken from him in notes by masked men on the 7th September, 1922, the fair evening of Tinahely	131 0 0
	£585 12 7

The 19s 11d difference between the foregoing two totals is accounted for by the difference between the £130 0s 1d, which the Council's records show was collected by Mr Charles Byrne, but never lodged, and the £131 which he alleges was taken from him by masked men on the 7th September, 1922, which incident was not reported to either the Council or their Secretary until the Meeting of the Special Committee held on 14th February, 1927.

Mr Charles Byrne has already admitted to the Committee that £55 4s 6d of the £244 13s 5d, unissued Receipts, has been paid to him, but has not been lodged to the Council's credit. Other ratepayers claim that they paid Mr Byrne. If they did, their payments have not been lodged to credit of the Council.

It must be borne in mind that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health will not allow as Irrecoverable items of Rates in respect of which Decrees marked "No Goods" have been returned.—Further, Poundage becomes payable to a Collector only when his Collections are satisfactorily closed.

P. T. HEALY,
Secretary to the Council.

29th June, 1927.

The Secretary submitted the following letter, which, by direction of the Committee, he had addressed to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siachana, Bray, and the letter from the Chief Superintendent in reply thereto:—

Court House, Wicklow. 7th July, 1927. The Chief Superintendent, Garda Siachana, Bri Chualann. A Chara—A Special Committee appointed by Wicklow County Council to consider what steps should be taken to collect the sum of £584 12s 8d which requires to be lodged to credit of the County Council before the poor rate collections for the years 1921/22, 1922/23, and 1923/24 will be closed in the collecting district from which Mr Charles Byrne, The Height, Ballinglen, was suspended from the office of Poor Rate Collector by Sealed Order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, has recently met and fully discussed all the circumstances in the presence of Mr Charles Byrne, the ex-collector. At that meeting Mr Charles Byrne stated that he had been informed that in at least seven cases warrants for rates had been addressed by the Dis-

trict Justice to the then Sergeant-in-Charge of the Garda Siachana stationed in Tinahely, the late Sergeant Nagle, and that he understood the ratepayers in question had paid either all the sums indicated in the warrants, or the major portion of them. I subjoin a list which by direction of the Committee I took down at the meeting, in the order given by Mr Charles Byrne. I was directed by the Committee to write you on the matter, asking for your observations generally, and in particular whether these sums were in fact collected by the late Sergeant Nagle, and if so, what the possibilities are of making them available for lodgment to credit of the County Council. Item No 5, James Dolan, relates, I understand, to a warrant which was returned marked "No Goods." If that in fact should prove to be the case, the total sum I presume becomes reduced accordingly. The Committee will feel very much obliged for any assistance that you could afford in the very difficult situation which confronts

them, as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is pressing to have the arrears in this particular collecting district brought to account at as early a date as possible. Mise, le meas, (signed) P. T. Healy. (Enclosure to above).

Name and Address	Rates			Costs			Total		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Michael Purcell, Ardnaboy	12	11	10	1	0	0	13	11	10
Rose Tomkins, Ballinasillogue	4	12	8	1	0	0	5	12	8
George O'Neill, Mucklagh	48	1	2	1	0	0	49	1	2
James Neill, Ballymaghroe	4	16	0	1	0	0	5	16	0
James Dolan, Farnes	4	18	10	1	0	0	5	18	10
James Kennedy, Curraghawn	8	9	8	1	0	0	9	9	8
George Graham, Coolbawn	38	11	8	1	0	0	39	11	8
	£122	1	5	£7	0	0	£129	1	5

Garda Sioghana, Chief Superintendent's Office, Bri Chualann, 15th April, 1927. D.W.1043/27. P. T. Healy, Esq., Secretary, Co. Council, Court House, Wicklow. A Chara.—With further reference to your letter of the 7th inst., regarding outstanding rates some of which are alleged to have been collected by the late Sergeant Nagle, I have to inform you as follows as regards each of the seven items on your list:— (1) Michael Purcell, Ardnaboy—This man has four receipts in ex-Sergt Nagle's handwriting in his possession, showing a total payment of £12 1s 10d, and it is probable that the whole amount was paid. The warrant is not endorsed as executed nor has the official Register of Warrants been completed. (2) Rose Tomkins, Ballinasillogue—This woman has two receipts in Sergt. Nagle's handwriting for 5s. and 10s. respectively, but the receipts were not given her out of the official Warrant Receipt Book. I understand she alleges she paid the amount. (3) George O'Neill, Mucklagh—This man holds four receipts in ex-Sergt Nagle's handwriting, totalling £48. The warrant is not endorsed as executed, nor has the official Register of Warrants been completed. (4) James Neill, Ballymaghroe—This man holds a receipt in ex-Sergt Nagle's handwriting for £3 18s 1d, and another receipt dated 7-11-25 from Mr O Byrne, ex-Collector, for £1 18s 11d. In this case the warrant was issued on 5-8-24, and Mr Byrne was, it is understood, removed from office by sealed order some time in November, 1924, yet he demanded and received the balance of these rates on 7-11-25, or about a year after his removal from office. This would suggest that ex-Sergt Nagle and ex-Collector Byrne were acting together. (5) James Dolan, Farnes—This warrant was returned marked "No Goods." (6) James Kennedy, Curraghawn—This warrant is shown as having been paid to ex-Sergt Nagle on 25-8-24 and amount paid to Court Clerk. George Graham, Coolbawn—This man is in possession of a receipt taken from the Official Warrant Receipt Book at Tinahely Station for full amount. In connection with No 6 above, it is well to explain that in September, 1924, Mr McCarroll, County Council Solicitor, Superintendent Meehan, and the District Court Clerk at Arklow (Mr Tancred) came to an arrangement whereby the amount collected on rate warrants should be paid direct to Mr Byrne, the Collector, by ex-Sergt Nagle in order to avoid the cost involved in transmission. This arrangement was arrived at on the suggestion of the District Court Clerk. The ordinary procedure would have been for the Sergeant to send the warrant and Money Order—less cost of transmission—to the Court Clerk, who would cash the order and get a fresh draft for transmission to the Rate Collector (Mr Byrne). As this procedure involved considerable expense where large amounts were concerned, the arrangement referred to was agreed upon to avoid this expense and would have worked satisfactorily between honest people. I am of opinion ex-Sergt Nagle paid over all the moneys he collected to Mr Byrne. The best proof of this is the fact that Mr Byrne, a year after his removal from office, was able to demand a balance of a warrant from a ratepayer, and did in fact receive it—viz, No 4 on list. At this time Mr Byrne had long since handed up his collecting books, and the only way he could have known of the amount was, I suggest, that he was in the confidence of Nagle and had probably already received the £3 18s 1d which Nagle had previously collected. It is more than a coincidence that ex-Sergt Nagle, who was a good sergeant, went wrong suddenly and subsequent to Mr Byrne's own downfall. It would be difficult to convince me that Mr Byrne and ex-Sergeant Nagle were not in collusion to collect and dispose of these moneys, unknown to their respective authorities. It now appears that Mr Byrne is taking advantage of ex-Sergeant Nagle's death to malign the latter and clear himself. There is no source at our disposal from which these moneys can be made good. If ex-Sergt Nagle received and retained these moneys it was embezzlement, and his death has saved him from the consequences. Mise, le meas (signed) M. Laochda, Ard Fheadhmanach.

After a protracted discussion of the facts and figures, as embodied in the Secretary's Statement, the Committee make the following recommendations to the Council in respect to the four items totalling £585 12s 7d given in the Secretary's Statement under the heading "Summary of Mr Charles Byrne's Claims":—That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, item No 1, amounting to £65 4s 3d; item No 2, amounting to £144 14s 11d; and item No 4, amounting

to £131, be in all the circumstances now accepted as irrecoverable, and be struck off the outstanding collection as such. The Committee direct that this recommendation, in the case of item No 1, be supported to the Minister by the original decrees obtained in Court, and returned by the Under-Sheriff endorsed "No Goods," and they have further directed that

in the case of item No 4 the recommendation be supported by affidavits, to be drawn up by the Council's Solicitor and sworn by Mr Charles Byrne and County Councillor Michael Fleming, it having been stated by Mr Charles Byrne that the only person at the time that he mentioned the matter of the hold-up to was Councillor Michael Fleming. This statement Councillor Michael Fleming personally confirmed to the Committee, hence the necessity for his affidavit. The Committee further recommend the Council to collect item No. 3, amounting to £244 18s 5d, by legal proceedings taken by the Council's Law Agent in the Courts, Mr Charles Byrne having personally undertaken to the Committee to appear and give evidence in each case.

The ex-Collector, Mr Charles Byrne, admitted to the Committee that at the hearing of these cases in Court it will be shown that he has received, and he will admit having received, certain payments on account of rates the official receipts in respect of which still remain in the books unissued. These payments on account, he submits, can be deducted later from such sums as the Minister may allow to be paid him as remuneration when the collections have been satisfactorily closed.

At the final Meeting of the Committee, held on the 26th July, 1927, the Secretary pointed out that it was absolutely essential to ascertain to what extent the Minister would be prepared to approve of the Committee's recommendations, so that the Council might have the Minister's views before them when considering the Committee's Report, and prior to taking any action thereon. Accordingly, the Committee instructed the Secretary to place the entire facts before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, so that his reply may be before the Council when this Report comes forward for consideration.

(Signed on behalf of the Committee) J J Bourne,
10th August, 1927. Presiding Chairman.

The Secretary submitted in this connection the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

8th August, 1927, G.36208/1927. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, regarding rates outstanding in No. 17 Collecting District formerly held by Mr Charles Byrne, and to state that the circumstances of this case have been fully considered, and the Minister appreciates the difficulties which the Council experience in disposing of the matter. At the same time, it will be understood that the Minister is not in possession of such local knowledge as would warrant him in relieving the Wicklow County Council of their responsibilities. So far as the requirements of the Public Bodies Order are concerned for the three warrants in question, the Minister agrees that these conditions may be waived, but such action as may be taken by the Council must be on their own responsibility. Mise, le meas (Signed) M de Lasaigh, a/s Runaidhe, The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary read to the Council Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and stated that, in view of the terms of the letter from the Department and the fact that loss would possibly result to the Council if the recommendations contained in the Special Committee's Report were carried out, he would deem it necessary to take a vote of the Council on the question of the adoption of the Report as it stood.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;
Seconded by Councillor P J Carey;

Resolved—That the Special Committee's Report now submitted dealing with the Council's efforts to secure the closing of the collections in the rate collecting district formerly occupied by Mr Charles Byrne be hereby approved, and that the recommendations therein be, without prejudice, given effect to, subject to the sanction and approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained beforehand, Councillors Everett, T.D.; Carey, J J Bourne and the Chairman to wait upon the Minister in connection with this whole report.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following:—(i) County Librarian's Report on the Carnegie Libraries at Greystones, Kilmacanogue, Curtles-town, and Enniskerry; (ii) County Librarian's Supplementary Report on book stocks at Curtles-town, Enniskerry, and Kilmacanogue; (iii) minutes of the meeting of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 26th July, 1927; (iv) copy of letter dated 30th July, 1927, addressed by the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the County Librarian, stating that the County Council had power to let Enniskerry Library Building under Section 5 of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1894, as applied and extended by Section 2 of the Act of 1902 and Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, but that the rent must be applied for the purposes of the Libraries Acts; (v) letter dated 28th July, 1927, from Geoffrey Phibbs, Esq., County Librarian, calling attention to the paragraph in his report to his Committee dealing with the deplorable maladministration of the Enniskerry library service from which Mr Denis Troy received £30 per annum as librarian.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That, in the special circumstances this day reported to us by the County Wicklow Libraries Committee, we hereby authorise and direct that Committee to take such steps as they may deem necessary for the purpose of re-organising the library requirements at Enniskerry, including such disciplinary action as may be found necessary to deal with the local librarian, Mr Denis Troy, and the annual salary of £80 hitherto received by that official.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and instruct our Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, to sell at the current market price the £100 5 per cent Compensation Stock inscribed in the name of Wicklow County Council by the Paymaster-General, in part payment of the 10% increase falling due on the Bray Courthouse Criminal Injury Award under the Damage to Property (Compensation) (Amendment) Act, 1926; that the proceeds be lodged to credit of the Council; and that the Power of Attorney over this £100 stock submitted by our Treasurer be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council, and that the signature be witnessed by our Secretary and our Law Agent.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by " P J Carey;

Resolved—That we hereby accord our approval to the draft Agreement submitted by the Law Department, Great Southern Railway, in connection with the setting back of the railway wall at Aughrim, our County Surveyor and our Law Agent having stated that the Council's interests are fully protected therein.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That the Deed of Transfer to Miss Mary McGuirk of house in Tinahely, Folio 26 S.D., be now Signed and Sealed.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Office of Public Works:—

CARRIGOWER DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

2nd September, 1927. No. 14651/27. Your letter dated 11th July, 1927. We beg to inform you that we doubt the efficacy of the method of maintenance suggested in your letter, because while it may be applied successfully to drains and tributaries, the works required on the main stream are on a greater scale than individual occupiers can be expected to carry out. These works, which we estimate will cost £900, include the clearing of prominent gravel shoals, encroaching banks and edges for about a mile upstream from the outfall; a general cleaning of the next mile of river; the removal of weeds, silt and shoals for about two miles to Blackmoor Pridge, and the cutting back and trimming of encroaching banks; clearing at and about Blackmoor Bridge to Giltrap Bridge, and the deepening and improving of the outfall. We also propose to underpin and repave Blackmoor Bridge where necessary. Assuming that the Government are prepared to give a free grant of 25% of the cost, the average annual rent charge required to repay the balance of the cost (£675) in fifteen years would be about 2/3d per acre. If the County Council think it undesirable to impose the charge specified on the occupiers of land, we will suspend action and see whether the condition of the Drainage District can be improved by the method they prefer. (Signed) J W Taylor, for Secretary.

ORDER—The Council are satisfied each owner will carry out in full the work required on his own lands, and therefore ask that no further action be taken regarding the proposed Order.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 18th July, 1927, from the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, stating that a meeting of that Council would take place during the last week of August or the first week in September, and asking if the County Council desired to have any matters brought forward. No Order.

Correspondence was submitted from Mr J Dixon, in connection with his application for a Cinematograph Licence for a portable building which he had at the moment in Kiltegan. The Secretary stated that on the 29th August, 1927, he wrote to the County Surveyor asking for a report on the matter, and suggesting that in consequence of the latter's being on vacation Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., be asked to make the report. Mr Dixon, who was present at the meeting, complained that Mr Foley had not yet reported on the building. The Council directed that a telegram be forwarded to Mr Foley immediately asking him to send in the necessary report, and left the matter in the Surveyor's hands.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House,
Wicklow.
16th August, 1927.

To: Wicklow County Council.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

A Chairde,

On August 3rd and 4th I carried out the Annual Inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Although many lengths present a weed and grass-grown appearance, yet, on the whole, the condition of the line is greatly improved.

Comparatively few sleepers are now in bad condition and as the result of the constant renewals of late years carried out this work should in future be much lighter and the management are only doing the most necessary replacements.

Owing to the long previous neglect of the sleepers the rails have been greatly twisted and have taken a permanent set which renders the alignment of the line very irregular and extremely difficult to maintain. These rails are the original rails laid when the line was first constructed and although constant attention is given to the alignment when renewing sleepers the general result, though certainly an improvement, is on the whole disappointing.

The condition of the roof and side screens of the Carriage Sheds at Templeogue is very bad and will require immediate attention and also will involve considerable outlay—about two-thirds of the length of the main Carriage Shed must be renewed as the old iron covering is quite useless and constitutes a danger—certain parts were destroyed by the storm of last February and other parts had to be removed for the safety of the adjoining road.

The rolling stock is receiving fair attention—4 steam engines are in commission and one (old No. 3) is laid for scrapping.

It has not been possible to dispose of the Petrol Electric Coaches so the Management are utilising such parts of the Coach bodies, etc., as can be adapted to the renewal of the new, old and ordinary carriages.

The small petrol-driven Ford Motor Coaches 2 in number are now satisfactory—considerable alteration has been made by way of strengthening the axles and wheels.

A new Drewry Coach, seating 33 passengers, has been installed since the 21st November, 1926, and is working very well and is a distinct improvement as regards cost of running and personal comfort of the users. The Coach work was constructed at the Company's depot and a saving of about 25% effected on the cost.

On the whole the line is well attended to and no unnecessary expenditure appears to have been incurred—and it is unfortunate that owing to losses in goods and heavy traffic the receipts are falling, though the number of passengers carried is increased.

Is mise, le meas.

S. G. GALLAGHER, B.E., M.C.E.I.
County Surveyor.

ORDER—Noted.

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending 30th June, 1927:—

8 drugs, Arklow, genuine; 3 do, Rathdrum, genuine; 3 do, Blessington, 1 genuine, 2 not genuine; 3 do, Avoca, genuine; 3 do, Wicklow, genuine; 3 do, Bray, No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Aughrim, genuine; 3 do, Annamoe, genuine; 3 do, Newcastle, genuine; 3 do, Danganstown, genuine; 3 do, Baltinglass, genuine; 4 do, Danganstown, genuine; 3 do, County Home, Rathdrum, genuine; 3 do, Dunlavin, genuine; 3 do, County Wicklow Hospital, genuine; 5 do, Tinahely, genuine; 2 do, County Board of Health, 1 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 1 do, Coolattin, genuine; 1 water, County Council, condemned; 1 margarine, Blessington, Sergeant Olwill, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 lard, do, do, genuine; 1 flour, do, do, genuine; 1 buttermilk, Bray, Guard Stanton, genuine; 8 butter, Arklow, per D.A.T.I., genuine; 4 butter, Bray, per D.A.T.I., genuine; 8 milk, Bray, Guard Stanton, 3 genuine 5 not genuine; 2 butter, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Aughrim, Sergeant Long, genuine; 1 milk, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 2 butter, Blessington, Sergeant Olwill, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 lard, do, do, genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods 39, Drugs 57, Waters 1. Total 97. Number adulterated—Drugs 4, New Milks, 5 Waters, 1 condemned, Date 15-7-1927.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;
Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána contained in his letter of the 6th September, 1927, we hereby appoint Sergeant James Quinn, Aughrim, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, in room of Sergeant G Long, who has been transferred from the area.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;
Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be hereby granted to the following:—Jeremiah Moore, Grangecon; Margaret Keenan, Roundwood.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter from John Hopkins, Esq., Shillelagh, dated 8th September, 1927, stating that a vacancy existed on Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, owing to the Rev Luke Byrne, O.C., having left the district, and that his Sub-Committee recommend for appointment to the vacancy the Very Rev J P Donohoe, P.P., Killinure, Coolkenno.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;
Seconded by Councillor W J Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Very Rev J P. Donohoe, P.P., Killinure, to fill the vacancy created on Shillelagh Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee by the departure from the district of the Rev Luke Byrne, C.C.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That Assistant Surveyor J T O'Byrne, B.E., whose fortnight's holiday expired on the 7th September, be given sick leave until 30th September, subject to the production of a medical Certificate immediately, and that Assistant Surveyor Joseph Boyd be directed to carry out Mr O'Byrne's duties meantime.
Passed.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor a memorial dated 15th September, 1927, from four local ratepayers, complaining of the obstruction to the County road in Killegar caused by heavy lorries passing to and from a sandpit, and the consequent danger to horse-traffic and pedestrians.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to have a danger sign erected at Tinahely Bridge.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel J Kehoe;

Seconded by " Joseph Burke;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to forthwith have the dangerous turn at Kiltegan near Tinneclash remedied, and the present dangerous condition of this turn to all forms of traffic eliminated.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to forthwith remove the following dangerous corners, now so dangerous to all forms of traffic:—(i) the corner at the White Woman's Chair on the road from Wicklow to Rathnew; (ii) the corner at Beley turning to Kilquigan Catholic Church; (iii) the corner at Carrig Wood on the road from Shillelagh to Carnew; (iv) the corner at the Rookery on the road from Kilcoole to Newcastle at Leabeg; (v) the narrow dangerous condition of the small bridge at Killaveney where O'Reilly's and Healy's lands joins; (vi) corner at Mr Willoughby's shop at Killaveney, if the same does not exceed £20 in cost, and the work is done by Mr Willoughby to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor; (vii) the corner at Phillip's at Anna-leeka on the road from Dunlavin to Donard.
Passed.

The Council directed the County Surveyor to report in full if anything can be done to prevent the flooding of Lisheens road and the tearing up of the road at Ballysmuttan Bridge, as serious dislocation of traffic on these roads is liable to occur during heavy floods.

The following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor William J Henry and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I or another Councillor will ask for full information from the County Surveyor with reference to the work done or to be done on Blessington bridge, Humphreystown bridge and bridge wall at Wicklow and Kildare boundary south of Poulaphuca, and propose that such work be not commenced until the weather is favourable to its being properly done."

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

13th June, 1927, No. R/RC/33, stating that the allocations from the Road Fund to County Wicklow have already been notified and further grants cannot at present be made, and that consequently no useful purpose would be served by the Minister's receiving a deputation on the subject.

20th June, 1927, No. IR/104/2, stating that expenses incurred by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in connection with alterations to Telegraph plant rendered necessary by State-aided road improvement schemes must be charged against the Grants and paid to that Department by the Local Authority concerned.

21st June, 1927, No. 29628/27, enclosing copy of Section 18 of the Land Act, 1927, relating to liability for rates on lands vested in the Land Commission or held by allottees or purchasers from them.

12th July, 1927, No. S.25101/1927, stating that where a County Council after 31st March, 1924, levied a rate to meet charges connected with guaranteed undertakings affected by the Railways Act, 1924, the Minister of Finance will be prepared to make recoupment in accordance with Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

16th July, 1927, No. G.33309/1927, confirming the suspension of Mr Garret Byrne, poor rate collector, in pursuance of Article XX 99 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

23rd July, 1927, No. IR/107/1, enclosing copy of Order authorising the Council to close to public property the approaches to Knockloe bridge in County Wicklow.

25th July, 1927, No. G.3310/1927, sanctioning the proposal of the Council to appoint Mr Michael Roche, No. 14 District, as temporary rate collector in No. 12 District, on condition that adequate security is provided to cover the additional collection.

27th July, 1927, No. P.H.31973/1927, stating that under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, Adaption Order, 1927, bye-laws for good rule and government made henceforth by a County Council are to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and

will not come into operation if disallowed by him within a period of forty days after they have been sent to him duly sealed.

12th August, 1927, circular letter stating that the Minister will not give his sanction to the making of an appointment under Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Acts, 1926, unless he is satisfied that a suitable and properly qualified person is available for appointment, and that in making appointments under this section local authorities should carefully consider the qualifications, etc., of the persons available.

12th August, 1927, No. 10173/1927 (Gen.), enclosing copy of the Public Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1927.

24th August, 1927, No. RG/33B., approving of the scheme for the improvement of the Kilmacanoge-Glendalough road proposed to be carried out by the County Council.

26th August, 1927, No. RS/204, stating that the Civil Service Commissioners will hold an examination on the 14th October, 1927, to enable suitable persons to qualify for the position of County Surveyor.

31st August, 1927, No. G.40398/1927, sanctioning the proposal of the Council to obtain an overdraft not exceeding £10,000 to the 31st December, 1927, interest to be paid thereon at an agreed rate.

31st August, 1927, No. G.40923/1927, approving of the appointment of Mr M J Healy as Junior Clerk in the Council's offices at 30s per week on the terms set forth in the report of the Finance Committee.

5th September, 1927, No. G.41339/1927, returning with the Minister's approval the bond entered into by Collector Michael Roche for the due performance of his duties in No. 12 Collecting District.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE.

4th June, 1927, No. E.4079-27, stating that the Department have scheduled parasitic mange in cattle under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and applied to the disease the provisions of the Parasitic Mange (Ireland) Order of 1919, which relates to horses, asses or mules, and requesting local authorities to instruct their Veterinary Inspectors to be especially vigilant as regards detecting cases or suspected cases of this kind.

Sheep Dipping (Regulation) Order, 1927.

County Leitrim (Control of Dogs) Order, 1927.

County Waterford (Control of Dogs) Order, 1927.

Alphabetical list of Sheep Dips approved up to the 30th April, 1927, by the Department in connection with their Orders relating to Sheep Scab and Sheep Dipping.

27th July, 1927, No. G.1187-27, outlining arrangements that might be made with the Carnegie Trustees for the supply of literature dealing with Agriculture and kindred subjects to farmers, students and others as an auxiliary to the scheme of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in operation in the various counties.

The Parasitic Mange (Cattle) Order, 1927.

The Foot and Mouth Disease (Boiling of Animal Food) Order, 1927.

Transit of Animals Order, 1927.

The Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1927.

Interim Report of the Town Tenants Commission, 1927, on the working of the Small Dwelling Acquisition Act, 1889, with appendices.

17th August, 1927, No. 11486/27, from the National Health Insurance Commission, stating with reference to the question of stamping carters' and stonebreakers' cards that a refund of National Health contributions on cards surrendered to approved societies is not admissible, and the papers have been sent to the Department of Industry and Commerce to consider the question of refund of Unemployment Insurance Contributions.

19th August, 1927, from the Assistant Commissioners of Intermediate Education, 1 Hume Street, Dublin, sanctioning the renewal for the school year 1927-28 of the secondary school scholarships held from the Council by Masters John Traynor and John Geoghegan, and Misses Annie M Hopkins, Monica Larkin, and Mary Nolan.

24th August, 1927, from same, stating that the Department raises no objection to the refusal of the Council to renew the secondary school scholarship held by Master John A O'Grady for a further year.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT, J H MCCARROLL, ESQ., SOLICITOR, CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

29th July, 1927, stating that at the hearing of the Appeal by Miss Violet Tynte, Dunlavin, against the decision of the Circuit Court Judge refusing an award for the alleged poisoning of cattle, the decision of the Circuit Court was reversed with costs.

5th August, 1927, reporting on the result of prosecutions against James Birney, Dargle Road, Bray, and James Heatley, same address, for offences under the sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and stating that boys named John Morgan and Christopher Barrett were committed to Artane Industrial School by the District Justice.

18th August, 1927, enclosing copy of Power of Attorney authorising him to receive certain poundage due to Collector John Manley.

19th August, 1927, enclosing copy of power of Attorney authorising him to receive certain poundage due to Collector J J Porter.

16th August, 1927, stating that the County Council in his opinion have sufficient title to make temporary lettings of Tinahely Courthouse for certain purposes.

25th August, 1927, stating that Mr Michael Roche, the newly-appointed collector in No. 12 District, completed with his two sureties the necessary bond and warrant of attorney on the 23rd August, 1927, and that the documents have been forwarded for registration to the High Court.

From Southampton County Council, copy of the Hampshire (Movement of Sheep into County) Regulations, 1927.

22nd June, 1927, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, stating that he has caused inquiries to be made with a view to detecting the persons responsible for the indiscriminate poisoning of dogs in Wicklow town, without result so far, but that the investigations were still proceeding.

Hope Villa, Novara Avenue, Bray, 25th June, 1927. Dear Sir. My wife and family join me in thanking the Wicklow County Council, yourself, and the other members of the Council's staff, for the kind sympathy extended to us in our deep sorrow. Yours sincerely (Signed) S G Gallagher. P T Healy, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee on the 1st July, 1927.

11th July, 1927, from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, stating that Mr Mortimer Hourihane, B.A., who held a scholarship from the Council, had passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.

Minutes of a special meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee on the 15th July, 1927.

18th July, 1927, from Mr Patrick Furlong, Baltinglass, enclosing cheque value £5 received from Mr John Finn for the meadow attaching to Baltinglass Workhouse, and signed Agreement re same.

19th July, 1927, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, Grafton Chambers- 102/103 Grafton Street, Dublin, stating that ample provision has been made for the accommodation of press representatives in the Courthouse in process of reconstruction at Bray.

23rd July, 1927, from Collector Michael Halpin, Kiltegan, setting forth the difficulties which he experienced in closing his collection.

30th July, 1927, from Councillor F O'Rafferty, Ferrybank, Arklow, stating that the Council were quite safe in accepting the two persons proposed by Michael Roche to enter with him into a joint Bond for the due performance of his duties in No. 12 District.

17th August, 1927, from Councillor Denis Condren, 81 Main Street, Arklow to the same effect.

1st September, 1927, from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, stating that the Council might avail from that date of the overdraft of £10,000 agreed to by the bank.

David Frame

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 14th November, 1927.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, Michael Fleming, J J Bourne, Laurence Moore, James Everett, T.D.; George Heatley, William J Henry, F O'Rafferty, Denis Condren, John Kennedy, David H Haskins, P J Cullen, James Kavanagh, P J Carey, W J Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Sean de Barra, Daniel J Kehoe, George Fisher, Edward Byrne, William Byrne, J J Metcalfe, and C M Ua Broin.

Minutes of previous Meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2 To appoint a Deputation to wait upon the Minister for Finance regarding the sum of £840 10s 6d which the Council paid on behalf of Wicklow Urban District Council on foot of three criminal injury awards leviable over portion of that urban district, and which the Urban District Council have repeatedly struck out of the Council's demand.
- 3 To appoint a Committee of Local Councillors to inspect and report on Bray Courthouse, before same is taken over on behalf of the Council.
- 4 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 5 To consider Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
- 6 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments.
- 7 To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 8 To consider memorial from Ratepayers in Ashtown and Sleemane, Roundwood, requesting the Council to have a bridge or gullet erected over a stream at Sleemane.
- 9 To consider Resolution from Arklow Urban District Council, complaining of the condition of Main Street and Ferrybank, Arklow.
- 10 To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 11 To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 12 To consider a circular letter, dated 26th September, 1927, from the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Control and Regulation of Road Traffic, asking for the views of the Council on many aspects of this subject.
- 13 To again consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that (i.) the duties of County and Assistant Surveyors employed by Wicklow County Council in connection with the roads under their charge be furnished by the L.G.B. for the information of Councillors to next Quarterly Meeting, and (ii.) that the County Surveyor have for the information of members the working hours and weekly wage of all employees on road work at next Quarterly Meeting, with a view to alteration or amendment by the Council."
- 14 To again consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor William Henry:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or another Councillor, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, that the situation of election booths and the electoral areas be changed for the greater convenience of electors of the County."
- 15 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor William Henry:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or another Councillor, will ask for full information from the County Surveyor with reference to the work done or to be done on Blessington bridge, Humphreystown bridge and bridge wall at Wicklow and Kildare boundary south of Poulaphouca, and propose that such work be not commenced until the weather is favourable to its being properly done."

16 To consider letter from Rev. D. J. Lucy, C.C., Hillside, Kilmacanogue, Bray, asking the Council to receive a deputation from the Enniskerry Library Sub-Committee and also a representative from Kilmacanogue Library.

17 To consider the Report of the Joint Conference of Representatives of Dublin and Wicklow County Councils on draft of Sealed Order proposed to be issued by the Minister for Industry and Commerce in connection with the control of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

18 To consider correspondence arising from the Council's proposal to send a deputation to certain Government Departments to discuss the question of the superannuation of Mr Andrew Nolan, formerly Agricultural Instructor.

19 To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, declining to receive a deputation from the Council regarding the collections left unclosed in No. 17 District by ex-Collector Charles Byrne.

20 To again consider the County Surveyor's application for travelling expenses, and to receive from the deputation which attended on the Roads Department in that connection a Report thereon.

21 To pass the usual Resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1927 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.

22 To execute Agreement submitted by the Law Department, Great Southern Railways, in connection with the setting back of the railway wall at Auhgrim.

23 To pass a Resolution instructing the Council's Treasurer to sell £100 5 per cent. Compensation Stock inscribed in the name of Wicklow County Council by the Ministry of Finance, and to execute the usual Letters of Attorney in this connection.

24 To recommend to the Under Sheriff the name of a suitable person to be appointed caretaker of the newly-reconstructed Courthouse at Bray.

25 To consider Resolution from County Wicklow Central Library Committee, asking the Council to appoint Father Mulcahy, C.C., as an additional member of that Committee.

26 To fill the vacancy created on County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture by the death of Mr. A. S. Patten, Clone, Auhgrim.

27 To fill the vacancy created on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of Councillor Edward Byrne, one of the Council's representatives.

28 To fill two vacancies created on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the departure from the district of the Rev. E. Farrell, C.C., and Rev. J. J. Mulcahy, M.A., C.C.

29 To consider a resolution from Enniskerry Technical Instruction Committee complaining of the decision of County Wicklow Central Library Committee to charge a rent of £10 per annum for the holding of technical instruction classes in Enniskerry Library.

30 To consider a letter from the Irish Tourist Association, asking from the Council the sole right to issue their Official Guide for at least two years.

31 To consider a letter from Francis Flood, Humphreystown, Blessington, dated 11th October, 1927, complaining of the law costs for which he became liable by reason of his failure to pay his rates until he was prosecuted.

32 To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 30th September, 1927.

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

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 NO. 1.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 30th September, 1927.

The following members attended:

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, John Kennedy, and James Everett, T.D.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the Order made by the Committee at their meeting on the 9th September, 1927, and subsequently approved by the County Council, he had instructed the rate inspector, Mr Furlong, to hand back to Collector Michael Halpin his collection books for the financial year 1926/1927, as the latter had now lodged to credit of the County Council practically the whole of the small balance which had been previously collected and unlogged.

ORDER—Secretary's action ratified.

An application dated 28th September, 1927, was submitted from Miss F M Tottenham, Ballycurry, Ashford, for the loan of the Council's roller for a day to roll her avenue.

ORDER—Miss Tottenham to be hired the roller at the rate of £3 per diem, on days arranged by the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That Mr Gallagher repair the road at Gormanstown leading up to Mr Brennan's gate.

Passed.

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

17th October, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, the last paragraph therein dealing with the repair of the road at Gormanstown leading up to Mr Brennan's gate having been first deleted therefrom, it not being a road scheduled for maintenance in the approved Road Works Scheme.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 24th October, 1927.

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	17462	4	7
(Former) Balinglass No. 1	112	14	2
" Rathdown No. 2	105	19	7
" Rathdrum	153	1	2
" Shillelagh	15	19	10
Repayment of Loans	1357	8	8
" (transferred to County Board of Health)	4000	10	3

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:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1928.

County Board of Assistance £8090. 0 0

QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

County Board of Public Health £448 5 0

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

24th October, 1927. To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee. Gentlemen,—I beg to report that, pursuant to clause 5 of the Second Schedule of the Public Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1927, I took over from the County Surveyor's department on the 13th October inst, the stamping of the cards of all persons employed by the County Council in connection with road maintenance, and also the two temporary lady clerks who were attached to the County Surveyor's Department for the discharge of this work.

I find after thorough investigation that this work is greatly in arrears, and it is certain to take some little time before these arrears can be worked off, and a thorough system introduced. I have, however, the latter in hand, and look forward to seeing that this stamping is brought up to date within a very short period of time, after which it may be possible to effect some economy so far as the service of one of the temporary lady clerks is concerned. I am informed that the accumulation of these arrears is almost entirely due to the difficulty of obtaining their cards from men when they are entering the employment of the County Council, and I believe I will find it necessary at an early date to ask the Council to make an Order that no man be taken into their employment who fails to hand in his Unemployment and National Health Cards on the morning he takes up work. This is the universal practice with large employers of labour, and I see no reason why it should not be a fixed rule of the County Council also. Yours faithfully (Signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council.

The Committee approve of the Secretary's action in the matter, and they recommend the report to the Council for adoption, subject of course to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health raising no objection to these new arrangements, which become necessary in order to give effect to the provisions of the Order referred to.

The Secretary submitted a telegram received on the 17th October, 1927, from Collector Michael Halpin (No. 2 District) in which he intimated that he would be in a better position to collect the outstanding rates of his 1926/1927 collection if he were forwarded the new collection books for the year 1927/1928 and also his (the Secretary's) reply that he regretted there was no possibility of these new collection books being issued unless the collector had brought the outstanding arrears of rates down to at least £100. Having discussed the matter at considerable length, the Committee directed the Secretary to inform Collector Halpin that his 1926/1927 collection must be closed forthwith, and certainly before the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 11th November, 1927, otherwise his collection books would be taken up from him on that date.

Correspondence was submitted regarding the difficulty experienced by Collector William Burke (No. 4 District) in connection with the collection of rates on a weighing scales at Dunlavin, the property of Mr Joseph Harrington, merchant. The Committee, having considered all the facts of the case, recommend the Council to place at the collector's disposal for the collection of the rates in question the services of their Law Agent.

A letter dated 18th August, 1927, was submitted from Collector W P Murphy (No. 10 District) regarding certain items of rates which he has already lodged to credit of the County Council out of his own pocket to close his collection, and which are not for the time being recoverable, and which he asks the Council's assistance in having refunded to him. The Committee, not being in a position to directly assist the collector, but realising the difficulties of his position, recommend that all the facts in connection therewith be placed before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, with a view to seeing what relief can be given the collector.

The Committee, at the request of the Secretary, proceeded to consider the present position of the Council regarding the sum of £840 10s 6d which was paid a number of years ago by the County Council on foot of three criminal injury awards leviable over two wards in Wicklow Urban District, and which Wicklow Urban Council has each year since struck out of the County Council's Annual Estimate and Demand for that body. The Committee note that this sum of £840 10s 6d, which was chargeable under the Court's Order to two wards in the urban area, has been demanded by the County Council annually since 1921, and that payment of the sum in question has been refused by the Urban Council. As this sum was paid over the counter out of general funds by the County Council's Treasurer compulsorily on demand under statute, and as all the incidents in relation thereto took place in the troubled times, the Committee is of opinion that the Minister for Finance should be approached by a deputation of the Council and strongly urged (i) either to refund to the County Council the £840 10s 6d forthwith, if he has at present statutory powers under which this course could be adopted, or (ii) to introduce a short Bill in the Dail seeking powers to pay to the County Council this sum, which the ratepayers of the County at-Large rural should certainly not be at the loss of, when the Order of the Court specifically stated that the amount should be paid by the ratepayers in the Castle and Kilmartin Wards of Wicklow Urban area.

PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE BUILDING USED AS A COURTHOUSE IN BLESSINGTON.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated 8th inst from the Council's Law Agent in connection with the above matter, and also the following copy of letter which accompanied same:—

Downshire O'Lea, 72 Rathgar Road, Dublin. 7th September, 1927. J H McCarroll, Esq. Dear Sir—In reply to yours of the 30th which I regret delay in replying to, I am afraid that there would be little use in forwarding the County Council's offer of £500 for the fee-simple of above to the Marquis, and I personally could not recommend him to accept it. I am bearing in mind the fact that two **small** houses (the present Post Office and Mrs Wilson's adjoining Civic Guard Barrack) were sold for £450 each, the latter of these a leasehold with an £8 head rent and a not very long lease which makes me think that Lord Downshire ought to receive a minimum of £600 for the Court House. The latter of these two houses I refer to was sold by public auction. I cannot, of course, guarantee that £600 will be accepted, as his Lordship personally instructed me to ask the figure I did. If the County Council will give £600 for the building I will forward the offer with a **strong** recommendation that it be accepted, which I think it probably would. I may say that the immediate cause of the burning of the Court House in 1922 was the fact that he had received an offer from the Board of Works for it of £600 as a barrack for Civic Guards. Since then of course it has all been freshly built and new grates, etc, make it now worth this amount at least. The top flat of the house can be let as a residential flat at £26 yearly, and if not sold will be let as such, I presume, later. I think even to an outsider it would be a good investment to buy it (subject to the County Council's tenancy of the lower floor) for this figure of £600. I would be glad to know the County Council's decision, as naturally we wish to give them the first consideration before approaching anybody else. Yours faithfully (signed) E. Merry.

The Committee are of opinion that the \$500 which the Council has already agreed to offer for this building represents the full value its acquisition would mean to them.

A letter dated 4th October, 1927, was submitted from Messrs Townshends, 15 Molesworth Street, Dublin, agents for the Gun-Cunningham Estate, in which they asked if the County Council would be prepared to take a permanent letting of the building in Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy which has been used as a Courthouse for a great many years, the outgoings in repairs for the past three years being stated to be £36 7s, and the rent only £30. ORDER—Referred to the Law Agent for investigation and report.

BRAY COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Law Agent in connection with Bray Courthouse, concerning which the Architects have not yet issued their final certificate before handing over the building to the Council:—

4 Church Street, Wicklow. 18th October, 1927. Dear Sir—I had an interview with Mr Price, D.J., to-day when he mentioned that the following matters require attention in Bray Courthouse, viz:—(i) The Justice's desk requires to be made wider, so as to hold books and papers and enable same to be written on, and also requires a piece of ledge to prevent books and papers slipping off; (ii) The floor is too low underneath the desk mentioned in No. 1, so that something will have to be placed there to raise the Justice's chair; (iii) There is no witness-box for witnesses. This can be obviated by a witness-box on both sides of the Court; (iv) The bench behind the solicitor's table is too narrow, and requires the moulding taken off and sloping desk top put in and the seat behind requires to be raised, as it is too low underneath the bench for writing purposes. I think therefore you should communicate with the Architects before they give their final certificate. I am forwarding Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan a copy of this letter so that they may take the Council's instructions. Yours faithfully (signed) J H McCarroll. P T Healy, Esq, County Secretary.

The Secretary mentioned that he had had an interview with the Law Agent and W G Price, Esq, B.L., District Justice for the County, regard-

ing the necessity for dealing with the matters specified in the foregoing letter, and also of seeing that the doors were draught-proof. It was suggested that day that good results might follow a conference held in the Courthouse, at which the District Justice, the Architects and the Law Agent might be present. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to appoint a Committee of local Councillors to visit, inspect and report in detail on the building, before same is taken over from the Architects by the County Surveyor on behalf of the Council.

An application was received from Mr M J Hoey, District Court Clerk, Wicklow, to have certain modifications made in the interior of the presses at present in his office in the Court House, Wicklow. ORDER—County Surveyor to have work done, having first obtained three tenders.

The Committee had before them a tender, dated 5th October, 1927, received from Mr Patrick Smith, Killiskey, Ashford, in which he offered £60 for the Garret tractor which he has on hire from the Council at the present time for threshing purposes at a fixed figure of £4 per week, all other expenses being payable by himself. ORDER—The Committee recommend that Mr Smith's offer of £60 for this tractor be accepted, on the clear understanding that he continue to hire the engine up to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 14th November, 1927.

An application dated 6th October, 1927, was received from Superintendent P Casserley, Garda Síochána, Bray, in which he asked for authority to purchase a sanblast machine for use in the Court Districts of Bray and Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy in carrying out the provisions of the Weights and Measures Acts relating to the stamping of glass bottles. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to order that this machine be supplied.

An application was received from J Salt, Esq, The Grove, Erskine Avenue, Greystones, dated 1st October, 1927, for refund of rates alleged to have been overpaid by him on his new house in respect to the financial year ended 31st March, 1926. ORDER—Having carefully considered this application, and inspected all the documents, Acts and Orders submitted by the Secretary in relation thereto, the Committee regret they have no statutory powers to recommend any refund for the year 1925/1926.

The Committee had again under consideration the following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, relative to the replacement of certain documents, the property of the late Council of Balinglass No 1 Rural District, stated to have been destroyed in the burning of Balinglass Workhouse, and also a list of Agreements submitted by the Law Agent which were prepared and executed by him relative thereto, and which he stated he forwarded to the Secretary to County Wicklow Board of Health on the 20th August, 1927, as they were required in connection with proceedings to recover the cottages:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Públí, Sraid Mhuirbhtean Uach, Baile Atha Cliath. 22nd November, 1926. G.48693/26. A Chára—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wicklow County Council on the 23rd August last, relative to the replacement of certain documents of the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council destroyed in the Workhouse, and in connection therewith I am to state that the

sum which the County Council propose to pay their Solicitor—viz., £1900 appears to be excessive. The cottage agreements on the prescribed form might be filled up in the office of the Secretary to the County Board of Health. It is understood that certified copies of the Land Registry folios may be obtained from that Department at trifling cost. As regards the cost of reconstituting the title deeds and leases, it might be considered whether the scale set out in the Statutory Rules and Orders, 1924 (No. 30) will apply. The Minister further desires to point out that the Council's proposal to expend £1900 out of the award of £2000 leaves a balance of only £100 for the remaining items of the claim. The Minister understands from the Department of Finance that it was contemplated that a sum of approximately £866 was earmarked for such items as furniture, books, etc. Mise, le meas (signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the Law Agent be instructed to clear this matter up with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

An application was received from Mrs Mary Nolan, Ballyvroghan, Donard, dated 14th October, 1927, for the renewal for a fifth year of the Secondary School Scholarship held by her daughter from the Council, and the said application was supported by a communication from the Superioress, Loreto Abbey, Gorey, dated 13th October, 1927. ORDER—The Committee regret that for financial reasons they are unable to recommend the Council to accede to this application, Councillor J J Kennedy dissenting.

An application was personally submitted from Assistant Surveyor Joseph Boyd, for remuneration and expenses for doing temporary duty for Assistant Surveyor J T O'Byrne, whilst the latter was on sick leave for a period of six weeks, and also for acting as County Surveyor for six weeks. With his application Mr Boyd submitted and explained a detailed statement showing the travelling he did by hired motor during the period in question, and receipted vouchers amounting to £35 14s, the sum claimed. ORDER—The Committee recommend that Mr Boyd be refunded the £35 14s expended by him for hired motors, receipted accounts therefor having been submitted, and that he be paid £30 for carrying out Assistant Surveyor J T O'Byrne's duties whilst the latter was on sick leave for six weeks, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained.

The Auditor's Report and attested Abstracts of the accounts of Grangeogorman Mental Hospital for the two half-years ended 31st March 1926, were submitted.

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

1st November, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor J J Kennedy;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be amended to the extent that this Council accede to the application of Mrs Mary Nolan, Ballyvroghan, Donard, and grant her daughter, Mary Nolan, a

fifth year of scholarship to allow of her having an additional year to study for her Leaving Certificate.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, F O'Rafferty, George Fisher, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, J J Barry, James Everett, T.D.; and John J Kennedy—13.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—8.

The amendment was thereupon declared passed by thirteen votes to eight.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Kennedy

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the three T.D.'s for the County, with Councillors J J Bourne, D H Haskins, J J Kennedy and the Chairman, as members of a deputation to wait upon the Minister of Finance, for the purpose of strongly urging him to refund to the County Council the sum of £340 10s 6d, which was some years ago paid under compulsion by the Council's Treasurer over the counter out of general funds in respect of three criminal injury awards properly leviable over portion of Wicklow Urban District, but which the said Urban District has each year since struck out of the County Council's Demand, or if the Minister has not statutory powers to make this refund, to urge him to introduce a short Bill in the Dail seeking powers to pay to the County Council this sum, which the ratepayers of the County-at-Large Rural should certainly not be at the loss of.

Passed

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 10th November, 1927, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects for the reconstruction of Bray Courthouse, reporting on the result of an interview which they had with the District Justice and the Council's Law Agent regarding the necessity for certain additional work in the Court, denying the statement that the doors were illfitting, and stating that the laying of a water supply on to the basement as required by the Garda would cost £10. With this letter was enclosed tender from Messrs McNally and Company, East Wall, Dublin, contractors for the rebuilding of the Courthouse, offering to provide a witness-box and make certain minor alterations for the sum of £17 15s.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That the following Councillors be appointed as a Committee to inspect, in company with the County Surveyor, and report upon Bray Courthouse, recently reconstructed, before same is taken over on behalf of the Council by the County Surveyor:—S E Pim, George Heatley,

Edward Byrne, Joseph J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, J J Redmond, and David Frame.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 2, be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 11th November, 1927.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David 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—£3278 12s.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:—

Year	District No.	Name of Collector	Amount.
			£ s d
1925/1926	14	Michael Roche	7 19 5
do	17	Denis J Kinsella	29 11 6
1926/1927	2	Michael Halpin	22 15 10
do	3	Edward Lynch	5 19 4
do	9	John Manley	34 1 1
1927/1928	12	Michael Roche	0 16 4
do	14	same	9 9 1

The Secretary submitted to the Committee letter dated 2nd November, 1927, which he had received from Collector Michael Halpin (No. 2 District) acknowledging the Order made by the Committee at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 24th October, 1927, and applying to the Committee to be supplied with the services of the Council's Law Agent for the purpose of enforcing payment of the outstanding rates in his district for the 1926/1927 collection, amounting to £399 7s 9d. The Committee also had under consideration the following telegram received immediately before the meeting from the collector:—"Was travelling Wicklow to meeting car disappointed here Hacketstown had list of names of defaulters and explanations will ask you to stay matters until Tuesday next fair Baltinglass when will close books out of own pocket to save self if names don't do forwarding names by letter would be late for meeting now. Michael Halpin." The Committee having ascertained that Collector Halpin had not, since his collection books were returned to him on the 5th October by his rate inspector, either attended to have his collection checked or made any lodgment of rates to credit of the Council, recommend the Council to take whatever action they deem advisable following considera-

tion of the report submitted from the Committee's Quarterly Meeting held on the 24th October, 1927.

Collector J J Porter (No. 11 District) appeared before the Committee in accordance with the Order made on the 28th October, 1927, to explain the backward condition of his collection for the year 1927/1928. The Committee, having heard Mr Porter at considerable length, warned him to proceed with his collection with more energy, and to close his first half-year's moiety without further delay.

The following letter was submitted from the Secretary to County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee:—

Technical School, Wicklow. 28th October, 1927. A Chara. At the monthly meeting of the above Committee on 25th inst, a letter was received from Miss K S Pearce, Clerk in this Office since 1st February, 1924, requesting a gratuity under section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925, on her retirement from the position on 30th September, 1927, on marriage. Miss Pearce has been a whole time officer under the above Committee and was paid at the Rate of £65 per annum with cost of living bonus, present amount £48 15s. The Department stated that a gratuity would be sanctioned. The following resolution was passed:— "Proposed by Mr Haskins, seconded by Mr C M Byrne, Resolved that we ask the contributing councils to make a gratuity to Miss Pearce on her retirement from connection with the Technical School." "Will you please bring this matter before your Council at their next Meeting. Mise, do chara (signed) F F MacCarthy, Principal and Secretary. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the payment to Miss K Pearce of the gratuity allowable under Section 44, sub-section 4, of the Local Government Act, 1925, but only on condition that the other two contributing bodies to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee pay their equitable share of such gratuity at least.

The County Surveyor submitted an application for permission to have an electric stove installed in his newly-acquired outer office, and also submitted an application from the County Registrar, Court House, Wicklow, for a small electric stove for his outer-office in which at present there is no heating apparatus of any kind. The Committee granted authority to have both stoves procured and installed.

Attorney-General v. Garrett Byrne, ex Poor Rate Collector. The Secretary reported that on the night of Saturday, the 5th November, or the morning of Sunday, the 6th November, some person or persons forced an entry into the Council's outer office, which is used almost exclusively as a rates department, and mutilated three or four counterfoils in the 1926/1927 collection books for No. 12 District, which he was bound under penalties to produce in Court at the hearing of this case. He further reported that eight fortnightly Abstracts which he had received from the Rate Inspector, Mr P W Sheehan, in respect to the same collection, had been taken away and were missing. The Committee note that the facts have been duly reported to the Garda

Siochana authorities, and that the Secretary is able to reconstruct the missing documents.

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

12th November, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 8, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That Collector Halpin be given until Friday, the 25th November, to close his collection, and if the Finance Committee find at their meeting held that day that the collection is not in fact closed they are hereby authorised to take up his collection books and suspend Collector Michael Halpin from his position.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—
COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County at Large, amounting to £17,462 4s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore;

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 £112 14s 2d (any modification 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 " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable to the area of the former of the Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £105 19s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

(former) RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £153 1s 2d (any modification 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 " W J Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable to the area of the former Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £15 19s 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 J J Kennedy;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable to the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £1357 8s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

TRANSFERS TO MEET LOAN REPAYMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor J J Fournie;

Seconded by Councillor William J Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments to meet Loans, amounting to £4,000 10s 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 David H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals, for Payments amounting to £3278 12s 0d (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 " Laurence Moore;

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,
9th NOVEMBER, 1927.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting to be held on 14th November, 1927.

A CHAIRDE,

I beg to report that I found it necessary to proceed with the undertaken works as sudden damage or emergency work, having previously obtained the consent, in writing, of two County Councillors:—

	£	s	d
Repairing road at Ballinglen, washed away on 21st October	42	0	0
like road No. 246, Ballynultagh to Mullinacuff	7	10	0
" " " 247, Crossbridge to Muskeagh	5	0	0
" " " 248, Ballyrahan to Kilquiggan	26	10	0
" " " 249, Mullinacuff to Boley	6	0	0
" " " 377, Scorlock's Leap	20	0	0
" clearing Woodend Bridge	15	0	0

The roads maintained by contract have generally been fairly attended to and are in fair condition; some few cases of complete neglect are being dealt with. The metal supply is very fair as to quantity but in some areas the quality of the material is not as good as it should be.

As directed, I examined the sites of the floodings at Ballysmuttan and Lisheens. I consider that at Ballysmuttan the river course immediately above the gullets should be straightened, a water wall built, and an additional ope provided to the upper gullet. I will include such works in the Road Scheme for the next Roads Meeting. At Lisheens it is somewhat difficult to see why the flooding takes place, but I consider that the dirty and narrowed condition of the river on the down stream portion at the bridge has a good deal to do with it. In August, 1912, some heavy flooding took place and at that time the cause was that immediately above the bridge for about 2 perches the river bank was only about 15" over the normal water level—this was since remedied by erecting a water wall to close in this gap between a high mound bank above the gap and the wall of the bridge. The river immediately below the Bridge forms the boundary between Co. Wicklow and Co. Dublin. Further investigation will be necessary and I will include in the Road Scheme such works as I may consider as likely to remedy this flooding which may be within your powers to carry out.

Is mise, le meas,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDER—Approved.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow. 14th November, 1927. To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I beg to report that Road No. 141 (near Ballycreen and Moneyneen) is badly cut by timber traffic and an expenditure of about £300 will be required to make the road passable. I request authority to incur such expenditure. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—County Surveyor to go on with work.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

No Proposals.

Memorial from ratepayers in Ashtown and Sleemane, Roundwood, requesting the Council to have a bridge or gullet erected over a stream at Sleemane. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

Letter from the Clerk of Arklow Urban District Council enclosing copy of Resolution passed by that Council complaining of the condition of Main Street and Ferrybank, Arklow. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

2nd November, 1927, application from J A Jordan, 115 Main Street, Bray, for permission to attach an aerial wire to Bray Courthouse. ORDER—Granted, to be removed whenever called upon by this Council.

10th November, 1927, from Councillor S E Pim, "Shandon," Greystones, regarding the urgent need for providing employment for 59 idle men at Kilcoole. No Order.

11th November, 1927, memorial from local ratepayers, complaining of the condition of Bell's Lane, near Carnew. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

14th November, 1927, memorial from ratepayers of Kilcoagh and Studfield, Donard, calling on the Council to again take over and maintain a road leading to a turf bog, as the road is now in such a condition that they cannot cart their turf. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor for investigation and report the proposal to take over, repair and maintain Gormanstown lane.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the following be hereby appointed as a Deputation to wait upon the Minister of Local Government accompanied by the County Surveyor, to urge in the strongest possible manner the necessity for giving this Council large additional sums by way of Grants to be devoted to road maintenance in the areas in this County in which we have satisfied ourselves there is absolute want and privation consequent upon unemployment, now an appalling problem:—Councillors C M Byrne, W J Henry, Joseph Metcalfe, W J Doyle, David H Haskins, J J Kennedy, the Chairman (Councillor David Frame) and the three T.D.'s for the

County.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following, copy of which he had previously caused to be forwarded to each Councillor:—

Inter-Departmental Committee on Control and Regulation of Road Traffic,

51, Upper Mount Street,

DUBLIN, 26th September, 1927.

A Chara,

In April last a Committee was set up by the Government "to inquire and report as to whether and, if so, how far the existing law relating to the control and regulation of road traffic in all its aspects, requires modification, more especially in view of the growth in the use of the various kinds of motor vehicles."

On the 21st May last the Committee invited, through a notice in the Press, written representations from, inter alia, any local or other authority concerned in or affected by the subject of the inquiry. Up to the present, however, no representations in the matter have been received from any local authority or any body representing local authorities. In the circumstances, the Committee have directed me to communicate with each Local Authority who may be interested in the matter and to say that the Committee would be glad to be favoured with the views of the Authority on the subject of the inquiry, and particularly with regard to the following points—viz.:

- (1) Speed Limits, e.g., the question of abolishing the 20 miles per hour limit for motor cars (including motor cycles) and relying instead on more stringent provisions and penalties concerning dangerous driving.
- (2) Conditions regarding fitness for licenses to drive motor vehicles or different classes of motor vehicles.
- (3) Licensing of omnibuses and charabanes to ply for hire with particular reference to the safeguards necessary in the public interest and whether the licensing body should be central or local.
- (4) Certification of routes for omnibuses, having regard to public safety considerations and whether by a central or local authority.
- (5) Lighting of vehicles (motor, horse-drawn and pedal cycles)—front and rear lights.
- (6) Regulations regarding the use by all classes of traffic of footpaths, streets and roads in towns and villages, including the practice of displaying goods on such footpaths, streets and roads, and the holding of fairs and markets on the public roads.
- (7) Registration and licensing of pedal cycles.
- (8) Compulsory Insurance against Third Party Risks by owners of motor vehicles.
- (9) Provision of Parking Places (including question of acquiring land therefor).

As the Committee are anxious to submit their report to the Government as soon as possible, early attention by your authority to this communication will be greatly appreciated.

If convenient, six copies of your reply should be furnished.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) C. J. WHELAN,
Runaidhe.

To

The Secretary of each County Council.
The Town Clerk of each County Borough.
The Clerk to each Urban District Council.
The Clerk to each Town Commissioners.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor C M Byrne;

Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to collect the individual views of the Council as far as possible, and subsequently give evidence thereon, after collaboration with the County Surveyor, before the Inter-Departmental Committee on Control and Regulation of Road Traffic, if required.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor J J Metcalfe was with the Council's consent withdrawn:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, shall move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that (i) the duties of County and Assistant Surveyors employed by Wicklow County Council in connection with the roads under their charge be furnished by the L.G.B. for the information of Councillors to next Quarterly Meeting, and (ii) that the County Surveyor have for the information of members the working hours and weekly wage of all employees on road work at next Quarterly Meeting, with a view to altera-

tion or amendment by the Council."

The Secretary having first reported that in accordance with the order made by the Council at their Meeting held on the 22nd August, 1927, he had forwarded copy of the existing Polling Districts and Polling Places Scheme to each Councillor with the request that each Councillor submit his written suggestions for amendments, but that he had to date received no suggestions, it was, in accordance with Notice of Motion,

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry ;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D. ; and

Resolved—That the situation of election booths and the electoral areas be changed for the greater convenience of electors of the County and that the Finance Committee be asked to receive and consider representations from County Councillors and report thereon to the Council.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor W J Henry was with the Council's consent withdrawn:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or another Councillor, will ask for full information from the County Surveyor with reference to the work done or to be done on Blessington bridge, Humphreystown bridge and bridge wall at Wicklow and Kildare boundary south of Poulaphuca, and propose that such work be not commenced until the weather is favourable to its being properly done."

A letter was submitted from the Rev D J Lucy, C.C., Hillside, Kilmacanoge, Bray, asking the Council to receive a deputation from Enniskerry library sub-committee and also a representative from Kilmacanoge library. No deputation was in attendance.

DUBLIN & BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

The Secretary submitted the following Report of the Joint Committee representative of Dublin and Wicklow County Councils:—"We beg to report that in conjunction with the representatives of the Wicklow County Council, the terms of the Draft Order of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce dealing with the setting up of a Committee of Management to control the Dublin & Blessington Steam Tramway were discussed in great detail. We considered the various points of view, which were presented as to the future possibilities of this Line, and were unanimously of opinion that the most essential step to be taken is the setting up of a Committee of Management. In connection with the consideration of the Draft Order above referred to, we decided to recommend both the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow to adopt same subject to the following modifications (i) the amendment of paragraph 1 sub-section (a) so as to allow the Committee of Management to hold office for three years at a time, instead of having same annually (ii) the omission of the words "of a minimum annual value of £20" in Section (3) where ever they occur. At the above Conference which took place on the 7th October, 1927, there were present representing the Dublin County Council: Councillors Sheil (Chairman), P J Nugent and P Caffrey, with Mr J A Ryan, (Co. Surveyor) and P J Murphy, (Acting Secretary) while the Wicklow County Council was represented by Councillors W J Henry and L Moore, accompanied by Mr P T Healy, Secretary and J H McCarroll, County Solicitor. (Signed) John J Sheil, Chairman of Committee.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry ;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore ;

Resolved—That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be informed that the issue of the draft Order, proposed to be issued by him in connection with the future control of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, is hereby approved by this Council, subject to the following two modifications having been first made therein:—(i) the amendment of paragraph 1 sub-section (a) so as to allow the Committee of Management to hold office for three years at a time, instead of having same annually ; (ii) the omission of the words "of a minimum annual value of £20" in Section (3) where ever they occur.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of the Order about to be issued by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, we hereby appoint the following to represent this Council on the Joint Committee about to be set up for the control and management of the Tramway:—Councillor W J Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington, Bartle Egan, Baltiboy's, Blessington, and John Healy, Blessington Post Office. Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following communications which he had received relating to the superannuation of Mr Andrew Nolan:—

i) 15th October 1927, No G.984-27, from the Department of

Lands and Agriculture to Dermot G O'Mahony, Esq., T.D., stating that it had been found that Mr Nolan's service with the Albert Agricultural College could not be brought within the Superannuation Acts, and that as there was no possibility of the case being reopened, the Department considered no useful purpose would be served by again approaching the Department of Finance.

(ii) 22nd October, 1927, No. G.984/1927, from the Department of Lands and Agriculture, to Councillor J Everett, T.D., to the same effect.

(iii) 7th November, 1927, No. G.51062/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to Dermot G O'Mahony, T.D. outlining the facts which had led up to the present position, stating that the Department of Finance had disallowed Mr Nolan's claim for a compassionate gratuity in respect of his services as Farm Steward at the Albert Agricultural Model Farm because they did not agree that Mr Nolan possessed the rights under Section 22 (2) of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act, 1899, which would render him eligible for a gratuity under Section 4 of the Superannuation Act 1887, and adding that the County Council were legally liable for the payment of the full amount of Mr Nolan's pension as fixed by Order under Seal and that he could sue them for the recovery of any sums withheld.

ORDER—Referred to Law Agent for his own considered opinion.

The Secretary submitted letters dated 1st and 13th October, 1927, No. G.45145/1927 and No. G.47278/1927, respectively, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the collections left unclosed in No. 17 District by ex-Collector Charles Byrne, referring the Council to the final paragraph of the Department's letter of the 8th August, 1927, and stating that the Minister does not see in what way the attendance of a further deputation would be of assistance to the County Council, and that if doubts remain as to the responsibilities of the Council or of its members the Minister cannot make any suggestion better than that the advice of the Council's legal adviser be followed.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That having heard the correspondence submitted to-day regarding the collection of the rates still outstanding unlogged since the period Mr Charles Byrne was Poor Rate Collector therefor, we hereby earnestly urge the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to receive the Deputation already appointed, in connection with this matter.

Passed.

The Chairman and other members reported on the result of the Deputation which had waited on the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) in connection with the County Surveyor's claim for travelling expenses. The Deputation had put forward the Council's case, stating that Mr Gallagher's time was taken up more for the benefit of motorists than for the benefit of farmers. The Department in reply stated that they were bound to see that Government monies were spent to the best advantage by Surveyors, and consequently they were emphatic that County Surveyors would have to travel more over the roads. As it would be unjust to expect them to do this at their own expense, the Department were equally emphatic that County Surveyors must be paid reasonable travelling expenses. There was only one other County that did not pay its County Surveyor travelling expenses, and that County Surveyor had almost double Mr Gallagher's salary. The Department urged that the Council at their next meeting should see that Mr Gallagher gets reasonable travelling expenses, which must be paid on a mileage basis, and exclude journeys between Bray and Wicklow. The County Surveyor would require to keep records of his travelling in a book which would have to be certified by the County Secretary, whereupon payment would be made. As regards the Deputation's contention that Mr Gallagher should be paid a fixed percentage out of grant monies as a travelling allowance, the Department stated this was impossible, firstly because there was no machinery for this purpose, and secondly because if that were done for one County it would have to be done for all.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we accede to the application of Mr S G Gallagher our County Surveyor, for an allowance for travelling expenses ; that we fix such allowance at four pence per mile travelled (disregarding all travelling between his private house in Bray and his office in Wicklow) that a complete detailed account of all travelling be accurately kept and submitted ; and that the total amount paid in respect to the County Surveyor's travelling shall not exceed the sum of Two Hundred Pounds per annum, for one trial year.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe ; and

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

That the question of allowing Mr Gallagher, County Surveyor, travelling expenses be postponed until the Council has dealt with the other officials supervising road maintenances.

This amendment was with the consent of the Council withdrawn.

As a further amendment it was also

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh ; and

Seconded by Councillor P J Carey ;

That any travelling expenses allowed the County Surveyor do not exceed £100 in the first year, which is to be accepted as a test year.

This amendment was with the consent of the Council withdrawn.

A poll having been called for on the original motion it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, F O'Rafferty, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Barry, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D. and J J Kennedy—16

AGAINST:—Councillors P J Carey, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, John J Metcalfe, George Heatley, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—7

Councillor W J Henry, declined to vote.

The Chairman thereupon declared the original motion passed by sixteen votes to seven.

The Secretary reported that he had received anonymously on different dates two sums of 5s and 15s respectively purporting to be restitution money, and that he had lodged the said amounts to credit of the County Council. Noted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 10th October, 1927, No. 1284/27, from the National Health Insurance Commission, enclosing copy of estimate of the receipts and expenditure of County Wicklow Insurance Committee for the purpose of Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1927, and stating that the transmitting of this estimate was deferred in view of the fact that the Council had under consideration the adoption of a comprehensive Scheme under the Tuberculosis Prevention Acts.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

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 1927, 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 for the year 1927, amounting to £1523, as submitted by the National Health Insurance Commission.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor W J Doyle;

Resolved—That the Agreement submitted by the Law Department, Great Southern Railways, regarding the setting back of the wall at Aughrim railway bridge, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor David Frame;

Resolved—That we approve of the Personal Fidelity Bond submitted by our Junior Clerk, Mr M J Healy, and hereby direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and instruct our Treasurer the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, to sell at the current market price the £100 5 per cent Compensation Stock inscribed in the name of Wicklow County Council by the Paymaster-General in part payment of the 10% increase falling due on the Bray Courthouse Criminal Injury Award under the Damage to property (Compensation) (Amendment) Act, 1926; that the proceeds be lodged to credit of the Council; and that the power of Attorney over this £100 stock submitted by our Treasurer be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council, and that the signature be witnessed by our Secretary and our Law Agent.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted applications which he had received from the following for appointment as caretaker of the newly-constructed Bray Courthouse, and stated that the authority to make this appointment lay with the Under-Sheriff of the County under statute:—W O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, Michael Doyle, 4 Cobourgh Place, Seville Place, Dublin, and Peter Byrne, 7 Ravenswell Row, Bray.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Under-Sheriff for this County, Mr William Toomey, B.L., to appoint William O'Connor, of 17 Castle Street, Bray, as caretaker of the newly reconstructed Courthouse at Bray.

Passed on a show of hands by fourteen votes to six, Councillor Edward Byrne not voting.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 2nd September, 1927, from Geoffrey Phipps, Esq., County Librarian, conveying a resolution of the Central Library Committee requesting the Council to appoint Father Mulcahy, Kilmacanoge, as an additional member of the said Committee. Inasmuch as Father Mulcahy had in the meantime been removed from the district and replaced by Father D J Lucy, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor D H Haskins; and

Resolved—That Father Lucy, of Kilmacanoge, be appointed as an additional member of the County Libraries Committee, as requested by the resolution received from that body.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev James Carty, C.C., of Annacurra, to fill the vacancy created on County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture by the death of Mr A S Patten, Clone, Aughrim.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev James Carty, C.C., of Annacurra, to fill the vacancy created on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by the disqualification of Councillor Edward Byrne, one of this Council's representatives on the said Committee.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev Father D J Lucy, C.C., Kilmacanoge, and Father Murnane, C.C., of Greystones, to represent Wicklow County Council on North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, in room of the Rev E Farrell, C.C. and the Rev J J Mulcahy, M.A., C.C., who have left the district.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 20th October, 1927, from Mr William Deely, Hon. Sec., Enniskerry Technical Instruction Sub-Committee, enclosing copy of resolution passed by that sub-committee strongly protesting against the decision of the Central Library Committee to charge a rent of £10 per annum for the use of Enniskerry library building for technical instruction purposes. ORDER—Referred to Central Library Committee.

PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL GUIDES.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the Irish Tourist Association:—

American Chambers, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin. Dear Sir. The past few years have seen the publication of numerous Official Guides to Counties, Cities and Towns, in Ireland. Some of these were badly produced, with no circulation guarantees and with consequent loss to the advertisers who made their publication possible. In almost every case where free distribution was promised the publishers had to rely on the Irish Tourist Association to provide it. My Executive have considered this matter and have decided to publish a number of such Guides, guaranteeing the free distribution which is necessary for a good Guide and for the fulfilment of the Association's objects. We request from

your Council the sole rights for at least two years to issue their Official Guide. The request is based on the following points: 1. All I.T.A. publications are produced in Ireland. The money is kept at home. 2. Your Council will have no liability in connection with the Guides but will receive gratis as many free copies as are considered necessary. 3. I.T.A. Guides are issued by a responsible Association. They will be of a standard quality and in keeping with our responsibility and reputation. 4. Any profits which accrue to the Association in Advertising Revenue will be devoted to Publicity. The Association is not a dividend-paying concern. 5. It is the distribution of a Guide that counts. In our own interests as well as that of our Advertisers we have to secure the best possible media for distributing our Guides. We have the organisation and facilities both in and outside Ireland. Keep the printing of your Official Guides at home. Give it to a responsible body on whom you can rely for good work. Give the full benefit of it to an organisation which has the facilities for giving good work and whose profits go towards advertising Ireland and every part of it. Yours faithfully (signed) J P O'Brien, Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by Councillor David Frame;

Resolved—That we hereby accede to the request of the Irish Tourist Association to delegate to them, so far as the Council's powers therein lie, the sole right, for a period of two years only from this date, to issue the Official Guide for County Wicklow, provided no Guide is issued to the tourists or general public until a draft thereof has been first submitted to and approved by this Council, and that this Council retains all its rights to strike a rate for Tourist Development year by year, or refuse to strike a rate again for that purpose.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 11th October, 1927, from Francis Flood, Humpreystown, Blessington, who had been prosecuted by the poor rate collector for nonpayment of rates, complaining that he had been ordered to pay an excessive amount by way of costs. No Order.

Councillor James Everett, T.D., initiated a discussion regarding the prosecution of certain persons in Rathnew for nonpayment of rates, in which cases he alleged undue harshness has been shown, and also stated he was given to understand that in many of these cases the demand notes had never been served by the poor rate collector. The Council's Law Agent, who was present, explained the circumstances and denied that any unnecessary harshness had been shown. ORDER—Consideration postponed.

The Secretary submitted the following:—

Baltinglass. 12-11-1927. To P T Healy, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow. Dear Sir. The dining hall and the female school in the Baltinglass old Workhouse were lined with ceiling boards. Some of the boards over the school were torn down by the National troops, while stationed there, but the greater part, as well as all the boards over the dining hall still remain. As the rain is now coming in through those roofs, I would respectfully suggest that you bring this matter before your meeting with a view to having those boards disposed of, as after the winter's storms they will be practically worthless. Yours very respectfully (signed) Patrick Furlong.

ORDER—Caretaker to sell to best advantage.

Proposed by Councillor John Barry;

Seconded by " Denis Condren;

Resolved—That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, respectfully beg to express our most earnest desire that the Eucharistic Congress be held in Ireland in 1932, the fifteenth centenary of the coming of St. Patrick to our country, and our fervent hope that the Ecclesiastical Authorities in

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charge of Eucharistic Congresses may grant this signal favour to the Irish Nation of honouring their God and their National Saint.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J Metcalfe, and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the position of all road supervisors be abolished outside the Engineers, as the County Surveyor has been allowed travelling expenses to supervise all monies spent on roads."

The County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1927, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow during the Quarter ending the 30th September, 1927.

3 drugs, Blessington, genuine; 3 do, Arklow, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Avoca, genuine; 3 do, Wicklow, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 do, Delgany, genuine; 3 do, Shillelagh Fever Hospital, genuine; 3 do, Blessington, genuine; 3 do, Kiltegan, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, County Home, genuine; 3 do, Blessington, genuine; 3 do, Rathdrum, genuine; 1 butter, Roundwood, Guard McCarragher, genuine; 4 milks, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 7 milks, Bray, Guard Stanton, 6 genuine, 1 not genuine; 2 butters, Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, Sergeant Towey, genuine; 1 jam, do, do, genuine; 2 new milks, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 lard, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk Blessington, Sergeant O'will, genuine; 2 butters, do, do, 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, not genuine; 2 new milks, do, do, genuine; 2 new milks, Arklow, Sergeant McEvaddy, genuine; 3 butters, do, do, genuine; 2 butters, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 4 milks, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, Aughrim, Sergeant Quinn, genuine; 1 coffee, do, do, genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Drugs 39, Foods 42, Total 81. Number adulterated—Drugs, 1 New Milks, 1 butter 1. Date 15-10-1927

Signed, PHYLLIS, RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Approved.

No applications were received for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

12th August, 1927, No. 10173/27 (Gen.), enclosing copy of the Public Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1927.

16th September, 1927, No. S.43088/1927, asking the Council to co-operate in impressing on the public the grave risk of death attendant on any unauthorised interference with the transmission lines of the Shannon Scheme, and enclosing warning notice to be prominently displayed inside and outside the Council's offices.

No. 39334/1927, Sealed Order declaring the provisions of Section 80 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, to be in force in certain district Electoral areas in the county.

29th September, 1927, No. 45046/1927, stating the Minister proposed to extend to the 31st March, 1928, the time during which the Public Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1927, is to continue in operation, and stating that the form of Abstract of Accounts of County Councils and Boards of Health is rendered obsolete by the Local Government Act, 1927.

14th October, 1927, No. 45046/1927, enclosing copy of the Public Bodies Order, 1927, and specifying the amendments which it makes to the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

15th October, 1927, memo stating that the Department's circular No. 45046/1927, dated 29th September, 1927, should be read as if the words "to the 31st March next" were omitted.

29th October, 1927, No. SG/33B., approving of the County Surveyor's Scheme for the expenditure of £3000 out of the Tourist Grant on the usual conditions, and stating that a proposal in respect of the £500 allocated for the improvement of Glendalough Resort is still awaited.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE.

19th August, 1927, No. L.2788-27, urging the Council in view of the circumstances to cause Mr Richardson, V.S., to make a further examination of a cow, the property of Mrs Donohoe, The Vevay, Bray, and stating that if the Veterinary Inspector agreed the animal suffered from chronic cough accompanied with definite clinical signs of tuberculosis, they should take steps to have it slaughtered in accordance with the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926.

20th September, 1927, No. G.3065-27, enclosing copy of a letter forwarded to County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture regarding certain Agricultural Schemes which had been dropped or curtailed owing to a shortage of funds.

10th October, 1927, No. L.31-27, enclosing list of names approved for use in connection with margarine under the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907, and stating that copies of these lists had been caused to be distributed amongst Food and Drug Inspectors.

24th September, 1927, from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing cheque value £49, being redemption value of a house acquired by Miss Mary McGuirk in accordance with the provisions of the Small Dwellings Act.

27th September, 1927, from same, stating with reference to two applications received by the Council from Wilfred Tighe, Rosannagh, Ashford, that it is illegal to alter a fence on any public road.

24th August, 1927, from W J Richardson, Esq., Leabeg House, Newcastle, Veterinary Inspector, stating that he had examined a cow the property of Miss Donohoe, The Vevay, Bray, and failed to discover any definite clinical signs of tuberculosis.

Minutes of the Meeting of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 30th August, 1927.

21st September, 1927, medical certificate to the effect that Assistant Surveyor Joseph T O'Byrne would not be able to resume work for another ten days.

23rd September, 1927, from Councillor James Everett, T.D., stating that he saw no difficulty in securing the grading of Brittas road as a tourist traffic road, but did not think a grant could be allocated just at present.

24th September, 1927, from Dermot G O'Mahony, Esq., T.D., stating that he had brought to the proper quarter the Council's application to have Brittas road scheduled as a tourist traffic road.

28th September, 1927, from Seamus Moore, Esq., T.D., stating that the Roads Department would not object to scheduling Brittas Road as a tourist traffic road, but that some time must elapse before an additional grant could be given.

28th September, 1927, from the President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, stating with regard to the County Council's Secondary School Scholarship holders that John Traynor and John Geoghegan had been successful at the Intermediate Examination, but that John O'Grady had failed to pass.

29th September, 1927, medical certificate to the effect that Assistant Surveyor Joseph O'Byrne would be able to resume duty on the 10th October, 1927.

30th September, 1927, from Dermot G O'Mahony, Esq., T.D., enclosing letter to him from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the present impossibility of allocating a grant to Brittas Road.

10th October, 1927, from E J H Hopkins, Esq., solicitor, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, stating that the Shillelagh Wood Industry were closing down and terminating their tenancy of Shillelagh Workhouse, and enclosing balance of rent due.

11th October, 1927, from the Chairman of the Council, Councillor David Fane, stating that he would raise no objection to Assistant Surveyor Joseph T O'Byrne's taking leave for the purpose of sitting for the qualification Examination for County Surveyors.

11th October, 1927, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, 102/103 Grafton Street, Dublin, asking the Secretary to arrange with the County Surveyor for the taking over from the contractor of the newly-reconstructed Courthouse at Bray.

12th October, 1927, from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, stating that Mortimer Hourihane, who held a University Scholarship from the Council, had passed the M. A. Degree examination with Second Class Honours.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 7th October, 1927.

19th October, 1927, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, stating that in future the Council's Law Agent would not be asked to assist in Food and Drugs prosecutions except in cases where a difficult or technical point arose.

Minutes of the Meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 4th November, 1927.

10th November, 1927, from Messrs T T Mccredy and Son, Solicitors, 91 Merrion Square, Dublin, claiming damages on behalf of their client, Colonel Fitzgerald, for the alleged flooding of the premises of "Glenowen," Delgany.

ORDER—Referred to the Law Agent for him to investigate the matter with the assistance of the County Surveyor and report thereon.

8th November, 1927, application from Sergeant Glynn, Weights and Measures Inspector, Wicklow, for permission to purchase a sieve for use with the sandblast machine.

ORDER—Secretary's action in granting this permission approved and confirmed.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Waterford County Borough Council, calling on their deputies in the Dail to co-operate for the purpose of repealing the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

James Everett
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31st January, 1928

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 31st January, 1928, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman;

Councillors Laurence Moore, John J Redmond, Patrick Doyle, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Metcalfe, D H Haskins, George Heatley, Edward Byrne, Denis Condren, Daniel J Kehoe, F O'Rafferty, Joseph Burke, William Byrne, P J Cullen, Joseph Byrne, P J Carey, J J Bourne, M Fleming, John J Metcalfe, William J Henry, George Fisher, W J Doyle, John J Barry, James Kavanagh, and C M Ua Broin.

County Council Office, Court House, Wicklow. 25th January, 1928. To each Member of Wicklow County Council. A Chara. You are hereby summoned 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 Tuesday, the 31st January, 1928, for the purpose of considering the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1928/1929, as already printed and circulated, and transacting such other business as the Council may deem of extreme urgency, having regard to the fact that the fixed Quarterly Meeting of the Council takes place on the 18th February, proximo. Misa, le meas (signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " C M Byrne

Resolved—That we tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor George Fisher, our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of his recent marriage, and our sincere wishes for a long and happy married life.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider, at this specially-convened Road Works Meeting, the Provisional Road Works Scheme which had been prepared for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, by the County Surveyor, and a copy of which had been circulated to each member. They noted therefrom that the amount proposed by the County Surveyor to be expended on Main Roads for that year was £27,213, and that the amount proposed to be expended on County Roads was £24,512 16s 11d. In this connection, the Secretary read the three following communications received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin. 6th December, 1927. Ref. RGM/201. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is in communication with the Minister for Finance with a view to making available for the financial year 1928/1929 a grant towards the upkeep of Main Roads. It will be remembered that a grant for this purpose was notified to you on 2nd February last in respect of the present financial year. While it is not possible, at present, to say what will be the exact amount of the grant, it may be assumed that the grant proportions will be calculated on the amount allowed by the County Council for the upkeep of Main Roads for 1927-28. The delay in arriving at finality in the matter is due to the failure of certain local authorities to supply the requisite information but it is hoped to notify the actual grant at an early date. Misa, le meas (signed) E P McCarron, Runaidhe. The Secretary to each County Council.

Memorandum. Ref. No. RGM/201. Main Road Upkeep Grant 1928-29. Interim Notification. County of Wicklow. The following Grant has been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads in the above mentioned County for the year 1928-1929, viz:—(a) Main Roads which are Trunk Roads £3323 (b) Other Main Roads £2417. The sum at (a) is to represent 50 per cent of the expenditure on actual work carried out within the year. The sum at (b) is to represent 30 per cent. A formal letter notifying the Grant will be issued to you in a day or two. Department of Local Government and Public Health. 25th January, 1928.

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Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), Custom House, Dublin. 27th January, 1928. RGM/201. Main Road Upkeep Grants 1928/1929. A Chara. 1. With reference to this Department's letters of the 6th ultimo and 2nd February, 1927, on the question of grants from the Road Fund towards the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has decided to continue the making of such grants for a similar purpose in respect of the financial year 1928/1929 and he has received the authority of the Minister for Finance to make provisional allocations to the different County Councils. 2. As in the case of the present financial year the grants will be 50 per cent of the cost of the upkeep of main roads which are trunk roads and 30 per cent of the cost of the upkeep of other Main roads calculated in regard to maximum by reference to the sums allowed by the County Council for the upkeep of these roads for the year 1927/1928 on the assumption that the amount which will be allowed for the upkeep of these roads for 1928/1929 will be the same as that allowed by the Council for 1927/1928. From the records supplied by you the amount allowed by the County Council for the upkeep of main roads for the year 1927/1928 was £14,706, apportioned as follows:—

(a) Main Roads which are Trunk Roads	£6,647.
(b) Other Main Roads	8,059.

TOTAL	£14,706
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The grant calculated on the foregoing sums is as intimated in the Interim notification on the 25th instant, £3323 towards the upkeep of (a) and £2417 towards the upkeep of (b), making a total of £5740. 3. The Grant specified in the previous paragraph is offered on the express conditions (a) that the expenditure is such as to qualify for the grant, (b) that such expenditure represents work actually carried out on the roads in the financial year and (c) that the return for the expenditure, in addition to the general administration of road work in the county is, in the opinion of the Department's Inspectors, reasonable. 4. The making of grants towards the cost of upkeep as distinct from the cost of improvement of Main Roads is intended to secure greater efficiency and care in the carrying out of maintenance work. There is, however, a continuing decline in the expenditure by County Councils from local sources on the maintenance of roads since the year 1922/23. This decline is not altogether due to reductions in wages but rather reductions as a matter of course. County Councils are aware of the former impaired condition of the roads and of the steps which have been taken by the Government since the year 1923 to improve the principal roads. That great improvements have been effected and our main roads brought to a condition which compares favourably with the main roads of other progressive countries is the opinion of our citizens and of visitors from other countries. This measure of progress cannot be allowed to be retarded or damaged by serious "cutting" of road estimates. While some County Councils have made relatively reasonable provision for road upkeep others have not made such provision. All Councils will benefit proportionately to their expenditure but it is unlikely that grants towards upkeep will be continued after the existing financial year in case of any Council which does not expend a reasonable sum from rates on road upkeep, having regard to the sum expended by such Council on upkeep in 1913/14 and to the decline since that year in the value of the £. There are many roads which though not Main Roads are of considerable local importance. County Councils should see when deciding on the sum to be allowed for the maintenance of the roads of their county that adequate provision is made not only for main roads but important county roads. In this respect the Minister desires to intimate to County Councils that in considering the question of continuing grants towards the upkeep of main roads he will have regard to what County Councils are themselves expending on all roads and that in future grants towards the cost of upkeep may be calculated not by reference to the sums "allowed" by the County Council but on the sums expended by the Council. The coming financial year will be the second year in which upkeep grants will operate. Experience has been gained of such grants in the present financial year and Councils must be careful to impress upon their Survey Staffs that payment in respect of work carried out in 1928/29 will be withheld in whole or in part if the methods of maintaining the roads, the work itself or the supervision by the Surveyors is not in the Minister's opinion, reasonably efficient. 5. The Minister desires to make the following observation relating to the Road Fund. The total sum intimated by way of grants towards the cost of the upkeep of main roads for the year 1928/29 is £235895. The corresponding sum indicated on 2nd February, 1927, in respect of the current financial year was £211134. There is thus an increase in the total Upkeep Grant for the ensuing financial year of £24761. As the Road Fund must in future depend solely on the proceeds of the Motor Licence Duties estimated to yield £650000 to £670000, the contributions under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, ceasing, except in respect of any arrears as from 31st March next, Councils must realise that the assignment of portion of the Road Fund towards upkeep of roads and annual charge to be met by the Fund in respect of sums advanced by the Exchequer on foot of the National Road Scheme will not leave as large a sum available annually for works of improvement, as hitherto. There are moreover substantial commitments against the Fund. Any increase in the sum assigned for Upkeep Grants involves a corresponding reduction in the sum for Improvement Grants. If the total sum, calculated upon the 50 per cent and 30 per cent basis, shows a tendency to increase as in the case of the present and ensuing financial years, the total sum which may be allocated towards upkeep of Main Roads will be reviewed and it may thus be necessary in future years to modify the percentages of 50 and 30. At present, assuming a reasonable provision from rates, it is considered that the annual grant towards upkeep

should not greatly exceed £200,000, and it is hoped, if the cost of work falls, to reduce this amount and leave a larger sum available for Improvement works. 6. As regards the payment of the grant now notified, provisionally, in this letter claims may be made quarterly as in the case of the corresponding grant for the present financial year. 7. A further communication will be addressed to you at an early date regarding a grant for improvement works. Mise, le meas, (signed) E. P. McCarron, Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

MAIN ROADS.

After a protracted discussion as to the amounts which the Council was prepared to allow for expenditure on Main Roads, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.; and
Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

That the special rate of 6d in the £ raised for the statutory period of five years under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, which period ceased on the 31st March, 1928, be continued for a further year, the proceeds thereof to be devoted to repairs and maintenance of Main Roads.

Lost on a show of hands.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor David H Haskins;

Resolved—That the sum of £9,012 10s be raised by means of rate for the repairs and maintenance of Main Roads for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, but that the County Surveyor be allowed to expend the sum of £14,752 on Main Roads during that year (£6,647 on Trunk Roads and £8,105 on Link Roads) so as to qualify for the grant of £5,740 allowed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in his letter dated 27th January, 1928, No. RGM/201, made up as follows:—For Trunk Roads £3,323, and for Link Roads £2,417.

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, Denis Condren, Michael Fleming, Felix O'Rafferty, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—16.

AGAINST:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, J J Barry, C M Byrne, and James Everett, T.D.—10.

The Motion was thereupon declared passed by sixteen votes to ten.

As the total of the amounts allocated in the Provisional Road Works Scheme to the several groups of Trunk Roads was considerably in excess of the sum allowed under the above Resolution for expenditure on such groups, the Council next considered the best means of reducing the former set of figures so as to bring the total down to the £6,647 allowed in the Resolution.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley; and

Seconded by Councillor D H Haskins;

That the sum of £220 proposed by the County Surveyor to be expended on Road No. 4 (Bray Urban District) Trunk Road be reduced by the sum of £20 for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1929.

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

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Denis Condren, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—12.

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Felix O'Rafferty, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, J J Redmond, J J Barry, C M Byrne and James Everett, T.D.—13.

The motion was accordingly declared lost by thirteen votes against to twelve for.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor's Trunk Roads proposals totalling £8775 be reduced to the sum of £6,647 by the County Surveyor, the full amount of £220 having by Resolution been first allowed for Road No. 4 (Bray Urban District), and groups No. 9 (278, 298 and 319) and 10 (384, 385 and 386) being unanimously allowed the £1,369 and £2,096 recommended by the County Surveyor.

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

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors J J Bourne, Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, Felix O'Rafferty, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, William Byrne, David H Haskins, and P J Cullen—19.

AGAINST:—Councillors W J Doyle, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, J J Redmond, and James Everett, T.D.—5.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion passed by nineteen votes to five.

LINK ROADS.

The Council noted that eight link roads were under contract, at an annual cost totalling £805, and that in the Provisional Road Works Scheme the sum of £13990 was set aside for the upkeep and Maintenance of the remaining groups of link roads.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

That the amount for link roads No. 11 to 22 (£13990) estimated by the County Surveyor, be reduced to £7254.

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

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, W J Henry, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, D H Haskins, and P J Cullen—9.

AGAINST:—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, F O'Rafferty, George Fisher, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D.—15.

The motion was thereupon declared lost by fifteen votes against to nine for.

Following a protracted discussion, during which the Council considered representations made by individual Councillors as to the necessity for allowing the full amount recommended by the County Surveyor for roads in certain districts, it was

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh; and

Resolved—That we allow an expenditure of £7,300 on Link Roads for the year 1928/1929, and we hereby reduce the sums set out in the Roads Works Scheme totalling £13,990 for groups No. 11 to 22 to the sum of £7,300 on a pro rata basis.

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

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, W J Henry, John Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, William Byrne, D H Haskins and P J Cullen—12.

AGAINST:—Councillor Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, F O'Rafferty, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Redmond, C M Byrne and James Everett, T.D.—12.

After giving his casting vote in favour of the motion, the Chairman declared it carried as a Resolution by thirteen votes to twelve, and pointed out that the figures passed for link roads in the original Resolution were increased by this additional £46.

Councillor J Everett, questioned the right of the Chairman to exercise his casting vote in the circumstances and dissented from the course adopted by the Council.

Having struck out the five special works on Main Roads appearing on page 2 of the scheme, the Council directed that the thirteen County Roads referred to on page 12 of the Scheme which were to be maintained under the contract system be advertised, and tenders received at and submitted to a meeting of the Council to be held on a date in March, 1928, to be subsequently fixed. For the eight groups of County Roads referred to on page 12 of the Scheme, the Council reduced the total sum of £2800 recommended by the Council to £2398, the approximate sum expended on these particular roads during the current financial year, and made an Order that they be maintained otherwise than by contract. All the special works of repair appearing on page 13 were struck out, the expenditure approved by the Council not being sufficient to include any of them. All the Councillors' applications for improvements, both on Main Roads and on County Roads, were for similar reasons struck out with the exception of the work of continuing the footpath at Donard up to the R. C. Church (280 linear yards), which on the motion of Councillor Laurence Moore, seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe, it was, decided to invite tenders for, at a price not to exceed the sum of £110. Having allowed the sum of £1170 for Loan Repayments in respect of Main Roads and the sum of £332 for Loan Repayments in respect of County Roads, and decided to raise the sum of £500 for Main Roads Contingencies and a further sum of £500 for County Roads Contingencies, the Meeting approved and adopted the Road Works Scheme for 1928/1929 summarised as follows:—

MAIN ROADS.

1. Repairs—Trunk Roads	£6,647	
Link Roads	8,105	£14,752 0 0
2. Repayment of Loans		1,170 0 0
3. Improvements (Councillors' Applications)		Nil.
4. Contingencies		500 0 0
Total (Main Roads)		£16,422 0 0

COUNTY ROADS.

1. Repairs—Liabilities under existing Contracts	£11,653 16 11	
New Proposals	2,985 0 0	£14,638 16 11
2. Repayments of Loans	...	332 0 0
3. Improvements (Councillors' Applications)	...	110 0 0
4. Contingencies	...	500 0 0
Total (County Roads)	...	£15,580 16 11
GROSS TOTAL	...	£32,002 16 11

The Council received a deputation representing the unemployed in Kilcoole and Newcastle, who, through their spokesman, Mr John Gregory, urged the Council to provide work in their areas with a view to relieving the many cases of absolute destitution which exist owing to unemployment. The deputation was informed that unfortunately at this portion of the financial year practically no monies were left for road maintenance, but that shortly a deputation would be waiting upon the Minister for Local Government which would avail of the opportunity to press for special grant to be applied in relieving unemployment in the areas of Kicoole and Newcastle.

The following resolution passed at a meeting of Arklow Tourist Development Association on the 25th January, 1928, was submitted:—
"That we, the members of the Arklow Tourist Development Association, are of opinion, despite all the efforts that are being made and the expenditure which has and is being necessarily incurred in providing golf links, bathing facilities, shelters, etc, for the accommodation of visitors, that unless we are provided with good roads our efforts for the development of the town as a Tourist Resort are in vain, and we would draw special attention to the road from Rathnew to Arklow which will be our main artery; and further in view of the urgency of the matter that we ask for immediate replies to this resolution. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government, the Roads Department of Local Government, the Dail Members for the constituency, the Irish Tourist Association, the County Council and the local members thereof. Passed unanimously." Having heard the views of the Association, as expressed by Councillor F O'Rafferty and Mr Laurence O'Toole, Surveyor to the Arklow Urban District Council, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty; and

Resolved—That Arklow Urban District Council be invited to appoint a joint representative deputation to wait upon the Minister for Local Government with a view to securing a special grant for the roads from Jack White's Cross Roads to the Vale Cross Roads, on the road from Wicklow to Arklow, the following to represent this Council thereon:—the three T.D.'s for the County, with the Chairman and the County Surveyor.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " Joseph Burke;

Resolved—That the following be appointed as a deputation to wait upon the Minister for Local Government with a view to obtaining a special grant for the trunk road from Co. Dublin bounds to Co. Carlow bounds, via Blessington and Baltinglass, which is rapidly breaking up with extraordinary bus traffic:—the three T.D.'s for the County, Councillors John J Metcalfe, W J Henry, C M Byrne, Laurence Moore and D J Kehoe, together with County Surveyor.

Passed.

The County Surveyor submitted the following special application:—
County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow. 31st January, 1928. To Wicklow County Council. Dear Sirs, I beg to report that the expenditure of £250 will be required to keep the Trunk Road T.42 from Dublin County Bounds at Monaspick to County Carlow Bounds at Yellow Ford. Also an expenditure of £50 will be required to keep the road from Kiltegan to Baltinglass. An additional expenditure of £250 will be required in the Eastern Area of the County. This expenditure is solely required to keep the roads passable and free from potholes. Yours Faithfully, (signed) S. G. Gallagher.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved—That the sums of £250, £50, and £250, asked for in the County Surveyor's Report dated 31st January, 1928, be allowed for expenditure on Trunk Road T.42 from Co. Dublin bounds to Co. Carlow bounds, on the road from Kiltegan to Baltinglass, and in the eastern area of the County respectively, these sums, not having been already provided for, to be included in the estimate of rates for the service of the coming financial year.

Passed.

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The Winter Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 13th February, 1928.

The following members attended:—

Councillors David Frame, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne, Michael Fleming, Joseph Metcalfe, Denis Condren, W J Doyle, Patrick Doyle, John J Kennedy, D H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Heatley, James Kavanagh, P J Cullen, William J Henry, P J Carey, Laurence Moore, C M Ua Broin, George Fisher, Daniel J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, and Joseph Burke.

A telegram was submitted from Councillor David Frame, Chairman, apologizing for his inability to be present, and the Chair was taken by Councillor James Everett, T.D.; Vice-Chairman. At a later stage Councillor Frame arrived and took the Chair.

A letter was submitted from the Council's Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, asking the Council to excuse his absence as he had to attend Blessington Court, and stating that if he could get finished in court early he would try to get back to the meeting. ORDER. When the Law Agent has business in Blessington Court on the day of a Council meeting, he is to have his court business adjourned and to attend the Council meeting.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2 To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Boards of Health and Public Assistance.
- 3 To consider Proposals for Payments 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 approve and confirm the Provisional Roads Works Scheme for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, received from the Roads Works Meeting held on the 31st January, 1928.
- 7 To consider a letter from the Irish Tourist Association, stating that it was possible that further sums might be allocated this year as special Tourist Road Grants, and asking if the Council could suggest any particular road works which might be carried out under these grants if and when received.
- 8 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that it would be well if the County Surveyor were asked to report in all cases where petrol pump owners claim that the said pumps are erected on private property.
- 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 following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J Metcalfe:—"I hereby give Notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the position of all road supervisors be abolished outside the Engineers, as the County Surveyor has been allowed travelling expenses to supervise all monies spent on roads."
- 12 To execute a Satisfaction Piece relating to the payment of rates on the Graydon estate near Kilcoole.
- 13 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health advising the Council as to the action to be taken to close the poor rate collections formerly in the hands of ex-collector Charles Byrne.
- 14 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health removing under certain conditions the suspension of Collector Michael Halpin, and setting forth the circumstances under which he finds it possible to do so.

15 To consider correspondence which has taken place with the Department of Finance regarding three criminal injury decrees amounting to £840 10s 6d which Wicklow County Council under compulsion discharged on behalf of Wicklow Urban District Council, and which that Urban District Council has repeatedly refused to recoup the County Council.

16 To consider a letter from the County Committee of Agriculture, asking the Council to strike the full rate of 2d in the £ for Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the coming year.

17 To consider a letter from the Land Registry Office asking the Council to consent to the cancelling of the registration of Thomas Hilliard in reference to a house acquired by Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, in order to set right an irregularity now existing by reason of the destruction of the original documents in a fire in the Land Registry Office in 1922.

18 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee on the 13th January, 1928, in which the Committee propose to slightly increase the salaries of the Librarian and his Assistant.

19 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking for the views of the Council regarding the proposal of County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture to grant to Mrs J. Nolan, late Instructor in Poultry-Keeping and Butter-Making, a marriage gratuity of £70.

20 To consider a letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce, asking for the views of the Council regarding a proposal to reduce the harbour charges at Arklow, except on fishery craft, by 25 per cent.

21 To consider a letter from the Irish County Council's General Council, stating that the Local Appointments Commissioners had asked them to furnish a panel of names of members of local authorities suitable and willing to act on Selection Boards, and asking if the Council would suggest any names for this purpose.

22 To consider a resolution passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, to the effect that the Malicious Injuries Acts, which cast an unfair burden on ratepayers, should be repealed.

23 To take such measures as the Council deem desirable for letting the lands attached to Shillelagh Workhouse, and to execute such repairs to the fences of same as have been reported to them as being necessary.

24 To consider a letter from James Holden, complaining of the unsuitability of his present quarters in Shillelagh Workhouse, and claiming reinstatement in the lodge attached to the Workhouse.

25 To consider a letter dated 9th January, 1928, from Mr Joseph Boyd, Assistant Surveyor, in which he asks the Council to recognise him as a whole-time officer.

26 To consider an application from the Secretary to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company asking the Council to advance about £200 a month to his Joint Committee of Management, instead of waiting as heretofore until the Arbitrators' Certificate had been issued before making payment half-yearly.

27 To pass the usual resolution fixing the Council's contribution for the year 1928 towards Sanatorium Benefit administered by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee during that period.

28 To consider the County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st December, 1927.

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

30 To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1929.

31 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

32 To receive Reports from County Officers.

33 To consider Official Correspondence.

34 To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEES REPORT NO 1.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 25th November, 1927.

The following members were present.

Councillor David H. Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors John J. Kennedy and William Byrne.

The Committee had under consideration the following Resolution passed by the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 14th November, 1927. "That Collector Halpin be given until Friday, 25th November, to close his collection, and if the Finance Committee find at their meeting held that day that the collection is not in fact closed they are hereby authorised to take up his collection books and suspend Collector Michael Halpin from his position." Collector Halpin, who was in attendance at the meeting, was interviewed by the Committee at considerable length as to the reasons why he had failed to close his collections. The Committee finally decided to accept from Collector Halpin two cheques value £200 and £129 4s 1d respectively, which between them made up the amount

outstanding on his 1926/1927 collection, these two cheques not to be presented for collection to the Council's Treasurer by the Secretary until Monday, the 28th November, by which time the collector under took to find two solvent sureties and arrange for an overdraft with his bank, so as to enable the cheques to be met when presented. The Committee impressed upon the collector that if through any cause the two cheques in question were not honoured, they would at their next meeting be reluctantly compelled to suspend him from his position as poor rate collector in accordance with the terms of the Council's Resolution and to order that his collection books be taken up.

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

28th November, 1927.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 9th December, 1927.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors John J. Kennedy and William Byrne.

The Committee had before them the following letter from the Council's Treasurer:—

The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow. 12th December, 1927. The Secretary, County Council. Dear Sir. I return unpaid two cheques of Michael Halpin's which I sent for collection to our Balinglass branch. I have been informed by the Manager that no provision has been made for them, and he stated in his letter that he did not think there is any chance of these cheques being paid. Yours faithfully (signed) J. B. O'Halloran.

In view of the terms of the above letter, the Committee, in compliance with the provisions of the Council's Resolution passed at their Quarterly Meeting on the 14th November, 1927, and in accordance with the warning given by them to Collector Halpin at their meeting on the 25th November, 1927, order that Collector Halpin's collection books be taken up and that his suspension be reported to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their approval.

The Committee also approve of the issue of the following advertisement for a temporary poor rate collector in the district proposed to be rendered vacant:—

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....., the..... January, 1928, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector temporarily for the Electoral Divisions of Ballingale, Eadstown, Humewood, Rathdangan and Talbotstown, 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 of Local Government will be refunded the Collector. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, and will at first be made for a probationary period of one year, after which the person appointed if found suitable for the position will be retained in the above capacity of Temporary Poor Rate Collector. 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 performance of the collector's duties in a sum of £1800. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber, at 12 noon on the..... January, 1928. By Order, P. T. Healy, Secretary to the County Council. County Council Office, Court House, Wicklow.

The Committee had under consideration a letter dated 5th December, 1927, from Messrs Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, 102/103 Grafton Street, Dublin, enclosing letter from the engineer to Bray Urban District Council, offering to provide a water connection to Bray Courthouse for the sum of £4. ORDER—Accepted, work to be done.

The Committee had before them the following Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council to inspect Bray Courthouse, now under process of reconstruction, which report was signed by the three members of the Committee who attended, viz., Councillors Heatley, Edward Byrne and Pim.

BRAY COURTHOUSE.

The following members of the Committee appointed to confer with Mr Price, District Justice, and the Architects, regarding certain matters in Bray Courthouse, met at the Court House, Bray, at 10 a.m., on the 29th

November, 1927, viz., Councillors S E Pim, George Heatley and Edward Byrne; Mr O'Sullivan, the Architect, the County Surveyor, Mr Price, D.J. and Mr Wallace, representing the Contractors, were present. The Committee after due consideration agreed to the undernoted recommendations:—(1) The Witness Box to be placed as suggested by the District Justice and as arranged by the Architects in accordance with the suggestion. (2) The rail in front of the Justice's Desk to be reduced in height as indicated in Architect's letter of 9th November, 1927, and a sloping desk 15 inches to 16 inches wide to be provided. (3) Swinging Brass Brackets to be provided and fixed to the wall at back of Dais for Justice's Seat. One to be on each side of the Dais; the brackets to be of such length that when not in use they can fold back close to the wall. (4) The Architect to ascertain from Bray Urban District Council their charge for making a connection from the Water Main to that part of the basement used as a Weights and Measures Office. (5) The ledge forming writing desk in front of the seat used by the Press to be lowered to a more convenient height.

ORDER—Approved, works to be done.

The Committee had before them a letter dated 28th November, 1927, from Edward Kavanagh, Contractor, St. John's, Enniscorthy, offering ten pounds each for the Council's two trailer wagons at present lying in the Glen of the Downs, provided the Council put them on rail for him addressed to Enniscorthy station, and also a letter from Mr Patrick Smyth, Killiskey, Ashford, offering £5 for one of the waggons. ORDER—Mr Kavanagh's tender accepted, provided he takes delivery from where the trailers are, in the Glen of the Downs.

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

12th December, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

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 Winter 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 27th January, 1928.

The following members attended:

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and John Kennedy,

The minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	11683	17	0
(Former) Baltinglass No. 1	1997	18	8
" Rathdown No. 2	105	15	10
" Rathdrum	122	12	8
" Shillelagh	8	5	8
Repayment of Loans	377	3	0
Election Expenses	1000	0	0
Repayment of Loans (transferred to County Board of Health)	1236	0	0

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:—

QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE, 1928.

County Board of Assistance .. £9175 10 0

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1928.

County Board of Public Health .. £448 5 0

BLESSINGTON COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence dealing with the proposal of the Council to purchase the above building, including (a) letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the Law Agent dated 19th December, 1927, offering no objection to the proposed purchase, provided that the Council's Surveyor is satisfied that the price is reasonable, and (b) letter from the Law Agent dated 22nd December, 1927, enclosing for completion blank form of proposal to purchase, and asking for a Paying Order for one-quarter of the purchase money (£500), viz., £125, payable to Miss E. Merry, Agent to the Downshire Estate. ORDER—The Committee are of opinion, owing to the Council's financial condition, and the urgent necessity for reducing rates, that the Council should reconsider their decision to purchase this building. It is pointed

out that the Council are at present tenants of the Courthouse at a yearly rent of £9, the Council paying all rates and taxes.

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 31st December, 1927, was submitted from the Council's Law Agent, relative to the above Courthouse, which is held by the County Council at a yearly rent of £10, subject to the landlord doing re-

pairs, with which was enclosed a communication dated 30th December, 1927, from Messrs Townshends, agents for the Gun-Cunningham estate, offering to sell the building to the County Council for the sum of £500, and enclosing a detailed report on the present condition of the premises. For the same reasons which operated in the minds of the Committee in their recommendation regarding Blessington Courthouse, the Committee find themselves unable to recommend the Council to purchase this building.

A file of correspondence was submitted from the County Board of Health, the Council's Law Agent, and Messrs White and White, solicitors, 13 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, in which it was intimated that the amount of ground rent due to the 1st November, 1927, to the Dick Trust Estate in respect to Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings is £223 5s. ORDER—The Committee recommend that the Minister for Local Government be asked if there is continuing liability for this rent, and if so what public body is responsible for payment of same.

The following letter was submitted:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin. 24th November, 1927. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to correspondence in the summer of 1925 regarding the practice in County Wicklow in the matter of transmission of workmen's Paying Orders and to enquire, now that the County Council have had reasonable time to test the present system, if they would reconsider the question of sending the Paying Orders by post. Mise, le meas (signed) H S Moylan, a/s Runaidhe. The Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

The Secretary read a number of communications from workmen who complain of undue delay on the part of overseers in handing to them their Paying Orders for wages due and passed for payment by the Finance Committee. The Secretary strongly advocated a change of procedure in issuing Paying Orders to men employed on road maintenance, and urged the Committee to recommend the Council to direct that arrangements be made to ensure that each workman shall in future receive his Paying Order direct by post. He admitted that this would involve an additional expense of approximately £170 per annum, but he submitted that in the light of the experience of the existing system, and the incidents alleged to have taken place in other counties, the change he suggested was eminently desirable. The Committee, after protracted discussion, find that the system at present operating is working satisfactorily, and as the Secretary admits that the introduction of a new system, whereby each man would receive his Paying Order by post, will cost an additional sum of at least £170 per annum, they are unable to recommend a change. The Chairman, at Councillor J Everett's request, recorded the fact that he dissented from this recommendation.

MR A NOLAN'S SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

The following report in above connection, specially asked for by the County Council at their meeting held on the 14th November, 1927, was submitted:—

4 Church Street, Wicklow. 21st January, 1928. Dear Sir. I have carefully considered the File of documents (including the Sealed Order of the Minister for Local Government) in the above case, which you forwarded me for my opinion pursuant to the Order of the Council made at the Quarterly Meeting on the 14th November last. I find that the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture, of which Mr Nolan was an Officer, is a "Local Body" according to the provisions of sec. 42, Part IV, of the Local Government Act, 1925, and that Mr Nolan held a "pensionable office" under that Committee. These being the facts and the "Local Body" that is, the Committee of Agriculture, being seized and possessed of the jurisdiction to grant a pension (vide sec. 44 of the Act of 1925) did, by resolution passed on the 27th July, 1926, grant to Mr Nolan a pension of £195 per annum with variable bonus thereon, which pension and specific sum was approved and confirmed by Sealed Order made by the Minister for Local Government on the 26th August, 1926. In these circumstances the figure is, in my opinion, unchallengeable and remains now to be paid by the County Council to Mr Nolan. I returned you the File of correspondence and documents on the 20th instant. Yours faithfully (signed) J H McCarroll. P T Healy, Esq.

ORDER—In face of the facts stated by the Council's Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor, the Committee see no course but to pay Mr Nolan the pension of £195 per annum and variable bonus sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government in his Sealed Order dated the 26th August, 1926, as from the date pension became payable, there being apparently no other course open, but they would register their protest against the Department of Lands and Agriculture and the Minister of Finance getting free from paying their equitable proportion of Mr Nolan's pension at the higher rate and the variable bonus thereon.

A letter dated 22nd December, 1927, was submitted from the Secretary to County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, in which he asked the Council to arrange with Wicklow and Arklow Urban District Councils the payment of the marriage gratuity to Miss K Pearce, formerly clerk under his Joint Committee, which gratuity the County Council had already agreed to award. ORDER—The County Council's proportion of this statutory gratuity, already allowed, to be paid, after the Law Agent advises the correct procedure in that respect.

An application was received from Minimax Ltd., 44 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, for permission to supply an adequate number of their 2-gallon extinguishers, at a cost of 32s 8d each, for the protection of the Courthouse premises in the event of fire. ORDER—Noted.

The Secretary submitted a requisition, issued under the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851, and the Courts of Justice Act, 1924, by L Price, Esq., B.L., District Justice for County Wicklow, authorising the establishment of pounds in Roundwood, Greystones and Tinahely, and requiring the County Council to provide a sum of not exceeding £10, as they shall think fit, for the erection of each pound. Having received correspondence submitted by the Secretary in that connection, including a letter from the Law Agent intimating that it is the duty of the County Council to establish and keep in repair pounds, in such places in the County as the District Justice certifies, further consideration of the matter was postponed.

The Secretary submitted the Local Elections Act, 1927, the Local Elections (Polling Districts and Polling Places), Rules, 1928, and a circular letter dated 11th January, 1928, No. F.60255/1927, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, intimating that the County Council is called upon under that Act to submit to the Minister not later than the 9th April, 1928, a scheme for the division of the County and the Urban Districts therein into polling districts, and the appointment of polling places. The Secretary having pointed out that this was a matter which had already been under consideration by the Council and referred to this Committee for report, stated that he had very little documentary evidence to indicate where special hardships were inflicted on electors and consequently was unable to afford the Committee much help in the drafting of a scheme to obviate such hardships as may be existing but which had not been brought to his notice. The Committee, having noted from the circular letter that Returning Officers at Dail elections were, as a result of their experience of polling arrangements, in a position to give practical advice on this subject, and that Councils would do well to secure their co-operation in framing effective schemes, postponed further consideration of the subject pending the receipt of a reply with the essential details by the Secretary from Mr. William Toomey, B.L., Returning Officer, who had been written to on the subject by the Secretary.

A letter dated 31st December, 1927, was submitted from Daniel P. Blaney, Esq., solicitor, 44 South Main Street, Naas, asking to be informed if the Council are prepared to pay his client, Mr William Mangan, Stratford-on-Slaney, compensation to which he alleged he was entitled under the Workmen's Compensation Act. The Secretary intimated that the Council's Insurance Company had stated that the man's injuries were not as a result of an accident within the meaning of the Workmen's Compensation Act, and had consequently repudiated liability in the matter. ORDER—Noted.

The Secretary reported that on Friday, the 6th January, 1928, a sleeping van, the property of the County Council, had been burned during the absence of the caretaker at Mass, and that he had already furnished a claim to the insurance company on the basis of the valuations supplied by the County Surveyor. ORDER—Noted.

The Auditor's Report and Abstracts of Accounts of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1926, were submitted.

The Secretary submitted a communication from the County Surveyor dated 26th January, 1928, enclosing medical certificate from Dr Wentworth Taylor, Bray, to the effect that Mr. Gallagher is confined to bed with a severe chill, and will not be fit for work for some days.

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

3rd February, 1928.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by Councillor William Byrne;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;
Seconded by " George Heatley;
Resolved—That, having carefully considered the recommendation of our Finance Committee with regard to the Council's proposal to purchase Blessington Courthouse at the figure of £500 agreed to be accepted, we direct that the Marquis of Downshire be informed through his Agent, Miss E Merry, that the financial condition of the Council makes it impossible for them to give effect to their original intention to purchase this building outright at the present time.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Kennedy;
Seconded by " P J Carey;
Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers to the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 3, be now signed.
Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 4.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Friday, the 10th February, 1928.

The following members were present:—

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

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£3333 18s 3d.

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:

Year	District No.	Name of Collector	Amount.
			£ s d
1926/1927	7	Patrick J Doyle	7 19 7
do	8	Patrick Mulligan	7 5 6
do	10	W P Murphy	32 3 2
1927/1928	1	Luke MacDonnell	11 17 6
do	13/15	Wm J Quinn	23 6 3

(Signed) David H Haskins,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

11th February 1928.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by " J J Kennedy;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 4, as now read, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:— COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by " David H Haskins;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large, amounting to £11,683 17s 0d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

(former) 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 the area of the former Baltinglass No 1 Rural District amounting to £1997 18s 8d (any modification 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 " George Heatley;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable to the area of the former Rathdown No 2 Rural District, amounting to £105 15s 10d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

(former) RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J J Kennedy;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £122 12s 8d (any modification 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 " W J Doyle;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable to the area of the former Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £8 5s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

REPAYMENT OF HARBOUR LOANS.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by " Denis Condren;
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the Guaranteeing Areas, amounting to £377 3s 0d

(any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ELECTION EXPENSES.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " Daniel J Kehoe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal for Payment on the County-at Large, amounting to £1000 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the to be paid.

Passed.

TRANSFER TO BOARD OF HEALTH—LOAN REPAYMENTS.

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

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposal for Payment to meet Loans, amounting to £1,236 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Additional Payments, amounting to £3333 18s 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " Edward 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,
9th FEBRUARY, 1928.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting held on 18th
FEBRUARY, 1928.

A CHAIRDE,

1. The roads maintained by contract in most cases have been attended to by the contractors and are generally in fair order. The wet season and exceptional haulage has rendered some roads very soft and uneven, and in some cases contractors, through inexperience have carried out the metal spreading in an injudicious manner. However, they have received instructions and an improvement will be effected.

2. Owing to extraordinary haulage it became necessary to apply for authority to carry out extraordinary repairs on Roads No. 8 and No. 141.

3. According to instructions, I inspected the road known as "Bell's Lane," Carnew. This road is a narrow lane and apparently receives a somewhat heavy traffic—it should be widened and metalled at a probable cost of £265.

4. I also inspected the road from Kilcoagh bounds to the turf pits in the mountain. The road is very rough and much cut up by water cuts. I do not consider any considerable widening would be required, but a large quantity of local metal would be necessary and the water cuts be eased and paved. An expenditure of about £700 would, in my opinion, be required to make a permanent job. As there was a wish expressed to bring this matter before the Government, I forwarded an estimate to the Roads Department.

5. An application has been received from a recently opened Industry in Avoca, asking for permission to place a wire conveying electric current across the road at Tigrooney. The County Council has at various times given such permission to various persons and I see no reason why a similar permit should not be given in this case.

6. Applications relative to tar dressing, etc., at Greystones were dealt with with by the County Council at the Roads Meeting on the 31st ultimo.

7. Relative to a suggested gullet on the road at Sleemane, I beg to report that a double gullet would be required on the present ford at a cost of about £100.

8. The space between the tram rails, through the Street at Blessington, is in a very dirty state and I wrote to the Secretary, Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway Co., requesting them to clean it up. I will submit the reply received from the Tramway Company to your Law Agent.

Is mise, le meas,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Paragraphs 1 and 2. Approved.

Paragraph 3. County Surveyor to bring forward this road before the Council at the earliest moment that there may be funds available to expend on it.

Paragraph 4. The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) to be asked what grant they would give for this work if the County Council agreed to put up £350 out of rates.

Paragraph 5. Approved.

Paragraph 6 and 7. Noted.

Paragraph 8. The following letter was submitted :—

Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Co. Terenure, Co. Dublin. 8th February, 1928. S G Gallagher, Esq, County Surveyor, Court House, Wicklow. Dear Sir. With reference to yours dated 7th inst. addressed to Mr Tisdall regarding the street in Blessington, I have to inform you that the Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway Company closed down on 1st October last and all that Company's employees were paid off so that there is now no labour available to do the work to which you refer. As you are aware the Dublin and Blessington Line runs only to a point about 75 yards south of the station buildings and this Company will continue to keep that much of the track in order. Yours faithfully (signed) G W Gibson, Manager.

ORDER—Referred to Law Agent to have steps taken by the proper authority to remove the nuisance.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS :—

No Proposals.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the Road Works Scheme for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1929, now submitted from the Roads Works Meeting held on the 31st January, 1928.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted copy of a circular letter from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, referring to the possibility that the Government would again this year allocate special Tourist Road Grants, and asking for information as to any proposals the Council should decide to submit, as to (a) importance of the particular road from the tourist point of view ; (b) the special form of attention which the road requires and which would justify an additional grant ; (c) the amount of money which the Council consider would be necessary for dealing adequately with the requirements and (d) the condition of the particular road as compared with other tourist roads of a similar nature with which the Council are acquainted. ORDER—Referred to the Special Meeting to be held to consider the Estimates.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), dated 17th January, 1928, No. R/IR/93/33, acknowledging the receipt of a return supplied by him relating to petrol pumps, and stating that it would be well if the County Surveyor was asked to report in all cases where the owners claim that pumps are erected on private property.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry ;

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That we hereby instruct the County Surveyor, in compliance with the terms of the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, to inspect the sites of all petrol pumps in the rural portions of the County, and on Main Roads in the Urban Districts, the owners of which claim they are erected on private property, and to furnish to our Secretary a complete report as to whether the said pumps are situated on the public highway or on private property.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " George Heatley ;

Resolved—That our Secretary be authorised to demand the dismissal of any man employed under the Scheme of Direct Labour on Roads who neglects, whilst in the Council's employment, to furnish through his overseer for lodgment in our Secretary's Offices his Unemployment and National Health Insurance cards, and that the County Surveyor be authorised and instructed to give effect to such demand whenever made.

Passed.

Councillors James Everett, T.D., and Patrick Doyle submitted to the Council letters which they had received from men who stated they were not landholders, but that their cards were not stamped whilst in the Council's employment because of their being carters, it having been decided by a recent test case in the courts that the cards of carters in the employment of public bodies need not be stamped. ORDER. Referred to Law Agent.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

9th January, 1928, from Samuel A French, Esq, Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, "Tripleton," Greystones, asking that Trafalgar Road, Greystones, be tarred and the footpaths in Greystones put into proper condition. ORDER—Vide paragraph 6 of County Surveyor's Report.

18th January, 1928, memorial from Valleymount residents, asking to have the two roads leading into Killough bog put in order. ORDER. Referred to County Surveyor.

14th January, 1928, memorial from residents in the Hollywood area, urging the particular claims of that area for portion of a Relief Grant. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

Memorial from local ratepayers, asking to have the road from Red Peg's Cross Roads to the railway crossing at Glenealy Catholic Church put into repair. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

6th February, 1928, from the Greystones and District Development Society, enclosing copy of statement addressed by them to the Minister for Local Government, on the subject of coast erosion at the North Beach, Greystones. ORDER—The Council regret they have no powers in this matter.

4th February, 1928, from the Very Rev M J Condren, P.P., Kilquade, Delgany, calling attention to a dangerous corner on the Kilcoole-Kilpedder road. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

6th February, 1928, from William McGrath, Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Blessington, calling attention to hardship caused by unemployment in that area. ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

11th February, 1928, from James Kelly, Valleymount, Blessington, complaining that a road contractor has threatened to compel him to cut his hedges unnecessarily low. ORDER—The County Surveyor to furnish a special report regarding this subject in general.

Proposed by Councillor John J Kennedy;

Seconded by Councillor W J Doyle;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts 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 Councillor George Heatley;

That the positions of all road supervisors be abolished with the exception of the engineers, as the County Surveyor has been allowed travelling expenses to supervise all monies spent on roads.

After some discussion, this motion was with the Council's consent withdrawn.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " P J Carey;

Resolved—That the Satisfaction Piece submitted on behalf of the Royal Bank, Head Office, Dublin, with reference to a Judgment obtained in the High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division, for poor rate due on the Graydon Estate near Kilcoole, and costs, be sealed with the Seal of the Council, and the affidavit at foot sworn by the Council's Law Agent, he having intimated in his letter dated 11th January, 1928, that the matter is in order.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That the Agreement with Frederick Heatley, of Glencormack House, Kilmacanogue, Bray, now submitted, with reference to the use of and passage to a quarry on the lands of Glencormack by the Council's employees, be now Signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter relating to rates outstanding in the district formerly operated by ex-Collector Charles Byrne:—Department of Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin. 28th January 1928. G.5668/1928. A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant and to state that the Deputation were advised that the Sureties of ex-Poor Rate Collector Charles Byrne should forthwith be called upon to make good the deficit. To facilitate them in doing so, no objection would be raised to the allowance of reasonable poundage fees on the total lodged to the Councils credit after deduction of the fees, if any, already paid to the late Collector. The Sureties might also be assisted after closing the warrant by handing over to them any unissued receipts in respect of uncollected rates. Mise la meas (signed) M de Lasaigh. s/s Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

The Council having heard ex-collector Charles Byrne, who was present at the meeting, it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor John J Kennedy; and

Resolved—That, in view of the terms of the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 28th January, 1928, No. G.5668/1928, we hereby instruct our Law Agent, J H McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, that the stay of legal proceedings directed by this Council is hereby removed, and we also instruct him to again set in operation without any further delay the legal machinery for the enforcement of ex-collector Charles Byrne's bond, and the recovery of the full amount outstanding in respect to the collections for which Mr Byrne was responsible from him and his two personal sureties; and that we further agree if the collections are closed to the satisfaction of our Secretary without the necessity for legal proceedings within thirty days from the date this Resolution is communicated to the collector and his sureties, but not otherwise, to allow to Mr Charles Byrne poundage calculated at sevenpence in the £ on the said collections, less the amounts already paid him on account.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following letter relating to the removal of the suspension of Collector Michael Halpin, and stated that in accordance with the terms thereof Collector Halpin had been returned the collection books for the year 1926/1927, and had been issued the collection books for the current financial year:—Roinn Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Púiblí. Sraid Mhuirbheann Uachtar, Baile Átha Cliath. 28th January, 1928. G.5669/1928.

A Chara. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant regarding the uncollected rates in Mr Michael Halpin's District in respect of the year 1926/1927, and to state that the Minister has given very careful consideration to the circumstances of this case. An undertaking has been received from Mr Halpin that, if the books be returned to him, he will proceed to collect the sum of £306 18s necessary to close the 1926/1927 warrant and that whether collected or not, he will lodge the full amount. While the Minister is thoroughly dissatisfied with the manner in which Mr Halpin has in the past performed his duties, the Minister is willing to afford Halpin a final opportunity to collect the rates due with efficiency and expedition. The Minister, therefore, removes

the suspension and authorises the return of the 1926/1927 books to Mr Halpin together with the warrant for 1927/28. The Minister, however, stipulates as a condition for continuance in office that Mr Halpin shall account in full for the 1927/28 warrant by the 31st May next at latest and shall close that for 1926/27 by the 29th February next. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for transmission to the Collector. Mise la meas (signed) M de Lasaigh, s/s Runaidhe. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—Noted.

In reference to the three criminal injury awards totalling £840 10s 6d which were collected by the respective plaintiffs from the County Council's Treasurer, and which Wicklow Urban District Council had year after year refused to recoup to the County Council, though the awards were ordered by the Court to be levied over the Castle and Kilmartin Wards in Wicklow Urban District, the Secretary submitted the following letter from the Department of Finance:—19th December, 1927. F. 105/10/27. A Chara. With reference to your further letter of the 14th instant, relative to the payment by Wicklow County Council of a sum of £840 10s 6d in respect of certain criminal injuries decrees, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that, as it now appears that the injuries in respect of which the Decrees were awarded occurred prior to 21st January, 1919, there can be no question of a refund of the amount to the Council by the Government of the Saorstát. The local authorities in the Saorstát were relieved of the liability for payment of compensation in respect of personal injuries which were sustained between the 21st January, 1919, and the 12th May, 1923, but they were not relieved of the liability for payment of compensation in respect of injuries prior to the 21st January, 1919. In the circumstances, the Minister regrets that no useful purpose would be served by receiving the deputation suggested in the resolution of the Council passed at their meeting on the 14th ultimo, as he could not agree to refund any sums paid by any local authority in respect of decrees for criminal injuries sustained prior to 21st January, 1919. I am to add that your explanation of the failure of the Council to include the payment in question in the lists of payments made by the Council on foot of criminal injuries decrees, which was furnished by you in reply to the circular letters of this Department, dated the 1st and 6th February, 1923, and 28th July, 1926, is quite satisfactory; but you will appreciate that my letter of the 8th instant was written on the assumption that the Council were aware that Local Authorities were liable for decrees in respect of criminal injuries sustained prior to the 21st January, 1919, and that the application of the Council did not accordingly relate to decrees for which the Government could not accept any liability. The original decrees forwarded with your letter are returned herewith. Mise la meas (signed) Sean Ua Luideain.

The Secretary also submitted a further letter dated 31st December, 1927, from the Department of Finance, to the same effect.

ORDER—The Secretary to communicate the facts of this matter to the three T.D.'s for the County, and to request them to raise it in the Dail.

The Council referred to the Finance Committee, to be considered by them in conjunction with Estimates for the forthcoming financial year, a letter dated 16th December, 1927, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, asking the Council to strike the full rate of 2d in the £ for Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the coming financial year, in order that that Committee might qualify for a supplemental grant from the Government.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore;

Resolved—That, having noted the terms of the Law Agent's letter of the 30th January, 1928, this Council raises no objection to the proposal of the Land Registry authorities to cancel the registration of Thomas Hilliard in reference to a house acquired by Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, the Council having been given to understand by the Land Registry Office authorities that this cancellation is necessary in order to set right an irregularity existing by reason of the destruction of the original documents in a fire in the Land Registry Office in 1922.

Passed.

The Council had before them the minutes of the meeting of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 13th January, 1928, in which the following appeared:—“It was agreed that for the ensuing financial year the salary of the Librarian and Secretary should be increased to £255 per annum and that the salary of the assistant should be increased to £84 per annum. No action was to be taken in this matter until the Committee's April meeting.” ORDER—Increases approved.

The Council had before them a letter dated 4th January, 1928, No. G.61976/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking for the views of the Council regarding the proposal of County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture to grant to Mrs J Nolan (nee Miss A Cullen) late County Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making, a marriage gratuity of £70, and also letter dated 16th December, 1927, from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, on the same subject. ORDER—Approved.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 23rd December, 1927, No. T.55379, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, 14 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, asking for the Council's observations on the proposal to reduce the harbour charges at Arklow (except on fishery craft) by 25 per cent, and enclosing copies of correspondence dealing with the subject.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That, having considered the letter of the 23rd December, 1927, No. T.55379, with enclosures, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, this Council has no objection to the proposal to reduce the harbour charges at Arklow (except on fishery craft) by 25 per cent, as we are of opinion that the interests of the ratepayers of the guaranteeing area of Arklow Harbour Loan cannot be further prejudiced by the proposed reduction.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Irish County Council's General Council, stating the Local Appointments Commissioners had invited the General Council to furnish them with a panel of names of members of local authorities suitable and willing to act on Selection Boards in order that representative knowledge and experience of local administration should be made available on these Boards, it being understood that no person on the panel would be invited to act on a Selection Board for the purposes of an appointment under the local authority of which he is a member; and asking the Council to suggest the names of one or two of its members who would be prepared to act in this capacity if required. There was also enclosed copy of a letter from the Local Appointments Commission, explaining the procedure as regards making appointments and dealing with adverse criticism.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Irish County Councils' General Council to place the names of the following members of this Council on the panel to be prepared by them of members of local authorities suitable and willing to act on Selection Boards set up in consequence of the coming into operation of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926:—Councillors J J Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely; C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy; David Frame, Corke Abbey, Bray; and Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bray.

Passed.

The Council had under consideration the following resolution passed by County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:—"That this Committee consider that the time has now arrived when the Malicious Injuries Acts (other than the Act passed for the reparation of Bridges and Highways) should be repealed and the ratepayers of the county relieved from the burthen unfairly cast on them in the past under circumstances which no longer exist in this country, and which burthen is not cast upon rates in any other country, and we urge the County Council to take all steps necessary to procure the immediate repeal of these Acts." ORDER—Approved.

The Council made an order that so soon as the present lettings of the plots attached to Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings expire on the 30th April, 1928, the said plots be let by auction for tillage for the period ending 28th February, 1929, and that Mr Edwin Hammond, Auctioneer, Carnew, be requested to conduct the auction.

A letter dated 6th February, 1928, was submitted from Councillor Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, stating that half the main gate leading to Shillelagh Fever Hospital grounds was blown down and badly damaged, that the pier from which it was hung was also badly damaged, that some slates had been stripped off the stables, and that briars were growing from the boundary walls over one of the plots. ORDER—The necessary repairs to be made, and Assistant Surveyor Joseph Boyd to have works carried out.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 28th January, 1928, from Mr James Holden, Shillelagh, ambulance driver to Co. Wicklow Board of Health, complaining of the unsuitability of his present quarters in Shillelagh Workhouse Buildings, to which he was transferred when the Garda Síochána occupied the buildings, on the grounds that he has only a small sittingroom grate for cooking and heating purposes, and claiming reinstatement in the Workhouse lodge, of which he was formerly a tenant.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That, having considered the letter from Mr James Holden dated the 28th January, 1928, we are of opinion that no change should be made in the present arrangements.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the following:—Drummin, Ballinglen, 9th January, 1928. To the Chairman of Wicklow County Council. Dear Sir, I wish to bring the following before your Council. From the year 1885 to 1904, with the cognizance of the Grand Jury, I acted as Assistant to my father, who was Assistant County Surveyor for a great number of years. In 1904 I was appointed Assistant County Surveyor by the Wicklow County Council, and before my appointment was sanctioned I had to satisfy the L. G. Board that I was willing to act as a whole time officer. This I did and was duly confirmed by them in my position, and I have acted as a whole time officer to all intents and purposes, and as can be testified by the County Surveyor; but as occasion for definitely establishing this fact has not previously arisen, and as I have been up to this only recognised as a part-time officer, I now respectfully ask the County Council to have this rectified, and have my position stabilized as a whole time officer, because otherwise on my retirement (which is not contemplated at the present time, or for years to come, D.V., but which, I suppose, must eventually take place), my interests would be very much prejudiced, and I am sure no Member of the Council would, after my long record of service, desire this. I remain your obedient Servant (signed) Joseph Boyd.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That, having considered the application from Mr Joseph Boyd, our Assistant Surveyor, dated the 9th January, 1928, in which he asks the Council to recognize him as a whole time officer, and having been assured by our County Surveyor that Mr Boyd's whole time has in fact in recent years been devoted to his duties to this Council as Assistant Surveyor, we hereby

place on record our recognition of Mr Joseph Boyd as wholetime Assistant Surveyor under this Council.

Passed.

The Council postponed consideration of a letter dated 3rd February, 1928, from the Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, Terenure, Co. Dublin, asking the Council to advance about £200 a month to his Joint Committee of Management and to make half-yearly adjustments, instead of as heretofore waiting until the Arbitrators' Certificate had been issued at the end of each half year before making payment.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 3rd February, 1928, No. 1312/28, from the National Health Insurance Commission, Custom House, Dublin, C.S., enclosing copy of estimate of the receipts and expenditure of County Wicklow Insurance Committee for the purposes of Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1928.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That this Council hereby agrees to pay to the Insurance Committee for the County of Wicklow the sum of Four Hundred Pounds (£400) for the year 1928, 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 for the year 1928, amounting to £1534 as submitted by the National Health Insurance Commission.

Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

16th January, 1928. To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. I beg to report that I attended at Terenure and inspected to-day the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1927. The receipts of every nature from the Undertaking during the Half-Year amounted to £3358 8 10, and the Expenses to £5859 9 9, leaving a deficit on the working expenses amounting to £2501 0 11. This sum, when added to the Interest on Guaranteed Capital brings the total liability of the Guaranteeing Areas of Counties Dublin and Wicklow to £3501 0 11 for the Half-Year, one moiety of which (£1750 10 6) is due for payment by your Council. This is £46 17 1 less than the amount paid for the previous corresponding Half-Year by County Wicklow. The gross Receipts for the Half-Year were less by £956 1 6 than those for the corresponding Half-Year last year, but on the same comparison the Expenditure is less by £1049 15 9. I have only to add that these accounts were audited on behalf of Dublin County Council on the 12th January, 1928, by Messrs Kevans and Company, of 31 Dame Street, Dublin, and that no item therein would appear to call for special comment on my part. Yours faithfully (signed) P T Healy, Secretary to the County Council.

ORDER—Submitted.

The County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1928, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow during the Quarter ending the 31st December, 1927.

1 sugar, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 butter, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 cheese, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 cocoa, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, do, do, genuine; 4 butters, Bray, Guard Stanton, genuine; 4 new milks, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 6 new milks, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, genuine; 1 tea, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 2 butters, do, do, genuine; 1 rice, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 2 margarines, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine;

1 milk, do, do, genuine; 1 port wine, Aughrim, Sergeant Quinn, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 4 new milks, Arklow, Sergeant McEvaddy, genuine; 4 whiskeys, Dunlavin, Sergeant Callan, genuine; 1 milk, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, Blessington, Sergeant O'Neill, genuine; 1 rum, do, do, genuine; 1 brandy, do, do, genuine; 1 port wine, do, do, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 flour, do, do, genuine; 2 new milks, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 lard, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 2 drugs, Baltinglass, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Carnew, genuine; 3 do, Roundwood, genuine; 3 do, Blessington, genuine; 3 do, Co. Hospital, genuine; 3 do, Newcastle, genuine; 3 do, Avoca, genuine; 3 do, Blessington, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Co. Hospital, genuine; 3 do, Delgany, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 4 do, Coolattin, genuine; 2 do, Arklow, genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 56, Drugs 44. Total—100, Number adulterated—Nil. Date 17-1-1928

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be hereby granted to the following:—John Synnott, Newtownmountkennedy, Edwin Doyle, Church Road, Greystones.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Motcalfe;

Seconded by " George Fisher;

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 Delahunt, Wicklow.
G B Hopkins, Wicklow.
John E Griffin, Bray.
Thomas M Barker, Coolboy, Tinahely.
James Bradshaw, Kiltegan.
Mrs M Toomey, Hollywood.
James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride.
Denis J Cogan, Laragh.

J P Deegan, Ashford.
 Michael Tutty, Hollywood.
 James Healy, Rathdangan.
 Robert Spain, Donard.
 Patrick Hoxey, Knockanarrigan.
 Miss Mary Byrne, Rathdrum.
 P J Graham, Knockananna.
 J W Haubidge, Dunlavin.
 James Lawler, Dunlavin.
 Robert Griffin, Bray.
 F. J. Sutton, Rathdrum.
 John M Geraty, Carnew.
 Arthur Hennessy, Blessington.
 W F Murphy, Anghrim.
 Samuel H Correll, Carnew.
 Arthur R H Pasley, Tinahely.
 Simon Lambert, Rathdrum.
 Thomas Annesley, Arklow.
 William B Kidd, Moynoe, Ballinglen.
 James Quinn, Monamuck, Valleysmount.
 Mrs Mary Doyle, Baltinglass.
 Jeremiah Moore, Grangecon.
 Mrs Margaret Keenan, Roundwood.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 10th Feb., 1928, from the Rev J Furlong, C.C., Valleysmount, Blessington, asking the Council to receive a deputation on the subject of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway. No deputation was however present.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

That a long term loan of about £10,000 be raised from the Government, for the purpose of relieving want and destitution throughout the County, consequent upon unemployment, and the County Surveyor is hereby requested to have suitable schemes prepared showing that the money will be expended on useful productive work, no loan to be raised unless and until the Government give a Grant commensurate with the amount of the loan to be raised.

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

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors Patrick Doyle, W J Doyle, Michael Fleming, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Metcalfe, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and J J Kennedy—10.

AGAINST—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, and D H Haskins—12.

The motion was accordingly declared lost by twelve votes against to ten for.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That at this meeting of the Wicklow County Council we call upon the Government to extend the Unemployment Insurance Acts to all unemployed, for it is our experience that the public bodies in this County are being compelled by their knowledge of extreme want and destitution to attempt to relieve these impoverished conditions out of poor rates, when unemployment in our opinion is a question requiring the attention of the State, and soluble only by the State.

Passed.

The Secretary read two lengthy circulars from the Beer and Spirit Duties' Relief Organisation, Commercial Buildings, Dame Street, Dublin, and the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland, 56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, advocating and opposing respectively the suggested reduction in beer and spirit duties.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by " Daniel J Kehoe;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby call upon the Government for a substantial reduction in their forthcoming budget of the excessive duty at present imposed upon beer and spirits manufactured in the Free State.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe; and

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

That we, the members of Wicklow County Council, call upon the Government to reduce the duties on food stuffs and other necessities of life before reducing any duties on luxuries.

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, W J Doyle, Joseph Burke, W J Henry, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe and James Everett, T.D.—8.

AGAINST—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, D H Haskins and John J Kennedy—14.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost by fourteen votes against to eight for, and a poll was called for on the original motion, at which it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Fisher, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne, D H Haskins and John J Kennedy—14.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, W J Doyle, Joseph Burke, Laurence Moore, Joseph Metcalfe, and James Everett, T.D.—7.

Councillor W J Henry declined to vote.

The original motion was thereupon declared passed by fourteen votes to seven.

The Council ordered that a Special Meeting be summoned for the 19th March, 1928, to strike the rates and transact other important business.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

17th November, 1927, No. RS/38, concurring with the Council's proposal to grant travelling expenses at 4d per mile to the County Surveyor, and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to payment of the allowance as from 1st July, 1927, a deputation from the Council having agreed with him that the allowance would have retrospective effect.

18th November, 1927, No. G 54841/1927, stating that Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1925, did not apply to deputations from the Council to public offices, and that the Minister would only be disposed to acquiesce in the refund of travelling expenses if his consent were obtained beforehand to their being incurred.

18th November, 1927, No. P.H 52155/1927, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the County Board of Health relative to the adoption of a comprehensive Tuberculosis Scheme and the co-ordination of that Scheme and other public health services under a County Medical Officer of Health.

25th November, 1927, No. G 55938/1927, referring to the proposed deputations concerning the case of ex-Collector Charles Byrne etc., and stating that the question of travelling expenses could be discussed when the deputation attended.

29th November, 1927, No. H215/21501/1927, stating that the Minister had recently received a deputation from the County Councils' General Council respecting the sale of cottages provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919, and dealing at considerable length with that proposal.

6th December, 1927, No. R/RG/33B, approving of the scheme for the expenditure of £500 in Glendalough proposed to be carried out by the Council out of the Tourist Grant.

16th December, 1927, No. G.29628/27, regarding the procedure to be adopted in the collection of rates on untenanted lands as a consequence of the coming into operation of the Land Act, 1927.

21st December, 1927, No. G.61105/1927, sanctioning an overdraft not to exceed £10,000 on the Council's account to the 1st March, 1928.

22nd December, 1927, No. G.6077/1927, enclosing copy of letter addressed to Collector Michael Halpin asking for an explanation of the circumstances which led to his suspension.

31st December, 1927, No. R/SGN/32/2, stating that the Minister has been enabled to make available the sum of £1800 under the National Road Scheme for the completion of the Meetings-Woodenbridge road.

Memorandum, No. IR.14A, stating that the Roads Branch of the Department of Local Government and Public Health were moving to the Custom House, on the 11th and 12th January, 1928, and that it would be undesirable for letters to be addressed to the Department on the dates mentioned.

9th February, 1928, No. G. 8244/1928, sanctioning such departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order as would enable the Council to strike their rate on the 19th March, 1928.

9th February, 1928, No. G.8244/1928, enclosing copy of letter received from Collector Michael Halpin, undertaking to carry out his duties satisfactorily in the future.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

17th November, 1927, No. M.26093, referring to the amendments suggested by the Council in the draft Order in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, agreeing with the proposal to extend the tenure of office of the Joint Committee to three years, and offering to vary the minimum rating qualification from £20 to £10. ORDER—Variation approved.

29th November, 1927, asking for the Council's approval to the inclusion of their requirements in a contract about to be entered into for the supply of steel date stamps to the Inspectors of Weights and Measures. ORDER—The Council ratify the Secretary's action in according this approval on their behalf.

3rd December, 1927, No. M.26093, enclosing copy of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1927.

19th December, 1927, No. 20534, stating that it had been found impossible to purchase a sieve for the sandblast machine used by the Inspectors of Weights and Measures for £1, the lowest price obtainable being 80s. ORDER—The Council ratify the Secretary's action in authorising purchase of this machine for 80s.

24th December, 1927, No. M.26093, stating that the Minister has been pleased to appoint Mr J J Sheil Chairman of the Joint Committee newly set up for the management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Report of the Commission on the Relief of the Sick and Destitute Poor, including the Insane Poor.

Final Report of the Committee on Health Insurance and Medical Services.

22nd November, 1927, No. 1284/27 Wk, from the National Health Insurance Commission, notifying the sanction of an expenditure by the County Insurance Committee in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis during the year 1927, of a sum not exceeding £1523 gross.

24th December, 1927, No. RV/201, from the Inter-Departmental Committee on Control and Regulation of Road Traffic, 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, stating that the Committee are grateful for the assistance given by the Council on the subject of the inquiry conducted by the Committee.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT, J H McCARROLL, ESQ, SOLICITOR, CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

30th November, 1927, stating that an Order was made at Dunlavin District Court giving the Council permission to enter a quarry on the lands of Rathattin occupied by Teresa Doyle.

7th December, 1927, stating that the Solicitors for Miss Violet Tynte, Dunlavin, were taking proceedings for the immediate recovery with interest of the Criminal Injury Award made to her, and that he had written them pointing out the law in the matter and reminding them that the Award could not be considered an ordinary Judgment Debt.

12th December, 1927, stating the solicitors in the above case had undertaken to take no steps to enforce the Judgment wrongly marked perding the County Council striking and levying the rate for the amount awarded and costs.

8th February, 1928, stating that at Tinahely District Court an Order was made committing William Lawless to Carriglea Industrial School, his mother to contribute 2s per week towards his maintenance.

FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

November, 1927, asking for the Council's views on the Report of the Commission on the Relief of the Sick and Destitute Poor and on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into National Health Insurance and Medical Services.

November, 1927, urging the Council to make generous provision for Tourist Advertisement in the coming year.

November, 1927, asking if the Council have any suggestions to make regarding the equitable distribution as between the taxpayer and the ratepayer of the cost of local health services, the maintenance of the Insane Poor, and other local services.

November, 1927, asking for the Council's suggestions for amendments of the system of Local government inaugurated by the Local Government Act, 1925.

22nd December, 1927, asking to be notified of any matters which the Council should desire to be placed on the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the General Council, provisionally fixed to take place on Friday, the 24th February, 1928.

14th November, 1927, from Murray Signs, Limited, Standish Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, warning the Council against purchasing or using any reflective signs which might be an infringement of their patents.

15th November, 1927, No. DW.3360/27, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, seeking authority for the Weights and Measures Inspector, Sergeant O'Brien, to purchase 6 half-pint stencils for use in connection with the sandblast machine, at an approximate cost of 27/6. ORDER—Authority granted.

16th November, 1927, from Billy Walsh, intimating that he proposed to hold cinema shows in the Town Hall, Shillelagh, for six nights commencing on the 29th November, and that the regulations were observed and the Gardai notified.

17th November, 1927, from William Toomey, B.L., Sub Sheriff, Annacrivey, Enniskerry, enclosing formal appointment of William O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, as caretaker of Bray Courthouse, as requested by the Council.

26th November, 1927, from the Secretary, Dublin County Council stating that his Council had approved of the draft Order about to be issued by the Minister for Industry and Commerce in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Minutes of the Meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 2nd December, 1927.

16th December, 1927, from the Secretary, Donegal County Council, enclosing copy of a report of the County Surveyor in Donegal suggesting that steps should be taken to vest in County Councils the right to fix and enforce a limit for both the speed of lorries and buses and their weight and size.

Minutes of the Meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 3rd February, 1928.

4th January, 1928, from Joseph Glynn, Hon. Sec., Tinahely Dramatic Class, Tinahely, enclosing cover note insuring Tinahely Courthouse against fire on the 6th, 7th and 8th January, it being proposed to hold concerts in the building on the nights of the 6th and 8th January.

8th February, 1928, from the Rev H Vere Flint, Calary Rectory, Kilpedder, claiming compensation for alleged malicious damage to a window of Calary Church.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Roscommon County Council, protesting against the proposal to levy and collect special drainage rates with the poor rate, which would thus have to bear deficiencies in the drainage monies.

From Waterford County Council, calling upon the Government to provide for very substantial reductions in beer and spirits duties in the 1928 budget.

From Roscommon County Council, asking the Government to reduce the minimum age of old age pensioners from 70 to 65 years.

David James

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 March, 1928.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ;

Councillors M Fleming, Joseph Metcalfe, James Everett, T.D.; David H Haskins, William Byrne, George Heatley, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, William J Henry, P J Cullen, James Kavanagh, P J Carey, F O'Rafferty, Denis Condren, W J Doyle, John Kennedy, Patrick Doyle, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, John J Barry, C M Ua Broin, George Fisher, Joseph Burke, and Daniel J Kehoe.

The Secretary submitted a letter received that day from Councillor J J Metcalfe, stating that he was unable to attend owing to having a bad cold.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 1.
- 2 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 2 on the Estimates of Rates for the ensuing financial year.
- 3 To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1929.
- 4 To receive and consider tenders for road maintenance, and to accept such tenders as the Council may deem advisable.
- 5 To Seal such Road Contracts as have been approved of by the County Council.
- 6 To receive, consider and approve of a New Buildings List, prepared under Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect to the financial year 1928/1929, so as to secure to the occupiers the reduction in rating contemplated by that section.
- 7 To fix a date for the forthcoming Local Government Elections in the County.
- 8 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), notifying a grant of £130 for the improvement of Kilcoagh Bog Road, on the conditions that the Council provides a further £350 for the work, and that the full amount be expended before the 31st March, 1928.
- 9 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), notifying the allocation of a grant of £4580 to the Council for main road improvement, especially tarring.
- 10 To again consider a letter from the Irish Tourist Association, stating that it was possible that further sums might be allocated this year as special Tourist Road Grants, and asking if the Council could suggest any particular road works which might be carried out under these grants if and when received.

19th March, 1928.

11 To consider a letter from the Garda Siochana authorities for the County, regarding a breach of the Cinematograph Act in connection with the Foresters' Hall, Kilcoole, and to order the necessary legal proceedings to be taken therein.

12 To consider applications received for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

13 To transact such other business as the Council may deem urgent.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, 2nd March, 1928.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;

Councillors William Byrne and John J Kennedy.

In accordance with the terms of the Resolution passed by the County Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 14th November, 1927, the Committee proceeded to draft a provisional scheme for the division of the four County Electoral Areas in the County into polling districts and to appoint polling places for each such polling district, and had before them in this connection a letter dated 14th September, 1927, No. F 40581/1927, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, ordering the Council to establish a polling station at Grangecon ; letters dated 22nd November, 1927, and 16th December, 1927, respectively, from Councillor William J Henry, Burgageamore, Blessington, and the following letter from the Returning Officer for Dail Elections in the County :—

Annacivey, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. 6th February, 1928 Dear Mr Healy. Your letter to hand. In my opinion the following change should be made for the convenience of voters : a polling place at Stratford and Kilbride, as ordered at last elections by the Ministry of Local Government, the townland of Dunbur to be put into a separate unit for Government elections and to vote at Town Hall, Wicklow, a voting place at Vallemount (not two at Lackan). Yours truly (signed) William Toomey.

The Committee after discussion decided to make the following alterations in the existing Scheme :—

County Electoral Area of Arklow.

The Townlands of Ballycooge Lower and Upper, Coolahullen, and Moneyteigue Middle North and South in the district electoral division of Arklow Rural, to be attached to the polling district of Aughrim and to vote at Aughrim instead of Johnstown.

A new polling station to be established at Mucklagh School, near Aghavannagh, to serve the townlands of Aghavannagh Ram, Ballinagappoge, Cappagh, Colgarrow, Mucklagh and Rosahane, in the district electoral Division of Ballinacor, which hitherto voted at Ballinatone ; the townlands of Aghavannagh Mountain, Askansgap, Ballycurragh, Ballygobban, Ballyteige, Barnameelia, Blackrock, Carrignamweel, Coolballintaggart and Farbreaga in district electoral division of Coolballintaggart, hitherto voting at Rathmeague ; and the townland of Aghavannagh Revell, in the district electoral division of Knockrath, hitherto voting at Kirakee.

The townland of Cronlea, in the district electoral division of Cronlea, to be attached to the polling district of Coollattin, and to vote at Shillelagh instead of Mullinacuffs.

County Electoral Area of Baltinglass.

A new polling station to be established at Grangecon, to serve all the townlands in the district electoral division of The Grange and the townland of Rathbran in the district electoral division of Stratford, which hitherto voted at Stratford ; and the townlands of Ballycoore, Baronstown Lower and Upper, Lackareagh, Moneymore and Rathtoole in the district electoral division of Hartstown, which hitherto voted at Baltinglass.

A new polling station to be established at Baltyboys School, to serve all the townlands in the district electoral division of Burgage.

A new polling station to be established at Manor-Kilbride, to serve all the townlands in the district electoral division of Kilbride.

A new polling station to be established at Granabeg, to serve all the townlands in the district electoral division of Togher, and the townlands of Granamore, Knocknadruc and Oakwood in the district electoral division of Lugglass, hitherto voting at Hollywood ; and also the townlands of Ballinagee, Garryknock and Glenbride in the district electoral division of Lackan, hitherto voting at Lackan.

County Electoral Area of Bray.

The Committee are not aware of any necessity for alteration in the existing Scheme as regards this County Electoral Area.

County Electoral Area of Wicklow.

The townlands of Killadreenan, in the district electoral division of Newcastle Lower, and hitherto voting at Newcastle, to be attached to the polling district of Newcastle Upper, and to vote at Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.

A new polling station to be established in the town of Wicklow, to serve the following townlands in the district electoral division of Wicklow Rural, which hitherto voted at Rathnew :—Ashtown, Ballinteeskin, Ballygonnell, Ballyguilebeg, Ballyguilemore, Ballyhara, Ballynerrin, Ballynerrin Lower and Upper, Blackditch, Blainroe Lower and Upper, Bollarney Murragh, Bollarney North, Burkeen, Dunbur Head, Dunbur Lower and Upper, Glebe, Hawkstown Lower and Upper, Kilpoole Hill, Kilpoole Lower and Upper, Knockaquirk, Knockrobin Murragh, Newtown, Raheenmore, Tinnakilly Murragh and Toberviller.

Having made the above mentioned alterations in the existing Scheme, the Committee recommend for the Council's approval the new provisional Scheme as follows :—

ELECTORAL ACT, 1923.

POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES.

COUNTY WICKLOW.

Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units comprising Polling District.
Aghavannagh	Mucklagh	The townlands of Aghavannagh Ram, Ballinagappoge, Cappagh, Coolgarrow, Mucklagh and Rosahane in the d.e.d. of Ballinacor; the townland of Aghavannagh Revell in the d.e.d. of Knockrath; and the townlands of Aghavannagh Mountain, Asknagap, Ballycurragh, Ballygobbin, Ballyteige, Barnameelia, Blackrock, Carrignawheel, Coolballintaggart and Farbreaga in the d.e.d. of Coolballintaggart.
Aghowle	Coolkenno	Aghowle and Money.
Arklow Rural	Johnstown	Arklow Rural, except the townlands of Ballycooge Lower and Upper, Coolahullen, and Moneyteige Middle, North, and South.
Aughrim	Aughrim	Aughrim, and the townlands of Ballycooge Lower and Upper, Coolahullen, and Moneyteige Middle, North and South in the d.e.d. of Arklow Rural.
Avoca	Castlemacadam	Avoca.
Ballinaclash	Ballinatone	Ballinaclash and Ballinacor, with the exception of the townlands of Aghavannagh Ram, Ballinagappoge, Cappagh, Coolgarrow, Mucklagh and Rosahane, in the d.e.d. of Ballinacor.
Ballingate	Balisland, Carnew	Ballingate
Ballinglen	Ballinglen	Ballinglen and Kilballyowen
Ballyarthur	Avoca	Ballyarthur
Ballybeg	Rathmeague	Ballybeg and Coolballintaggart, with the exception of the townlands of Aghavannagh Mountain, Asknagap, Ballycurragh, Ballygobbin, Ballyteige, Barnameelia, Blackrock, Carrignawheel,
Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units comprising Polling District.
Carnew	Carnew	Coolballintaggart and Farbreaga in the d.e.d. of Coolballintaggart.
Coollattin	Shillelagh	Carnew
Coolboy	Coolroe	Coollattin and Shillelagh, with the townland of Cronelea in the d.e.d. of Cronelea.
Cronelea	Mullinacuffe	Coolboy
Kilbride	Templersiney	Cronelea, with the exception of the townland of Cronelea.
Killinure	Ballyconnell	Kilbride.
Kilpipe	Tallyho or Tubberpatrick	Killinure and Rath.
Knockrath	Kirakee	Kilpipe
Tinahely	Tinahely	Knockrath, with the exception of the townland of Aghavannagh Revell.
Arklow (East)	Arklow (East)	Tinahely.
Arklow (West)	Arklow (West)	Arklow East Urban
		Arklow West Urban.

County Electoral Area of Baltinglass.

Baltinglass	Baltinglass	Baltinglass and Hartstown, with the exception of the townlands of Ballycore, Barronstown Lower and Upper, Lackareagh, Moneymore and Rathtoole, in the district electoral division of Hartstown.
Blessington	Blessington	Blessington.
Burgage	Baltyboys	Burgage.
Donard	Donard	Donard and Donaghmore.
Dunlavin	Dunlavin	Dunlavin, Rathsallagh and Tober.
Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood and Lugglass, with the exception of the townlands of Granamore, Knocknadrue and Oakwood in the d.e.d. of Lugglass.
Imaal	Knockenarrigan	Imaal North and Imaal South.
Kilbride	Manor-Kilbride	Kilbride.
Lackan	Lackan	Lackan, with the exception of the townlands of Ballinagee, Garryknock and Glenbride.
Rathdangan	Rathdangan	Rathdangan, Ballingule and Humewood.
Stratford	Stratford	Stratford and Tuckmill, with the exception of the townland of Rathbran in the d.e.d. of Stratford.
Talbotstown	Talbotstown	Talbotstown and Eadstown.
The Grange	Grangecon	The Grange; the townland of Rathbran in the d.e.d. of Stratford; the townlands of Ballycore, Barronstown Lower and Upper, Lackareagh, Moneymore and Rathtoole in the d.e.d. of Hartstown.
Togher	Granabeg	Togher; the townlands of Granamore, Knocknadrue and Oakwood in the d.e.d. of Lugglass; the townlands of Ballinagee, Garryknock and Glenbride in the d.e.d. of Lackan.

Calary	Roundwood	County Electoral Area of Bray.
Delgany	Delgany	Calary and Togher.
Enniskerry	Enniskerry	Delgany.
Greystones	Greystones	Enniskerry.
Kilcoole	Kilcoole	Greystones.
		Kilcoole.

Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units comprising Polling District.
Kilmacanoge	Kilmacanoge	Kilmacanoge.
Powerscourt	Enniskerry	Powerscourt.
Bray No. 1	Bray, Little Bray	Bray No. 1 (Little Bray)
Bray No. 2	Bray (East Ward)	Bray No. 2 (East Ward)
Bray No. 3	Bray (West Ward)	Bray No. 3 (West Ward).

County Electoral Area of Wicklow.

Altadore	Carrigower	Altadore
Ballinderry	Clara	Ballinderry and Trooperstown
Ballycullen	Moneytown	Ballycullen and Moneytown.
Brockagh	The Churches	Brockagh
Cronebane	Kilmacoo	Cronebane
Dunganstown	Dunganstown	Dunganstown East
East		
Dunganstown	Barndarrig	Dunganstown South
South		
Dunganstown	Newbawn	Dunganstown West
West		
Ennereilly	Ballymoyle	Ennereilly
Glendalough	Annamoe	Glendalough and Oldtown
Glenealy	Glenealy	Glenealy
Killiskey	Ashford	Killiskey
Newcastle	Newcastle	Newcastle Lower, with the exception of the townland of Killadreenan.
Lower		
Newcastle	Newtownmountkenedy	Newcastle Upper, with the townland of Killadreenan in the d.e.d. of Newcastle Lower.
Upper		
Rathdrum	Rathdrum	Rathdrum.
Rathnew	Rathnew	The townlands of Ballybeg, Broomhall, Cormons, Coolawinna, Clonmannan, Cronykerry, Killoughter, Knockrobin, Merrymount and Tinnakilly in the d.e.d. of Wicklow Rural.
Wicklow Rural	Wicklow	The remaining townlands in the d.e.d. of Wicklow Rural, as follows:—Ashtown, Ballintekin, Ballygonnell, Ballyguilebeg, Ballyguilemore, Ballyhara, Ballynerrin, Ballynerrin Lower and Upper, Blackditch, Blainroe Lower and Upper, Bollorney Murragh, Bollorney North, Burkeen, Dunbar Head, Dunbar Lower and Upper, Glebe, Hawkstown Lower and Upper, Kilpoole Hill, Kilpoole Lower and Upper, Knockaquirk, Knockrobin Murragh, Newtown, Raheenmore, Tinnakilly Murragh and Toberaviller.
Wicklow (Abbey)	Wicklow (Abbey Ward)	Abbey Ward
Wicklow (Castle)	Wicklow (Castle Ward)	Castle Ward
Wicklow (Kilmantin)	Wicklow (Kilmantin Ward)	Kilmantin Ward.

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

5th March, 1928.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " J J Kennedy;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, with the amendment suggested by the Under-Sheriff that a new polling station be set up at Curlestown, to serve the townlands of Annacrivey, Ballybrew, Barnamire, Cloon, Curlestown Lower and Upper, Glaskenny, Knockbawn, Lackandarragh Lower and Upper, Onagh and Tonygarrow in the d.e.d. of Enniskerry, and with the following additional amendments:—the townlands of Garryhoe and Ballybeg to be attached to Ballinglen instead of to Ballybeg Polling District; the townland of Coolbawn to be attached to Aughrim instead of to Kilpipe Polling District; the townlands of Ballymorris Lower and Upper, Cloneen, Cronebeg, Cronessallagh, Killeagh and Tinakilly Lower to be attached to Aughrim instead of to Ballinaclash Polling District; the townlands of Ashford, Ballinalea, Ballinapark, Ballymacahara, Mountusher, Newrath, Rossana, Rossana Lower and Upper to be attached to Killiskey instead of to Glenealy Polling District: a new polling station to be established at Arklow Rock to serve the townlands of Askintanny, Ballinabanoge, Ballintombay, Ballyduff, Ballyduff North and South, Ballynattin, Ballyrairie Lower, Middle and Upper, Ballyrooan, Bogland, Clogga, Cooladangan, Cronelusk, Kilmurray Lower, Middle and Upper, Kish, Knockanree, Money Big, Money Lane, Money Little, Park, Rock Big, Rock Little, Rock Bog and Springfield in the district electoral division of Arklow Rural; and a new polling station to be set up in Bray to serve the townlands of Ballymorris, Ballynamuddagh, Ballywaltrim, Bray Commons, Giltspur, Irishtown, Killarney, Kilruddery, Deerpark, Kilruddery Demesne East, Kilruddery Demesne West, Oldcourt and Springfield in the district electoral division of Kilmacanoge.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1923, of the Orders made by the Minister under

Section 4 of the Act, of the Local Elections Act, 1927, and the Local Elections (Polling Districts and Polling Places) Rules, 1928 we the County Council of the County of Wicklow, fix :-

A. The following Polling Districts :

B. The following Polling Places for each Polling District :

C. The following Registration Units comprising each such Polling District for the County of Wicklow :

And, further, we hereby rescind and revoke the terms of all previous Resolutions passed by this Council in relation to this matter :

Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units or portions thereof comprising Polling District.
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Aghavannagh	Mucklagh	County Electoral Area of Arklow. The townlands of Aghavannagh Ram, Ballinagappoge, Cappagh, Coolgarrow, Mucklagh and Rosahane in the d.e.d. of Ballinacor; the townland of Aghavannagh Revell in the d.e.d. of Knockrath; and the townlands of Aghavannagh Mountain, Askanagap, Ballycurragh, Ballygobbin, Ballyteige, Barnameelia, Blackrock, Carrignamweel,
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Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units or portions thereof comprising Polling District.
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Aghowle	Coolkenno	Coolballintaggart and Farbreaga in the d.e.d. of Coolballintaggart.
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Arklow Rural No. 1	Arklow Rock	Aghowle and Money. The Townlands of Askintinny, Ballinabanoge, Ballintombay, Ballyduff, Ballyduff North and South, Ballynattin, Ballyrairie Lower, Middle and Upper, Ballyrooan, Bogland, Clogga, Cooladangan, Cronelusk, Kilmurray Lower, Middle and Upper, Kish, Knockanree, Money Big, Money Lane, Money Little, Park, Rock Big, Rock Little, Rock Bog and Springfield in the d.e.d. of Arklow Rural.
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Arklow Rural No. 2	Johnstown	The Townlands of Ballinagore, Ballinasillogue, Ballintemple, Ballinvalley, Ballinvalley Lower and Upper, Ballygriffin, Ballykillageer Lower and Upper, Ballyrush, Barnacleagh, East, North and South, Clonwilliam Coolastigan, Coolgarrow, Curranstown Lower and Upper, Ecawn, Glenart, Johnstown Hill, Johnstown Lower and Upper, Kilcarra East and West, Killahurrier Lower and Upper, Knockmillier, Monaglogh, Mongan, Mooreshill, Pollahoney, Raheenleagh, Rostygah, Slievefore, Slieveduff and Thomastown in the d.e.d. of Arklow Rural.
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Aughrim	Aughrim	Aughrim, and the townlands of Ballycoogue Lower and Upper, Coolahullen, and Moneyteige Middle, North and South in the d.e.d. of Arklow Rural; the townland of Coolbawn in the d.e.d. of Kilpipe; and the townlands of Ballymorris Lower and Upper, Cloneen, Cronebeg, Croneasallagh, Killeagh and Tinnakilly Lower in the d.e.d. of Ballinaclash.
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Avoca	Castlemacadam	Avoca.
Ballinaclash	Ballinatone	Ballinaclash and Ballinacor, with the exception of the townlands of Aghavannagh Ram, Ballinagappoge, Cappagh, Coolgarrow, Mucklagh and Rosahane, in the d.e.d. of Ballinacor; and also excepting the townlands of Ballymorris Lower and Upper Cloneen, Cronebeg, Croneasallagh, Killeagh and Tinnakilly Lower in the d.e.d. of Ballinaclash.

Ballingate	Balisland, Carnew	Ballingate
Ballinglen	Ballinglen	Ballinglen and Kilballyowen, and the townlands of Ballybeg and Garryhoe in the d.e.d. of Ballybeg.

Ballyarthur	Avoca	Ballyarthur
Ballybeg	Rathmeague	Ballybeg and Coolballintaggart, with

Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units or portions thereof comprising Polling District.
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Carnew	Carnew	the exception of the townlands of Aghavannagh Mountain, Askanagap, Ballycurragh, Ballygobbin, Ballyteige, Barnameelia, Blackrock, Carrignamweel, Coolballintaggart and Farbreaga in the d.e.d. of Coolballintaggart; and also excepting the townlands of Ballybeg and Garryhoe in the d.e.d. of Ballybeg.
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Coollattin	Shillelagh	Carnew Coollattin and Shillelagh, with the townland of Cronelea in the d.e.d. of Cronelea.
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Coolboy	Coolroe	Coolboy
Cronelea	Mullinacuffe	Cronelea, with the exception of the townland of Cronelea.

Kilbride	Templerauey	Kilbride.
Killinure	Ballyconnell	Killinure and Rath.
Kilpipe	Tallyho or Tubberpatrick	Kilpipe, with the exception of the townland of Coolbawn.

Knockrath	Kirakee	Knockrath, with the exception of the townland of Aghavannagh Revell.
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Tinahely	Tinahely	Tinahely.
Arklow (East)	Arklow (East)	Arklow East Urban
Arklow (West)	Arklow (West)	Arklow West Urban.

Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units or portions thereof comprising Polling District.
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Baltinglass	Baltinglass	County Electoral Area of Baltinglass.
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Blessington	Blessington	Baltinglass and Hartstown, with the exception of the townlands of Ballycore, Barronstown Lower and Upper, Lackareagh, Moneymore and Rathtoole, in the district electoral division of Hartstown.
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Burgage	Baltyboys	Blessington.
Donard	Donard	Burgage.
Dunlavin	Dunlavin	Donard and Donaghmore.
Hollywood	Hollywood	Dunlavin, Rathallagh and Tober.

Imaal	Knockenarrigan	Hollywood and Lugglass, with the exception of the townlands of Granamore, Knocknadrue and Oakwood in the d.e.d. of Lugglass.
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Kilbride	Manor-Kilbride	Imaal North and Imaal South.
Lackan	Lackan	Kilbride.

Rathdangan	Rathdangan	Lackan, with the exception of the townlands of Ballinagee, Garryknock and Glenbride.
Stratford	Stratford	Rathdangan, Ballingule and Humewood.

Talbotstown	Talbotstown	Stratford and Tuskmill, with the exception of the townland of Rathbran in the d.e.d. of Stratford.
The Grange	Grangecon	Talbotstown and Eadstown.

Togher	Granabeg	The Grange; the townland of Rathbran in the d.e.d. of Stratford; the townlands of Ballycore, Barronstown Lower and Upper, Lackareagh, Moneymore and Rathtoole in the d.e.d. of Hartstown.
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Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units or portions thereof comprising Polling District.
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Togher	Granabeg	Togher; the townlands of Granamore, Knocknadrue and Oakwood in the d.e.d. of Lugglass; the townlands of Ballinagee, Garryknock and Glenbride in the d.e.d. of Lackan.
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Calary	Roundwood	Calary and Togher.
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Curtlestown	Curtlestown	The townlands of Annacivey, Ballybrew, Barnamire, Cloon, Curtlestown Lower and Upper, Glaskenny, Knockbawn, Lackendarragh Lower and Upper, Onagh and Tonygarrow in the d.e.d. of Enniskerry.
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Delgany	Delgany	Delgany.
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Enniskerry	Enniskerry	The townlands of Cookstown, Enniskerry, Kilgarron, Killegar, Kilmolin, Knocksink, Monastery, Oldboleys, Parknasilloge and Powerscourt Demesne, in the d.e.d. of Enniskerry.
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Greystones	Greystones	Greystones.
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Kilcoole	Kilcoole	Kilcoole.
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Kilmacanoge No. 1	Bray	The townlands of Ballymorris, Ballynamudagh, Ballywaltrim, Bray Commons, Giltspur, Irishtown, Killarney, Kilruddery Deerpark, Killruddery Demesne East, Kilruddery Demesne West, Oldcourt and Springfield in the d.e.d. of Kilmacanoge.
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Kilmacanoge No. 2	Kilmacanoge	The remaining townlands in the d.e.d. of Kilmacanoge.
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Powerscourt	Enniskerry	Powerscourt.
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Bray No. 1	Bray, Little Bray	Bray No. 1 (Little Bray)
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Bray No. 2	Bray (East Ward)	Bray No. 2 (East Ward)
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Bray No. 3	Bray (West Ward)	Bray No. 3 (West Ward).
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Altidore	Carrigower	Altidore
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Ballinderry	Clara	Ballinderry and Trooperstown
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Ballycullen	Moneystown	Ballycullen and Moneystown.
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County Electoral Area of Wicklow.		
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Brockagh	The Churches	Brockagh
Cronebane	Kilmacoo	Cronebane
Dunganstown	Dunganstown East	Dunganstown East
Polling District	Polling Place	Registration Units or portions thereof comprising Polling District
Dunganstown	Barndarrig South	Dunganstown South
Dunganstown	Newbawn West	Dunganstown West
Ennereilly	Ballymoyle	Ennereilly
Glendalough	Annamoe	Glendalough and Oldtown
Glenealy	Glenealy	Glenealy, with the exception of the townlands of Ashford, Ballinalea, Ballinapark, Ballymacahara, Mountusher, Newrath, Rossana, Rossana Lower and Upper.
Killiskey	Ashford	Killiskey, and the townlands of Ashford, Ballinalea, Ballinapark, Ballymacahara, Mountusher, Newrath, Rossana, Rossana Lower and Upper in the d.e.d. of Glenealy
Newcastle	Newcastle Lower	Newcastle Lower, with the exception of the townland of Killadreenan.
Newcastle	Newtownmountkennedy Upper	Newcastle Upper, with the townland of Killadreenan in the d.e.d. of Newcastle Lower.
Rathdrum	Rathdrum	Rathdrum.
Rathnew	Rathnew	The townlands of Ballybeg, Broomhall, Comons, Coolawinna, Clonmannan, Cronykerry, Killoughter, Knockrobin, Merrymounting and Tinnakilly in the d.e.d. of Wicklow Rural.
Wicklow	Wicklow Rural	The remaining townlands in the d.e.d. of Wicklow Rural, as follows:—Ashtown, Balintreskin, Ballygonnell, Ballyguilebeg, Ballygailemore, Ballyhara, Ballynerrin, Ballynerrin Lower and Upper, Blackditch, Blainroe Lower and Upper, Bollarney Murragh, Bollarney North, Burkeen, Dunbur Head, Dunbur Lower and Upper, Glebe, Hawkstown Lower and Upper, Kilpoole Hill, Kilpoole Lower and Upper, Knockaquirk, Knockrobin Murragh, Newtown, Raheenmore, Tinnakilly Murragh and Toberaviller.
Wicklow (Abbey)	Wicklow (Abbey Ward)	Abbey Ward
Wicklow (Castle)	Wicklow (Castle Ward)	Castle Ward
Wicklow (Kilmantin)	Wicklow (Kilmantin Ward)	Kilmantin Ward.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle ;
Seconded by Councillor Denis Condren ;

Resolved—That three copies of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Scheme as modified and approved at this meeting of the Council be Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

A Special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 9th March, 1928.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;
Councillors William Byrne, C M Ua Broin, John J Kennedy. and J J Bourne.

The Secretary submitted, in the form prescribed, the annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Charges and as Separate Charges during the financial year ending the 31st March, 1929, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the sums demanded in respect to that period by the Subsidiary Bodies.

The following Report in this connection was also submitted :—

SECRETARY'S REPORT

RATE ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1929.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit herewith my annual Estimate of the General Rate which in my opinion will be required during the forthcoming financial year to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the monies which must be supplied on demand to the other public bodies depending for their funds upon the County Council. I also submit the Estimate of Separate Charges to be collected during the same financial period.

The items that go to make up the respective services are set out in detail on the accompanying form, and none call for explanatory observations from me.

For the purpose of comparison I subjoin a table showing the total General Rates on land and other hereditaments assessed by the Council in respect of the years 1925/26, 1926/27 and 1927/28 :—

	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
1925/26	5/5½	8/4
1926/27	5/3½	8/2
1927/28	4/6½	7/5½

The following are the figures for General Rate suggested by me for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1929 :—

	s.	d.
A. Roads	...	2 4
B. County Services	...	3 1
C. Poor Relief	...	2 3½
D. Health District Charges	...	0 2½
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After making allowance for the usual Agricultural Grant remission, this will represent a rate of 5/- in the £ on land.

It will be observed that these suggested figures represent an increase in the General Rate for the ensuing year of 5½d in the £ on other

hereditaments. This increase is largely accounted for by increased Demands from the Wicklow County Board of Health under the heading C (Poor Relief) and D (Health District Charges), and it may be added no separate charge rates are included in any of the foregoing figures.

I desire to draw attention to the fact that the separate charge rate of 6d. in the £ on the rateable valuation of the entire County-at Large Urban imposed during the five years ending on the 31st March, 1928, under Section 14 of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, ceases, and this counter-balances the suggested increase of 5½d in the General Charge rate. I am therefore hopeful that the services of the Council can be adequately discharged in the coming year without any appreciable increase in the rate at present in operation for the current financial year, notwithstanding the fact that provision requires to be made for the local elections which take place in June next.

I have again this year to refer to the difficulty of presenting an estimate where the finances are completely dislocated by reason of the fact that the poor rate collections are rarely closed within the financial year to which they relate. I would strongly urge that steps be taken to remedy this state of affairs. In doing so I would point out that from the 8th September, 1927, to the 28th October, 1927, and again from the 22nd November, 1927, to the 27th February, 1928, the more urgent needs of the Council have been met with the assistance of an overdraft on your Treasurer. This necessitates a considerable additional charge on the rates by way of interest which in my opinion is wholly unnecessary.

For several years past the Council postponed the raising of the balances standing in your Ledger against areas formerly controlled by Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils. These balances, representing as they do a very considerable sum, come again before you for consideration in these Estimates, and the question of striking separate charge rates to meet them cannot longer be postponed. It is a misnomer to consider these balances as mere "book balances," as they represent monies paid for services in the areas of former Unions and Rural Districts and never hitherto raised off those areas.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. T. HEALY,
Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

3rd March, 1928,

The terms of the Report, and each figure relating to General Charges on the form (as already printed and circulated to each member of the Council) having received the most careful consideration, and having heard the Secretary's explanation as to the basis upon which each figure appearing in the form was arrived at, the Committee made certain modifications under the following heads, as will be observed by a comparison of the figures in the form already circulated to each Councillor with the figures on the revised form, which accompanies this Report :—

A. ROADS.

County Surveyor's travelling allowance.
Acquiring and Opening Quarries.
Maintenance of Steamrolling Plant.
Hire of Steamrolling Plant.

B. COUNTY SERVICES.

Public Works.
County Medical Officer of Health.
Temporary Clerks for applotting Rates, etc.
Cost of Rate Collection.
Irrecoverable Rates, remissions, etc.
Advertising Pleasure Resorts.
Postage.

F. SEPARATE CHARGES.

Other Expenditure.
Teaching of Irish.
Blessington Tramway Guarantee.
Debit Balances in County Council's Ledgers on abolition of Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils.

A. ROADS. The Secretary in his Estimate set aside the sum of £350 for "County Surveyor's travelling expenses," of which £150 was to cover the period from the 1st July, 1927, to the 31st March, 1928, and the remaining £200 being for the year ending the 31st March, 1929. The Committee having called for and inspected the only account of travelling expenses yet presented by the County Surveyor find that it was for the sum of £42 0s 8d, and that it covered the period from the 1st July, 1927, to the 23rd January, 1928 (excluding the periods 2nd July, 1927, to 14th July, 1927, and from the 27th August, 1927, to the 27th September, 1927, during which time the County Surveyor was on holidays with the leave of the Council). In these circumstances the Committee are of opinion that £100 is ample to provide for his travelling expenses from the 1st July, 1927, to the 31st March, 1928, and that, in view of the fact that it is anticipated there will be a sweeping reduction in the amount of Grants available in the forthcoming financial year, £150 should cover the County Surveyor's travelling expenses during the financial year ended the 31st March, 1929. Accordingly the figure estimated by the Secretary on the form circulated to the members of the County Council has been reduced by the sum of £100 under this heading.

£157 appeared on the form as being necessary in the coming financial year under the heading of "acquiring and opening quarries and rates on same." The Committee are of opinion that ample provision already exist in the County for obtaining stone, and that there should be no further needs for acquiring quarries. Consequently this sum has been reduced by £82.

In the estimate for the financial year 1927/1928 the Council allowed the sum of £500 under the heading of "maintenance of steamrolling plant." This £500 was exceeded by the sum of £586 approximately. Having discussed at great length and carefully considered this matter, the Committee recommend the Council to raise the £586 spent over and above the estimate in 1927/1928, and to allow a further sum of £500 for the service of the year 1928/1929, and accordingly the figure recommended in the modified estimate is now £1086 for this item of service. In the Committee's Report last year on the estimates, they expressed the opinion that the Council's steamrolling plant should be sold, as the practice of hiring has been found to be by far the most economical and satisfactory. The Committee are still of that opinion, and in view of the anticipated reduction in the grants likely to be received in the ensuing financial year, they consider that it is a matter which should receive the earnest consideration of the County Council. Accordingly the Secretary has been instructed to see that this question forms an item on the agenda for the May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated 9th March, 1928, just received from the Clerk of Wicklow Urban District Council, asking the Committee to receive a deputation from the Council with a view to discussing the sums raised over Wicklow Urban District for Main Roads and the amounts expended on Main Roads within the urban area. Having heard Mr C W Hudson, Mr L W Dalby, members of the Urban District Council, and Mr H J McPhail, Clerk of that Council, the Committee regret they were unable to consider the matter in the absence of the County Surveyor. Accordingly they suggested to the Deputation the advisability of appearing before the County Council at the meeting of that body to be held on the 19th March, 1928.

B. COUNTY SERVICES. In the £400 set out on the form under the heading of "Public Works," the Committee understand that £300 is estimated to be the cost of cementing the north gable wall of the Court House, Wicklow. The Committee believe this work should not exceed in cost £200, and accordingly have reduced the before-mentioned £400 to £300.

The Secretary estimated that the sum of £1050 would be required in the forthcoming year to meet the "salary and expenses of the County Medical Officer of Health, who would also be Tuberculosis Officer and Chief Medical Inspector of Schools for the County," and submitted for the Committee's consideration a file of correspondence which had been received in connection with this matter. The Committee are very decidedly of the opinion that in the present depressed conditions existing throughout the entire County these services should not be initiated in the forthcoming financial year, and accordingly the item has been eliminated from the Estimate, as the Committee are satisfied that the ratepayers find it a severe struggle to meet their present financial obligations, and should not be asked until times improve to pay for any new services.

The Committee have reduced by £80 the sum of £260 in the estimate for paying "temporary clerks for applotting rates, writing demand notes and receipts, etc., etc.," the Secretary having intimated that this reduction

might now be properly made in view of the fact that copies of the rate books need not in the forthcoming year be transmitted to the several Garda Síochána barracks in the County.

The Committee have reduced the £2648 estimated as being the cost of "rate collection in the forthcoming year" by the sum of £148, basing their action on the fact that the amount of rates to be collected will be considerably less in the forthcoming year.

For somewhat similar reasons the sum of £3608 in the estimate under the heading of "rates likely to be declared irrecoverable, remissions under the Housing Acts and refunds," has been reduced by the Committee by the sum of £1200.

The proceeds of a $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ rate, i.e. £517, appeared under the heading "Advertising Pleasure Resorts" in the estimate as circulated.

Having heard the views of the Irish Tourist Association from Mr T P McGann, who attended the meeting, the Committee find themselves unable to recommend the Council to give £517 in the forthcoming financial year for this purpose, Councillor J J Kennedy dissenting from this decision. The Committee, however, recommend the Council to give to the Association the sum of £259 in respect of the financial year in question, representing the proceeds of a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £, believing that this sum adequately represents the advantages to the County accruing from expenditure under this heading.

Under the heading "Postage," the Secretary again submitted correspondence which had passed with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in which it was pointed out that the present system of issuing Paying Orders for wages to road men through the several foremen and gangers should be abandoned, and replaced by the system of sending to each man a Paying Order for his wages by letter post. After a prolonged discussion, being satisfied that the first-mentioned system should cease, and that the last-mentioned system was for many reasons desirable, the Committee strongly recommend that the Council authorise the Secretary to put the new system into operation in the County as from the 1st April proximo, notwithstanding the fact that the new system will entail additional expenditure estimated at £110 per annum.

The Committee recommend no change in the figures appearing on the form opposite "Other Expenditure, such as engineer's fees, providing pounds, etc., etc.," but they have authorised a variation in the allocation of the sum for providing pounds, and recommend that the amount of such variation be devoted to payment of arrears of rent on Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings.

The Secretary submitted an application received from County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, requesting the Council to strike the full rate of 2d in the £ for Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the coming year, so that the County Committee of Agriculture might be able to qualify for a supplemental grant for the year 1928/1929. The Committee, Councillor C M Byrne dissenting, find themselves unable to recommend any increase in the sum to be allocated for the above-mentioned purposes, having in mind the economic conditions existing throughout the County, and the fact that two years ago the annual sum allocated to the County Committee of Agriculture was increased from £765 per annum to £1000 per annum.

The following resolution sent forward by the County Committee of the Gaelic League was submitted by the Secretary: "That we place on record our appreciation of the public spirit of the county council in having annually struck a rate for Irish instruction, and we respectfully urge them to continue this beneficial rate, as only by its continuance can the youth of the county receive at home the additional instruction in Irish which will qualify them to compete with other counties." It was proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor J J Bourne, supported by Councillor D H Haskins, and resolved "that the rate for the teaching of Irish be fixed for the year 1928/1929 at $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £, as we consider that the ratepayers of the rural portions of the County are wholly unable to pay a greater rate." Passed by three votes to two. In accordance with the terms of this resolution, the £1032 appearing in the form circulated has been reduced to £517, which represents the proceeds of a $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ rate over the County-at-Large Rural.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence received from the Department of Education regarding the question of again putting into operation a scheme of scholarships from primary to secondary schools. The Committee regret that there are no funds which could be made applicable for this purpose.

F. SEPARATE CHARGES. The Committee find themselves unable to recommend the Council to impose on the ratepayers of the guaranteeing area of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway a separate charge amounting to £4034, as shown in the estimate, representing as it would be a separate charge rate of $\frac{3}{8}$ d in the £, believing that it would be an absolute impossibility for these ratepayers to pay such an impost in addition to their ordinary rates. Accordingly this sum of £4034 has been reduced by the Committee to £1600, so that the Tramway separate charge rate may be $\frac{2}{2}$ d in the £ as in previous years. The Committee, however, desire to point out that whilst a temporary relief is thus given year after year to these ratepayers, it can only have the effect of building up a huge debit balance against them which must eventually be met.

The Committee find themselves compelled to again postpone the raising of the huge sum appearing in the Estimates under the heading "Debit balances in County Council's Ledgers following the abolition of Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils," for they realise that the ratepayers in those local areas are quite unable to face the higher rate which the raising of those balances would entail. The Committee are of opinion that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be approached by the Council for permission to transfer these balances to debit of the County Services Account, for, as the Council are aware, £24000 out of the £30000 loan raised some years ago was largely devoted to expenditure on county services and has been so credited in the Council's ledger. The Committee consider that this suggestion is equitable in view of the existing policy of a universal flat rate for almost all services.

The Committee enclose herewith a revised copy of the Estimate which was already circulated to each Councillor showing the figures modified by the Committee in the manner above referred to, 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, 1929.

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:—

Rate on Other Hereditaments.		
	s.	d.
A. Roads ...	2	3½
B. County Services ...	2	10
C. Poor Relief ...	2	3
D. County Health District	0	2½

The Committee find themselves in the satisfactory position of being able to state that in every area of the County-at-Large Rural the total rate assessed under the headings General Rate and Separate Charge

Rate will be at least 4½d in the £ less than the corresponding total rate assessed in respect of the current financial year. In some areas, where separate charge rates are not recurring in the coming year, the reduction will be considerably higher. There are only two district electoral divisions in the County where the rate assessed for the ensuing financial year will be higher than the rate assessed for the current financial year, viz, Altidore and Newcastle Upper. In Altidore the rate will be 5½d in the £ higher than for the current financial year, and in Newcastle Upper the rate will be 6d in the £ higher than for the current year, the reason for these increases being the award made at the hearing of the Cruise Malicious Injury Claim.

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

12th March 1928.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Kennedy;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be amended so as to give the proceeds of a penny rate to teaching Irish in the County, as last year.

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, F O'Rafferty, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Barry, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and John J Kennedy—16.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins and P J Cullen—9.

The motion was thereupon declared passed by sixteen votes to nine.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be amended so as to give the proceeds of a ½d in the £ rate to the Irish Tourist Association as last year.

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, Felix O'Rafferty, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Barry, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; and John J Kennedy—14.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, George Fisher, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins and P J Cullen—11.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by fourteen votes to eleven.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be amended to the extent that the rate for Agricultural and Technical Instruction in

the County in the year 1928/1929 be raised to 2d in the £, and that the £285 not allocated of the proceeds be devoted to the work of the County Committee of Agriculture.

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, Felix O'Rafferty, James Kavanagh, Joseph Burke, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, J J Barry, C M Byrne, and John J Kennedy—16.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P J Carey, George Fisher, George Heatley, Joseph Metcalfe, William Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; David H Haskins and P J Cullen—9.

The motion was accordingly declared passed by sixteen votes to nine.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2 dealing with the Estimates for the forthcoming financial year, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted, as printed and circulated, the above-mentioned amendments having been first incorporated therein.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and Seal the Estimates (Forms 42 and 43) now submitted to us, as amended, and determine the rates in the £ to be levied in the County by means of the Poor Rate for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1929, as follows:—

GENERAL CHARGES.

	Land	O.H.
	s. d.	s. d.
Construction and Maintenance of Roads	...	2 3½
County Services	...	2 11½
Health District Charges	...	2 3
Poor Relief	...	0 2½
	4 9	7 7½

SEPARATE CHARGES.

	d.
Arklow Harbour	2.14
Wicklow Harbour	3.92
Blessington Tramway	26
Criminal Injuries—former Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	1.805
Criminal Injury—Altidore and Newcastle Upper Electoral Divisions	8.88
Criminal Injury—Arklow Urban District	—
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	.258
Repayment of Guardians' Loans—original Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	.31
Repayment of Guardians' Loans—original Naas No. 2 Rural District	.48
Repayment of Guardians' Loans—former Rathdrum Union Area	.206
Pensions to ex-Rate Collectors—former Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.	.53
Pension to ex-Rate Collector—former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	.586
Pensions to ex-Rate Collectors—former Rathdrum Rural District	.4
Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—former Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	5.81
Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	4.18
Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—former Rathdrum Rural District	6.51
Repayment of Loans—Labourers Acts—former Shillelagh Rural District	9.49
Water Supply—Blessington Dispensary District	.32
Water Supplies—former Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	.99
Delgany Water Supply and Sewerage	6.01
Greystones Sewerage	9.54
Enniskerry Sewerage	2.65
Greystones Lighting and Dumping	7.58
Water Supplies, etc.—Former Rathdrum Rural District	.679
Newcastle Water Supply and Sewerage	4.33
Rathnew Water Supply	.86
Water Supply—Annamoe Dispensary District	.65
Enniskerry Lighting	2.005
Avoca Lighting	.85
Blessington Lighting	.99
Carnew Lighting	1.21
Donard Lighting	1.69
Glenealy Lighting	.33
Newtownmounckennedy Lighting	.38

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Rathdrum Lighting73
Tinahely Lighting	1.37
Rathnew Lighting378

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " William Byrne ;

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 in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, as follows :—

Name of Urban District	Roads	County Services	Poor Relief	Health District Charge	Separate Charges	Total
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Arklow	189 2 8	1025 14 1	615 7 3	1 0 0	193 14 9	2024 18 9
Bray	1048 10 2	3590 18 5	4042 9 0	6 0 0	—	8687 17 7
Wicklow	158 10 8	891 1 10	814 8 0	1 0 0	984 5 8	2849 6 2

Passed.

The Council at this stage proceeded to open and consider tenders which had been received for the repair and maintenance for a period of two years ending 31st March, 1930, of thirteen roads, and for the execution of one work, which had been duly advertised in two papers circulating within the county for two consecutive weeks. The lowest tender in the case of each road or work having been accepted, contracts were entered into, bonds executed by the accepted contractors and their respective sureties, and Form 20 in respect thereto duly submitted and signed by the Chairman.

The Council unanimously decided that the following four roads No. 8, 293, 332 and 369, for which no tender had been received or for which the tenders received were informal, be repaired and maintained otherwise than by contract, and accordingly these four roads were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for one year ending 31st March, 1929, the sums to be expended thereon within that period not to exceed the sums per annum specified for these respective roads in the Council's published advertisement.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

Seconded by " William J Henry ;

Resolved—That the several Contracts which have been entered into and approved at this Special Meeting be now signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Doyle ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That the New Building List prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Rating of New Buildings Orders, 1925, in respect to the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, be hereby approved as submitted, and that the appropriate reduction in rate be allowed for the said financial year in each case as specified on the said List.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

Resolved—That in exercise of the powers vested in us by Section 5 (1 & 2) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, we hereby fix Wednesday, the 27th day of June, 1928, for the holding of the elections of County and Urban District Councillors for County Wicklow, and the Urban Districts therein respectively.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 1st March, 1928, No. R/BU/33, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) notifying the allocation of a grant of £130 for the improvement of Kilcoagh Bog Road, on the condition that the Council contribute not less than £350 towards the proposed work, and that the full amount of the grant and contribution be expended before the 31st March, 1928.

In this connection the County Surveyor submitted the following Report :—

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow. 19th March, 1928. To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. A Grant of £130 has been allocated for the Kilcoagh Road, provided that this Grant and the

local contribution of £350 be expended before the 31st instant. As there was no Meeting of the County Council to formerly accept this Grant—in order to earn as much of this grant before the 31st March, 1928, I started work on the 8th instant. Unfortunately owing to the inclement weather it will not now be possible to spend this money before the date mentioned. I now ask you (1) to ratify my action in starting the work and (2) after the 31st instant to authorise the expenditure on this road of any balance of the local contribution unexpended after this date. Since owing to reasons beyond human control it may not be possible to comply with the requirements of the Grant I think it would be only reasonable to ask that in the event of the Dail re-voting the unexpended balance of the unemployment Grant of £150,000 that the unexpended balance (if any) of this Grant of £130 be still applicable to this work. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

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Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore ;

Resolved—That we accept the Grant of £180 offered by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in his letter dated 1st March, 1928, No. R/BU/33, to carry out the work required on the Kilcoagh Road, and we agree to contribute the sum of £350 out of rates for that work : further we approve and confirm the action of the County Surveyor in starting this work, with a view to having the full sum of £480 expended within the financial year ending 31st March, 1928, as required by the terms of the Ministry's letter.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd February, 1928, No. SGE/201, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), stating that the sum of £4580 had been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the Road Improvement Grant of £200,000, for the improvement of Main Roads and that the grant was to be devoted to tarring unless the Council had already made sufficient provision for tarring, and setting forth the requirements of the Minister as regards the purchase of tar.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2—TAR GRANT £4580.

19th March, 1928. Gentlemen. In allocating the above Grant I beg to report that the tar treatment of the road from the Meetings to Woodenbridge and Arklow is imperative and I suggest that at least £2500 will be necessary for this work. I suggest that the balance of £2080 had best be expended by allotting it in equal parts to 2 groups of roads (and since the actual requirements are far in excess of the money available) expending the money as far as it will go on such lengths of these groups which most urgently call for treatment. The groups are :— 1. Bray, via Windgates to Greystones, Greystones to Delgany, Wicklow to Rathnew ; Ballard to Barndarrig ; Glencaly to Deputy's Pass. 2. Balinglass to Brittas—T.42. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—Approved.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 3.

19th February, 1928. Gentlemen. Owing to damage by excessive haulage the roads Nos. 361 and a part of No. 337 (Humphreystown to Co. Kildare at Athgarvan) have been damaged and it was necessary to obtain

the consent of two Councillors to a probable extra expenditure of £30 on No. 361 and £15 on No. 337. I also report that owing to the use of heavy motor lorry and motor tractor on the road No. 213—Carnew to the Togher, Killaveney—it has been necessary to obtain the consent of two Councillors for an extra expenditure of £15 on Road 213, which was dangerously broken up near Raheenglass and Kirke's, Togher. I wish to point out that the roads No. 213 and 217 are wholly unfit to carry the excessive weights now hauled over them and it is within your power to ask the Ministry for Local Government to limit the weights so hauled over these roads. Unless some such action is taken I do not consider that any ordinary repair work will keep these roads passable. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—County Surveyor to communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 4.

19th March, 1928. Gentlemen. It is a matter of urgency that some definite arrangement be made between County Kildare County Council and Wicklow County Council relating to the roads 386 (Hollywood N. to Poulaphouca) and 385 (Russboro to Blessington and Co. Dublin at Monaspick), on 386 considerable isolated parts of the Co. Kildare alternate with parts of Co. Wicklow and on 385 one isolated part Co. Kildare intrudes at near Burgage and about 196 perches between Blessington and Tinode at Hempstown has the bounds of the Counties in the centre of the road. I suggest that the Co. Kildare take control of the whole of the road Hollywood N. crossroads to Poulaphouca and Co. Wicklow take the whole control of No. 385 and that I be permitted to enter into an Agreement with the Kildare County Surveyor subject to approval of a Committee of the County Council. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—Approved, County Surveyor to make the necessary arrangements.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 5.

19th March, 1928. Gentlemen. I submit an application by Mr Thomas Batey, Greystones, relative to placing petrol pumps at his new Garage at Kilmacanoge and asking leave to remove sod margins on road at the entrance to same. I consider it would be an advantage to have the arrangement carried out as suggested by Mr Batey because it would help to avoid the obstruction caused by motors when obtaining petrol supplied from these pumps. Yours faithfully (signed) S G Gallagher.

ORDER—Approved.

The Council had again under consideration a letter from the Irish Tourist Association, American Chambers, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, stating that in the event of Tourist Road Grants being allocated this year they would like to be in a position to submit in advance suggestions for consideration, and asking for particulars of any districts or roads in County Wicklow requiring attention.

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ORDER—The County Surveyor to supply the required details to the Association, with special reference to the following roads:—Wicklow to Arklow; Shillelagh to Carnew; Blessington to Baltinglass; Bray to Glendalough via Roundwood; Shillelagh to Hacketstown via Tinahely; Rathnew to Bray via Killoole, Greystones and Windgates.

The Council had under consideration a report dated 7th March, 1928, from Superintendent Casserley, Garda Siochana, Bray to the effect

that Joseph Blackburne, 2 Everton Terrace, Terenure, Dublin, was on the night of the 3rd March, 1928, found conducting a cinema show in the Foresters' Hall, Killoole, though the Secretary to the County Council and the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Bray, had not been notified, as prescribed by the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

ORDER—Referred to Law Agent.

A letter dated 19th March, 1928, was submitted by County Surveyor stating that as Bray Courthouse had now been taken over it would be necessary to provide the fittings required to enable the business of the Courts to be carried on.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor David Frame;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct our County Surveyor to supply to the newly reconstructed Court House at Bray all necessary furniture and equipment, and that he make the necessary purchases of same with the greatest possible economy.

Passed.

The Council regretted they were unable to accede to an application dated 15th March, 1928, from W O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, caretaker of Bray Courthouse, to be allowed the use of rooms in the Courthouse as living apartments.

The Secretary submitted the following correspondence with regard to the case of ex-Poor Rate Collector Charles Byrne and his two sureties: (a) a letter dated 3rd March, 1928, from William Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen, stating that as Charles Byrne was aware he resigned all his business eight years ago; (b) letter dated 12th March, 1928, from the Very Rev James Donovan, P.P., Tinahely, asking the Council to forego their claim to have the full outstanding balance lodged by the collectors and his sureties, and to accept the offer of the latter to collect the outstanding rates with the assistance of the Secretary and the Council's Law Agent; and (c) letter dated 14th March, 1928, from Charles Byrne, stating that he and his sureties had found it impossible to raise the money required, but they are willing and anxious to collect all rates possible with the assistance of the Secretary and the Law Agent.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;

Seconded by " P J Carey;

Resolved—That in connection with the poor rates outstanding lodged in the district formerly held by Mr Charles Byrne, we hereby ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to vary the terms of his letter of the 28th January, 1928, to the Council by (a) accepting as irrecoverable the value of the sheriff's decrees, viz, £65 4 3, and not insisting on Mr Byrne and his sureties lodging same; (b) by accepting as irrecoverable the decrees obtained in the District Courts, amounting to £144 14s, and not insisting on Mr Byrne and his sureties lodging same; (c) to sanction the issue of the rate collection books to Mr Byrne and his sureties, with the unissued rate receipts therein value £244 13 5d, and to accept as irrecoverable such portion thereof as the sureties and Mr Byrne, with the assistance of the Council's Law Agent, may find, after using every effort, it impossible to now recover.

Passed.

The Council verbally authorised the Secretary, in the event of the Minister not finding it possible to approve of the proposal contained in the foregoing Resolution, to instruct the Law Agent to set in operation forthwith the leg 1 machinery for the enforcement of the bond against the collector and his sureties.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Acts be hereby granted to the following:—

Joseph Germaine, Main Street, Baltinglass.

James Gorman, Dunlavin.

Joseph Harrington, Dunlavin.

Robin Haskins, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

Passed.

Several Councillors having stated that in some cases the Garda Siochana authorities had hired motor cars for the conveyance of prisoners when railway facilities were available, thereby putting the ratepayers to unnecessary expense, the Council directed the Secretary to protest against this practice on their behalf to the Ministry of Justice.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that at the meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on the 21st day of May, 1928, I will move that the County Council approve of the Board of Health and Public Assistance

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for the County Health District of Wicklow borrowing a sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Pounds for the purpose of building a protection wall at the dumping ground on the North Beach, Greystones."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in Councillor Seamus Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at our May Quarterly Meeting that the Gaol which was handed over to the Wicklow County Council be offered for sale by public advertisement, provided our title to same allows us to so dispose of it."

David Frame

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 21st May, 1928.

The following members attended :—

Councillor David Frame, Chairman ;
Councillors M Fleming, Laurence Moore, W J Doyle, Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Metcalfe, David H Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, J J Bourne, P J Cullen, P J Carey, James Kavanagh, Felix O'Rafferty, Denis Condren, William J Henry, Daniel J Kehoe, George Fisher, John J Metcalfe, John J Barry, John J Kennedy, and C M Ua Broin.

Minutes of previous meetings, as printed and circulated to each member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

BUSINESS.

- 1 To consider Reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2 To sign transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
- 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 consider the question of selling the Council's steamrolling plant.
- 7 To consider a letter dated 15th March, 1928, from E Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy, stating that he is prepared to pay £10 each for the Council's two trailer waggons lying in the Glen of the Downs, if they are put free on rail for him.
- 8 To consider resolutions passed by Bray Urban District Council, asking the County Council to erect signs, etc., at various places in the urban district, and asking for a regulation limiting to ten miles per hour the speed at which motor cars or buses may travel from Sunnybank to Bray Bridge through Castle Street, Main Street, to Town Hall and Quinsboro' Road.
- 9 To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the Council.
- 10 To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act.
- 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 Councillor for me, will move at our May Quarterly Meeting that the jail which was handed over to the Wicklow County Council be offered for sale by public advertisement, provided our title to same allows us to so dispose of it."
- 12 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Joseph Metcalfe :—" I hereby give Notice that at the meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on the 21st day of May, 1928, I will move that the County Council approve of the Board of Health and Public Assistance for the County Health District of Wicklow borrowing a sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Pounds for the purpose of building Protection Wall at the Dumping Ground on North Beach, Greystones."
- 13 To consider final letter dated 28th March, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the poor rate collections left unclosed by ex-collector Charles Byrne.
- 14 To pass a Resolution applying to the Council's Treasurer for overdraft accommodation to the extent of a sum not exceeding £20,000, to be availed of when and in so far as the Secretary shall deem necessary.
- 15 To again consider an application from the Secretary to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company asking the Council to advance about £200 a month to his Joint Committee of Management, instead of waiting as heretofore until the Arbitrators' Certificate had been issued before making payment half-yearly.
- 16 To consider a letter from the Manager of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, requesting the Council to ask the

Ministry of Industry and Commerce for an Order determining the powers of the Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway which has now closed down, and to arrange for the removal of the said Tramway.

17 To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, and to Sign and Seal the Rate Books and Collector's Warrants.

18 To Sign and Seal Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.

19 To approve of the Deputy appointed by Coroner James Murray (East Wicklow Division).

20 To consider a letter dated 12th April, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that in some Counties there is clashing of dates fixed for the holding of public fairs for the sale of live stock, and suggesting steps that might be taken to remove the resulting inconvenience and loss to buyers and sellers.

21 To consider a letter addressed by the Minister for Justice to the Under-Sheriff regarding the use of courthouse buildings for other than court purposes.

22 To consider County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1928.

23 To appoint Sergeant P Mahony, of Roundwood, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Sergeant R McCarragher, transferred, and to appoint Sergeant W Cox, Newtownmounkenney, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Sergeant J Towey, also transferred, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent.

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

25 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

26 To receive Reports from County Officers.

27 To consider Official Correspondence.

28 To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 23rd April, 1928.

The following members attended :

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman ;
Councillors William Byrne and John J Kennedy.

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

	£	s	d
County-at-Large	...	...	...
(Former) Baltinglass No. 1	...	...	...
" Rathdown No. 2	...	...	...
" Rathdrum	...	...	...
" Shillelagh	...	...	...
Repayment of Loans	...	...	...
	11833	13	5
	117	1	3
	38	19	7
	149	1	6
	15	17	8
	1333	6	8

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 :—

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1928.

County Board of Assistance ... £8970 10 0

HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1928.

County Board of Public Health ... £6113 10 0

The Secretary submitted the following report on the condition of the poor rate collections in the County as they stood on the 21st April, 1928 :—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee. Gentlemen. It is unfortunately my duty again this year to direct your attention to the most unsatisfactory condition of the poor rate collections in the county. At the end of the financial year, when the Council should have all its rates in if it is to meet its liabilities, there was practically £27,000 outstanding, and this condition of things is due to the backward state of the collections in districts which have come under your notice before. I subjoin particulars of the amounts outstanding in some of the worst :—

Collector	Outstanding	1927/28 Rate	Percentage of 1927/28
Arrears—Y/E 31/3/27.	Outstanding	Rate	Outstanding
Michael Halpin	£105 19 7	£2132 18 8	68%
Frank Healy	66 2 6	695 15 9	43%
Mrs K Doyle	207 14 2	1515 14 2	24%
John Manley	Nil	2446 2 11	24%
J J Porter	Nil	1745 16 1	30%
P J O'Byrne	98 18 3	974 8 1	15%
D J Kinsella	92 8 0	1189 8 10	25%
John Byrne	211 2 6	1448 18 6	45%

Collector Halpin has failed totally to carry out the conditions of his reinstatement in office on the recommendation of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and judging from the terms of a letter he

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addressed to me in reply to a communication from me, he appears to no longer take seriously the undertaking he made to the Minister before his reinstatement. I await your recommendations before communicating the facts to the Minister. As will be seen, Mr John Byrne's collections are rapidly drifting into a hopeless condition. Mr Frank Healy also has collected little more than half the warrant for the financial year just expired. These two cases in my opinion require your particular attention. I am glad to be in a position to inform you that Collector Mulligan has closed his 1927/1928 collection, and that Collector Michael Roche has closed the 1927/1928 collection also in Nos. 12 and 14 Districts, with the exception of the irrecoverable amounts. The fact that Mr Roche has been able to close in No. 12 District is to my mind conclusive proof that ratepayers can still be induced to facilitate the Council by paying their rates within the financial year, provided the Council have the right type of collector. Yours faithfully (signed) P T HEALY, Secretary to the Council. 21st April, 1928.

The Secretary also submitted the letter dated 28th January, 1928, No. G.5669/1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, which is given in full in the minutes of the Council's meeting on the 13th February, 1928, and in which Collector Halpin's suspension is removed on condition that the 1926/1927 collection be closed not later than the 29th February, 1928, and the 1927/1928 collection closed not later than the 31st May, 1928. The Committee directed the Secretary to draw the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the condition of Collector Halpin's collections. The Committee also instructed the Secretary to inform the other seven collectors referred to in the report that drastic action would be taken if their collections were not closed forthwith.

The Committee had under consideration an application dated 19th April, 1928, from Mr George Fleming, solicitor, Arklow, in which he asked to have arrears of rates due on the lands of Cornagower rated in the name of Mrs Bridget Carroll struck out as irrecoverable. The Committee are not aware of any statutory powers the Council possess under which authority is given to accede to this request.

The Committee considered correspondence from the Law Agent, intimating that in communications received by him from Messrs Townshends, Agents for the Gun-Cunningham Estate, it was suggested that a rent of £30 should be paid for Newtownmountkennedy Courthouse as from the 1st October, 1927. The Law Agent also submitted particulars which had been furnished to him by Messrs Townshends for the purpose of enabling the standard rent to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Increase of Rent Acts. ORDER—The Committee are not aware of any statutory authority under which the Council could pay a greater rent than £10 a year for the use of this building for court purposes, and they suggest that this point receive further consideration from the Law Agent.

A communication dated 4th April, 1928, was submitted from Messrs McMahon and Tweedy, solicitors, who are Agents for the Waller Estate, in which it was asked if the Council is anxious for a letting of the Courthouse in Dunlavin which is now practically complete, and if so, if they will also take over the second part of the building, which would be useful as a store-room and for which the owner would expect an additional

rent of £10. ORDER—Further consideration postponed to the Committee's meeting to be held on the 27th April, 1928, the County Surveyor to be requested to be present at that meeting with a view to ascertaining if the second portion of the building could be made use of by him as a store in the event of the Council deciding to rent it.

The Secretary again submitted a file of documents in connection with the certificates received from the District Justice, calling upon the Council to establish pounds in Roundwood, Greystones and Tinahely. The Committee directed that the County Surveyor be requested to inspect the pound in each of these three places, and to report in detail on its existing condition, the improvements he considers essential, and the probable cost thereof.

A letter dated 14th March, 1928, was received from Mr Patrick Furlong, caretaker of Baltinglass Workhouse Buildings, in which he intimated that Mr Patrick Reilly, of Woodfield, Baltinglass, had offered 15s for about a donkey's load of old bricks from a partition which had fallen in the burnt portion of the workhouse. ORDER—The Committee instruct the Secretary to ask Councillor D J Kehoe to be so good as to inspect the bricks in question, and to report to the Committee at their meeting on the 27th April, 1928, if the offer is reasonable.

A letter was submitted from Mr James Byrne, Coollatin Row, Carnew, in which he claimed additional compensation for damage to his eye alleged to have been sustained whilst he was in the Council's employment. The Committee understand that this man had been medically reported as fit to return to work, and had already given a receipt for a lump sum received by him from the Hibernian Insurance Company by way of compensation in full discharge of his claim, and consequently the Committee marked the communication "Submitted."

An application dated 21st April, 1928, was received from Mr Patrick Smythe, Killiskey, Ashford, to be allowed to hire for a few weeks the Council's stone-crusher, at present lying in Carrigmore. The Committee

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directed that this crusher be hired to Mr Smythe at the rate of £1 per day, payable as from the morning after its arrival from Carrigmore quarry, Mr Smythe to be held accountable for all breakages or damages that may occur to the crusher whilst in his possession, and to return the crusher to Carrigmore Quarry in as a good condition as it was in when it was taken over by him.

The following statement of the letting of the lands attached to Shillelagh Workhouse for the period ended 28th February, 1928, was submitted by Mr Edwin Hammond, Auctioneer, Carnew:—

Lot	Description		£	s	d
1	1r. Plot adjg. porter's lodge	J Murphy	0	2	0
2	20p. " left of avenue				
4	1r. " right "	J Dempsey	0	10	0
5	20p. " " "	J Murphy	0	12	0
6	1r. " end of stables	J McMahon	1	0	0
3	1r. " enclosed	J Byrne	0	12	6
7 & 8	5a. 3 fields grazing	T Fleming	26	10	0
			£23	6	6
	Advertising Expenses		0	15	0
			£22	11	6

ORDER—Noted and approved by the Committee.

Abstract and Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of Grangeogorman Mental Hospital for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1927, were submitted.

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

Dated 24th April, 1928.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " P J Carey;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren;

Seconded by Councillor W J Doyle;

Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the the Transfers to the County Wicklow 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.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 27th April, 1928.

The following members were present.

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors John J Kennedy and William Byrne.

Councillor Daniel J Kehoe having as requested by the Committee inspected the bricks which had fallen from the partition in the ruins of the Board Room of Baltinglass Workhouse, and reported in his letter of the 24th April, 1927, that they were not worth more than 15s., the Committee instructed the Secretary to dispose of these bricks at the price offered by Mr Patrick Reilly, Woodfield, Baltinglass, viz., 15s.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated 26th April, 1928, which he had received from Councillor William J Henry, Burgage, Blessington, and with which was enclosed a letter received by Councillor Henry from Mr John Benson, Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride, via Dublin, complaining that Mr James Ryan, road ganger, was absent from duty without leave frequently, and was by means of intimidation preventing Mr Benson's men from working with him. ORDER—The County Surveyor to personally investigate and report on the charges made.

The Committee discussed with the County Surveyor the question of to what use he could apply, for the purpose of storing tools, etc., the second portion of the reconstructed building in Dunlavin formerly used as a Courthouse, and which Messrs McMahon and Tweedy, solicitors, 13 Hume Street, Dublin, had offered on behalf on the Waller Estate to let to the Council for an additional rent of £10, over and above the ordinary letting of the first portion of the building to the Council for use as a Courthouse. The County Surveyor having intimated that the portion of the building referred to would be very useful if it could be rented at a reasonable figure, the Committee decided to recommend the Council to offer £5 for the use of the second portion of the building as a store-room, this being as much as it was considered it would be worth to the Council.

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

2nd May, 1928.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

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 Spring Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 11th May, 1928.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors John J Kennedy and William Byrne.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£3610 5 5

The Committee had under consideration the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable, and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, recommend same for the Council's approval as follows:—

Year	District No.	Name of Collector	Struck out	Carried forward
1926/1927	6	Mrs K Doyle	£67 16 6	
do.	16	P J O'Byrne	17 0 6	
1927/1928	4	William Burke	6 8 2	
do.	8	P Mulligan	7 5 8	
do.	12	Michael Roche	1 0 6	£59 11 3
do.	13/15	W J Quinn	21 17 4	6 15 11
do.	14	Michael Roche	9 8 8	

The Committee noted the contents of the following letter received from Collector Michael Halpin regarding the closing of his 1926/1927 collection:—"Kiltegan. 1st May, 1928. Mr Healy. Dear Sir. I am now enclosing bank receipt for £58 4 9 to close my 1926/1927 collection. I lodged £12 19 0 on the 13th ulto and had the books checked. The irrecoverables amount to £34 15 10. The above three amounts when added together make up a total of £105 19 7, which is the amount outstanding on the above collection. I will forward you the remainder of the irrecoverable receipts when I get the irrecoverable sheet. Yours faithfully (signed) Michael Halpin."

A communication dated 5th May, 1928, was submitted from Messrs McMahon and Tweedy, solicitors, 13 Hume Street, Dublin, with regard to the letting to the Council of Dunlavin Courthouse, which forms part of Mrs Waller's Estate, in which the recently reconstructed building in Dunlavin formerly used as a Courthouse was offered to the Council at a rent of £10 for the portion used as a Courthouse and £6 for the remaining portion of the building, which the County Surveyor had stated could be usefully employed as a storehouse for tools, etc., in connection with the maintenance of roads under the Scheme of Direct Labour. ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to enter into a letting of the entire building on these terms, and they directed that a draft Agreement be asked for and submitted to the Council's Law Agent for his approval.

The following letter was submitted from Mr Patrick Furlong, caretaker of Baltinglass Workhouse buildings:—"Baltinglass. 7-5-1928. To P T Healy, Esq, Secretary, Wicklow County Council. Dear Sir. I beg to submit the following reports (i) that your Council make an order to dispose of the meadow on the Workhouse grounds; (ii) there is an old stable in the workhouse grounds in a bad state, if the walls give way the timber and slates will be left valueless. I would respectfully suggest that you get an order to dispose of the roof of this old building, as well as of three doors which have (come) off their hinges. Yours very respectfully, (signed) Patrick Furlong." The Committee instructed the Secretary to direct Mr Furlong to invite tenders (i) for the meadow (ii) for the roof of the old stable and (iii) for the three doors.

The Committee had under consideration correspondence received from the Registrar of Grangegorman Mental Hospital, regarding the contribution for the maintenance of Miss Agnes F Farrington in the hospital which might reasonably be expected from her father, Mr Patrick Farrington, of Newtown, Hollywood, including a letter in that connection addressed to the hospital authorities on behalf of Mr Farrington by Messrs Brown and McCann, solicitors, Naas. ORDER—The Committee are of opinion that Mr Farrington should be called upon to pay not less than 10s per week during the entire time his daughter remains in the hospital.

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

12th May, 1928.

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

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 3, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.
Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments on the County-at-Large, amounting to £11,833 13s 5d (any modification 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 " Daniel J Kehoe;

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 £117 1s 3d (any modification 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 " Joseph Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable to the area of the former 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.

(former) RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;
Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the area of the former Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £149 1s 6d (any modification 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 " W J Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment chargeable to the area of the former Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £15 17s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " Denis Condren;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to 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 John J Barry;
Seconded by " Laurence Moore;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for additional Payments amounting to £3610 5s 5d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;
Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe;

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

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

18th May, 1928. To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. 1. An application has been received from Mr Larkin, Railway Hotel, Greystones, for permission to erect a verandah in front of his premises. This verandah would be on what was formerly the front area of the premises, and I have no objection to it.

2. An application has also been made by Mr H J Evans, Contractor, Greystones, for permission to erect a porch in the front garden of Brighton Lodge, Greystones. I do not see any objection to same.

3. Mr Brady, Ballinalea, Ashford, has asked permission to build a shed in the front area of his house at Ballinalea. I do not see that there is any serious objection to be raised to the erection of this shed, which will come up to the edge of the boundary wall between the road and his premises.

4. I regret that it has been necessary to obtain orders to carry out repairs under Sudden Damages on the following roads:—No. 52, Ballinaslaught Hill, Newtownmountkennedy; No. 70, Killiskey, Ballyduff; No. 113, Deputy's Pass; No. 122, Ballyhad Gullet; No. 181, Ballymurtagh; No. 147, Whaley Abbey; No. 220, Shillelagh-Carnew; No. 242, Shillelagh-Tullow; No. 213, Raheenlass.

5. I understand an application has been made to ease the corner on the road leading to Ballyconnell, at the Junction with the road from Oake's Cross Roads. The probable cost of this would be £60, provided the land was given free.

6. A complaint has been received regarding the necessity of cutting a drain across the road at Knocknaskeagh to receive and carry away the surplus water which lies on the cut away bog and land of Mr W Moran. The probable cost would be about £25.

7. As instructed, I investigated a complaint made about the charge hand Ryan, to the effect that he intimidated men employed by Mr Benson, a contractor who is supplying broken stone on the Blessington Road. The men

alleged to have been intimidated deny that Ryan in any way intimidated them. The men involved furnished a written statement to the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Foley, in which they state the reason why they left their employment with Mr. Benson. Ryan, the charge hand, absented himself from his work, on the 16th, 17th and 18th ultimo without obtaining leave to do so. Should such occur again he will be summarily dismissed.

8. St. Valerie Bridge. Owing to the presence of the Dublin Corporation Supply Main on the north face of the bridge it was considered advisable to carry out alterations on the south side and various plans were prepared but owing to the heavy walls and other work required it was found that the cost would be considerably in excess of the contemplated expenditure and out of proportion to the results to be achieved. I am now in negotiation with the City of Dublin engineers to have the supply pipe altered and am preparing plans to extend the bridge on the north side and which will give a better result, from a traffic point of view, for the expenditure.

9. An application was made relative to a right angled bend on the road from Kilpedder to Kilquade. To ease this corner and make up road would cost about £60 provided land was given free. Yours faithfully (signed) S G. Gallagher, County Surveyor.

ORDERS—Paragraph 1—Permission granted, subject to work being carried out to satisfaction of County Surveyor. Paragraph 2—Same Order. Paragraph 3—Same Order. Paragraph 4—County Surveyor's actions confirmed. Paragraph 5—Regret work not provided for in Estimate. Paragraph 6—Work to be done. Paragraph 7—Left in hands of County Surveyor. Paragraph 8—Work to be done forthwith. Paragraph 9—Regret not provided for in Estimate.

The County Surveyor submitted two applications dated 7th and 16th January, 1928, from John Keogh, Manor-Kilbride, and Michael Meade Goldenhill, Manor-Kilbride, respectively, for compensation for damage to their clothing whilst employed at tarring, and reported that at the time it was found impossible to provide these men with dungarees. ORDER—The sum of £3 to be paid to each man.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT No. 2.

21st May, 1928. To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen. The plant which I consider should be sold are:—1 Robey Roller, 2 Granulators, 2 Traction Engines. We have also 3 Marshall Rollers in good condition which unless constant work is obtainable should be sold. At present one engine is engaged on work in West Wicklow, and one is engaged in East Wicklow—with as far as we can estimate about 4 months' work in view. One is in South Wicklow and as far as can be estimated will be doing little or no work unless Grants materialise. Yours faithfully, (signed) S G Gallagher.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That, having satisfied ourselves by experience, which experience has been confirmed by our County Surveyor, that hiring plant for road maintenance is very considerably cheaper than maintaining the Council's own plant, we hereby decide to sell the following items of plant, which in the opinion of the County Surveyor cannot be expected to be working full-time in future, and we direct our County Surveyor to draft and issue advertisements inviting tenders to be laid before the next Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee for their acceptance or otherwise, as they may in the circumstances decide:—1 Robey Roller, 2 Granulators, 2 Traction Engines, and 3 Marshall Rollers.

Passed on a show of hands by sixteen votes to seven.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 15th March, 1928, from E. Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy, offering to pay £10 each for the Council's two trailer waggons at present lying in the Glen of the Downs, provided they were put free on rail for him addressed to Enniscorthy, as it would not be convenient for him to take delivery where they stood. The County Surveyor submitted an offer which had been sent to him to bring the waggons to Bray railway station and load them for the sum of £4.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That Mr Edward Kavanagh, of St. John's, Enniscorthy, having offered £20 for the two trailer waggons at present in the Glen of the Downs (£10 each) on condition that they are put free on rail addressed to him, we hereby instruct our County Surveyor to take immediate steps to have these two trailer waggons placed free on rail at the minimum of cost and forwarded to Mr Kavanagh.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 2nd May, 1928, from the Clerk to Bray Urban District Council, enclosing copies of the following resolutions passed by that Council:—1. "That the Wicklow County Council be requested to have the following signs, etc., erected on the Main Roads within the Urban District, as recommended by Superintendent Casserley, and pursuant to Section 10 (2) of Motor Car Act, 1903, viz: (i) 'Danger' sign at corner of Quinsboro' and Adelaide Roads, and at corner of Meath and Adelaide Roads; (ii) White line to be painted at junction of Main Street and Quinsboro' Road, and at junction of Strand and Putland Roads, and Dublin-Bray and Upper Dargle Roads; (iii) 'Drive slowly' sign on grass plot at Sunnybank (junction of Dublin and Upper Dargle Roads)." 2. "That we, the Bray Urban District Council, hereby request the Wicklow County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government, under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, to make a regulation limiting the speed at which Motor Cars or Buses may travel from Sunnybank to Bray Bridge through Castle Street, Main Street, to Town Hall and Quinsboro' Road, to ten miles per hour."

As regards the first resolution it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Joseph Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That, in compliance with the request of Bray Urban District Council contained in their resolution passed on the 2nd May, 1928, we hereby instruct our County Surveyor to have the two signs and the white line put in position at the points indicated for the guidance of motorists.

Passed.

The Council postponed consideration of the second resolution until they should have heard further from the Urban District Council whether that body saw their way to accepting the suggestion that a resolution be passed by them asking the Garda Síochána to take special measures, in exercise of the legal powers already vested in them, to prevent the dangerous speeds presently practised by a large number of motorists over the stretches of streets indicated in the Urban District Council's resolution.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC.

14th February, 1928, from Laurence Murphy, Esq., Togher House, Roundwood, asking the Council to receive a deputation regarding horse haulage on steamrolled roads. No deputation was in attendance.

8th March, 1928, resolution from Arklow Urban District Council asking to have the main roads in that urban district steamrolled. ORDER—To be considered when the question of tourist grants comes before the Council.

Memorial from local ratepayers, complaining of an alleged dangerous corner at Ballyconnell Cross. ORDER—The Council regret no funds are provided in the Estimate.

15th March, 1928, from the Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Avoca, urging the steamrolling of Avoca street. Same Order.

Correspondence from the Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, complaining of the dust nuisance and strongly urging the tarring of the Trafalgar and other roads in Greystones. ORDER—County Surveyor reports Trafalgar Road is already tarred, all the works in this district which it has been found possible to do out of funds provided in the Estimate have been done.

Memorial from local residents, complaining of the condition of the Boghall Road, Bray. ORDER—The Council regret no monies are provided in the Estimate for carrying out the works suggested.

Memorial from local ratepayers, asking the Council to maintain the road from Clash to Ballard, Rathdrum. ORDER—The Council recommend that the persons interested approach a local Councillor in October next with a view to have this work included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

14th May, 1928, from Irish Tourist Association, resolution asking the Minister for Local Government to allocate further Tourist Grants this year, and that preference in the distribution be shown to authorities which have struck a rate for tourist purposes. ORDER—Referred to Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that he be informed that this Council support the above resolution.

16th May, 1928, from ratepayers in Killegar, Enniskerry, complaining of heavy lorry traffic on a local road, whereby ordinary horse traffic is seriously impeded. ORDER—Referred to Law Agent to take immediately such action as he deems advisable in the interests of the Council.

18th May, 1928, from W. Q. Fitzgerald, Esq., Glenowen, Delgany, complaining of the alleged flooding of his premises by surface water from the public road. ORDER—The Council are advised that they are not responsible.

May, 1928, from C. and S. Hunter, Newrath Bridge Hotel, Rathnew, directing the Council's attention to the dangerous corner on the road beside the Hotel. ORDER—The Council regret that no funds are provided in the Estimate for the removal of this corner.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Cullen;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Henry;

Resolved—That the Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

A letter dated 12th April, 1928, having been submitted from the Law Agent, intimating that the Council could dispose of Wicklow Gaol under the provisions of the Disused Public Buildings (Ireland) Act, 1808, it was, in accordance with Notice of Motion,

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe; and

Resolved—That the jail which was handed over to Wicklow County Council be offered for sale by public advertisement, provided our title to same allows us to so dispose of it, subject to conditions of sale to be prepared by our Law Agent, sealed tenders to be submitted following the published advertisements.

Passed.

The Secretary having submitted copy of a notice dated 22nd March, 1928, which he had forwarded to each member of the Council in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, it was in accordance with Notice of Motion,

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.; and

Resolved—That the County Council approve of the Board of Health and Public Assistance for the County Health District of Wicklow borrowing a sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Pounds for the purpose of building a protection wall at the dumping ground on the North Beach, Greystones, on the strict condition that the entire cost thereof be borne by the ratepayers of the area affected.

Passed.

21st May, 1928

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—Department of Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin, 28th March 1928. G.18482/1928. A Chara. With reference to your letter of the 21st instant concerning the outstanding arrears of Collector C. Byrne, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has already assisted the Council so far as possible in this matter and they must act on their own responsibility in such steps as they may decide to take to close the transaction. In this Department's letter of the 8th August last it was intimated that the requirements of the Public Bodies Order might be waived in this case. Mise, le meas, (signed) M. de Lasaigh, a/s Runaidhe

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor D. H. Haskins;

Resolved—That, after due consideration of the terms of the communications received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we hereby instruct our Law Agent, Mr J H McCarroll, solicitor, to again set in operation without any further delay such legal proceedings as he may deem necessary to protect the interests of this Council and its members, and to enforce the terms of ex-poor rate collector Charles Byrne's bond, with a view to recovering from Mr Byrne and his two personal sureties the full amount of poor rate now outstanding in respect to the collections for which Mr Charles Byrne is responsible

Passed

The Council complied with the request of several members that the Law Agent be instructed to stay legal proceedings until the Finance Committee meeting on the 8th June, 1928, with a view to giving the collector and his sureties a final opportunity of amicably settling the matter.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor C M Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby apply to our Treasurer for an overdraft not exceeding at any time £20,000, on the usual terms, viz., $\frac{1}{2}\%$ under Irish Banks' Rate, rising and falling therewith, that our Secretary be hereby empowered to avail of this overdraft accommodation at such times as he may deem necessary in the Council's interests, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to accord his sanction to the said overdraft

Passed

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Terenure, Co. Dublin, 3rd February, 1928. Dear Sir, As it appears that under the third paragraph of the Dublin & Blessington Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1927, and in section 41 of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Co. Order 1887, "the Grand Jury shall from time to time present in advance or otherwise such sums as the Committee so appointed may estimate or report to be necessary for the purposes for which the Committee has been appointed" would you kindly bring this matter before your Council with the object of suggesting that this section be acted upon, as funds are necessary to avoid any Bank overdraft. The amount which it is estimated would be required is £200 a month from each County and the amounts so advanced would of course be adjusted when the Arbitrators give their award each half year. Yours faithfully, (signed) H O Tisdall, Secretary.

ORDER—Referred to our Law Agent with a view to his ascertaining what statutory powers the Council possess to comply with this request.

The Secretary submitted the following letter :—Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Committee of Management, Terenure, Co. Dublin, 5th April, 1928. Dear Sir, I am directed by the Committee of Management of this Undertaking to ask you to bring to the notice of your Council at next meeting the fact that the Blessington & Poulaphuca Steam Tramway has discontinued working for a period of more than three months and

under section 37 of that Company's Order 1889 (copy of which I enclose) my Committee suggest that your Council would take action and ask the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to make an Order determining that Company's powers, and that further your Council should as provided for under the section before mentioned arrange for the removal of the Tramway or portion thereof and the recoupment of the cost of removal by sale or disposal of such material, when my Committee would be prepared to consider purchase. In this connection I have to point out that by your Council taking action as above the ratepayers of the baronial guaranteeing areas of your County might benefit through my Committee being able to procure rails, etc., at a reasonable cost and same are needed urgently for the repair and upkeep of this Undertaking. Yours faithfully, (signed) George Gibson, Manager.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That, as requested by the Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, who have brought to this Council's notice the fact that the Blessington and Poulaphuca Steam Tramway has discontinued working for a period of more than three months we hereby ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to make an Order determining that Company's powers, so that the afore-mentioned Commit-

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tee of Management may on our behalf arrange for the removal of the disused Tramway or portion thereof, and for the recoupment of the cost of removal by sale or otherwise.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by Councillor David H Haskins;

Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books, and that the Poor Rate Books and Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor W J Doyle;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £2024 18s 9d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor W J Henry;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Bray, for the amount of £8687 17s 7d determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, be now Signed by the Chairman, and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P J Carey;

Seconded by Councillor George Fisher;

Resolved—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £2849 6s 2d determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1929, be now Signed

by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted (i) letter dated 30th May, 1928, from James Murray, Esq., 56 Ferrybank, Arklow, Coroner for East Wicklow, stating that he had appointed Dr. P J Hamilton, of Arklow, as Deputy Coroner, in accordance with sub-sections 1 and 2 of section 1 of the Coroners Act, 1892, as applied to Ireland by the Coroners (Ireland) Act, 1908; (ii) letter dated 27th April, 1928, from the Department of Justice to Mr James Murray, stating that subject to his having complied with the provisions of the Acts in question the Minister has no objection to the appointment; (iii) letter dated 1st May, 1928, from David Frame, Esq., Chairman, Wicklow County Council, approving of the appointment; and (iv) letter dated 8th May, 1928, from the Council's Law Agent, stating that the appointment would appear to be in order, and that the functions of a Deputy Coroner are to act for a Coroner during his absence for any lawful or reasonable cause.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren;

Seconded by Councillor Felix O'Rafferty;

Resolved—That provided our doing so does not involve any additional expenditure by this Council, we hereby consent to and approve of the action of Mr James Murray, 56 Ferrybank, Arklow, Coroner for East Wicklow, in appointing as his deputy Dr P J Hamilton, of Arklow

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 12th April, 1928, No. S. 61617/1928, stating that in some counties there is clashing of dates fixed for the holding of public fairs for the sale of live stock and suggesting steps that might be taken by Co. Committees of Agriculture or Urban District Councils to remove the resulting inconvenience and loss to buyers and sellers.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted copy of a circular dated 28th March, 1928, which had been addressed by the Minister for Justice to under-Sheriffs, setting forth the procedure which should be followed when it was proposed to allow courthouse buildings to be used for other than court purposes, and stating that applications for such use should invariably be refused if made on behalf of, or for the benefit of a political party, or if the rooms used by the Court and its officers or for the storage of Court Records are not physically separated from the part of the building mentioned in the application, or if the Circuit Court is due to sit in the Courthouse on the same day or within two days following.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 19th May, 1928, from the Clerk, Urban District Council, Wicklow, stating that the urban council passed a resolution asking the Minister to give his sanction to the reduction of the number of members of the urban council from twenty-one to fifteen and enclosing copy of a letter addressed by the Department of Local Government and Public Health to him, dated 3rd May, 1928, stating that the matter of the proposed reduction was one for consideration by Wicklow County Council, under the provisions of Article 26 in the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898.

ORDER—The Council regret they are unable to consider this application until a prima facie case for the proposed reduction has been put forward by the urban council in regular order.

The County Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1928, was submitted as follows:—

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow during the Quarter ending the 31st March, 1927.

2 new milks Arklow, Guard McEvaddy, genuine; 5 margarines, U. D. C. Bray, genuine; 1 butter, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 1 dripping, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 8 new milks, Bray, Guard Staunton, genuine; 4 new milks, Wicklow, Guard Bergin, 1 genuine, 3 not genuine; 4 butters, Arklow, Guard McEvaddy, genuine; 2 margarines, Rathdrum, Sergeant Cartwright, genuine; 1 lard, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, do, do, genuine; 1 new milk, Carnew, Sergeant Houlihan, genuine; 1 whiskey, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, Baltinglass, Sergeant Ryan, genuine; 1 new milk do, do, genuine; 2 rice, do, do, genuine; 2 new milks, Greystones, Sergeant Hunt, genuine; 1 margarine, do, do, genuine; 1 cornflour, do, do, genuine; 1 butter, do, do, genuine; 1 tea, Roundwood, Sergeant McCarragher, genuine; 1 sugar, do, do, genuine; 3 drugs, Dunlavin, genuine; 3 do, Powerscourt, genuine; 3 do, Rathdrum, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 4 do, Dunganstown, 3 genuine, 1 not genuine; 3 do, Wicklow, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 2 do, Ashford, genuine; 3 do, Baltinglass, genuine; 3 do, Bray No. 1, genuine; 3 do, Avoca, genuine; 3 do, Blessington, genuine; 3 do, Rathdrum, genuine; 1 do, Dunlavin, genuine; 5 do, Wicklow Board of Health, genuine; 3 Bray No. 1, 2 genuine, 1 not genuine; 2 do, County Hospital, genuine; 2 do, Arklow, genuine.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 48, Drugs 46, Total—94. Number adulterated—New Milks, 3; Drugs, 4. Date 5-4-1928.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN,
Public Analyst.

ORDER—Submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming;
Seconded by " Laurence Moore;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in this County contained in his letter of the 30th April, 1928, we hereby appoint Sergeant P. Mahony, 4350, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, in room of Sergeant R. McCarragher, Roundwood, who has been transferred from the County.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kehoe;

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in this County contained in his letter of the 2nd May, 1928, we hereby appoint Sergeant W. Cox, 477, Newtownmountkennedy, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, in room of Sergeant J. Towey, Newtownmountkennedy, who has been transferred from the County.

Passed.

No applications were received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

It was reported to the Council that the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital had now acquiesced in the proposal of Louth County Council to separate that County from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital district, and that it was not contemplated that the Minister would refuse to sanction the proposed separation. The Council discussed the matter at considerable length, but, having in view the fact that if Louth County Council did not accede it would become necessary to expend

large sums in providing additional housing accommodation at Grangegorman, decided to make no order.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, condemn in the strongest manner possible the atrocities being practised against members of the Catholic Church in Mexico by the Government of that country, and we call upon our Oireachtas and executive Government to forthwith find a means of ventilating this inhuman form of government in Mexico, and of having the horrible practice there put an end to.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D., and accepted by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that at the Annual Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on the 11th July, 1928, I will move that the Council approve of the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of Four Hundred Pounds for the purpose of completing the erection of the Convent for the Sisters in charge of the County Home, Rathdrum."

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by " David H. Haskins;

Resolved—That we have heard with regret that our Chairman, Mr. David Frame, does not intend to go forward for membership of this Council at the forthcoming elections, and we take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of the impartial and efficient manner in which he has always conducted the business of this Council during the past three years, and also of the services he rendered to this Council on the many deputations of which he was a member during his period of office as Chairman.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
PUBLIC HEALTH.

20th February, 1928, No. R/RS/33, concurring with the Council's proposal to recognize Mr. Joseph Boyd as a whole-time Assistant Surveyor.

24th February, 1928, fixing the maximum charges to be made by County Councils against Road Fund Grants in respect of the hire of their steamrolling plant to works of road improvement carried out under these grants.

27th February, 1928, No. R/RG/33, declining to receive deputations on the question of obtaining grants for the improvement of the main roads running through Blessington and Baltinglass and from Wicklow through Barn-darrig to Arklow, on the grounds that the Minister is already aware of the circumstances, and stating that the Wicklow-Arklow road will be borne in mind when a limited number of tourist grants become available for allocation.

28th February, 1928, No. G.11757/1928, sanctioning the proposal that for the ensuing financial year the salary of the County Librarian be increased to £255 per annum and that of his Assistant to £84 per annum respectively.

28th February, 1928, No. 12845, enclosing copies of the Notice of Rates Order, 1928.

3rd March, 1928, No. RM/201, reminding County Councils that where stones are piled in a slovenly manner on roadsides so as to be an obstruction to traffic they may become liable for damages if accidents occur.

6th March, 1928, No. G.14172/1928, noting that poor rates amounting to £38,000 were outstanding on that date, and stating that collectors should be called upon to speed up their collections.

24th March, 1928, No. G.55591/1927, stating that the Minister proposes

to issue an Order in the near future applying the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, to the office of Accountant, including the position of Treasurer, other than a banking company.

12th April, 1928, No. G.22287/1928, stating that the Council should warn all collectors that payment of poundage fees will not be recommended for sanction unless they fully account for their warrants by the 15th May, 1928, at latest.

16th April, 1928, notifying the Council that the sum of £1043 15s 7d has been deducted from their share of Estate Duty Grant in respect of arrears of land purchase annuities.

8th May, 1928, No. R/SGE/33, approving of the Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the expenditure of main road improvement of £4580 out of the Road Improvement Grant of £200,000.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE.

County Mayo (Control of Dogs) Order of 1928.

17th February, 1928, telegram notifying confirmation of outbreak of foot and mouth disease on premises about one mile north-east of Wexford town, and the issue of Orders prohibiting the movement of animals into or out of county Wexford and the holding of markets, fairs or public sales of ruminants and swine in the Counties of Waterford, Kilkenny, Carlow and Wicklow.

Order No. 59, applying to the administrative County of Wexford, including all urban and rural districts therein, the provisions of Part I of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915.

Order No. 60, prohibiting the holding of markets, fairs and public sales of cattle, sheep, goats and swine in the Counties of Wicklow, Carlow, Kilkenny and Waterford.

Foot and Mouth Disease (Wexford Local Restrictions) Order of 1928.

Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Place) Order.

Foot and Mouth Disease (Exhibitions) Order of 1928.

24th February, 1928, telegram revoking as from 11 o'clock that night the Department's Order prohibiting fairs, etc., in Counties Wicklow, Carlow, Kilkenny and Waterford, and also their Order forbidding animals from these Counties to be sent to shows.

Order No. 64, revoking the two Orders mentioned in the foregoing.

Foot and Mouth Disease (County Wexford) Order, 1928.

Dublin Swine Fever Order of 1928.

7th February, 1928, from the Local Appointments Commission 33 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, enclosing forms to be used by the Council when making a statutory request to the Commissioners to recommend a suitable person to them for appointment to a position.

13th April, 1928, No. 235/203, from the Department of Justice, stating that after careful inquiry the Minister has been unable to find any instances of unnecessary expense in connection with the conveyance of prisoners by hired motor cars.

19th April, 1928, No. 5607/28 Wk., from the National Health Insurance Commission, Custom House, Dublin, stating that the Minister for Finance has sanctioned an expenditure by County Wicklow Insurance Committee in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis during the year 1928, not exceeding £1534, involving an estimated deficiency of £800 to be met as provided in Section 17 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1911.

List of defaulting land purchase annuitants in County Wicklow, as on 1st December, 1927.

From the Central Midwives Board, Saorstát Éireann, supplemental roll of midwives, containing the names of those enrolled from 1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT, J. H. MCCARROLL, ESQ., SOLICITOR, CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

Referring to a breach of the Cinematograph Act, 1909, at Kilcoole, and stating that the Superintendent of the Civic Guards agrees with him that in view of the unimportance of the matter it would be just as well if the County Council did not institute legal proceedings.

6th February, 1928, from the Royal Institute of Public Health (City of Dublin Local Committee), stating that their next Congress would be held in the City of Dublin from the 15th to the 20th August, 1928, and inviting the Council to appoint delegates.

21st May, 1928

9th February, 1928, from the Clerk Bray Urban District Council, stating that his Council had approved of a recommendation of the General Purposes Committee that the Surveyor be not authorised to enter into a contract for the maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban District in future.

4th April, 1928, from same, stating that his Council had rescinded the aforementioned resolution.

17th February, 1928, from the Branch Manager, Commercial Union Assurance Company, Ltd., 37 College Street, Dublin, enclosing cover note whereby Tinahely Courthouse was held insured to the extent of £5000 during certain nights on which concerts, etc., were being held therein.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 2nd March, 1928.

15th March, 1928, from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., 48-49 Dame Street, Dublin, stating that apparently they would require to pay over the full amount misappropriated by ex poor rate collector Garret Byrne, and to obtain the sanction of the Minister for Local Government for the amount of poundage, jurors and franchise fees due to the collector to be paid over to them.

15th March, 1928, from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Comely Park House, Dunfermline, offering the sum of £200 to be expended exclusively on books suitable for adult readers, on the condition that the rate be not reduced below the five-pennies of a penny struck last year.

Minutes of the Meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee, held on the 30th March, 1928, including the County Librarian's annual report.

14th April, 1928, from A Cullen, Esq., State Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, stating that it would be necessary to have a witness from the Council's Offices present in Court in connection with proceedings to be taken against Edward McDonald, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum, for obtaining unemployment benefit by false pretences whilst working for the County Council.

Minutes of the meeting of County Wicklow Central Library Committee held on the 4th May, 1928.

19th May, 1928, from Patrick Kinsella, caretaker, Baltinglass Courthouse, reporting that a tap and washers have been taken off the force pump in the Courthouse yard. ORDER—County Surveyor to have work done.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

From Cork County Council, stating that the question of the importation of meat and meat produce from countries where foot and mouth disease is endemic should be seriously considered by the Department of Agriculture.

From Cavan County Council, requesting their representatives in the Dail to oppose the Drainage Bill unless the Government grant is increased to 50%, on the grounds that small schemes would cost relatively more to carry out than larger schemes.

From Waterford County Council, stating that all mechanically-propelled vehicles owned by County Councils and used in connection with road maintenance should be exempt from duty.

From Kilkenny County Board of Health, strongly protesting against the Bill providing for the appointment of county officials by the Government.

C. W. Byrne
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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 Wednesday, the 11th July, 1928.

The official Form No. 2—Notice of Result of the Election of County Councillors held on Wednesday, the 27th June, 1928, having been submitted, the following Councillors, who were present, signed in the presence of the Secretary their Declarations of Acceptance of Office:—

Councillors Jacob J Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely; Denis Condren, 81 Lower Main Street, Arklow; Patrick Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely; Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh; James Kavanagh, Kilballyowen, Ballinglen; George Kearon, Seabank, Arklow; James McCrea, Carnew; Thomas Weadick, 4 Harbour Road, Arklow; William Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington; Daniel J Kehoe, Weavers' Square, Baltinglass; John J Metcalfe, Ballylionbawn, Donard; Major Christopher C Mitchell, Ballynure, Grangecon; Laurence Moore, Blessington; Peter P O'Reilly, Ballyknockan, Blessington; Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bray; Joseph Byrne, Kilbride House, Bray; John Dunne, 10 Dargan Street, Bray; David Frame, Corke Abbey, Bray; George Heatley, 42 Dublin Road, Bray; Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bray; John W Ryan, 79 Main Street, Bray; John Joseph Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum; Christopher M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glencaly; William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew; James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow; David H Haskins, "The Cedars" Dunganstown, Wicklow; Joseph Jacob, Rathnew, Wicklow; Timothy Mulcahy, Ballinakill, 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 Central Library Committee.
- 8 To appoint a County Committee of Agriculture.
- 9 To appoint fifteen representatives on County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.
- 10 To appoint four representatives on Grangegorman Mental Hospital Joint Committee of Management.
- 11 To appoint three representatives from the Council on the Irish County Councils' General Council.
- 12 To appoint two representatives on the Council of Agriculture.
- 13 To appoint an Insurance Committee for the County of Wicklow.
- 14 To elect two representatives on Arklow Harbour Board and six on Wicklow Harbour Board.
- 15 To elect eight representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
- 16 To pass a resolution constituting the members of the County Council for the time being as the County Old Age Pension Committee.
- 17 To appoint the several Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees in the County.
- 18 To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the County.
- 19 To fix dates for the ensuing year for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council and the Proposals Committee.
- 20 To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I hereby give notice that at the Annual Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on the 11th day of July, 1928, I will move that the Council approve of the borrowing by the Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of Four Hundred Pounds for the purpose of completing the erection of the convent for the Sisters in charge of the County Home, Rathdrum."
- 21 To consider a letter dated 1st June, 1928, from the Hibernian Insurance Company, 48 Dame Street, Dublin, impressing upon the Council the necessity of taking strong measures to compel the different poor rate collectors to carry out their duties in a more satisfactory manner, failing which they state they would be reluctantly compelled to withdraw their bond of indemnity to the Council.

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22 To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health concerning the payment of poundage fees to Collector Michael Halpin.

23 To again consider correspondence from the Secretary of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Joint Committee, regarding that Committee's request to the Council to advance them about £200 a month, instead of waiting as heretofore until the arbitrators' Certificate had been issued before making payment half-yearly.

24 To appoint Sergeant Patrick Canney, Shillelagh, as Inspector under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, in accordance with the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in the County.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor David Frame.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming

That Councillor David Frame be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor be appointed.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor John W Ryan;

Resolved—That Councillor C M Byrne be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor be appointed.

A poll having been called for, it was found that the members present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT:—Councillors Denis Condren, Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, Thomas Weadick, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, Peter P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, John W Ryan, Joseph Metcalfe, John J Barry, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, and Timothy Mulcahy—18.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, Major C Mitchell, George Heatley, William Byrne, David H Haskins—8.

Councillors David Frame and C M Byrne declined to vote.

The amendment was accordingly declared passed by eighteen votes to eight, and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

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

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby place on record our appreciation of the great services so efficiently rendered to this Council by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor David Frame, during the past three years.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That Councillor Edward Byrne be elected Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor be appointed.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted a circular letter dated 3rd July, 1928, No. F.47554/1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, explaining the rules set out in the second schedule to the Local Government Act, 1925, according to which members of the Board of Health are to be elected.

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne;

Seconded by Councillor Thomas Weadick;

That Councillor D Condren (Arklow County Electoral Area); P P O'Reilly (Baltinglass County Electoral Area); Joseph Metcalfe (Bray County Electoral Area); and James Everett, T.D. (Wicklow County Electoral Area) be elected as representatives for their respective areas on the County Wicklow Board of Health.

This motion was withdrawn with the Council's consent.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry;

Seconded by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

That the following represent the County Electoral Areas on the County Board of Health:—Councillor Joseph Byrne (Bray Area); Councillor C M Byrne (Wicklow Area); Councillor Patrick Doyle (Arklow Area); and Councillor John J Metcalfe (Baltinglass Area).

This motion was also withdrawn with the consent of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " J W Ryan;

Resolved—That Councillors Patrick Doyle (representing Arklow County Electoral Area); John J Metcalfe (representing Baltinglass County

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Electoral Area); George Heatley (representing Bray County Electoral Area), and James Everett, T.D. (representing Wicklow County Electoral Area) be chosen and elected on the County Wicklow Board of Health as representing their respective County Electoral Areas.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That the following five members form a group:—Councillors T Mulcahy, D H Haskins, D Frame, William Byrne and George Heatley, and that they select Councillor J J Bourne to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the following five members form a group:—Councillors J J Bourne, James Kavanagh, George Kearon, Major Mitchell, and Michael Fleming—and that they select Councillor William Henry to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J W Ryan;

Seconded by " John Barry;

Resolved—That the following five members form a group:—Councillors William Henry, Denis Condren, John J Barry, J W Ryan and James McCrea—and that they select Councillor Denis Condren to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick;

Seconded by " John Dunne;

Resolved—That the following five members form a group:—Councillors Joseph Metcalfe, Thomas Weadick, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne and P P O'Reilly—and that they select Councillor Joseph Metcalfe to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by " Laurence Moore;

Resolved—That the following five members form a group:—Councillors Patrick Doyle, John Dunne, Laurence Moore, Joseph Jacob, and D J Kehoe, and that they select Councillor P P O'Reilly to represent them on the County Wicklow Board of Health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by " John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we, Councillors John J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, and C M Byrne, who have not already voted, nominate Councillor C M Byrne on the County Wicklow Board of Health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Timothy Mulcahy;

Seconded by " 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:—

James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.

J J Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely.

Joseph Jacob, Rathnew, Wicklow.

William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.

D H Haskins, "The Cedars," Dunganstown, Wicklow.

William J Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington.

Timothy Mulcahy, Ballinakill, Rathdrum.

Major Christopher C Mitchell, Ballynure, Grangecon.

David Frame, Corke Abbey, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint the following to form the Central Library Committee for County Wicklow:—

James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.

J J Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely.

Denis Condren, 81 Lower Main Street, Arklow.

David H Haskins, "The Cedars," Dunganstown, Wicklow.

William Byrne, Rathnew, Wicklow.

C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

John J Metcalfe, Ballylion Lower, Donard, Dunlavin.

Joseph Jacob, Rathnew, Wicklow.

John J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Very Rev Michael Canon Hoey, P.P., V.F., Wicklow.

Rev Canon A D Moore, Nunscross, Ashford.

Very Rev Charles Lawless, P.P., Greystones.

John J Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

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

Timothy Mulcahy, Ballinakill, Rathdrum.

William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.

C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

Joseph Byrne, Kilbride House, Bray.

J J Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely.

James Kavanagh, Kilballyowen, Aghrim.

John J Metcalfe, Ballylion Lower, Donard, Dunlavin.

William J Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington.

Patrick Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely.

John J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

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Major Christopher C Mitchell, Ballynure, Grangecon.

Peter P O'Reilly, Ballyknockan, Blessington.

James McCrea, Carnew.

John J Kennedy, Main Street, Wicklow.

R Connell, Blainroe, Wicklow.

Laurence Murphy, Togher House, Roundwood.

S J Delahunt, Ballygonnell, Wicklow.

P J Cullen, Bonabrocka, Wicklow.

Patrick Byrne, Rahaval, Redcross, Wicklow.

Wallace Hammond, Paulbeg, Shillelagh.

Samuel Meredith, Ballyberrig, Kilbride, Wicklow.

John R Hudson, Kilquade House, Delgany.

John Evans, Charlesland, Delgany.

Patrick Carr, Ashtown, Wicklow.

William Mooney, Hillbrook, Tinahely.

J J Kavanagh, Ballinamanoge, Tinahely;

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 William Byrne;

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

C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.

John J Metcalfe, Ballylion Lower, Donard, Dunlavin.

John J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.

P P O'Reilly, Ballyknockan, Blessington.

Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

W J Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington.

Denis Condren, 81 Lower Main Street, Arklow.

James McCrea, Carnew.

Thomas Weadick, 4 Harbour Road, Arklow.

Timothy Mulcahy, Ballinakill, Rathdrum.

Joseph Jacob, Rathnew, Wicklow.

Rev Canon A D Moore, Nunscross, Ashford.

Rev James Carthy, C.C., Annacurra, Aghrim.

Rev Eugene Doyle, C.C., Donard, Dunlavin;

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 John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

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

J W Ryan, 79 Main Street, Bray.

George Heatley, 42 Dublin Road, Bray.

Joseph Byrne, Kilbride House, Bray.

Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bray.

John Dunne, 10 Dargan Street, Bray.

Very Rev J J Kennedy, P.P., Enniskerry.

Rev John Murnane, C.C., Greystones.

Rev J H Alcock, Enniskerry.

Rev D J Lucey, C.C., Kilmanoge, Bray;

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 H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That the following represent the Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Grangecon Mental Hospital:—

C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.

John W Ryan, 79 Main Street, Bray.

David Frame, Corke Abbey, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent the Wicklow County Council on the Irish County Councils' General Council:—

John J Metcalfe, Ballylion Lower, Donard, Dunlavin.

David Frame, Corke Abbey, Bray.

C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.

Passed.

The Council appointed no representatives on the Council of Agriculture, it having been stated that that Council did not now exist.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " David Frame

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

Edward Byrne, 9 Florence Villas, Bray.

James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.

John J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.

George Heatley, 42 Dublin Road, Bray.

Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bray.

John W Ryan, 79 Main Street, Bray.

James McCrea, Carnew.

William J Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington.

Mrs K Doyle, Wentworth Place, Wicklow.

Miss Annie Frame, Corke Abbey, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Kearon;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That this Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by