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The Summer Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, 25th August, 1930.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors James McCrea, John J Barry, Laurence Moore, Joseph Jacob, E Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; T Weadick, Patrick Doyle, P P O'Keilly, D H Haskins, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, J Kavanagh, John J Metcalfe, W J Henry, M Fleming, John W Ryan, John Dunne, W Byrne, D J Kehoe.

A letter regretting his inability to be present was read from Councillor David Frame.

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 consider County Surveyor's Report.
- 8 To consider application from Messrs. M. J. Doyle & Sons, Baltinglass, for permission to erect additional petrol pumps.
- 9 To consider a memorial from local residents, asking to have the footpath at Baltinglass bridge concreted.
- 10 To consider an application from Leslie Good, Esq., Secretary, Greystones and District Development Society, for the painting by the Council of white lines at dangerous corners in Greystones.
- 11 To consider a letter from the Secretary of Greystones Golf Club, asking the Council on behalf of the Club to take over certain roads in Greystones.
- 12 To consider a resolution passed by Bray Trades' Council and Labour Party calling on the County Council to put the pathways in the Bray area in proper repair.
- 13 To consider a letter from Harold J Wyley, Brookville, Dargle Road, Bray, complaining of the flooding of his premises by road surface water from time to time.
- 14 To consider the County Surveyor's Special Report on the charges of corruption made against Overseer Rogers, Donard, by six workmen in that area.
- 15 To consider communication from the Rev. Samuel Synge, the Glebe, Annamoe, suggesting that the thistles on the roadside between Annamoe Bridge and Laragh should be immediately cut so as to save adjoining farms from flying seeds.
- 16 To consider a letter from Dr Kathleen Lynn, 9 Belgrave Road,

Rathmines, Dublin, complaining of the condition of the road between Barravore Ford, Glenmalur, and Mr Whelan's Cottage.

17 To consider County Surveyor's Special Report following his investigation of the complaint from Mr John Curran, Athdown, Hollywood, that he had been dismissed from his employment on road maintenance.

18 To consider communication from Messrs. Fullerton and Doyle 32, Nassau St., Dublin, alleging that the Council has damaged certain property at the Town Hall, Baltinglass, of their client, Mr Andrew Doyle, and requesting that the property be restored forthwith to the condition it was in before it was interfered with otherwise legal proceedings will be instituted.

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

20 To again consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that a loan of £10,000 be raised over a term of twenty years for the purpose of putting certain Trunk and Link roads into a proper condition, and also with a view to making an effort, however small, to alleviate the present dreadful hardships existing in the several areas consequent upon unemployment."

21 To consider a letter dated 30th May, 1930, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to the filling of the vacant position of Solicitor to the Council.

22 To make arrangements for the appointment of a permanent clerk in room of Mr Michael Fox, transferred to Louth County Council.

23 To approve of arrangements made by the County Board of Health for the provision of a substitute for the County Medical Officer of Health whilst on holiday.

24 To consider the Law Agent's application for authority to obtain Counsel's opinion on the question of dividing the cost of the construction and upkeep of road over-bridges suitable for modern traffic, between the Railway Company and the Council, and also the question of maintaining certain portions of the roadways around the Reservoirs at Roundwood which the Corporation of Dublin considers should be maintained by the County Council.

25 To consider the Law Agent's Report and other communications on the question of establishing and maintaining Pounds in the County.

26 To consider communication from the Secretary County Wicklow Board of Health, conveying a Report from Dr W G Lyons, M.O.H., Baltinglass, in which it is stated that the Pound at the rear of the Courthouse, Baltinglass, was in an insanitary state and should be cleaned out immediately, and further intimating that the Board do not consider that this is a suitable place for the purpose.

27 To receive communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health notifying the making of a grant not exceeding £400 to be devoted to laying a trail length of road surface in a Street at Arklow.

28 To make arrangements for the supply of such printed forms as may be requisitioned from time to time by County Coroners.

29 To consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government

and Public Health on the question of reimbursement of County Councillors travelling expenses.

30 To receive and consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health following the reception of the Deputation sent forward to him on the subject of withheld poundage to three rate collectors.

31 To consider a resolution passed by County Wicklow Central Library Committee, again asking the Council to approve certain recommendations made by them regarding the administration of the local libraries in the North of the County, and asking for powers to appoint and dismiss all paid officers of the Committee other than the County Librarian and the Clerical Assistant.

32 To consider the advisability of reconstituting the County Library Committee with a view to giving the Urban Councils of Arklow and Wicklow representation thereon.

33 To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to raise a Loan of £2,000 to be expended on the Carnew-Shillagh Road, subject to the Minister giving an equal sum to be expended on that Road.

34 To consider correspondence regarding the proposed lease for the site of the new Technical Schools at Bray.

35 To consider the County Surveyor's Report following his examination of the Petition under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, presented to the Council by certain Ratepayers in Goldenfort, Rumpere, and Saunderson's Grove.

36 To consider communication from E J H Hopkins, Solicitor, Main St., Wicklow, in which he asks the County Council to join with certain farmers residing in Ballinamona, Ballinapark and Dunganstown, in the cost of cleaning up the river adjoining their Townlands, under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

37 To consider an application from Patrick Walsh, Chapel View Aughrim, for a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of a movable Cinema.

38 To consider a report of a Select Committee appointed by the County Committee of Agriculture for the purpose of drafting a suitable Sheep Dipping Scheme for the County.

39 To consider a resolution passed by the County Committee of Agriculture, asking the Council to empower their Veterinary Inspectors to visit fairs throughout the County with a view to detecting cases of Sheep Scab.

40 To consider correspondence from County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow, asking the Council to restore the rate contribution to that Committee to the 1928/1929 figure, and to grant the Committee a ten-year loan of £300 for the purpose of providing extra accommodation and equipment.

41 To consider an application from Messrs. Thomas Doyle and Sons, Baltinglass, auctioneers, for permission to hold Irish Land Commission sales in Baltinglass Courthouse.

42 To consider the County Analyst's Report for the quarter ending 30th June, 1930.

43 To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector at Blessington in room of Sergeant Olwill, transferred.

44 To consider applications received for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

45 To fill three vacancies on Balinglass No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, caused by the disqualification of Mrs Clarke, Balinglass, and Mr James Quinn, Valleymount, and the death of the Very Rev T O'Neill, P.P.

46 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

47 To receive Reports from County Officers.

48 To consider Official Correspondence.

49 To consider General Correspondence.

The 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.

Your Finance Committee met on Friday, 6th June, 1930, at 11 o'clock, a.m., when the following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob and William Byrne.

The Committee had under consideration the application received from Superintendent T F Casserly, Garda Síochána, Bray, for legal assistance in prosecuting in two cases of alleged infringement of the Food and Drugs Acts in Bray by Nellie Phelan and Frank Bethel.

Inasmuch as the Food and Drugs Inspectors are ex officio officials of the County Council for the purpose of administering the Food and Drugs Acts, the Committee directed that the Superintendent be given the services of the Council's Law Agent for the two cases in question.

(Signed) DAVID H HASKINS,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 9th day of June, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

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.

Your Finance Committee met on Friday, 4th July, 1930, at 11 a.m., when the following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors W J Henry, J Everett, T.D.; William Byrne, Joseph Jacob, and C M Byrne.

The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to the fact that Mr Michael Fox, the shorthand-writer typist in their Offices, had been released by the County Council as from the 14th July, 1930, to take up duty on promotion to the position of Accountant in the Louth County Council Offices, and that the County Council at the meeting of that body held on the 24th June, 1930, had requested and authorised the Finance Committee to take such steps as they might deem advisable to provide by a wholly temporary appointment for the shorthand-typing and clerical help required by the County Secretary. The Secretary reported that he was aware that there would be two applicants for the temporary position and he understood that there was a likelihood of a third. In these circumstances as the appointment would be of a temporary character and of short duration, the Secretary was instructed that there was no necessity of incurring the cost of an advertisement inviting applications, inasmuch as the permanent appointment would be one which must be filled by the County Council following an advertisement and an examination of the candidates.

The Secretary was further instructed to apply a test in shorthand writing and typing to any candidate for the temporary position who might be sent to him by a member, and to report the result of such test to the next meeting of the Committee at which the temporary appointment would be made.

(Signed) DAVID H HASKINS,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1930.

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.

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 3 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, 11th July, 1930, when the following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors W J Henry, J Everett, T.D.; T Mulcahy, Joseph Jacob, William Byrne, and Edward Byrne.

The Committee proceeded to give effect to the terms of the following resolution, passed by the County Council at the Annual Meeting of that body, held 24th June, 1930.

Resolved—That we request and authorise the Finance Committee to take such steps as they deem advisable to provide by a wholly temporary appointment for the shorthand, typing and clerical help required by the County Secretary consequent upon Mr Fox being promoted to the position of County Accountant to the Louth County Council (which this Council has released him as from the 14th July, 1930, prox), subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained.

The Secretary reported that only two candidates had made application for the temporary position of shorthand-writer typist, namely:—

Alphonsus O'Connor, Springmount, Summerhill, Wicklow and

Miss May Cahalane, Rathdrum,

and read the applications, which in the case of Mr O'Connor were accompanied by (1) Certificate indicating that he was entitled to wear the

Fainne (King); 2 Certificate from the Acting Principal and Secretary, Technical Schools, Wicklow, to the effect that he has attended shorthand and type-writing classes in these Schools during the three years prior to the 14th May, 1929, and had attained the speed of 100 words per minute in shorthand and 35 words per minute in type-writing and (3) Certificate from the Royal Society of Arts to the effect that in the examinations held by that body in May, 1928, he had passed the Commercial examinations Intermediate Stage; and which in the case of Miss Cahalane was accompanied by a Certificate issued by the Pitman Institute that she had passed an examination for speed in shorthand at the rate of ninety words per minute.

The Secretary further reported that in accordance with the instructions given by the Committee at their previous meeting, he had tested each of the candidates as to their ability to take in short-hand dictation at the rate of 75 words per minute and correctly transcribe same on the type writer. He submitted to the Committee the actual shorthand note and typewritten transcript of each candidate.

Having given due consideration to the terms of the applications, to the certificates which accompanied same, and more especially to the work of each candidate as a result of the Secretary's test, the Committee unanimously appointed Mr Alphonsus O'Connor, of Springmount, Summerhill, Wicklow, in a wholly temporary capacity of shorthand-writer-typist in the Secretary's Office at a wage of thirty shillings per week, and request the County Council to take such steps as they deem advisable to have the position permanently filled following an examination.

(Signed) DAVID H. HASKINS,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 14th day of July, 1930.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 4.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, 1st August, 1930.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors C M Byrne, William Byrne, David Frame, Joseph Jacob, J Everett, T.D.; and W J Henry.

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:—

Proposals Committee ... £10,081 : 7 : 4

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfer on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

County Board of Public Assistance ... £10,440 : 10 : 0

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand from the County Board of Health, recommend the County Council to make the following transfer on foot of same:—

HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1930

County Board of Public Health ... £7,104 : 0 : 0

A letter dated 20th June, 1930, No. 25366 was submitted from the Gas, Weights and Measures Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce, 33, Upper Merrion St., Dublin C. 17., claiming payment of the sum of £20 being fees payable to that Department in respect of quinquennial reverification required by the Weights & Measures Acts, 1878-1928 and the regulations made thereunder to the County Weights & Measures Standards and Sub-Standards, and also claiming payment of the sum of £1 5s in respect of actual time required by an expert in making certain necessary adjustments to these Standards.

The letter further stated that certain of the Standards had to be rejected and the tenders for their replacement will be obtained and submitted to the County Council in due course.

The Committee directed that the amounts claimed be paid.

A communication dated the 14th June, 1930, was received from Messrs. Townshend, 15, Molesworth St., Dublin C. 2, acting for the Cunningham Estate, pointing out that the outlay and rates on the premises rented by the Council as a Courthouse in Newtown-Mt-Kennedy, exceeded the rent received from the Council, and asking to be informed what the Council are prepared to do in the matter.

The Committee regret that under the Statutory Authority provided in that connection they are debarred from increasing the rent at present being paid annually for the use of this Courthouse.

The Committee had under consideration the following letter:—

P J Byrne & Co., Solicitors,
13 Dublin St., Carlow.

Wednesday, 4th June, 1930

P. J. BYRNE, SOLICITOR, CARLOW, DECD.,

Dear Sir,—We enclose the miscellaneous Bill of costs due by your Council (as successors to the Balinglass No. 1 Rural District Council) to the above deceased, also Requisition to tax same, which please have completed by the Council at their next meeting and return to us to enable us to lodge the Bill for taxation. Yours faithfully, P. J. Byrne & Co.

The Secretary intimated that the amount of this Bill of Costs claimed to be due to Miss Mary Frances Byrne, Executrix of P J Byrne, Solicitor, deceased, is £378 2 1 of which £103 13 7 appeared to be monies paid by the late Mr Byrne on behalf of the Rural District Council, Balinglass No. 1, and the balance of £274 : 8 : 6 represented professional fees, and further stated that the "Appointed Day" for the abolition of Rural District Councils fixed by the Local Government Act, 1925, was the 1st day of October, 1925, and consequently he was at a loss to understand why this Bill of Costs was not presented to the County Council for payment within a reasonable period of time after that day.

The Committee directed that the letter from Messrs P J Byrne

& Co., and the accompanying Bill of Costs be referred to the Council's Law Agents, so that a detailed report thereon might be available for consideration at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Committee.

The Secretary reported that the two Remington Typewriters at present in use in the Council's Offices, after giving effective service for a large number of years, were not now working satisfactorily and required to be replaced by new ones.

The condition of one of these typewriters at the moment is such that only £2 5s would be allowed for it when purchasing a new one at a cost of £18 10s and only £2 15s would be allowed on the other one when purchasing a new one to replace it at a cost of £20.

The committee regret that the Council is not in a financial position at the present to supply new ones.

A letter dated 3rd April, 1930, was submitted by the County Surveyor from Mr James Toole, Ballywaltrim, Bray, in which it was claimed that the County Council is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the wall at the corner of Ballywaltrim lane and Killarney Rd., near his house. The County Surveyor reported that this wall supports the land of Mr Toole's garden, which is higher than the road, and which wall is not essential to the maintenance of the road but is claimed by Mr Toole to have been built at some period out of public money. If Mr Toole's claim were allowed it would follow that similar rulings would apply to all cases in the County where the road happened to be below the level of the adjoining lands.

The Committee understand that local Councillors consider that Mr Toole himself should build the wall and, therefore, it is recommended that the Council inform Mr Toole that there is no statutory obligation on the Council to rebuild or maintain the wall in question.

The following recommendations were submitted by the County Surveyor:—

(1) It has been suggested that the Courthouse, Wicklow, should be thoroughly redecorated. As this will involve considerable expense (probably £600) it would be advisable for you to decide whether or not you will incur such cost. In the event of your so deciding the necessary specification will be prepared and you can deal with the matter at your next meeting.

(2) The chair used by the Chairman in the Council Chamber is broken and it will be necessary to provide a new one. The cost of a suitable chair will be about £13 : 0 : 0.

The Committee regret they must refuse, for financial reasons, to entertain the recommendation in paragraph (1) of the County Surveyor's communication, but they recommend that the County Surveyor take the inside of the Courthouse buildings in sections and annually have such section or sections as the funds placed at his disposal will allow, papered, painted and decorated, in such a manner as he deems proper. The Committee recommend the County Council to authorise the County Surveyor to provide a new chairman's chair for the Council Chamber at a cost not exceeding £13.

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

G.49429/30. Oll Mamtain, 26th July, 1930. A Chara, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to previous correspondence regarding the reduction of poundage fees in the cases of Collectors J J Jacob, D J Kinsella and J Byrne in respect of their collections for the year 1929/1930, and I am to state that the representations made by the Councillors who recently attended at these offices have since been carefully considered.

The Minister feels obliged to point out that the hitherto backward condition of the rate collection in the county has formed the subject of many previous remonstrances and the collectors have been frequently warned that disciplinary action would follow failure to complete their warrants by the prescribed time. He feels that to condone entirely the default of these collectors would prejudice the future and that unless supplied with adequate written guarantees by the collectors that they would for the future undertake to comply fully with the prescribed conditions he would not be justified in conceding poundage at the full rate sought.

In an endeavour to meet the wishes of the Council however the Minister agrees to leave to their discretion within the limit of 7d. the actual poundage to be paid to these collectors for the warrants in question subject to the written guarantees mentioned being first furnished to the Council by each collector and on the express understanding that any future failure on the part of a collector or will be met by the Council themselves imposing a suitable deduction of poundage and taking such other disciplinary action as may be warranted.

The conditions requisite to earn full poundage for the current collection should be brought to the notice of each.

The Committee direct that the contents of this communication be circulated to each collector after the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, and that the withheld poundages be paid.

The Law Agent reported as follows, in connection with the legal proceedings instituted by the Council through their Poor Rate Collector Frank Healy, for rates due on certain Mountain ratings in that Collector's (No. 6) District:—

Rate Appeals.

Church Street, Wicklow,
26th July, 1930,

Dear Sir,—We attended at Naas Circuit Court on Monday last, the 21st inst., in connection with the hearing of the above Appeals.

As you are aware, at the previous Circuit Court the judge had decided against us in two cases and had adjourned the other cases.

As a result of a consultation with Counsel we withdrew appeals in all cases save Anthony Dowling, Daniel Lyons, Myles Balfe and James Flood.

However, prior to the hearing on Monday last the Collector informed us that these parties had paid the amounts for which they were rated save the ratings for grazing rights described as "Mountain" by the Valuation Office. Accordingly as the Judge had already decided that the parties were not liable for grazing right described as "Mountain" the four above mentioned cases were dismissed with costs. Mr M J Ryan, K.C., states that the Secretary of the County Council was bound to follow the Valuation Office, and that the description of the grazing rights as "Mountain" was the mistake of the Valuation Office and the County Council was not to blame in the matter. We have made arrangements for Mr Ryan, K.C., to have an interview with Mr Gregg, who is a Commissioner of Valuation, to discuss the whole matter with him.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll & Co.

The Committee had under consideration the following application from the Assistant Surveyor, P. J. Foley, B.E.

Tournant House, Dunlavin,
Co. Wicklow,
30th July, 1930.

Gentlemen,—I regret to have to ask you at this time for some allowance for Travelling Expenses, and I hope, on the case set out, you will find your way to allow them to me.

I have been 13 years in service of the Council and in recent years the amount of Road Work has gradually increased, due to the Tar Grants and road improvements generally.

In nearly every County wholtime officers are employed with a travelling allowance.

During the past years the amount of time which I have to devote to Road Work has increased so much that practically all my time is taken with it.

My salary is £205 p.a., £5 of which is supposed to cover postage alone. The actual amount recognised for Travelling by the Income Tax Department is £127 10s, and I may say that when the Department admits that figure, it has been well established to them. I hold of course that it should be greater.

Taking this figure, the net amount which I have is £72 10s or about 30/- per week.

In view of these figures and the fact that most of my time is now taken with Road Work, I am confident that you will deal fairly with my application.

After considerable discussion the Committee suggest that this application be dealt with by Notice of Motion to be handed in at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, on the 25th August, 1930.

The Chairman of the Committee, Councillor D H Haskins, initiated a discussion on the following letter, which was addressed to the Chairman and members, Wicklow County Council, by the Principal and Secretary, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee which letter was asked for and read by the Committee:—

Technical School, Wicklow,
25th June, 1930.

Dear Sirs,—With reference to my letter No. 705/30 of 6th June, forwarding you resolutions passed by the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, I beg to draw your attention to the fact that my Committee further considered this question of raising the necessary £300 towards the £600 required, and owing to the urgency of securing the Department's approval of the Scheme they have decided to ask the Wicklow County Council for a loan of £300 for a term of ten years, and I trust, by so securing the necessary sum they will be able to put up a better case with the Department and secure an early decision therefrom.

The following are copies of the resolutions passed at the Joint meeting held 24th June, to which my Committee ask your early approval.

Proposed by Mr J Kennedy;
Seconded by Mr G Flood;

Resolved—"That in view of the importance of the proposed new classes in the scheme for session 1930/31 and the urgent need of providing extra accommodation and equipment for same, we the members of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee respectfully ask the Wicklow County Council to grant us a loan of £300 repayable in ten years, in order to meet part of the extra cost estimated at £600. By so doing they will enable this Committee to obtain a grant of a similar amount from the Department of Education to meet this necessary and urgent expenditure."

Proposed by Mr W J Henry;
Seconded by Mr G Flood;

Resolved—"That we draw the attention of the Department to our resolution asking the Wicklow County Council to grant us a ten years' loan of £300 for the purposes of meeting part of the expenditure in providing extra accommodation and equipment for the new classes in 1930/31, and in the event of this loan being granted we respectfully ask the Department to make us a special grant of £300 towards the extra expenditure involved, estimated at £600."

Yours faithfully,
HERBERT PAINTING,
Principal and Secretary.

The Committee permitted Mr H Painting, who was present, to address the meeting at considerable length on the merits of his Committee's Proposal. The Committee directed the Secretary to embody this letter in the Committee's Report to the Council, and whilst sympathetically disposed towards the proposal to grant the Technical Instruction Committee the loan of £300, repayable with interest by that body to the Council in ten years, which £300 would be payable out of the Council's overdraft, they regret that they are not in a position to make a recommendation in the matter, because of the fact that a Notice of Motion by a County Councillor at a meeting of the Council is mandatory before a loan of £300 can be made by the County Council to the Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the purposes indicated by the latter body in their communication.

(Signed) DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 4th day of August, 1930.

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

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 4, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 5.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, 15th August, 1930.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors W J Henry, William Byrne and J Everett, T.D.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£231 19s 1d.

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

Dated this 18th day of August, 1930.

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

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 5, be now read and submitted, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

The Secretary reported that after making allowance for the amount claimed as irrecoverable in Collector Frank Healy's Districts, there still remained outstanding, in No. 5 District £58; 12; 2., and in No. 6 District £114; 4; 6., in respect of the Collections for the year 1929/30.

After some discussion and having heard the views of the Councilors present who resided in or near these Districts, it was

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That in view of the condition of the Council's Finances, and as we are satisfied that Collector Frank Healy has made every effort to close his Poor Rate Collections in Districts Nos. 5 and 6 in the face of very adverse circumstances, and as we are to-day informed by local County Councillors residing in his area that if this Collector were given the Collection Books for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1931, it would facilitate him in closing his Collection for the service of the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1930, we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to issue to Collector Frank Healy his Collection Books for the year 1930/31, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been obtained before-hand.

Passed.

On the suggestion of the Secretary, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor D H Haskins;

Resolved—That in view of the state of the Council's Finances, and the fact that two sets of Collection Books for the Financial Year 1930/31 remain in our Offices unissued, we hereby apply for permission to continue our present Overdraft of £10,000 for a further period of three months, ending November 30th., 1930, on the same conditions as previously, and at the usual rate of interest.

Passed.

The Secretary reported that the Council was at the moment operating on Overdraft limited to £10,000, and that the interest payable in respect thereof was a charge on the Ratepayers in the Rural portion of the County, whilst at the same time, the Urban District Councils were not discharging their liabilities, on foot of the County Council's Demand, regularly and punctually, and that up to that date Arklow Urban District Council had not paid the first instalment due on foot of the 1930/31 Demand and that Wicklow Urban District Council had not yet paid the full amount of the fourth instalment of the demand for the year 1929/30, or any portion of the first instalment of the Demand for the year 1930/31.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby authorised and directed to instruct the Council's Law Agent to take such legal proceedings as will enforce the payment by Urban District Councils in the County of such sums outstanding on foot of the County Council's Annual Demands as may not have been lodged to credit of the County Council within the reasonable time of one month of the date on which said Demands shall fall due from time to time, as it is manifestly most unjust to the Ratepayers residing in the Rural portion of the County to be called upon to pay interest on the Council's Overdraft, when, at the same time, large sums are due to the County Council by Ratepayers in Urban Areas.

Passed.

In a communication dated 20th August, 1930, from the Council's Law Agents, Messrs J H McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, Church St., Wicklow, that firm reported that the High Court had made an order giving the County Council liberty to issue execution against ex-Poor Rate Collector Charles Byrne (No. 17 District), and his Sureties, Alfred Hopkins and William Kidd for the sum of £584 12s 8d being the amount now actually due by them to the Council, with interest and costs in addition, and asked when the Fi. Fa. is issued if it is to be lodged with the Sheriff for execution.

It was the general feeling that the Law Agent should be informed that the Council's previous orders in connection with the collection of these outstanding rates were full and complete.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW :—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor John J Barry;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £10,081 7s 4d (Any modifications made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor John J Barry;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for additional payments, amounting to £231 19s 1d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor D H Haskins;

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 FOLLOW :—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposal No. 1. To paint and decorate the Courthouse, Wicklow, both inside and outside at a probable cost of £600.

Proposal No. 2. To provide a chair for the Council Chamber, for the use of the chairman presiding at meetings held therein, at the probable cost of £13.

The Council refused for financial reasons to proceed with Proposal No. 1. but authorised the County Surveyor to purchase new chairman's chair for the Council Chamber at a cost not exceeding £13.

There were no Contracts submitted which would require the Seal of the Council.

An application dated 25th August, 1930, was submitted from Assistant Surveyor J T O'Byrne, B.E., for leave of absence from his duties from 2nd September, 1930, to 1st October, 1930.

ORDER—Granted.

A Petition was presented to the Chairman, extensively signed by the inhabitants and holders of lands in the Townlands of Ballinabarney, Bolagh, Ballindoyle, Mount Lusk, Newbawn, Rockstown, Sroughmore, Tymullen, Ballece, Keeloges and Tyclash, in the Electoral Divisions of Rathdrum, Dunganstown and Cronebane, to have Drainage and Reclaiming work carried out in the Boglands in the above-mentioned districts.

Having heard the views of Mr Michael J O'Connor, Newbawn, Mr John J Burne, Kilmacrea, Mr Samuel Woolminton, Rockstown and Mr Edward FitzHenry, Keeloges, it was

Proposed by Councillor John J Barry;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That the Manuscript Petition for an Arterial Drainage (Minor) Scheme in the Townlands of Ballinabarney, Bolagh, Ballindoyle, Mount Lusk, Newbawn, Rockstown, Sroughmore, Tymullen, Ballece, Keeloges, and Tyclash, be sent by our Secretary to our County Surveyor for Report, the Petitioners to supply the Secretary before-hand with a regular Petition and a marked Map as required by the Act.

Passed.

An application dated 9th June, 1930, was received from Messrs M J Doyle & Sons, Baltinglass, to be allowed to alter the positions of their petrol pumps.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by Councillor William J Henry;

Resolved—That inasmuch as a Shannon Scheme Electric Standard has been placed in such a position in the Main St., Baltinglass, as to hamper motorists making use of the petrol pumps of Messrs M J Doyle & Sons, we hereby consent to the application of that firm to be allowed to alter the positions of two pumps subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor whose approval of the new positions must be secured in writing beforehand.

Passed.

Having considered communications from Mr Thomas Walsh, Bridge House, Tinahely, and Mr James Cullen, Main St., Rathdrum, dated 23rd and 22nd of August, respectively, on the subject matter of the erection of petrol pumps beside their respective premises, it was

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor James McCrea;

Resolved—That permission be hereby granted to Mr Thomas Walsh, Bridge St., Tinahely, and Mr James Cullen, Rathdrum, to erect petrol pumps on the side of the footpath opposite their premises.

Passed.

A Memorial extensively signed by local residents was submitted by Mr John H Harbottle, of Bridge Hotel, Baltinglass, drawing the Council's special attention to the condition of the footpath crossing the Bridge at Baltinglass, which the Memorial alleged in its present condition is impossible as a pedestrian thoroughfare, and asking to have this footpath from Church St. Corner to Mill St. Corner properly concreted.

ORDER—Work to be carried out in concrete immediately.

An application dated 27th June, 1930, was submitted from Major E N Townsend, D.S.O., Secretary, Graystones Golf Club, with which was enclosed a resolution passed by his Club requesting the County Council to take over the Hillside Road to the Electric Light Station, and the Golf Club Road to Ardeen, and have the wall recently built across the exit of the Golf Club Road to Ardeen removed; also applying to the Council to take over and maintain the roads on the Burnaby Estate at present maintained by the owners, and pointing out to the Council that the omission to do so in the past has severely kept back tourist development and the letting out of new building grounds in the district.

ORDER—Notice of Motion required to have these proposals included, in the next Road Works Scheme.

A communication dated 15th July, 1930, was submitted from Mr John Dunne, Secretary, Bray Trades Council and Labour party, 45, Main St., Bray, with which was enclosed a resolution passed by that Council calling upon the County Council to put the pathways in Bray area in proper repair for the public to walk on.

ORDER—This work to be put in hands by the County Surveyor when finances will allow of his doing so.

The Council considered a letter dated 14th July, 1930, from Mr Harold J Wiley, Brookfield, Dargle Road, Bray, in which he complains of the flooding of his premises by road surface water, from time to time, and stating that unless requisite steps were taken to put the matter right he will issue a writ against the Council should it happen again.

The County Surveyor Reported thereon as follows :—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

25th July, 1930.

To/

Wicklow County Council,
RE. Item No.13 on Agenda.

Gentlemen,

The footpath was opened up at Mr Wiley's wall near the place at which he complains of flooding. A very large gullet was discovered here running under the road to West's land opposite.

This gullet was cleared of all mud, etc., it was found that the opening from the gullet into Mr Wiley's lawn was altogether too small in comparison with the larger gullet.

There is a catch pit in the water table at each end of the gullet and pipe delivers from each into the larger gullet. Arrangements have been made to construct proper catchpits in another position and to take the

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water from each further down the road and into a stream at the end of Mr Wiley's lawn. This will ease the flow of water in the large gullet.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

County Surveyor's Special Report.

County Surveyor's Office,

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

25th August, 1930.

To/

Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I have enquired into the charges of corruption, etc., against Ganger Rogers in the Donard area, and I can find no evidence of same.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor for his attention and suitable action, a communication dated 13th August, 1930, received from the Rev. Samuel Synge, Glebe, Annamoe, in which he suggested that the thistles on the roadside between Annamoe Bridge and Laragh should be immediately cut so as to save adjoining farms from flying seeds.

The Council also referred to the County Surveyor for his information, and suitable action, a letter dated 9th August, 1930, received from Dr. Kathleen Lynn, 9 Belgrave Road, Rahmies, in which she complained of the condition of the road between Barravore Ford, Glenmalur and Mr Whelan's Cottage.

The County Surveyor having investigated complaints contained in the letter dated 24th June, 1930, received from Mr John Curran, Rathlatten, Hollywood, reported that Curran was disemployed by Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., for the reason that his services were no longer required for the present.

The County Surveyor also reported that Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., was unable to find any foundation for Curran's statement on the subject matter of unemployment of two men referred to and the allocation of lands.

Communications dated 12th and 20th August, 1930, were submitted from Messrs. Fullerton and Doyle, Solicitors, 32, Nassau St., Dublin, in which it was alleged that the Council has damaged certain property of their client Mr Andrew Doyle, at the Town Hall, Baltinglass, and requesting that the property be restored forthwith to the condition it was in before it was interfered with or otherwise legal proceedings will be instituted.

ORDER—Referred to the Law Agent and County Surveyor for their immediate attention, and suitable action.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James McCrea;

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 Council adjourned to their November Quarterly Meeting the

following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett T.D.,:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that a loan of £10,000 be raised over a term of twenty years for the purpose of putting certain Trunk and Link roads into a proper condition, and also with a view to making an effort, however, small, to alleviate the present dreadful hardships existing in the several areas consequent upon unemployment."

The Council proceeded to consider the question of permanently filling the vacant position of Law Agent to the Council, and had before them in this connection the letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 15th April, 1930, No. G26755/1930, and the 30th May, 1930, No. G40014/1930. The Secretary submitted Form No. 111 for completion pursuant to Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Councillor James Everett T.D.,

Resolved—That the Council ask the the Minister to reconsider his decision, as the late Mr J H McCarroll was paid by salary and the Council are anxious in the interests of economy to ascertain if it would be a more economical system to pay their Solicitor by taxed costs instead of by salary, and for this purpose the new system would require at least twelve months trial.

Passed.

When the Council reached Item No. 22 on the Agenda to make arrangements for the appointment of a permanent clerk in room of Mr Fox, transferred on promotion to the position of Accountant to the Louth County Council, it was found that a number of Councillors interested in this matter had left the meeting. Consequently the consideration of this item was adjourned, and the Secretary was directed to place it on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting of the Council.

The Council considered letters dated 1st July, 1930, No. PH 48511/30 and 7th July, 1930, No. PH49514/1930, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and letters dated 8th July, 1930, and 20th August, 1930, from the County Wicklow Board of Health in connection with provision of a substitute for the County Medical Officer of Health whilst on holiday.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by Councillor William J Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the appointment by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of Dr. Josephine Conway, Salem, Wicklow, as temporary County Medical Officer of Health and County Tuberculosis Officer during the absence of Dr. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health on vacation, for a period of three weeks from the 28th July, 1930, to the 18th August, 1930, at a remuneration of £7 (Seven Pounds) per week, £21 (Twenty-one Pounds) in all, together with vouched travelling expenses to be certified as correct by the Secretary of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance in due course.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor James McCrea;

Resolved—That the Council's Law Agent be empowered to obtain

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Senior Counsel's opinion on the Council's powers and responsibilities regarding the question of dividing the cost of the construction and upkeep of road over-bridges over Railways so as to make same suitable for modern traffic, and also on the question of maintaining certain portions of the roadways around the Reservoirs at Roundwood which the Corporation of Dublin considers should be maintained by the County Council.

Passed.

The following Report on the question of Pounds which had been asked for from the Law Agent Messrs. J H McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, Church St., Wicklow, by the Council, was submitted.

REPORT RE POUNDS.

We have now had an opportunity of going into the question of establishing and maintaining Pounds in the County.

By Section 19 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851, liberty was given to the Justices of each Petty Sessions District whenever there shall be no pound or an insufficient number of Pounds to authorise the establishment of such Pounds as they shall think necessary, and the Grand Jury of the County were authorised to present a sum not exceeding £10 (to be levied off the County) for the erection, part erection, or repair of any Pound, the condition being that the Keeper of the Pound should pay a sum not exceeding £2 as an annual rent. The said Section further provided that it shall be lawful for the Justices to appoint the Keepers of the Pounds in the County.

There does not appear to be any statutory authority for the payment of an annual rent for premises to be used as pounds and accordingly until the authority of the Department of Local Government is obtained we cannot recommend the County Council to proceed with the lettings of the several premises, which we understand are suitable to be used as Pounds.

The Council have power under the Act referred to above to expend a sum not exceeding £10 on the erection, part erection, or repair of a Pound, but once that sum has been expended the County Council cannot authorise the payment of any other sum by way of rent.

As appears by the List attached hereto suitable premises are available at Roundwood, Greystones, Tinahely, Dunlavin, Blessington, Donard, Hollywood, Carnew, Aughrim and Shillelagh, and we recommend the County Council to obtain the Sanction of the Local Government Board of an expenditure of not more than £10 for the erection, part erection, or repair of premises formerly used as Pounds, or new premises to be acquired for use as Pounds, and, in addition, the County Council be empowered to pay an annual rent to the owners of the several premises to be so used as Pounds.

The only other question outstanding is the appointment of Pound Keepers. In our opinion the County Council should have the appointment of Pound keepers and the Local Government Department should be asked to grant the necessary authority to do so.

It will be difficult to find persons to undertake the positions and pay an annual sum as provided for by the said Act and it occurs to us that if the Council pay a nominal salary to the persons so appointed and allow them to retain the fees for stock impounded it should be possible to get suitable persons.

R: Acquisition of Suitable Sites for Pounds in the County.

ROUNDWOOD.

Mr James Kelly, Vartry House, Roundwood, is prepared to let premises in his possession at the annual rent of £8, which includes upkeep.

GREYSTONES.

Mr Edward Archer, Burlington, Greystones, will let premises which are situate near Harbour beside County Road at the annual rent of £7. These premises have already been approved of by the County Surveyor.

Patrick Quinn, of Greystones, whom we were informed had suitable premises, did not reply to our letter asking him to send us particulars.

TINAHELY.

Mr William Byrne, 30, Nash Street, Inchicore, will let premises which we understand have been used as Pound, at the annual sum of £5.

The County Surveyor reported to your Council on the 31st July, 1929, that these premises would require to be put in order.

DUNLAVIN.

Mr James Lalor, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin, will let premises which he states are suitable, at an annual rent of £5.

BLESSINGTON.

The County Surveyor in said Report states the Pound at Blessington is still in existence. He forwarded a letter with the Report which he received from Mr Myles Cullen containing terms of letting.

DONARD.

Mrs E G Goddard, with whom we have communicated in reference to the premises originally used as a Pound, states they have not been used for about 40 years. A tenant of hers has been tilling the plot and he seems to think it belongs to him. She states the place is in very bad repair and would not be worth her while putting it in order.

HOLLYWOOD.

Thomas Tutty, of Hollywood, will let the old Pound at £7 per year. The Agent for the Marquis of Waterford states that when the Hollywood portion of the Estate was sold to the tenants under the 1903 Act the Pound was vested as part of the holding of Thomas Tutty.

CARNEW.

Mr Edwin Hammond is prepared to let premises now used as a Pound at the rent of 10/- a month.

AUGHRIM.

Superintendent Keegan, Garda Siochana, Wicklow, whom we asked for a Report, has written in reply suggesting a small plot in Ardee Road, Aughrim, adjoining Miss Kavanagh's premises and owned by Mr William Fogarty would be suitable. Mr Fogarty not in reply to our letter states the place referred to is suitable, and it is subject to heavy flooding in winter. We also communicated with Lord Meath's Agent (Mr V C LeFanu) and he states he does not know of any suitable enclosed space, but he thinks it probable

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SHILLELAGH.

Tord Meath would let a piece of ground to the Council for the purpose, which the Council could enclose. Superintendent Keegan, Garda Siochana, Wicklow, suggests that the only place available for use as a Pound is one of the gardens attached to the old Shillelagh Union. He states there is one garden at the front which is very convenient and nearby is the dwellinghouse of a man who could be appointed the Keeper.

Dated this 12th day of August, 1930.

J. H. McCARROLL & CO., Solicitors,
4, Church Street, Wicklow.

Law Agent's Supplemental Report Re Pounds.
Village of Roundwood.
4, Church St.,
Wicklow.

21st August, 1930.

Dear Sirs,

There are two sites available for use as Pound in this village.

No. 1.—Yard, property of James Kelly (Publican). This yard is very suitable for use as Pound being surrounded by a high wall and corrugated iron gate. There is a shed and water pump in the yard. Mr Kelly would accept £8 per annum as rent and upkeep of the Pound. This yard is only a few yards from the Garda Station.

No. 2.—Yard, property of Christopher Byrne (Hotel). This yard is also suitable for use as pound. It is well enclosed by a fairly high wall has a shed and water in yard. The gate leading into the yard is a barred one. Mr Byrne would also accept £8 per annum for his trouble. Mr Byrne's premises are about two hundred yards from the Garda Station.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL & Co.,
Solicitors.

A communication dated 5th August, 1930, was submitted from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health which intimated that the Medical Officer of Health for Baltinglass District, Dr. W G Lyons, had reported to his Board that the Pound at the rear of the Courthouse Baltinglass, was in an insanitary state, that it should be cleaned out immediately and its further use for the purpose prohibited unless facilities were given for its proper upkeep, and that his Board had made an Order thereon to the effect that they do not think this yard a suitable place for the purpose.

ORDER—Referred to the County Surveyor for investigation and Report.

After considerable discussion the Law Agents Reports on this question of Pounds were referred to the Council's Quarterly Meeting in November, for consideration.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor for his information and suitable action, a communication dated 9th August, 1930, No. R/RG/33/1 received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, intimating that the Minister has received the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making from the Road Fund of a grant not exceeding £400 to the County Council for the purpose of laying a trial length of road surface in a street in Arklow.

An application dated 11th August, 1930, was received from Dr. Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, Coroner for West Wicklow, to be provided with a supply of the forms required by a Coroner in the discharge of his duty with the exception of the forms authorising burial before the registration of death and the various forms required by the Births and Deaths Registration Act (Ireland), 1920, which are supplied from the Registrar General's Office, Custom House, Dublin.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by Councillor William Byrne ;

Resolved—That notwithstanding the fact that our Secretary reports there does not appear to be any authority for doing so, we hereby authorise and direct him to obtain and supply to the County Coroners, free of charge, appropriate supplies of all forms required by them in the discharge of their duties as Coroners, with the exception of the various forms required by the Births and Deaths Registration (Ireland) Act, 1920, which Coroners may obtain on application direct from the Registrar General's Office, Custom House, Dublin.

A show of hands having been called for and taken by the Chairman the Motion was declared lost.

The Secretary submitted the following letter which he had received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, following the discussion on the question of County Councillors' Travelling Expenses which had taken place at the last meeting of the Council.

Department of Local Government & Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

14th June, 1930.

G. 43522/1930. C.

Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

With reference to the resolution of Wicklow County Council at their meeting on the 26th ultimo, relative to the travelling expenses of the Members of the Council who failed to fully comply with the prescribed conditions I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has no power to consent to any modification of the express terms of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Mise le meas,

G. M. HICKEY.

A/s Runaidhe.

No Order was made by the Council with regard to the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health following the reception of the Deputation sent forward to him at the last meeting of the Council on the subject of withheld Poundage of three Rate Collectors, this matter having been dealt with by the Finance Committee in their Report No. 4 to this meeting, which Report had been approved and adopted.

The Council had again under consideration the Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Central Library Committee renewing their application for the Council's approval of certain recommendations made by them regarding the administration of the Local Libraries in the North

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Eastern side of the County, and, further, asking for powers to appoint and dismiss all paid Officers of the Committee other than the County Librarian and the Clerical Assistant.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the following recommendations of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee ;

- (1). That Mrs Bridget Cooper, the cleaner to Greystones Public Library be dismissed as the Library Funds are inadequate to maintain the services of two individuals in the Greystones Library.
 - (2). That Mr Denis Troy, the present Librarian and caretaker at Enniskerry Library be dismissed, on the ground of inefficiency ;
 - (3). That the Committee be authorised to appoint a suitable caretaker to the Enniskerry Library at £9 per annum, in a temporary capacity and subject to his giving satisfaction to the Committee ;
- and that we hereby delegate to the Committee the power and duty of defining the duties of the caretaker and Librarian to the Enniskerry Library.

Passed, Councillor J Everett T.D., dissenting.

The Council deferred to their next annual meeting at which the setting up of the new Library Committee will be under consideration the portion of the Library Committee's Resolution in which they ask for power to appoint and dismiss all paid Officers other than the County Librarian and the Clerical Assistant.

A letter dated 21st August, was submitted from Arklow Urban District Council together with copy of the following resolution which had been passed by that Body under the Libraries Acts.

"Resolved—That in pursuance of sub-section 6 of Section 65 of the Local Government Act, 1925, We, the Arklow Urban District Council hereby agree to relinquish our powers and duties under the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts, 1855 to 1920 to the County Council they having agreed to same provided the Urban District Council contribute annually the proceeds of the Rate of one-half-penny in the Pound."

Proposed by Councillor T Weadick ;

Seconded by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That this Council hereby approves of the transfer to them of the powers and duties of the Arklow Urban District Council under the Public Library Acts, 1855 to 1920, on the terms set forth in the following resolution passed by the said Urban District Council ;—"Resolved—That in pursuance of sub-section 6 of Section 65 of the Local Government Act, 1925, we, the Arklow Urban District Council hereby agree to relinquish our powers and duties under the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts, 1855 to 1920, to the County Council, they having agreed to same provided the Urban District Council contribute annually to the proceeds of the Rate of one-half-penny in the Pound" and that the powers transferred as hereinafore be delegated to the County Wicklow Central Library Committee except in so far as concerns the appointment and dismissal of paid Officers.

A communication was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 21st August, 1930, No. G5528/30, with which was enclosed copy of the resolution passed by the Urban District Council of Arklow and enquiring if the County Council concurred therein.

ORDER—See County Council's resolution passed at this meeting.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C M Byrne and accepted by the Council.

"I hereby give notice that I will move at a meeting of this Council to be held at a later date that the constitution of the County Library Committee be altered and that the new Committee to be set up after the Local Government Elections 1931, shall consist of fifteen members of which eleven shall be appointed by the County Council (and at least six thereof shall be members of the County Council) and that the Urban Councils of Arklow and Wicklow be each given power to appoint two members from their Council following the resolutions passed by each of these Urban Councils, relinquishing, with this Council's approval, their powers and duties under the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts, 1855—1920, to this County Council."

The Council had under consideration a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 21st August, 1930, No. R/RG/33/1 in which the Minister intimated that he has recommended to the Minister for Finance the making of a grant of £2000 for the improvement of portion of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road on the condition that the Wicklow County Council contribute a like amount.

Proposed by Councillor J McCrea ;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle ;

Resolved—That in view of the fact that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has consented in his letter of the 21st August, 1930, Ref No. R/RG/33/1, to make a grant of £2,000 for the improvement of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road on condition that this Council raise a loan of a similar sum to be expended on the same purpose, we hereby make application to our Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., Wicklow for a loan of £2,000 repayable within a period of five years, with interest at the rate of 4% under the Irish Bank Rate, rising and falling therewith, the said £2,000 to be expended on the improvement of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road together with the Grant of £2,000 to be received for the same purpose from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health ; and we hereby decide that it be a condition governing the raising of this loan of £2,000 that the full £4,000 be expended by the County Surveyor by direct labour.

Passed.

No order was made by the Council regarding the proposed lease for the Site of the new Technical Schools at Bray it having been noted that the Clerk of the Urban Council of Bray had withdrawn the application to have the County Council co-partners in the lease and had requested to have all documents in relation thereto returned to him.

The following report was received from the County Surveyor following his examination of the Petition under the Arterial Drainage (Minor

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Schemes) Act, 1928, presented to the Council by certain Ratepayers in Goldenfort, Rampere and Saunders' Grove.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

21st July, 1930.

To: WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Re: Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report that I have examined the Petition under above, presented by certain Ratepayers in Goldenfort, Rampere and Saunders' Grove.

The Map submitted under Clause 2 of the Petition does indicate portion of a stream between a Railway culvert at bounds of Rampere and Goldenfort and River Slaney, but does not indicate, as required by Clause 3, the lands proposed to be improved.

Undoubtedly the restoration of the Stream to its proper width and the cleaning and grading of same will improve the adjoining land and the probable cost will be about £400.

As this estimate is less than £1,000 the above Act applies, and in accordance with Clause 3, paragraph (a) of the Act you may, if you see fit, pass a resolution determining to carry out the proposals, or if not, a Resolution disapproving of the Proposals.

I am,

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe:

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That having had before us the Scheme for improvement of lands at Goldenfort, Rampere and Saunders' Grove—and the County Surveyor's Report thereon to the effect that the probable cost will be about £400—we hereby approve of the Scheme and direct our Secretary to give effect to the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928—in connection with same—and that Assistant Surveyor P J Foley B.E., be hereby appointed to represent this Council as Valuer, etc., etc., for the purposes of the proposed Scheme—Mr Foley's Report to be submitted to our Secretary within one month from this Meeting.

Passed.

No Order was made by the Council on a communication dated 5th June, 1930, received by the Secretary from E J H Hopkins, Solicitor, Main street, Wicklow, in which he asked the County Council to join with certain farmers residing in the Townlands of Ballinamona, Ballinapark and Dunganstown, in the cost of cleaning up the river adjoining their Townlands under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, in the absence of the regular form of Petition and the Marked Map required under the provisions of the Act mentioned.

A file of correspondence was submitted in connection with an application received from Mr Patrick Walsh (who gave as a permanent address for correspondence, Chapel View, Aughrim, but who states he has no permanent residence) who applied for a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for a movable Cinema. The Council regret they cannot accept the responsibility of granting the Licence sought, and it is noted from the communication received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, that Mr Walsh has no permanent residence in County Wicklow.

A communication dated 17th June, 1930, was submitted from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture with which he enclosed copy of a Report of a meeting of a Select Committee which was held in Rathdrum, on the 3rd June, 1930, for the purpose of drafting a suitable Sheep-Dipping Scheme for County Wicklow. A second communication dated 28th August, 1930, was submitted from the Secretary County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture with which was transmitted copy of the following Resolution of his Committee dealing with the stamping out of Sheep Scab in the County.

Resolved—That, realising the very great importance of the Sheep industry to the County Wicklow, and the gravity of the allegations that Sheep Scab is widespread in this County, we request the Minister of Justice and the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána to make arrangements for the Gardai in the County of Wicklow to make surprise visits to farmers who give notification of dipping during the coming Autumn Period. The County Committee is convinced that this is the only equitable way to banish such Sheep Scab as may exist in the County."

A further communication dated 3rd July, 1930, was received from the Secretary County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture together with copy of the following resolution which had been passed at a recent meeting of his Committee.

"Resolved—That, as an emergency Scheme, we ask the County Council to empower their Veterinary Inspectors to visit fairs throughout the County with a view to detecting cases of Sheep Scab."

No order was made on this resolution as the Council deemed it advisable to await the experience gained by the operation of the Committee's previous resolution which suggested surprise visits by the Garda Síochána at Sheep Dippings notified from time to time by sheep owners.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That in connection with the Agricultural Committee's Resolution on the subject of attendance of Veterinary Inspectors at fairs in the county to inspect sheep with a view to detecting sheep Scab, our Secretary is hereby directed to write to the Secretary of the Committee of Agriculture asking him to collect all possible information from the other Counties relating to the probable cost of adopting his Committee's suggestion and to ascertain the results which have attended its working over some considerable period in the other Counties.

Passed.

Letters dated 6th June, 1930, No.705/30, and 25th June 1930, were submitted from the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee together with copies of the following Resolutions:—

"Resolved; That we the County Wicklow Joint Technical Committee request the Wicklow County Council to restore the rate struck for Technical Instruction to that which it was in 1928—29, in view of the

25th August 1930.

benefits which must thereby accrue to the County with the proposed development of the scheme for the coming session."

"Resolved; That the Department's attention be drawn to the resolution forwarded to the Wicklow County Council by the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee at their meeting held on the 27th inst., impressing on the County Council the need for increased financial support if the Technical scheme for the forthcoming session is to be developed. We also respectfully draw the attention of the Department to the fact that the Urban Councils of Wicklow and Arklow have complied with their requirements by striking a rate of 2d in the £ for Technical Instruction. (The highest figure at which the rate may be struck for this purpose). We earnestly desire the approval of the Department to the general scheme submitted. The extra amount required to carry out the extended scheme is £6.0. We earnestly request the Department to contribute a grant of £300 towards this sum as this matter is of vital importance to the well being of Technical Education in the County. Further we are able to state with confidence that, on a rate being struck by the Council for 1931/32 similar to the rate for 1928/29 together with additional attendance grants (estimated at £300) sufficient funds will be forthcoming for the financing of the scheme, if the Department will grant us the financial aid for which we hereby ask."

"Resolved; That in view of the importance of the proposed new classes in the scheme for session 1930/31 and the urgent need of providing extra accommodation and equipment for same, we the members of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee respectfully ask the Wicklow County Council to grant us a loan of £300 repayable in ten years, in order to meet part of the extra cost estimated at £600. By so doing they will enable this Committee to obtain a grant of a similar amount from the Department of Education to meet this necessary and urgent expenditure."

"Resolved;—That we draw the attention of the Department to our resolution asking the Wicklow County Council to grant us a ten years loan of £300 for the purposes of meeting part of the expenditure in providing extra accommodation and equipment for the new classes in 1930—31, and in the event of this loan being granted we respectfully ask the Department to make us a special grant of £300 towards the extra expenditure involved, estimated at £600."

Having had the views of the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee put forward by Mr H Painting, Principal and Secretary, who was present, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.

"I hereby give notice that I or some one for me shall move that we the Wicklow County Council hereby undertake to transfer out of overdraft the sum of £300 to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by way of Loan, over a period of ten years repayable by the Committee in half-yearly instalments with interest at the then current Bank Rate chargeable to Wicklow County Council, so that the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee may devote the sum to the increasing of accommodation in the woodwork room and Engineering workshop in Wicklow Technical School and the purchase of additional equipment therefor, towards which the Department of Education have promised to give a free grant of £400 thus enabling the Committee to inaugurate a day Trades Science Class for boys, in respect of which a contract has already been entered into by the Committee which only awaits the passing of this resolution to have the reconstruction work commenced thereunder and completed in time for the work of the forthcoming session; and that before effect be given to the terms of this resolution the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be obtained."

An application dated 1st June, 1930, to be granted permission to hold Irish Land Commission Sales in the Courthouse, Balinglass, was submitted from Messrs Thomas Doyle & Son, Auctioneers, Balinglass.

ORDER—Granted, subject to the condition that Messrs Doyle pay to the Courtkeeper 5/- for each occasion he has used the Courthouse for the purpose referred to.

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.
Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30/6/1930.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	2/4/30	1	Carnew, Sergt. Houlihan	Genuine
Butter	"	1	"	"
New Milk	16/4/30	5	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Buttermilk	"	1	"	"
Butter	25/4/30	4	Balinglass D.A.T.I.	3 gen. 1 not gen.
Butter	26/4/30	3	Dunlavin D.A.T.I.	Genuine
Whiskey	30/4/30	4	Bray, Guard Stanton	2 gen. 2 not gen.
Buttermilk	12/5/30	1	Arklow, Guard Crowe	Genuine
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	20/5/30	2	"	"
Butter	26/5/30	2	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	"
Margarine	"	2	"	"
Cheese	"	2	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Cocoa	"	1	"	"
New Milk	29/5/30	4	Balinglass, Guard Conway	"
Tea	7/6/30	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Jam	10/6/30	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	11/6/30	1	Aughrim, Sergeant Hayden	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	14/6/30	1	Newtown, Sergeant Fox	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"

Whiskey	19/6/30	3	Greystones, Sergt. Morris	"
New Milk	21/6/30	4	"	"
New Milk	24/6/30	2	Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright	1 gen. 1 not gen.
Butter	"	2	"	Genuine
Butter	25/6/30	4	Arklow D.A.T.I.	"
Whiskey	"	3	Shillelagh, Sgt. Carney	"
Butter	26/6/30	4	Rathdrum D.A.T.I.	"
Butter	"	4	Wicklow D.A.T.I.	"
Butter	28/6/30	1	Carnew, Guard Houlihan	"
New Milk	"	2	"	"
Butter	"	1	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	"
New Milk	"	2	"	"
Butter	"	4	Greystones, D.A.T.I.	"
Whiskey	30/6/30	3	Dunlavin, Sert. Callan	"
Butter	"	4	Bray D.A.T.I.	"
Drugs	11/4/30	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	14/4/30	3	Baltinglass	"
"	19/4/30	3	Dunganstown	"
"	30/4/30	3	Coollattin	2 gen. 1 not gen.
"	13/5/30	3	Tinahely	Genuine
"	"	3	Kilcool	"

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT—Continued.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received	No.	From	Result of Analysis
Drugs	13/5/30	3	Newtown,	Genuine
"	16/5/30	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	"	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	20/5/30	3	Avoca	"
"	24/5/30	3	Arklow	"
"	11/6/30	3	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
"	14/6/30	3	Rathdrum	"
"	18/6/30	3	Delgany	"
Water (Bully tyboys)	5/6/30	1	Co. Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Shillelagh)	27/6/30	1	"	Passed

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 92; Drugs, 42; Waters, 2. Total, 136. Number adulterated—New Milk, 1; Butter, 1; Whiskey, 2; Drugs, 1. 1 Water Condemned.

Date 16/7/1930.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That in accordance with the request contained in the letter dated 29th May, 1930, D.W. 1501/30, from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, we hereby appoint Guard John Brennan, 5021, Blessington, as Food and Drugs Inspector in room of Sergeant John P. Olwill, who has been transferred from Blessington.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Acts, be hereby granted to Christopher Brady, Roundwood.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. P. O'Reilly;

Seconded by " D. Kehoe;

Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Old Age Pensions sub-Committee for Baltinglass District consequent upon the death of Rev. T. O'Neill P.P., Baltinglass, and the disqualification for non-attendance of Mrs. Mary A. Clarke, Baltinglass, and Mr. James Quinn of Vallemount:—

Very Rev. Thomas Monaghan P.P., Baltinglass;

Michael Mooney P.C., Rathattan, Hollywood;

James Quinn, Vallemount.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle;

Seconded by " M. Fleming;

Resolved—That the vacancy on the Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee caused by the transfer of the Rev. M. A. Newcombe, C.C., Coolafancy, be filled by the appointment of Rev. James Murphy C.C., Coolafancy.

Passed.

A communication dated 22nd August, 1930, written on behalf of Mr. H. N. Dignes La Touche, Kilmurray, Kilbride, Wicklow, was submitted in which he asked our Secretary to furnish him with the County Council's Audited Accounts for the past five years as he wished to see how the money collected by rates is spent and he considers he is entitled to this information. He further wished to know how much of the rates collected goes out in commission to the Rate Collectors.

ORDER—Mr. La Touche to be invited to call at the Council's Offices when he will be given all the information at the disposal of our Officials.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor William J. Henry and accepted by the Council.

"I hereby give notice that I or some one for me, will move at the Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held on the 17th November, 1930, that travelling expenses be allowed to Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., at a rate not less than that of the other Assistant Engineers in the performance of their work for Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;

Seconded by " C. M. Byrne;

Resolved—That we call on the Government to prohibit the entry of foreign grown oats into the Free State as from 1st October, 1930, as

the present policy is killing tillage, increasing unemployment and driving people off the land.

That we protest against the policy of hand-to-mouth buying of Irish barley and Irish malt by Messrs Guinness during the last three years, which policy has now left them, when their trade has increased, dependent on supplies of foreign barley.

We call on the Government to impose a stiff tariff on all foreign malting barley and malt as the only effective way of inducing Messrs Guinness to do their duty to the nation.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

29th May, 1930, (No. P. 40,017/30, P.B.) intimating that the State Lands (Workhouses) Act, 1930, applies to all buildings as well as lands.

2nd June, 1930, (No. G40828/1930 F.A.) sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £10,000 up to the 31st August, 1930, on the usual terms and conditions.

7th June, 1930 (No. R/IR 20A), stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the Council purchasing out of temporary overdraft two stand-by boilers, and that the same could be obtained from Messrs Fleming at £102 each delivered at Wicklow.

11th June 1930, (No. G42166/1930) consenting to payment of Poundage to Collector Jacob (No. 11 District) at the reduced rate of sixpence conditionally on that Collector furnishing a definite assurance in writing that he will for the future comply fully with the terms of his employment.

23rd June, 1930, (No. G44405/30 F.A.) sanctioning payment of Poundage to Collector John Byrne (No. 19 District) at the reduced rate of sixpence conditionally on that Collector furnishing a definite assurance in writing that he will for the future carry out his duties satisfactorily.

30th June, 1930, (No. G40984/30 S.G.) enclosing copy of the Local Offices and Employments (Amendment) Order 1930, dated 17th June, 1930.

1st July 1930, (No. R/SGG/33) stating the Minister has no power to vary the conditions governing the employment of ex-National Army men on road work financed out of Government Grants.

1st July, 1930, (No. G4752/30 S.e) stating the Minister will raise no objection to any reasonable temporary arrangements made for the purpose of the clerical and shorthand-typing service needed pending the filling of the vacancy created by the transfer of Mr. Michael Fox to the service of the Louth County Council.

4th July, 1930, (No. R/RGS/201) stating that the following payments may be made, by way of allowance in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1931, to County and Assistant County Surveyors in respect of work carried out by them under grants from Public Funds:—

County Surveyors—£100.

Assistant County Surveyors.

Wholesale Officers—£40.

Part-time " —£25.

5th July, 1930, (No. G 49516/1930) stating the Minister sees no objection to the appointment of Miss Harriet A. McDermott as County Court Keeper, Wicklow. He does not consider his sanction necessary as the position would not appear to come within the provisions of the Local Office and Employments Order, 1924.

21st July, 1930, (No. RGM/201/30) stating that the Minister is prepared—under certain conditions indicated—to allocate to County Wicklow the sum of £6,900 for Main Road upkeep Grant in respect of the Financial year ending 31st March, 1931.

25th July, 1930, (No. R/RS/33), sanctioning the Council's proposal to allow Assistant Surveyor J. P. Caffrey the sum of £70 per annum to cover his travelling expenses on the assumption that Mr. Caffrey will keep and use a motor vehicle, and that use of the vehicle will be restricted to reasonable and necessary cases and not used for very short journeys.

20th August, 1930, (No. R/RS/33), stating the Minister will raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council increasing the maximum travelling expenses of Assistant Surveyor J. T. O'Byrne B.E., by £25 to £145 per annum.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

6th June, 1930, (No. G1673/30) pointing out the steps that should be taken during Sheep dipping operations to avoid the risks of contaminating water supplies or fishing waters.

10th June, 1930, (No. L.929/30) stating the Department would be glad if the County Council will deal finally with the question of Sheep-dipping arrangements during the current year in the County.

14th July, 1930 [No. L. 17006/30], reporting that an Officer of the Department had taken four samples of butter in Arklow, four in Rathdrum, four in Wicklow, four in Greystones and four in Bray, which were submitted to the Public Analyst who certifies that they proved to be genuine.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S LAW AGENTS, MESSRS. J. H. MCCARROLL & CO., CHURCH STREET, WICKLOW.

19th June, 1930, reporting on the progress made in the Council's case against the Hibernian Insurance Company for monies claimed to be due under the Collective Bond which included ex-Collectors Michael Halpin and Garrett Byrne.

24th June, 1930, reporting that there are no powers vested in the County Council which would allow them to lease or sell to the Wicklow Branch Irish National Foresters "that portion of the southern end of the Jail Buildings comprising the large yard opening on Market Street, Wicklow," which they are anxious to acquire.

June 4th, 1930, from the County Wicklow Board of Health indicating the arrangements made by that Board for the taking over from Wicklow County Council control of the Baltinglass and Shillelagh Poor Law Institutions and lands under the State Lands (Workhouses) Act.

3rd June, 1930, from the Wicklow Branch National Bank, Ltd., intimating that the Board of Directors have sanctioned the temporary overdraft of £10,000 up to the 31st August, 1930.

30th June, 1930, from the Irish Tourist Association, American

25th August 1930.

Chambers, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of the Association's scheme for the current year as approved under the seal of the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

19th July, 1930, from same enclosing copy of approval under seal given by the Minister for Industry and Commerce pursuant of Section 67 2, (b) of the Local Government Act 1925, of the Irish Tourist Association as an association formed for the purpose of advertising the advantages and amenities of places in Saorstát Éireann or in part thereof as health or pleasure resorts.

25th June, 1930, from Messrs. McMahon & Tweedy, Solicitors, 13 Hame St. Dublin, intimating that Saunders Grove House has been completely rebuilt within the last few years and is at present unoccupied, and asking if Miss Tynte is entitled to any reduction of rates either on the new building or for vacancy rate.

ORDER—Law Agent to be asked for his opinion thereon.

Communications were submitted from the Managers of the following Industrial Schools intimating that they were prepared to accept and maintain for 4/6 per head per week, such children as might be committed to their care from County Wicklow:—

St. Michael's Industrial School, Convent of Mercy, Wexford.

St. Martha's " " Monaghan.

St. John's " " Birr, Offaly.

St. Aloysius's " " Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

Correspondence were submitted from the following Industrial Schools asking to be paid the balances of accounts which they claimed to be still due them following the Council's decision to reduce the amount payable per head per week for the maintenance of children committed from County Wicklow from 5/- to 4/6.

Industrial School, Artane, Dublin, N.E.I.

St. Joseph's Industrial School, White Hall, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Fishery Schools, Baltimore, County Cork.

St. Joseph's Training School, Summerhill, Athlone.

St. Joseph's Industrial School, Cavan.

Industrial School, Carriglea Park, Dublin.

St. Kieran's Industrial School, Rathdrum.

St. Joseph's Industrial School, Convent of Mercy, Dundalk.

The Sisters of Charity, St. Joseph's, Kilkenny.

St. Patrick's Boy's Industrial School, Kilkenny.

St. Michael's Industrial School, Convent of Mercy, Wexford.

St. Vincent's Industrial School, Goldenbridge, Dublin.

NO ORDER.

From the Secretary, County Library Committee:—Minutes of meetings held on the 6th June, 1930, 4th July, 1930, and 1st August, 1930.

25th July, 1930, from the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, 40 Broadway, Westminster, London S.W.1., enclosing a new suggested standard form of agreement and general conditions of contract for use in connection with all works of Civil engineering construction.

From the Electricity Supply Board, Notices to consumers of Electric Light in Bray, and Schedule showing rates of charge for Electricity supplied for domestic purposes.

June, 1930, from the Honorary Secretary, Irish Mothers' Pensions Society, 39, Stella Gardens, Pembroke, Dublin, enclosing Pamphlet entitled "Waiting for the Verdict" supporting the claims for necessitous widows and orphans in the Free State.

July, 1930, from the Chairman, of the Organising Council Public Health Congress, 18, Victoria Street, Westminster, London S.W.1., inviting delegates to the Congress to be held in the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, from the 17th to 22nd November, 1930.

28th June, 1930, from M. Tobin, 50, Connolly Square, Bray, enclosing for the Council's approval and adoption copy of a resolution already passed by Clare and Cavan County Councils, dealing with the inadequacy of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, to meet the requirements and the needs of the Blind.

Church Hill,

Wicklow,

16th June, 1930.

P. T. Healy, Esq.,

Courthouse,

Wicklow,

Sir,

Please convey to the members of the Wicklow County Council, my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy with my step-children and myself in our recent bereavement.

I appreciate the Council's reference to me in my present illness, also your own kind remarks.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Langton,

K. Mc. D.

Seaview House,

Wicklow,

28th May, 1930.

Dear Mr Healy,

On behalf of myself and family I wish to thank you, the members of the County Council, and the members of the Council's Clerical Staff, for kind resolution of sympathy in our great sorrow.

Yours faithfully,

Marcella McCarroll.

P. T. HEALY, ESQ.,

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

9th July, 1930, from Leitrim County Council, resolution calling upon the Minister for Agriculture to introduce legislation prohibiting the importation of any meats, fats and eggs into the Saorstát.

18th July, 1930, resolution from the Kildare County Committee of Agriculture calling upon the Government to prohibit the import of foreign grain and oats into the Free State as from 1st October, 1930, and to impose a stiff tariff on all foreign malting barley and malt.

1st August, 1930, from the Borough Council of Waterford, resolution calling for the introduction of legislation repealing the present Criminal Injury Laws which impose upon local authorities responsibility for damage caused to the property of citizens by acts of wrong doers.

21st August, 1930, from Waterford County Council stating it is the duty of the Government to exercise its authority in reducing the cost of transport of Agricultural Produce in proportion to the reduced earning of the Free State and thus protect Agricultural from the exorbitant overhead charges.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 30th September, 1930.

The following members were present:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;

Councillors James McCrea, Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, J Everett, T.D.; Thomas Wealick, Patrick Doyle, Joseph Byrne, George Heatley, W J Henry, J J Barry, Denis Condren, J J Bourne, T Mulcahy and D H Haskins.

Councillor David Frame apologised for his inability to be present.

BUSINESS.

- (1) To elect a Vocational Education Committee of fourteen members (of whom not less than five nor more than eight shall be persons who are members of the County Council) for the Vocational Education Area of County Wicklow Rural.

- (2) To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in at the August Quarterly Meeting of the Council by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

"I hereby give notice that I or some one for me shall move that we, the Wicklow County Council hereby undertake to transfer out of overdraft the sum of £300 to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by way of loan, over a period of ten years, repayable by the Committee in half-yearly instalments, with interest on the outstanding amounts at the then current Bank Rate chargeable to the County Council, so that the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee may devote the sum to the increasing of accommodation in the wood-work room and Engineering workshop in Wicklow Technical School and the purchase of additional equipment thereof, subject to the condition that the Department of Education give a free grant of £400, thus enabling that Committee to inaugurate a Day Trades Science Class for boys, in respect of which a contract has already been entered into by the Committee which only awaits the passing of this resolution to have the reconstruction work commenced thereunder and completed in time for the work of the forthcoming session; and that before effect be given to the terms of this resolution the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be obtained."

The Chairman expressed regret at having to call the members of the Council together for this Special Meeting but it was summoned at the request of the Minister for Education with a view to giving effect to the provisions of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.

The Secretary read communications received from the Department of Education, Technical Instruction Branch, 64, Merrion Square S., Dublin O.17, dated the 12th September, 1930 (No.7556/1930), the 17th September, 1930 (No. 7625/30) and the 24th September, 1930 (No.7913/30); and also read the Sections of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, Governing the Council's procedure. He further submitted a Schedule showing the attendance of the members of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee at meetings of that body, held during the years 1928/29 and 1929/30.

After prolonged discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne

Resolved—That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8, sub-section 3, of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, the following be elected as members of the first Vocational Education Committee for County Wicklow, excluding the three Urban District Areas, until their successors shall have been appointed:—

MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Denis Condren, 81, Lower Main Street, Arklow.
 J J Bourne, Ballyraheen, Tinahely.
 James McCrea, Carnew.
 W J Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington.
 Joseph Byrne, Kilbride House, Bray.
 C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy.
 James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow.
 J J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum.

NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Very Rev. M. Behan, P.P., Arklow.
 Rev. F. Sheridan, C.C., Avoca.
 Ramonn O'Neill, Baltinglass.
 Rev. D. Luey, C.C., Kilmacanogue.
 Rev. Canon A. D. Moore, Nun's Cross, Ashford.
 George Flood, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

PASSED.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
 Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That, owing to the difficulties created by the reduction of the total number of members constituting the old Joint Technical Instruction Committee from 25 to the new Vocational Education Committee of eighteen in future, and the County Council being confined to the representation of eight members of their own body with power to appoint a further six who shall not be Councillors, the County Council decide to appoint the Very Rev M Behan, P.P., Arklow, as one of their six additional representatives and Councillor Denis Condren, 81, Lower Main Street, Arklow, as one of their eight direct representatives, and respectfully suggest to Arklow Urban District Council that the valuable services of Councillor Thomas Weadick on the old Committee should be made available on the New County Vocational Education Committee by his being appointed thereon to represent the Arklow Urban District Council as one of the two representatives to which they are entitled under the Act.

PASSED.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was
 Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;
 Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That we, The Wicklow County Council hereby undertake to transfer out of overdraft the sum of £300 to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee by way of loan, over a period of ten years, repayable by the Committee in half-yearly instalments, with interest on the outstanding amounts at the then current bank rate chargeable to the County Council, so that the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee may devote the sum to the increasing of accommodation in the wood-work room and engineering workshop in Wicklow Technical School and the purchase of additional equipment therefor, subject to the condition that the Department of Education give a free grant of £400 thus enabling that Committee to inaugurate a Day Trades Science Class for boys, in respect of which a contract has already been entered into by the Committee which only awaits the passing of this resolution to have the reconstruction work commenced thereunder and completed in time for the work of the forthcoming session; and that before effect be given to the terms of this resolution the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be obtained.

PASSED.

C M Byrne
19/11/30

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 17th November, 1930.

The following members were present :—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors James McCrea, P P O'Reilly, L Moore, E Byrne, Patrick Doyle, D H Haskins, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Heatley, James Kavanagh, M Fleming, Denis Condren, T Weadick, George Kearon, Joseph Jacob, J W Ryan, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D. ; Major C Mitchell, J J Metcalfe, Daniel J Kehoe, W J Henry and T Muleahy.

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 Payments from the Proposals Committee.
- 4 To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payment.
- 5 To sign Applications for refunds under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 6 To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
- 7 To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8 To consider County Surveyor's Reports.
- 9 To consider communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking to be supplied with with an estimate of the sums which the Council are likely to allow for the upkeep, respectively, of (a) Main Roads; (b) County Roads, for the Financial Year 1931/32, so that he may be in a position to indicate what upkeep Grant, if any, can be made, on a basis of 40% of the total estimated sums to be expended.
- 10 To consider the following adjourned Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D. :—" I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that a loan of £10,000 be raised over a term of twenty years for the purpose of putting certain Trunk and Link roads into a proper condition, and also with a view to making an effort, however small, to alleviate the present dreadful hardships existing in the several areas consequent upon unemployment."
- 11 To consider letter from Cyril H Dickenson, the Golf Hotel, Greystones, complaining of the state of the road from the Railway Station, Greystones, through the Burnaby Estate, to the Junction with the main road.
- 12 To consider letter from James Keane complaining of the condition of the shore outside his house in Roundwood, which he all gcs is the cause of his house being flooded.
- 13 To consider a Memorial submitted by a number of persons interested, in the flooding which, it is alleged, is caused by the Bridge on Boghall Road, Bray, not being able to carry the force of water of two rivers coming in an opposite direction and meeting at the mouth of the bridge.

14 To consider communication from the Irish Omnibus Company Ltd., D'Olier House, D'Olier St., Dublin, pointing out that there are dangerous hedges at Clough, near Baltinglass, which need cutting, as their present dangerous condition may be the cause of a serious accident.

15 To consider communication signed by Mr W S Hugo and Mr W L Connell as to the dangerous condition of the roads in their neighbourhood, more particularly Barnbawn Hill, and the road between Croneybyrne and Glenwood.

16 To pass an appropriate resolution, and to execute Mortgage submitted by the Solicitor for the National Bank, Ltd., in regard to the five year loan of £2,000 to be raised from the Council's Treasurer, and expended on the re-construction of the Carnew-Shillelagh road.

17 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor William J Henry:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some one for me, will move, at the Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on the 17th November, 1930, that travelling expenses be allowed to Mr P J Foley, B.E., at a rate not less than that of the other Assistant Engineers in the performance of their work for Wicklow County Council."

18 To authorise the Secretary to obtain an overdraft on the account of the Council up to the 28th February, 1931, if, when, and so far as required, the amount not to exceed £10,000.

19 To sign Requisition to have Bill of Costs submitted on behalf of Representatives of P J Byrne, Esq., Solicitors, Carlow—taxed.

20 To appoint a Member on the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance in room of Councillor Joseph Metcalfe who has resigned from that Board.

21 To consider a further communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in which the County Council is requested to take immediate steps to have the vacant position of Solicitor to the Council filled, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

22 To consider communication from L Price, Esq., B.L., District Justice, in which it is stated that the Courtkeeper, in Bray, Mr William O'Connor is not performing his duties satisfactorily.

23 To make arrangements for the appointment of a permanent clerk, following an examination, in room of Mr Michael Fox transferred on promotion to the position of Accountant to Louth County Council.

24 To execute an agreement with the Electricity Supply Board for the supply of Electricity required in the Court House Building, Wicklow.

25 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to transfer out of Overdraft the sum of £300 to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, by way of loan, over a period of ten years repayable by that Committee in half yearly instalments, with interest on the amounts outstanding at the then current Bank Rate chargeable to the County Council.

26 To consider complaints from the Circuit Court Judge as to the present draughty condition of the Criminal Court, Wicklow, conveyed by the Under-Sheriff, Mr William Toomey, B.L.

27 To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the supply of such printed Forms as may be requisitioned from time to time by County Coroners.

28 To receive the Minutes of the first meeting of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

29 To re-consider the Law Agent's Reports on the question of the establishment of Pounds throughout the County, where required.

30 To receive Minutes of the monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

31 To consider communication from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture enclosing as requested, summary of replies received from a number of County Councils giving details of sheep dipping Schemes in operation thereunder.

32 To consider a communication from Sir Alan J Cobham with regard to the importance of establishing Aerodromes.

33 To consider County Analyst's Report.

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.

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

Proposed by Councillor E Byrne;

Seconded by Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby tender our sincere sympathy to our colleague, Councillor J W Ryan, on the death of his son, and we tender to him and the members of his family the assurance of our real sorrow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor L Moore;

Seconded by P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That we, the members of this Council place on record our great regret and deep sense of the loss to the county and the country occasioned by the death of The O'Mahony of Kerry, and we hereby express our sympathy with his son—Mr Dermott Gun O'Mahony, T.D., and other relatives.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That we tender to Mr Laurence Byrne, the Wicklow Hotel, Wicklow, and the members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy with him in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his wife.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Seconded by L Moore;

Resolved—That we extend our sincere sympathy to Dr R White, of Kylebeg Lodge, on the death of his wife, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr White, and a record placed on our Minutes.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by George Heatley;

Resolved—That we have heard with very real regret that our esteemed fellow Councillor, William Byrne of Coolbeg Rathnew, is seriously ill and we desire to express our sincere hope that he may shortly be restored to his usual good health.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That we regret exceedingly to learn of the serious illness of a former valued colleague on this Council, Mr P J Carey, Tomaniern, Aughrim, and we earnestly that he may shortly be restored to good health again.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

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 Friday, the 24th October, 1930.

The following members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors James Everett, T.D.; William J Henry, Major C C Mitchell.

Minutes of previous Meetings were read, confirmed, and signed.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£9,907 8s. 7d.

The Secretary submitted the following claims for rates declared to be irrecoverable received from Collector Frank Healy, and the Committee having made an exhaustive examination of same recommend them for approval and adoption by the Council as follows:—

District	Year	Amount allowed as irrecoverable	Carried Forward	Disallowed.
No. 5	1929/30	£10 5 8	Nil.	Nil.
No. 6	1929/30	78 18 6	Nil.	Nil.

Of the £78 18s 6d recommended by the Committee as irrecoverable in No. 6 District, £60 7s 2d represents rates assessed on 28 holdings described as "Land (Mtn.)" in respect of which the rates were hitherto paid by the Marquis of Downshire. The Committee had before them the following Report submitted by the Law Agent.

REPORT.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Collector Frank Healy v. Anthony Dowling and others,
Marquis of Downshire's Estate.

In the month of February last instructions were received from Collector Frank Healy to issue Summonses against Anthony Dowling and others for rates due by them in respect of the Mountain, which had formerly been rated in the name of the Marquis of Downshire and rates paid by him up to the 31st March, 1929, but the ratings of which had been changed by the Commissioner for Valuation on the application of the Agent of the Marquis of Downshire for the year 1929-30.

The Summonses were issued for the Blessington District Court on the 10th day of March, 1930, and as the late Mr McCarroll was unable to attend owing to illness Mr Walter Moloney, B.L., appeared on behalf of the Collector.

Mr A Lanphier, Solicitor, who appeared for some of the Defendants,

having raised a number of technical points the District Justice adjourned the hearing until the 14th April for production of the Rate Book and evidence of how the rate was assessed.

At the adjourned hearing the District Justice after long arguments decided that inasmuch as the Defendant according to the evidence had only "grazing rights" on the mountain and as they were rated for "Land" underneath appearing in a bracket thus (Mtn) the Rate Book was faulty and accordingly dismissed all the cases, save two, with 5/- costs in each case.

In two cases it appearing that part of the sum sued for included rates on the holdings of the Defendants the District Justice granted Decrees.

The Collector having appealed against the decision of the District Justice the County Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee decided to afford their collector the legal assistance required by him.

On the advice of Junior Counsel (Mr Walter Moloney, B.L.) Mr Michael J Ryan, K.C., was briefed to appear with him on the hearing of the Appeals.

On the 26th June, 1930, the Appeals were listed for hearing before Judge Devitt at Naas Circuit Court. Mr Monks, B.L., appeared for some of the Defendants and Mr Roe, B.L., appeared for the others. It was agreed that one of the cases in which Mr Monks appeared, namely, that of William Stephenson and one of the cases in which Mr Roe appeared, namely, that of Thomas Molloy, should be taken first and heard more or less as test cases.

After hearing the evidence the Judge held that the Defendants were rated as being in possession of the land and as he was satisfied that they were not in occupation of the land for which they were rated then the rate was bad and dismissed the Appeals. The other Appeals were adjourned until the next sitting of the Circuit Court.

Subsequently Mr M J Ryan, K.C., and Mr W Moloney, B.E., attended with our Mr Brasil at the Offices of the County Council and had a long conference with the Secretary of the County Council (Mr P T Healy) when they discussed the cases and inspected all the records dealing with the subject.

Mr M J Ryan, K.C., having further considered the matter advised that in all cases similar to the ones already decided by the Circuit Judge and also in cases where persons had been summoned other than those whose names appeared in the Rate Books although in possession as successors, etc., the Appeals should be withdrawn.

Acting on Counsel's advice we accordingly withdrew all the Appeals save the cases of Daniel Lyons, Myles Balfe, and James Flood, who were being sued for rates on the land held by them in addition to the rating on grazing rights.

Prior to the adjourned hearing the Collector informed Counsel that he had been paid the rates on the lands and the balance of the claim for rates being governed by the decision of the Circuit Judge in the cases of Stephenson and Molloy the Appeals in these cases were dismissed with costs together with the Appeals in the cases that had been withdrawn.

In conclusion we would like to point out that in the opinion of Mr M J Ryan, K.C., the Secretary of the County Council (Mr P T Healy) was bound to follow the Lists supplied to him by the Commissioner of Valuation and the description of the grazing rights as "Mountain" was the mistake of the Valuation Office and the County Council were not to blame in any way.

The Rate Book in use is on the form prescribed by the Public Bodies Order (Temporary Provisions), 1927 (No. 30) and is an exact copy of the Valuation Lists as supplied by the Commissioner of Valuation.

Finally, having reviewed all the circumstances surrounding these holdings described as "Land (Mtn.)" in the Valuation Lists forwarded to the

17th November, 1930

County Council for assessment purposes we are of opinion that the County Council has exhausted every possibility of recovering the Rates assessed thereon for the service of the year 1929-1930, and, accordingly, such Rates would appear to be irrecoverable. As these particular holdings are again described in the Valuation Lists for the services of the year 1930-31 as "Land (Mtn.)" we suggest that they be claimed by the Rate Collector as irrecoverable, but that they be carried forward for collection in his Warrant for the year 1931-32 under the heading "Arrears."

Dated this 16th day of October, 1930.

(Signed) J. H. McCARROLL & CO.,
Solicitors,

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

The Law Agent in a communication dated the 8th October, 1930, advised that Mr William A Lanphier, Naas, Solicitor for the parties sued for rates in connection with these 28 Mountain holdings had applied for the payment of the sum of £78 5s. 6d., representing the total amount of costs and expenses awarded by the District Court and by the Circuit Court on Appeals to the Defendants.

The Committee direct that this sum of £78 5s. 6d. be paid subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but consider that the entire responsibility for the Council's failure to collect these rates by legal proceedings in the District and Circuit Courts rests on the Commissioner for Valuation for wrongly describing the ratings in the General Valuation Lists. The Secretary was instructed to bring the contents of the Law Agent's Report before the Revising Valuer, Mr A E Mills, who is at present in the County conducting the Annual Revision of Valuations, so that the 28 holdings in question may be described in the Valuation Lists to be received on the 1st February, 1931, for the service of the financial year 1931-32, with such accuracy and in such a manner as will entitle the Council's Poor Rate Collector to Decrees in the event of it being found necessary to institute legal proceedings for the recovery of rates thereon.

The Committee had under consideration the two sub-joined Reports from the Council's Law Agent in respect to the following outstanding Rates in No. 17 District, for which ex-Poor Rate Collector Charles Byrne, and the two Sureties to his personal Fidelity Bond, Messrs. Alfred Hopkins and William Kidd, are responsible.

Year 1921/22	Collection	£21 0 2
" 1922/23	"	104 10 0
" 1923/24	"	459 2 6
TOTAL		£584 12 8

4 Church Street,
Wicklow.

Encs.

Wicklow County Council v.
Charles Byrne, Alfred Hopkins & William Kidd.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that on the 20th August, 1930, we issued execution against the Defendants herein for the sum of £584 12s. 8d. together with the costs of the proceedings which were taxed to the sum of £31 1s. 5d. and in addition we paid 14s. lodgment fees.

The Fi. Fa. against the Defendants Charles Byrne and William Kidd was sent to the Under-Sheriff for execution and on the 15th ult., he returned same with a cheque for £19 15s. 8d., which he stated was the only sum that could be levied on foot of the Fi. Fa.

We send you Fi. Fa. with Under-Sheriff's letter attached and we also send you copy letter dated 24th July last from Messrs M J O'Connor & Co., Arklow, Solicitors for William Kidd.

We also sent a Fi. Fa. against the Defendant Alfred Hopkins for execution to the Under-Sheriff for Co. Tipperary and received it back from him to-day with a return of "No Goods" marked thereon.

In this case a declaration was made by Mrs R Hopkins that the furniture, etc., in the Sexton's House at Church Road, Newport, was the property of her brother, James Hill.

We enclose the Fi. Fa. and copy Declaration.

We also caused a search to be made in the Land Registry and ascertained that the Defendant Charles Byrne is the registered owner of part of the Lands of Balinglass containing 58a. 3r. 37p. We enclose particulars of the Folio and the Charges registered against this land.

We await the further instructions of your Council.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. H. McCARROLL & CO.,

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

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

E.I.

20th day of October, 1930.
Wicklow County Council v.
Charles Byrne and others.

Dear Sir,

We now send you cheque for £19 15s. 8d. being amount received by us from the Under-Sheriff, Co. Wicklow.

In our opinion the prospects of the County Council recovering any further sum on foot of the Judgment obtained herein are very remote and unless information can be obtained that the Defendants have assets which can be made available we cannot advise your Council to incur any further expense.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. H. McCARROLL & CO.,

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

The Committee note that the amount recovered, £19 15s. 8d. has been added to the Council's credit and they recommend that the balance still outstanding amounting to £564 17s. 0d. be declared to be irrecoverable, subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

In making this recommendation the Committee consider it right to point out that

(a). If ex-Rate Collector Charles Byrne could legally be paid Poundage, withheld from him, on the sums he collected and lodged in respect of the three Financial Years 1921/22, 1922/23 and 1923/24, such poundage would have amounted to £161 9s. 2d.; (b). The total value of Decrees obtained in Court by Mr Charles Byrne in respect of these three Collections, which were handed to the Under-Sheriff for execution and which were returned by him marked "No Goods" amount to £85 4s. 3d.; (c). The total value of Decrees obtained by ex-Collector Charles Byrne in the District Courts, for the execution of which, Mr Charles Byrne alleges, the late Sergeant Nagle, Garda Síochána, was responsible amounts to £144 14s. 11d.; and (d). Ex-Collector

17th November, 1930

CHARLES BYRNE at the Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on the 14th February, 1927, alleged that he was raided by masked men on the 7th September, 1922, who took from him Poor Rates amounting to the sum of £13..

The Committee note that these four items total in all £502 8s. 4d., and that the sum which it is now recommended should be allowed as irrecoverable is £564 17s. 0d.

The following Report from the Law Agent was submitted in connection with the Bill of Costs amounting to £378 2s. 1d. covering the period from the 28th February, 1920, to the 1st December, 1925, which was presented by Messrs. P. J. Byrne & Co., Solicitors, 13, Dublin Street, Carlow, on behalf of the legal representatives of P. J. Byrne, Solicitor, Carlow, deceased, claiming that the sum is due by the County Council as successors to Balinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, which was abolished under the Local Government Act, 1925.

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

Encs.

26th day of September, 1930.
Wicklow County Council,
re P. J. Byrne, deceased.

Dear Sir,

Immediately on receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., relative to a Bill of Costs due to the Reps. of the late Mr P. J. Byrne, solicitor, Carlow, for work done on behalf of the Balinglass Rural District Council we communicated with the Secretary of the Board of Health to ascertain if the late Mr Byrne furnished any Costs to the Council during the period covered by the Bill sent to your Council and if any payments were made in respect of same.

We enclose copy of letter received from the Secretary of the Board of Health in reply dated the 4th idem.

On receipt of said letter we applied to Messrs P. J. Byrne & Co., Solicitors, to send us copies of the Bill of Costs referred to and having perused them we are satisfied that the charges therein do not refer to any of the items included in the Bill sent your Council.

As the liability of the Balinglass Rural District Council was transferred to the County Council by Section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, the County Council are responsible for the payment of the said costs when taxed.

We may mention that we also wrote Messrs P. J. Byrne & Co., for an explanation of the delay in furnishing the said Bill of Costs and in reply they state that owing to pressure of work they were unable to furnish the Bill earlier.

We return Bill of Costs you sent, and your Council should Seal the Requisition to tax to enable the Bill to be taxed by the Taxing Master.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL & CO.,

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

Copy of Enclosure.
WICKLOW COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Secretary's Office.

County Home, Rathdrum,

September 11th, 1930.

P. J. Byrne, Deceased.

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd instant.

The Bills of Costs and payments made the late Mr Byrne by the Balinglass Rural Council from the 1st April, 1920, to the 30th September, 1925,

when the Council went out of existence, were as set out below. No payment made prior to above first named date can be traced owing to the destruction of the documents in the fire at the Balinglass Workhouse in 1923. An Expenditure Book commencing on April 1st, 1920, was one of, I think, three Books which were not then destroyed.

February 7th, 1922—Taxed Costs amounting to £383 19s. 10d., paid by P. O. 415, cashed 15/2/22. This Bill of Costs was destroyed in fire. From the Account to which it was charged it was probably General Costs.

October 2nd 1923, Costs; Labourer Acts Scheme, 1919, £274 : 18s : 9d. Paid by P. O. 32, Loans; cashed on 15/10/23. This Bill can be produced.

June 2nd, 1925—Taxed Costs Bill for £538 6s. 8d. submitted. Payment of £200 on account made by Paying Order No. 899, cashed 8/6/25. This Bill was in connection with opposition to Malicious Injury claims. It is probable the balance of the Bill may have been paid by the County Council, and that they have the Bill.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. W. SHEEHAN,
Secretary.

Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co.,
Solicitors, Wicklow.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the usual steps be taken to have this Bill of Costs Taxed and subsequently paid on presentation of the Certificate of Taxation, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health having been first obtained before such payment be made.

The Committee further recommend that the Solicitors representing the County Council at Taxation, be instructed, in view of the terms of the above communication from the Secretary to the County Wicklow Board of Health, to take every step possible with a view to guarding the interests of the County Council, towards which end it is suggested that he obtain a copy of the Taxed Bill in respect of which £883 19s. 10d. was paid to the late Mr P. J. Byrne in February, 1922; copy of the Taxed Bill in respect of which £274 : 18s : 9d. was paid to the late Mr P. J. Byrne, in October, 1923; and copy of the Taxed Bill in respect of which £200 was paid to the late Mr P. J. Byrne, on account, in June, 1925.

The Committee having examined the Reports from the Rate Inspectors following the fortnightly checkings of the Collection of the Poor Rate Collectors in the service of the County Council recommend the Council to make an Order that any Collector who fails to attend, before his Rate Inspector at least once in each fortnight to have his accounts checked, and who has not submitted a Medical Certificate to account for his failure to so attend be suspended from his Office as Poor Rate Collector forthwith by the Secretary, who should be authorised and empowered to cause such Collectors' books to be taken up by the Rate Inspector and thoroughly checked, and that such Rate Collector be dismissed from Office at the next meeting of the County Council subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

A post-card dated the 8th October, 1930, was submitted from Mr S. Conway, V.S., "Salem", Wicklow, intimating that he was nominating Mr S. Flood, M.R.C.V.S., 73, Upper Drumcondra Rd., to act as temporary Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Act, during his absence from the 9th to the 18th October, 1930.

The Secretary reported that pursuant to the powers vested in him

by Resolution of the Council he had appointed Mr Flood to discharge Mr Conway's duties during the ten days in question, and he submitted a communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin, C. 17, dated the 15th October, 1930, stating that the Department had no objection to Mr Flood's appointment, but that it was to be clearly understood that the substitute arrangements in the matter should not involve any additional charge on Public Funds.

ORDER—Approved.

A communication dated the 3rd October, 1930, was submitted from the Branch Manager, Labour Exchange, Wicklow, in which it was intimated that Miss H A McDermott is not an insurable person under the unemployment Acts.

A communication dated the 2nd September, 1930, was submitted from the National Health Insurance Commission, Custom House, Dublin, C. 8, in which it was stated that Miss H A McDermott, Courtkeeper, Wicklow, is an insurable person under the National Health Insurance Acts.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the Council to pass a resolution asking for exemption for Miss McDermott from this Insurance.

The Committee had under consideration Form X 54 and Form X 39, dated the 6th October, 1930, received from the Irish Insurance Commissioners on the question raised on the application made on the 28th August, 1929, by the County Council, deciding that the employment of Denis Kenny, Shroughmore, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, under the conditions set out in the application is employment within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Acts, in respect of which National Health Insurance contributions are payable.

In a further communication dated the 17th October, 1930, the National Health Insurance Commission intimated that their decision was retrospective in effect, and contributions are payable for all weeks of Denis Kenny's employment as carter since April, 1927, and further pointing out that Unemployment Insurance contributions are also payable in respect of the same employment.

ORDER—Denis Kenny's National Health and Unemployment Insurance cards to be stamped by the Secretary, following receipt by him from the County Surveyor of the usual Certificate for Payment, together with a schedule showing the individual weeks in respect of which his cards are to be stamped.

The Committee authorised and empowered the Secretary to purchase two metal date stamping machines for cancelling Insurance stamps, at a cost of 12/6 each.

The Secretary submitted letters from the Department of Local Government & Public Health dated the 15th September, 1930, and the 16th October, 1930, relating to the vacant position of Law Agent to the Council, and to the temporary appointment thereto of Messrs. J H McCarroll and Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow.

ORDER—The Committee recommend the County Council to avail of their first Meeting to make the usual application to the Local Appointments Commissioners to select and recommend the name of a duly qualified Solicitor for appointment as the Council's Law Agent, but inasmuch as there are many legal matters of a pressing character to be dealt with, we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to-day to employ Mr Joseph Brazil, Solicitor, of the firm of Messrs. J H McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, Church St., Wicklow, to transact all legal matters for the Council pending the County Council being in a position to make a regular appointment in the matter outlined above.

The Committee having noted that many of the chairs in the Council Chamber require small repairs, and that practically all of them require re-covering, recommend that the Secretary be directed to obtain tenders for this work, the re-covering to be in best American leather, of which a sample is to be submitted with the tender.

(Signed) DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 20th day of October, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by C M Byrne;

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

Passed.

In view of the additional information which had come into the Secretary's possession the Council decided that no useful purpose would be served by passing a resolution asking the National Health Insurance Commission to declare that the Court-keeper in Wicklow is not an insurable person under the Unemployment Acts or to exempt her from the operation of these Acts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 7th November, 1930.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D., and William J Henry.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£2,005 : 4 : 7.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1931.

COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—£9948 : 10 : 0.

The Secretary submitted the Rate Inspectors' Reports following the Checking of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts received since the Committee's last meeting, and also Form 61 showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection as on the 31st October, 1930.

The Committee directed the Secretary to write (a) To Frank Healy, Collector for Nos. 5 and 6 Districts pointing out the backward condition of both his Collections, and the necessity of his proceeding more energetically with his two Collections; and further, calling upon him to take immediate steps to collect and lodge the Arrears of the 1929/30 Rate in both his Districts; (b) To Collector James J Jacob (No. 11 District) warning him that very serious notice will be taken if it be again found by the Com-

mittee that he has not complied strictly with the terms of his appointment, more particularly in regard to the obligation to attend at least once in each fortnight before the Rate Inspector to have his accounts checked; (c) To Collector Thomas Fleming (No. 18 District) warning him to proceed more energetically with his Collection, and calling upon him to close the First Moiety thereof forthwith; (d) To Collector D J Kinsella (No. 17 District) warning him to proceed more energetically with his Collection, and calling upon him to close the First Moiety thereof forthwith; and (e) To Collector John Byrne (No. 19 District) warning him that the Committee is very dissatisfied with the progress made by him with his Collection, and informing him that the Collection Books will be taken up from him if he does not proceed forthwith to collect and lodge a sum equal to the first moiety thereof.

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

Dated this 8th day of November, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by James McCrea;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfer on foot of Demand from the County Board of Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by P O Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for payments chargeable to the various areas amounting to £9,907 8s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by P O Reilly;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for payments chargeable to the various areas amounting to £2,005 4s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by D H Haskins;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;

Seconded by James Kavanagh;

Resolved—That the application 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.

There were no Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee for submission.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,

13th November, 1930.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON THE 17th NOVEMBER, 1930.

GENTLEMEN,

In reference to certain items on the Agenda, I beg to report:—

- Item No. 11. Complaining of the state of the road from the Railway Station, Greystones, through the Burnaby Estate. This road requires rolling and surface dressing but owing to the reduction of my estimate I was unable to do it this year.
- Item No. 12. Letter from James Keane complaining of the condition of the shore outside his house in Roundwood. The gullet has been cleaned and repaired as far as the County Council is concerned.
- Item No. 13. Memorial re flooding at Boghall Bridge. I examined this Bridge frequently at the request of some of the Memorialists. The flooding does not affect the road. The bridge is in no danger from the flooding of the lands above it which is caused by the choked and overgrown condition of the lower side of the bridge. Any repairs required to the Bridge will be carried out in due course.
- Item No. 14. Complaint about hedges at Clough, near Baltinglass, Mr Foley was furnished with Hedge Cutting Notices to be served on the owners of the lands in question.
- Item No. 15. Regarding the state of the road at Barnbawn and Cronybyrne. Both these roads are subject to heavy timber traffic and the contractor is doing his best under the circumstances to repair the roads. It would be necessary from time to time to take proceedings to recover the cost of extra repairs in this case as this is extra ordinary traffic.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDERS:—

Item No. 11. Approved.

Item No. 12. Approved.

Item No. 13. Secretary to write Memorialists and also Lord Meath's Agent that the flooding on the South side of the Boghall Road near Mr Byrne's poultry farm is attributable to the overgrown condition of the stream on the North-west side.

Item No. 14. County Surveyor to see that hedge-cutting notices have been served on the owners of the lands in question.
Item No. 15. This matter is placed in the County Surveyor's hands, for his attention and suitable action.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House,
WICKLOW,
17th November, 1930.

To Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

I regret to have to inform you that certain repairs are necessary at Kyle Bridge, on Road No. 291, as it is in a very dangerous condition—some of the walls having fallen in.

The cost of the repairs would be approximately £100, and I propose to treat this, as far as possible, as a Sudden Damage.

I request your authority to carry out this urgent work.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDER—To be done.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne ;

Seconded by Major C Mitchell ;

Resolved—That the Council's Broadbent Crusher which was recently hired to the Pioneer Road Construction Co., be hired to Mr Joseph Cleary, Timaholy, provided he accepts full responsibility for same during the period of hiring, and that he undertakes to restore the crusher in good order to Glen of Downs Quarry when the period of hiring is terminated. That the terms of hiring be 10/- per working day.

On receipt of the above undertaking from Mr Cleary authority will be given to him to remove the crusher from Gorey.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the following communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking to be supplied with an estimate of the sums which the Council are likely to allow for the upkeep of (a) Main Roads, and (b) County Roads, respectively, for the Financial Year 1931/1932 so that he may be in a position to indicate what upkeep Grant, if any, can be made in respect of Main Roads on a basis of 40% of the total sums to be expended thereon.

RGM/2 01/30.

Department of Local Government and
Public Health,
(Roads),
Custom House,
DUBLIN,
27th October, 1930.

MAIN ROADS UPKEEP GRANTS 1931/32.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is anxious to be in a position to notify the County Councils, as soon as possible, the Grants which may be made from the Road Fund in respect of the year 1931/32. County Councils would, accordingly, do well to take an early opportunity to frame estimates of the sums which they are likely to allow for the upkeep respectively of (a) Main Roads and (b) County Roads for the financial year 1931/32. On particulars of these estimates being furnished to this Department the Minister will have them examined and he will then indicate, as soon as practicable, what upkeep grant, if any, can be made. Upkeep grants are calculated by reference to the amounts finally passed by County Councils, so that if grants are to be notified early the figures supplied should correspond as nearly as possible with the final figures. In furnishing particu-

ars of the estimates the requirements in regard to the upkeep of Main Roads in the Urban areas of the County should be borne in mind.

2. Provided the estimates of the Council show that a reasonable sum is proposed for the upkeep of all roads, the Upkeep Grant for 1931/32 will be calculated on the basis of 40% of the sum proposed.

3. In dealing with their estimates councils, subject to what is stated in the preceding paragraph, are to assume that the total sum provided in their Road Works Scheme is relieved to the extent of the Grant. In other words, the Grant is to be taken in as a credit and is not to form the basis of a supplementary Scheme after it is notified.

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E P McCARRON,
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The Secretary to each
County Council.

Proposed by Councillor George Kearon ;

Seconded by James McCrea ;

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 27th October, 1930 (No. RGA/2/01/30) asking for tentative figures to be struck for roads in 1931/1932—we adjourn consideration of this matter pending an opportunity of seeing the De Rating Commissioners' Report, as owing to the gravity of the position of the overburdened Ratepayers in County Wicklow—The contents of that Report, with the anticipated relief to Ratepayers which it is hoped it will contain when implemented, must receive the very serious consideration of this Council before it is possible to decide upon the above figures for 1931/1932.

Passed unanimously.

In accordance with the Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by Councillor John Dunne ;

That a Loan of £10,000 be raised over a term of twenty years for the purpose of putting certain Trunk and Link Roads into a proper condition and also with a view to making an effort, however small, to alleviate the present dreadful hardships existing in the several areas consequent on unemployment.

A communication dated the 14th November, 1930, was read from the Very Rev R J Connell, P.P., Avoca, enclosing copy of the following resolution which was passed at a public meeting of unemployed held in Avoca on the 9th November, 1930 :—

"Since the stopping of work in the local mines and ochre works a great many families in this district are in very necessitous circumstances. During the winter months, and especially about Christmas time, our wives and children will be almost destitute unless something is done to provide us with work."

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Major C Mitchell ;

Seconded by J W Ryan ;

That this Council decides to raise a loan of £5,000 to be expended on portions of selected Roads throughout the County, on the condition that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health contributes a corresponding sum, by way of Grant, to be similarly expended as there seems no other way of providing immediate relief of the hardships and privation prevailing throughout the County consequent upon unemployment.

After considerable discussion this amendment was withdrawn by Councillor Major Mitchell, with the consent of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J W Ryan ;

Seconded by D Condren ;

Resolved—As an amendment, that this Council decides to raise a Loan of £5,000 to be expended on portions of selected Roads throughout the County, on the condition that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health contributes a corresponding sum by way of Grant, to be similarly expended, as there seems no other way of providing immediate relief of the hardships and privations existing throughout this County consequent upon unemployment.

A Poll having been called for on this second amendment it was found that the Councillors present voted as follow :—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors D Condren, Patrick Doyle, James McCrea, T Weadick, D J Kehoe, L Moore, P P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, J W Ryan, C M Byrne, J Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—13.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, M Fleming, J Kavanagh, George Kearon, W J Henry, J J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, G Heatley, D H Haskins and T Mulcahy—11

Thirteen Councillors voted for the amendment and eleven voted against. The amendment was thereupon put to the Meeting as a substantive Motion and declared by the Chairman to have been passed by thirteen votes for to eleven against, the Secretary being directed when sending this substantive Resolution to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to accompany same with a copy of the letter received from the Very Rev. R J Connell P.P., Avoca.

A letter dated the 27th August, was submitted from Cyril H Dickinson, the Golf Hotel, Greystones, in which he complained of the state of the road from the Railway Station Greystones through the Barnaby Estate to the junction with the Main Road, in all about four hundred yards.

The County Surveyor intimated to the Council that this Road requires rolling and surface dressing, but that owing to the reduction of his annual Estimate he was unable to do it this year.

A letter dated the 8th September, 1930, was submitted from James Keane complaining of the condition of the shore outside his house in Roundwood, which he alleges is the cause of his house being flooded.

The County Surveyor reported that the gullet in question has been cleaned and repaired as far as the County Council is concerned.

A Memorial was submitted signed by eight persons interested in the flooding, which it is alleged is caused by the Bridge on Boghall Road, Bray, not being able to carry the force of the water of two big rivers coming in an opposite direction and meeting at the mouth of the bridge.

See Order on County Surveyor's Report.

A communication dated the 31st October, 1930, was submitted from the Irish Omnibus Company, Ltd., D'Olier House, D'Olier Street, Dublin, C.5., drawing attention to some dangerous hedges at Clough near Ballyglass, which need cutting as their present dangerous condition may cause a serious accident.

The Council instructed the County Surveyor to personally see that appropriate hedge-cutting notices were served on the owners of the lands in question.

A Memorial signed by Messrs. W S Hugo and W L Connell was submitted in which attention was drawn to the dangerous condition of the roads in their neighbourhood more particularly Barnbawn Hill and the road between Croneybyrne and Glenwood.

The Council placed this matter in the hands of the County Surveyor, for his attention and suitable action.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by J J Bourne ;

Resolved—That pursuant to letter of sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 21st day of August, 1930, the sum of £2,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of repaying portion of the road from Shillelagh to Carnew to be repaid within five years with interest at the rate of a half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate, varying, subject to a minimum of 4% per annum as in said letter of sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan.

Passed unanimously.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry ;

Seconded by D J Kehoe ;

Resolved—That travelling expenses be allowed to Mr P J Foley, B.E., at a rate not less than that of the other Assistant Engineers in the performance of their work for the Wicklow County Council, the amount to be £70 per annum calculated at the usual rate per mile, subject to approval of the Minister.

A Poll having been called for it was found that the Councillors present voted as follow :—

FOR—Councillors D Condren, J Kavanagh, George Kearon, James McCrea, T Weadick, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, J J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, L Moore, P P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, C M Byrne, J Everett, T.D., Joseph Jacob and T Mulcahy.—16.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Patrick Doyle, M Fleming, Joseph Byrne, G Heatley, and D H Haskins.—6.

The Motion was declared carried by sixteen votes to six.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by M Fleming.

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby authorised to apply on our behalf to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for Overdraft accommodation to the 1st March, 1931, not exceeding in amount £10,000 at one half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate, rising and falling therewith, the said Overdraft to be made available only if, when, and so far as may be, necessary.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Requisition to tax the Bill of Costs amounting to £378 2s 1d., covering the period between the 28th February, 1920, and the 1st December, 1930, presented by the representatives of P J Byrne, Esq., Solicitor, 13 Dublin Street, Carlow, deceased, be signed and

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sealed, and that our Solicitor, Mr Brazil, represent us at the Taxation on behalf of our Council

Passed.

A Communication dated the 4th October, 1930, was submitted from Councillor Joseph Metcalfe, 23, Pearse Square, Bray, in which he resigned his position as Member of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

ORDER—Resignation accepted.

In this connection a communication dated the 24th September, 1930, was submitted from the Secretary County Wicklow, Board of Health and Public Assistance with which he enclosed a letter from Mr Joseph Metcalfe, M.C.C., dated the 15th September, 1930, resigning his Membership of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, and also enclosing a letter from the Secretary of Bray Trades Council and Labour Party dated the 19th September, 1930, containing the recommendation that Mr Edward Byrne, P.C., M.C.C., Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council be elected on the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance in place of Mr Joseph Metcalfe, resigned.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett T.D.,

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob;

Resolved—That our Vice Chairman, Councillor Edward Byrne of 9, Florance Villas, Bray, be appointed on the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance to take the place of Councillor Joseph Metcalfe, resigned.

Passed

In accordance with the recommendation contained in Finance Committee's Report No. 1, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to advertise for and select for appointment by this Council under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, a suitable candidate, being a practising Solicitor with not less than five years' experience on the 1st January, 1931, to fill the part-time, permanent and non-pensionable position of Solicitor to Wicklow County Council, at a salary of £350 per annum, which salary is to be deemed to be in payment for all legal work of whatsoever nature which may be entrusted to him by the Council; the absolutely essential out of pocket expenses of the person appointed will be refunded by the Council half-yearly on presentation of a duly vouched statement of claim, all costs recovered in any Court in County Wicklow cases may be retained by such Solicitor; the minimum age limit of thirty and the general qualifications required to be as set forth in the Form No. 111 to be completed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman and Secretary for transmission to the Local Appointments Commissioners, a knowledge of Irish is not to be deemed an essential qualification in a candidate for the position—The Council emphasise their condition that the person recommended should be a Solicitor resident in the Town of Wicklow.

Passed.

A letter dated the 28th October, 1930, was submitted from L. Price, Esq., B.L., District Justice, 10 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin, in which he reported that the Court-Keeper in Bray, Mr William O'Connor, is not performing his duties satisfactorily. A further letter, dated the 25th August, 1930, to the same effect, was submitted from Mr M.J. Hoey, District Court Clerk, Bray, as were also letters from the Court-keeper, Mr William O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, dated the 9th and 15th November, 1930, respectively.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " W J Henry;

Resolved—That, having considered the communication dated the 28th October, 1930, received from Mr L. Price, B.L., District Justice, our Secretary inform Mr William O'Connor, Court-keeper, Bray, that if the District Justice finds it ag in necessary to complain as to the manner in which he discharges his duties as Court-keeper, this Council will dismiss him from that position without further notice.

Passed. Councillor Heatley dissenting.

The Council adjourned to their Quarterly Meeting in February, 1931, the question of making arrangements for the appointment of a permanent clerk, following examination, in room of Mr Michael Fox transferred on promotion to the position of Accountant to Louth County Council.

A blank form of agreement with the Electricity Supply Board for the supply of electricity required in the Courthouse Building, Wicklow, was submitted.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved—That our Secretary be instructed to execute, on behalf of this Council, the form of agreement now submitted by the Electricity Supply Board for such Electricity as may be required in Wicklow Court House premises.

Passed.

A communication dated the 11th October, 1930, (No. S. 74546/30) was submitted from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to transfer out of their Overdraft the sum of £300 to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, by way of loan, over a period of ten years, repayable to the Council by that Committee in half-yearly instalments with interest on the amounts outstanding at the current Bank Rate chargeable to Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That, having considered the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 11th October, 1930, (No. S. 74546/30) relative to the Council's proposal to lend out of Overdraft to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee the sum of £300, repayment of principal and interest to extend over a period of ten years, we hereby suggest to that Committee the advisability of exercising the powers vested in them under Sections 49 and 50 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, with a view to borrowing the £300 in question from the Commissioners of Public Works, in view of the fact that

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the Council would themselves have to borrow the sum in question, whereas the first intention was to lend the sum out of overdraft.

Passed

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed to take such steps as he may deem advisable to prevent the draughts in the Criminal Court, Wicklow, complained of by the Circuit Court Judge.

Passed.

The following letter was submitted.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,

G.72187/1930. Sd.

Cill Mhanntain,

Custom House, Dublin.
7th October, 1930.

A Chara,

With reference to the Minute of the Wicklow County Council of the 25th August, last relative to the request of Coroner Lyons to be provided with a supply of the Forms required by him in the discharge of his duties, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw the attention of the Council to Section 29 of the Coroners (Ireland) Act, 1816, and Section 24 of the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1927, regarding the expenses of inquests, under which the duty of providing for the expenses incident to the holding of inquests falls on the County Council. The most economical manner of providing for the necessary forms would be for the County Council to order a supply from their printing Contractor. Owing to the very small number of inquests which are held annually in County Wicklow the expense of such printing would be small. I am to point out that all the other County Councils supply forms to Coroners.

Mise le meas,

S M HICKEY.

A/s Runaidhe

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—Regret unable to comply.

The Council had before them the Minutes of the first meeting of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, held on Tuesday the 28th October, 1930, that being the day appointed by the Minister for Education in pursuance of the powers vested in him by Section 13 (1) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Council had again under consideration the Law Agent's Report on the question of the establishment of Pounds throughout the County where required, and where requisitioned by the District Justice.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " George Kearon;

Resolved—That, having considered the question of acquiring suitable sites where pounds have been found to be necessary in the County, we hereby direct that copies of the Law Agent's Reports thereon dated the 12th and 21st August, 1930 be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and that he be asked if he is prepared to accord his sanction to (a) the expenditure necessary to set up suitable Pounds on the sites referred to in the Reports; (b) the payment of yearly rents by the Council for the several Pounds indicated in the Reports; and (c) the payment of nominal annual sums to the persons subsequently to be appointed by this Council to act as Pound-keepers for the Pounds in question.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted the Minutes of proceedings of the County Wicklow Libraries Committee at meetings of that Body held on the 1st August, 1930, 3rd November, 1930, and the 7th November, 1930.

NO ORDER.

A communication dated the 31st October, 1930, was submitted from the Secretary to the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wicklow, with which he enclosed a summary of replies received from a number of County Councils giving details of Sheep Dipping Schemes in operation thereunder.

ORDER—Secretary of Agricultural Committee to be asked that copies of the summary be sent each Councillor.

A communication dated the 6th October, 1930, was submitted from Sir Alan J Cobham A.F.C., Grand Building, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C. 2., dealing with the importance of establishing Aerodromes and offering his services in the selection and laying out of Aerodrome sites.

NO ORDER.

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30/9/1930.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	1/7/30	2	Newtown, Sergeant Cox	Genuine
Ice Cream	8/7/30	4	Bray, Guard Stanton	"
New Milk	16/7/30	2	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
New Milk	1/8/30	1	Rathdrum County Home	"
Whiskey	9/8/30	2	Arklow, Guard Crowe	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Beef	18/8/30	1	County Board of Health	"
Butter	23/8/30	1	County Home, Rathdrum	Not Genuine
New Milk	"	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	Genuine
Bread Soda	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	2	"	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
Butter	10/9/30	3	Greystones, Guard Morris	"
Cornflour	"	1	"	"
New Milk	18/9/30	4	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	"
Sugar	"	1	Aughrim, Sergeant Hayden	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Coffee	"	1	"	"
Butter	19/9/30	4	Bray, Guard Stanton	"
New Milk	25/9/30	4	Blossington, Guard Brennan	"
New Milk	26/9/30	4	Greystones, Sergt. Morris	"
New Milk	"	4	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	3 gen 1 not gen.
Cocoa	"	1	Bray, Guard Staunton	Genuine
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	2	"	"

New Milk	27/9/30	2	Carnew, Sergt. Houlihan	"
Butter	"	1	" " "	"
Water (Rathdrum)	24/7/30	1	County Board of Health	Passed
Water (Bray)	29/7/30	1	Bray Urban District Council	"
Tar	26/7/30	1	" " "	"
Drugs	23/7/30	3	County Hospital	2 gen. 1 not gen.
"	"	3	Bray No. 1	Genuine
"	29/7/30	3	County Fever Hospital	"
"	"	3	Dunlavin	"
"	30/7/30	3	Annamoe	"
"	"	3	Blessington	"
"	2/8/30	3	Dunganstown	"
"	20/8/30	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	25/8/30	4	Kiltegan	"
"	"	4	Baltinglass	"
"	26/8/30	3	Wicklow	"
"	"	3	Ashford	"
"	29/8/30	2	Arklow	"
"	12/9/30	1	Coollattan	"
"	13/9/30	3	Bray No. 1	2 gen. 1 not gen.
"	19/9/30	2	Rathdrum	Genuine

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 56. Drugs, 46; Waters, 2; Tar, 1. Total, 105. Number adulterated—Butter, 1, New Milk, 1; ; Drugs, 2.
Date 15/10/1930.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

Main Street,

Wicklow.

11th November, 1930.

Dear Sir,

BALLINAMONA DRAINAGE SCHEME.

I send you herewith Petition under The Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, together with a Map showing the area proposed to be drained.

I will be obliged if you will kindly put the Petition before the meeting of your Council on the 17th inst.

Yours faithfully,
E J H Hopkins.
Solicitor.

The Secretary,
County Council,
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " T Muleahy;

Resolved—That the Petition and Map to-day submitted under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, relating to certain lands in the Ballinamona district be sent by our Secretary to the County Surveyor for report in due course,
Passed.

An application was submitted from the Rev. P F Whitney, C/o Dr. Clements, Tinahely, County Wicklow, for permission to deliver a Lecture on Missionary work in the Court House, Tinahely, on Sunday 20th November, 1930, on behalf of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, House of our Lady of Africa, Kiltegan, at which Lecture pictures are usually shown.

ORDER—Permission granted provided Insurance Company make no objection in respect of their policy against fire risks. Should the Insurance Company object, permission granted provided the Rev. P F Whitney forwards the Secretary a policy against risks of fire taken out with some Insurance Company in respect of the night of the Lecture.
The following document was submitted:—

13th November, 1930.

We, the Members of Wicklow County Council, having had brought to our notice the fact that this day a number of families have been evicted under Order of the Court by the Under-Sheriff in Upper Monkton Row, Wicklow, for which families no housing accommodation of any kind can be found in the town of Wicklow, hereby order and direct that such portion of the old Gaol premises as is absolutely essential be placed at the disposal of these poor people, who cannot be left on the roadside, pending the County Council having an opportunity of discussing the matter at the approaching Quarterly Meeting to be held on Monday the 17th November, 1930.

SIGNED:—C M Byrne, Chairman.
D H Haskins, Chairman, Finance Committee.
James Everett, Member.
John J Barry, Member.
Joseph Jacob, Member.
E Byrne, Vice-Chairman.

The Secretary pointed out that the Council would be shouldering a grave responsibility if they allowed these families to take up residence in the Gaol premises which in their present condition were wholly unsuited for residential purposes, and which contained a great deal of valuable property now vested in the Council which would certainly not be conserved if effect were given to the proposal.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob;

Resolved—That, the following families in the very exceptional circumstances of their cases:—

Nap White, Upper Monkton Row, Wicklow.
Thomas Carroll do. do.
Edward Heffernan, do. do.
and Edward Gregory, do. do.

be temporarily allowed to take up accommodation in the Gaol premises Wicklow, in the sole capacity of caretakers of the room or rooms, therein allotted to them respectively by the following sub-Committee of this Council.

C M Byrne, Chairman
J F. rett, T.D.
D H Haskins, Chairman, Finance Committee.
Joseph Jacob.

to whom is entrusted the making and enforcing of all arrangements connected therewith.

Passed.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

30th August, 1930, (No. G. 63545/1930 Fa) sanctioning the continuance of the Council's Overdraft of £10,000 to the 30th November next.

1st September, 1930, (No. G. 63544/30 Fa) stating the Minister raises no objection to the issuing of the 1930/31 Collection Books to Collector Frank Healy but does not appreciate how this course can have any bearing on the closing of his previous Warrants.

8th September, 1930, (No. G. 65100/1930 Pf) transmitting copy of a letter addressed to Arklow Urban Council approving of the transfer of that body's powers and duties under the Libraries Acts to the County Council.

9th September, 1930, (No. PH. 65101/1930 Ae) approving of the temporary appointment of Dr. Josephine Conway, as acting County Medical Officer of Health, at £7 per week, and travelling expenses, during the absence of Dr. Beckett, County Medical Officer of Health on annual leave.

13th September, 1930 (No. F. 65753/30) stating that no objection will be raised to the appointment of Mr P J Foley, B.E., for the purposes of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, at Rampere, Baltinglass.

22nd September, 1930 (No. 37/1930) circular letter outlining the method of rating involved by Section 65 (6), of the Local Government Act, 1925, where Urban Districts are included in County Library Schemes.

22nd September, 1930 (R/BG/33) stating that authority has been

received from the Minister for Finance to the making of a Grant not exceeding £2,000 to the Wicklow County Council towards the cost of resurfacing portion of the Shillelagh Carnew Road, on the condition that the Council contribute a like amount towards the cost of the scheme.

1st October, 1930 (No. S. Cill Mhanntain) sanctioning the proposal of the Council to raise a loan of £2,000 for the improvement of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road, repayable within a period of five years to the Treasurer with interest at the rate of 4% under Irish Banks' Discount Rate (varying) subject to a minimum of 4%.

9th October, 1930 (No. G. 72886/1930 Fa) drawing attention to the extremely backward state of the Rate Collections, and particularly to those of Collectors Frank Healy (Nos. 5 and 6 Districts), John Byrne (No. 19 District), J J Jacob (No. 11 District), J A Doyle (No. 2 District), M J Roche (No. 12 District), and T Fleming (No. 18 District).

13th November, 1930 (No. G. 82463/1930 Fa) pointing out the exceptionally unsatisfactory position of the following Collections:—
Collector Frank Healy (Nos. 5 and 6 Districts)

" J J Jacob (No. 11 District)
" John Byrne (No. 19 District)

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

26th August, 1930 (No. L. 2395/30) enclosing copy of the Anthrax Order of 1930 together with explanatory memorandum.

8th October, 1930 (No. T. 2774/30) intimating that Mr S Conway, V.S., should be informed that specimens of lesions found on post mortem examinations must be forwarded to the Department in every case in which an animal is slaughtered under Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

14th November, 1930 (No. L. 4119/30) suggesting that the Council's Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts, be given standing instructions to deal directly with reports received under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order (whether from the Garda or otherwise) without waiting for instructions from the Council.

ORDER—The Council's Veterinary Inspectors are hereby empowered to deal adequately and efficiently with all cases immediately such cases are notified to them.

6th October, 1930, from the Commissioner of Valuation, Valuation Department, 6, Ely Place, Dublin, intimating that Mr A E Mills, will commence the Annual Revision of Valuations of the County about the 12th instant.

From W J O'Reilly, Solicitor, to the Irish Land Commission, 21, Upper Merion Street, Dublin, intimating that the holding of Thomas Cullen at Aughavannagh will be sold by public auction at the Court House, Wicklow, on Wednesday the 8th October, 1930, at 1 o'clock.

2nd September, 1930, from J B O'Halloran, Esq. Manager, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, stating that his Board have sanctioned the continuance of the Council's Overdraft, not exceeding £10,000 up to the 30th November, 1930.

27th September, 1930, from same stating that the Directors of his Bank have sanctioned the loan of £2,000, on the usual terms to the Council for the Carnew-Shillelagh Road.

1st September, 1930, from Dr. G P G Beckett, Tuberculosis Medical Officer enclosing copy of a letter received by him from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating that the provision of outfits of clothing for necessitous tuberculosis patients has not been recognised as a charge on Tuberculosis Funds and should be dealt with by the Board of Health and Public Assistance in its capacity as the Poor Law Authority.

25th August, 1930, from Messrs. J H McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, reporting the proceedings at the hearing of an application at the Children's Court, Inns Quay, Dublin, on the 22nd August, 1930, to have a boy named Thomas Cahill committed to an Industrial School, and drawing attention to the peculiarities of the Law in connection with such applications.

16th September, 1930, from same reporting the result of the hearing of an application to have a girl named Margaret Kelly committed, at Arklow District Court on the 15th instant, to an Industrial School.

29th September, 1930, from same reporting the result of the hearing of an application to have a girl named Margaret Kelly, committed at Bray District Court on the 26th instant, to an Industrial School.

3rd October, 1930, from same returning draft Mortgage submitted by the National Bank for execution by the Council in connection with the loan of £2,000 to be received for the reconstruction of the Carnew Shillelagh Road, and intimating that the same is in Order and may be sealed by the Council.

6th October, 1930, from same reporting the result of the efforts made to collect arrears of rent due by Patrick Power, in respect of his occupation of portion of the Workhouse Building, Shillelagh.

8th October, 1930, from same outlining the Council's position regarding the building rented as a Court House in Newtownmountkennedy from the GunCunninghame Estate concerning which the Solicitors to that Estate, Messrs. Rooke & Rooke have applied for an increased rent.

29th October 1930, from Joseph Brazil, Esq. (of Messrs. J H McCarroll & Co.) Solicitor, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, thanking the Council for his temporary appointment as Law Agent.

29th October, 1930, from Messrs. J H McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, assuring the Council that their Mr Joseph Brazil will deal with all matters entrusted to him to the entire satisfaction of the Council and their Secretary.

12th November, 1930, from Joseph Brazil, Esq. (of Messrs. J H McCarroll & Co.) Solicitor, 4, Church Street, Wicklow, reporting that the Judge held, on the hearing of the Malicious Injury Claim of Thomas Hickey, Deerpark, Shillelagh, for the sum of £60 for the damage to the boring of an Artesian Well on the lands of Tomacork, was malicious, and that as the work of restoring the bore to its original state was not completed, the application was adjourned to the next sitting of the Circuit Court.

12th November, 1930, from same reporting that at the hearing of the claim of Colonel W H O Kemis for the burning for £500 for the malicious burning of portion of the Ballinacor Mountain the Judge had awarded the applicant the sum of £40 with costs and £7 16s witness's expenses to be levied off the Electoral Division of Ballinacor.

12th November, 1930, from same reporting that at the hearing of the claim of Joseph Murphy, Cronebeg, Aughrim, for £60 compensation for

malicious damage to a steam traction engine, the Judge had awarded the applicant the sum of £6 10s with costs and three guineas witnesses' expenses, to be levied off the Electoral Division of Aughrim.

12th November, 1930, from same reporting that at the hearing of the Appeal of the defendant in the Food and Drugs case, Garda Staunton v Nellie Phelan, Royal Hotel, Bray, the Judge confirmed the conviction but removed the endorsement and increased the fine from one guinea to five guineas, and also directed defendant to pay three guineas costs awarded by the District Justice, together with three guineas costs of Appeal and 7/6 witnesses' expenses.

12th November, 1930, from same reporting that the hearing of the Appeal of the defendant in the Food and Drugs case, Garda Staunton v Frank Bethel, Bray Head Hotel, Bray, the Circuit Court Judge confirmed the conviction, gave the defendant the benefit of the Probation of Offender's Act and removed the Endorsement, but directed the defendant further to pay the sum of three guineas costs awarded by the District Justice, together with three guineas costs of Appeal and 7/6 witness's expenses.

9th September, 1930, from Messrs Gerald Byrne & Co., Solicitors, 7, Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin, asking for certain information in respect of the legal proceedings likely to arise in connection with the alleged flooding of lands the property of Mrs Rylands, Bolarney, by road surface water.

ORDER—Copy to be sent to Solicitor.

10th September, 1930, from Garda James Conway, Civic Guard Barracks, Baltinglass, asking for instructions in connection with the alleged breach of the Sheep Dipping Order and regulations thereunder, by James Leigh, Lampere, Baltinglass.

3rd October, 1930, from same reporting that two summonses were issued against James Leigh, Rampere, Baltinglass, for failing to give notice of his intention to dip certain sheep, and for failing to dip during the summer period. He was fined 5/- on the first summons and 10/- on the second, by the District Justice.

29th October, 1930, from Superintendent P Casserley, Garda Siochana, Bray, reporting that the following four Schools had refused to admit a boy named Cyril Crinnion, who was about to be committed at Bray District Court, because the County Council would not contribute 5/- per week for his maintenance:—

Artane Industrial School.

Carriglea Industrial School.

Saint Joseph's Industrial School, Clonmel and

Saint Joseph's Industrial School, Glin, Limerick.

25th October and 6th November, 1930, from P J Foley, Esq. B.E., Tourant House, Dunlavin, intimating that he feared he would be unable to have his report on the Minor Drainage Scheme at Rampere, Baltinglass, in time for submission to the November Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

25th August, 1930, from the Hon Secretary, Women's Prisoners Defence League, 32, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, circular letter viewing with grave concern the continued imprisonment of Irish political prisoners in England and Ireland, and demanding their release in the interests of justice and peace. Also enclosing (a) a printed list giving full particulars regarding each of these prisoners, numbering fifteen in all; (b) printed copy of a letter from Mrs P Hogan, Tullassa, Ennis, the mother of one of these prisoners; (c) a Press cutting containing a letter on the conditions in Mountjoy addressed to the Editor of "An Phoblacht" by P Emmett Sweeney; and (d) cover page of the issue of "An Phoblacht" dated the 16th August, 1930.

29th September, 1930, from the General Manager, Irish International Exhibition, Cork, 1932, asking that the Council will honour the Executive Committee of that Exhibition by allowing their Chairman's name to be included amongst Honorary Presidents.

7th October, 1930, from Councillor George Keaton, 24 King's Hill, Arklow, thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy with him in his recent illness.

19th October, 1930, from Collector P J O'Byrne, Ballygreen Park, Aughrim, enclosing original letter dated the 18th October, 1930, received by him complaining of the appalling condition of the roads near his holding at Clara-beg South and asking that the rates paid by him in respect of that holding should be expended on the roads in the vicinity.

13th November, 1930, from Miss B Redmond, County Librarian, Wicklow, enclosing copy of abstract of accounts of the County Wicklow Central Library Committee for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1930.

From the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1., enclosing booklet containing the British Medical Association's Proposals for a General Medical Service of the Nation.

From F F McCarthy, Esq. Principal and Secretary, Bray Technical Schools, submitting Prospectus for the 29th Session commencing the 29th September, 1930, and ending the 31 July, 1931.

October, 1930, from the Hon. Secretaries, Royal Institute of Public Health, 87, Russell Square, London W.C.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the next Annual Congress of the Institute which will be held in Frankfurt-on-Main from May, the 19th to 24th, 1931.

1st October, 1930, from the Chairman of the Organising Council, Public Health Congress, 13 Victoria St., London, S.W.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Public Health Congress in 1930 during the week commencing the 17th November, 1930, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London.

29th October, 1930, from Messrs McGregor & Co., Scott Street, Dundee, asking to be allowed to tender for any fire appliances that the Council may require from time to time.

23rd October, 1930, from G A Brittain, Ltd., offering the Council a 1931 Morris Fire Tender for the sum of £217 10s delivered in Dublin.

7th November, 1930, from Messrs T M Callaghan & Son, 2, St. Andrew Street, Dublin, asking to be allowed to quote for Fidelity Guarantee Bonds for the County Council's Rate Collectors.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

29th August, 1930, from Limerick County Council, 82, O'Connell St., Limerick, resolution insisting that the Government introduce legislation at once to protect the Agricultural Industry by imposing a tariff on all imported Agricultural Produce, particularly bacon, oats and butter.

24th September, 1930, from the Gaelic League, 24, Parnell Square, Dublin, resolution expressing the hope that the Senate of the National University will see that a suitable Irishman, interested in the welfare of the Irish Language, is elected as Professor of National Economics in room of the Rev Father Finlay, resigned.

2nd October, 1930, from Offaly County Council, Court House, Tullamore, resolution calling on the Government to establish a Housing Board, financed and controlled in such a manner as to be enabled to build 50,000 houses either by direct labour or by contract within a period of ten years, in the interests of the health of the Nation.

15th October, 1930, from the Urban Council, Tullamore, calling on the Government to introduce legislation to carry out the recommendations of the Town Tenants Commission.

16th October, 1930, from the Urban District Council, Longford, resolution calling on the Government to restrict heavy motor traffic and to regulate the speed of lighter motor trading vehicles to a maximum of ten miles per hour.

27th October, 1930, from the Kilkenny County Council calling upon the Government to place a complete embargo on the unwarranted dumping of foreign oats into An Saorstát so prejudicial to the Agricultural community and its many dependent industries.

Edmund
16/11/30

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council, called on Requisition, was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock p.m. on Friday the 19th December, 1930.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne, Chairman.
Councillors Joseph Jacob, E. Byrne, T. Mulcahy, D. H. Haskins, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, Major C. Mitchell, George Heatley, William J. Henry, J. J. Metcalfe, J. J. Bourne, J. Everett, T. D., Daniel J. Kehoe, George Kearon, Thomas Weadick, and Denis Condren.

SUMMONS.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,
Wicklow.

12th December, 1930.

To each

Member of Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman of the County Council to convene a Special Meeting of that Body to be held at 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Friday the 19th December, 1930, in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow.

This meeting is convened pursuant to the following Requisition, the contents of which will be the only item of business under consideration at the meeting:—

REQUISITION.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health not having up to this date either accorded or refused his decision to (a) raise a loan of £5,000, and (b) consent to give a Grant of £5,000, we, the undersigned Councillors hereby request to summon a special meeting to consider the raising of a loan of £10,000, for the relief of the unemployed, to be expended throughout the County on roads to be selected by the County Surveyor in the County Wicklow:—The County Surveyor to regard the unemployment conditions when selecting his roads. Signed:—

JAMES EVERETT E. BYRNE JOHN DUNNE
JOSEPH JACOB THOMAS WEADICK PATRICK DOYLE
LCE. MOORE P. P. O'REILLY.

6/12/30.

By Order

P. T. HEALY.

Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne;

Seconded by David Frame;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, have heard with much regret of the death of Mr Thomas Kavanagh, of Balinamesda, and we tender to his wife and family the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported that copy of the Council's resolution, passed at the November Quarterly Meeting, undertaking to raise a loan of £5,000 repayment to be spread over a period of ten years, provided the Minister

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for Local Government and Public Health would give a Grant of £5,000, had been forwarded to the Department on the 20th November ult., and that on the 4th December instant the Council's proposals (supported by the usual completed forms and tracings prepared by the County Surveyor) for the expenditure of the proposed Grant and Loan of £10,000 were forwarded to the Department as follow:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW.

3rd December, 1930.

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

Dear Sir,

I enclose my recommendations to the County Council for the distribution of the proposed Grant and Loan of £10,000.

I propose to expend £1,000 on the Road from Rathnew towards Newrath Bridge, giving employment at Ballylusk Quarry for the Rathnew and Ashford men.

£1,000 on road near Newcastle, giving employment for Newcastle and neighbourhood.

£1,000 near Killinacarrig Cross, giving employment for the men from Kilcool, Delgany, Greystones and Kilmacanogue.

£1,000 on road near Dunlavin, giving employment for Dunlavin and Stratford on Slaney.

£1,000 on road at Baltinglass, giving employment for Baltinglass area.

£1,000 on road between Tinahely and Curravankish,

£1,000 on road from Kilpipe to Annacurra, and

£1,000 on road from Annacurra towards Aughrim.

These latter works will give employment for the Aughrim, Tinahely and Shillelagh areas.

£1,000 on road from Coates' Bridge to Woodenbridge.

This will give work to the men about Avoca, by the opening of Troy's Quarry, near Woodenbridge.

I also propose to expend £1,000 on that part of the road near Knocklow Bridge. This will give employment in the Kilquiggan area.

As far as I can gather, there is not such great dearth of work in the Blessington area, but unfortunately I am unable to place any work in the Arklow area which could be done in winter time, but I anticipate that there will be some sewerage work carried out there in the immediate future.

In all the above works surface dressing is omitted as it is not work which can be done in the earlier part of the year.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

The following correspondence which had since passed was submitted:—

Department of Local Government & Public Health,
S. R. U. 83 Custom House,

DUBLIN.

5th December, 1930.

A Chara,

With reference to your letters of the 20th ultimo and 4th instant and enclosures, in regard to unemployment, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that no definite sum can be allocated to any district until the position as regards unemployment has been fully ascertained.

If there is submitted a definite scheme of work, accompanied by a plan, specification and an estimate of cost of (a) materials and of (b) labour, together with information as to the numbers of men that could be usefully employed thereon, the Minister will give the matter full consideration. Evidence should be furnished of the number registered for employment in the district, and of the amount of Home Assistance at present being afforded by the Board of Health and Public Assistance.

Where relief works are proposed for any particular area of a County the amount of Home Assistance distributed in that area should be given. These particulars may be given on the accompanying form.

If there are any essential public health works, such as water and sewerage schemes, which the local Authority desire to undertake with a view to providing additional employment at the present time, full consideration will be given to any such proposals. Such works should ordinarily be undertaken by the Local Authority out of Local funds, but if conditions in regard to unemployment justify a grant, a contribution from relief funds may be made applicable. The Local Authority will, however, be required to bear the major portion of the cost involved, if necessary raising a loan for the purpose.

If no public health works are contemplated, other suitable works may be submitted.

Mise, le meas,

Signed:— J. Hurson.

A/s Runaidhe

To: The Secretary,

County Council.

WICKLOW.

The Secretary further reported that the completed forms showing the statistical information required for each of the ten areas by the Department had in due course been completed from information supplied by the Branch Managers of the Branch Employment Offices at Baltinglass, Tullow, Wicklow, Arklow, Bray, Naas and Gorey, and by the County Superintending Assistance Officer, and had been transmitted to the De-

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Department of Local Government and Public Health on the 12th December, 1930.

Department of Local Government & Public Health,
S. Custom House,
Wicklow U.D. DUBLIN.
16adh Mi Na Nodhlag, 1930.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter received on the 13th instant submitting particulars of unemployment in the various areas in Wicklow County in which the County Council propose to carry out road works with a view to providing additional employment at the present time, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Council that he has allocated a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of the works. He considers that the extent of the works should be restricted to a maximum of £8,000 and the County Council's contribution raised by loan repayable over a period not exceeding five years having regard to the nature of the works undertaken. Particulars of the Scheme as modified should be submitted to the Department in due course. The works may be put in hands forthwith. A loan application form is enclosed

Mise, le meas,
E P McCARRON.
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
County Council,
WICKLOW.

Enclosure.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
DUBLIN.
December, 1930.

MEMORANDUM IN REGARD TO RELIEF WORKS

In connection with the carrying out of special works for the relief of unemployment by the aid of Grants from the Relief Grants Vote, the Department of Local Government and Public Health desire to notify the Local Authority that the Labour required must be engaged through the Local Employment Exchange.

This is a necessary condition and must be observed in all cases.

A copy of this memorandum is enclosed for the guidance of the Officer in control of works undertaken by the Local Authority by the aid of grants, and he should be instructed to communicate with the nearest Employment Exchange and acquaint the officer in charge of the number of men that can be offered employment and the nature of the work they are required to perform and the location of the work.

An assurance that this course has been adopted will be required before any payments are made out of the grant allocated to the Local Authority.

Department of Local Government and Public Health.
S 93, 281/30 Custom House,
Cill Mhanntain. DUBLIN.
17adh Mi Na Nodhlag, 1930.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward to you copy of a communication which has this day been addressed to the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance in reply to a letter received (copy enclosed) regarding the carrying out of certain public health works.

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

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

ENCLOSURES.

Copy.

S. 93, 281/30
Wicklow Co.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant in which you enquire what assistance the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance will be able to obtain towards the carrying out of certain public health works, and in reply I am to state, for the information of the Board of Health, that the Minister has already allocated on representations of the County Council a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of carrying out special road works for the relief of unemployment in various parts of the County. Having regard to this allocation the need for undertaking public health works to the extent referred to in your letter could not be justified on the grounds of unemployment so as to warrant further contributions from Relief Funds. If it had been within the knowledge of the Minister when he had under consideration the County Council's proposals that the Board of Health contemplated the carrying out of public health works to any extent he would have been disposed to give preference to such works in the allocation of the grant.

If the County Council were disposed to curtail their schemes for employment on roads, the Minister will be prepared to re-allocate portion of the Grant already earmarked to the County Wicklow for public health works to be undertaken by the Board of Health.

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A copy of this communication is being sent to the Wicklow County Council.

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

The Secretary,
Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance.

Copy. Wicklow County Board of Health,
County Home,
Rathdrum.
December, 16th 1930.

A Chara,

At the meeting yesterday the Board of Health and Public Assistance decided to promote schemes for the provision of water supplies and sewerage systems in the County as set out below, and I am to inquire what assistance the Board will be able to obtain from the recent Grant towards the carrying out of the works in the several cases.

Water Supplies—Ballinglass
Blessington (improvement of existing supply)
Donard
Dunlavin
Rathnew.

Sewerage Works—Carnew
Donard
Kilcool
Newtown Mt. Kennedy
Rathnew.

Mise, le meas,
P W Sheehan.
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Local Government Department,
Dublin.

After considerable discussion it was
Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by " D J Kehoe;

That we hereby accept the offer of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as contained in his letter of the 16th December, 1930, that we consequently raise a loan of £5,000 over a period of five years; that the works of road improvement submitted by the County Surveyor to the Minister be hereby approved and adopted; and that the County Surveyor be directed to modify his ten schemes so as to meet the figures as reduced from £10,000 to £8,000.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That having given the fullest consideration to the letters from the Department of Local Government dated the 16th December, 1930 (No. S. Wicklow U.D.), and the 17th December, 1930 (No. S. 93281/30), we hereby decide to expend the sum of £1,000 immediately on the works of road improvement, to be raised by way of loan over a period of five years, and we ask the Minister to give a grant of at least an equal sum, and we further request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allocate the balance of the Unemployment Grant set aside for County Wicklow to the County Board of Health to be devoted by that Body to the Water Supply schemes and Sewerage Works referred to in that Board's letter to the Minister dated the 16th December, 1930—and we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to select the same portions of roads to be improved under the schemes already submitted and hereby approved, having first taken into consideration the conditions of unemployment existing near the selected roads.

A vote having been called for on the Amendment it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J J Bourne, D Con-dren, George Kearon, W J Henry, J J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, George Heatley, C M Byrne and D H Haskins—11.

AGAINST—Councillors T Wendick, D J Kehoe, Edward Byrne, J Everett, T.D., Joseph Jacob and T Mulcahy—6.

The Amendment was thereupon put to the Meeting by the Chairman as a substantive Motion and declared to have been passed by eleven votes for to six against.

Attention was drawn by Councillor William J Henry to the fact that under the provisions of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1927, the life of the Council's three Representatives on the Joint Committee of Management expired on the 31st December, 1930.

As a matter of urgency, therefore, and with the consent of the members of the Council present, it was

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That the following be reappointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, in accordance with the provisions of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1927:—

William J Henry, Burgage, Blessington,
Bartle Egan, Baltiboys, Blessington.
John Healy, Blessington.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the three Dail Members representing the County of Wicklow be requested by this Council to make immediate and pressing representations to the Irish Land Commission to expend portion of the sum allocated to that Government Department out of the Three Hundred Thousand Pounds set aside for the relief of unemployment on the following urgent and necessary works in this County, which, unfortunately, cannot be done by Wicklow County Council as a Road Authority, and which works would give much-needed employment in the adjacent dis-

tricks where at present shocking privation and hardships are reported to exist :-

- (1), To put in thorough repair the bye-road from Toole's Cottage at Mount John to the oak tree at Kilmartin. £220 Estimated Cost.
- (2) To put in thorough repair the road passing Mr Brennan's gate at Gormanstown. £250 Estimated Cost.
- (3) To put in thorough repair the road from Red Peg's Cross Roads to Glenealy. £400 Estimated Cost.
- (4) To complete the former work on the road from Kilcoagh near Donard, portion of which has already been done out of a Relief Grant given by the Minister of Local Government and Public Health. £600 Estimated Cost.
- (5) Ballinaboun Road via Lackan. £250 Estimated Cost.
- (6) The road way at Friar's Hill, Tober, Dunlavin, leading to the homes of seven families, and not a County road way. £320 Estimated Cost.
- (7) To remake the broken part of the Coast Road between Ardynary and Sallymount—and recondition in general this Sea Coast Road between Wicklow and Arklow. £5,000 Estimated Cost.
- (8) Provide a foot-bridge over the river at Granabag to allow unfortunate people to go to church, and the children to go to school. £750 Estimated Cost.

Passed unanimously.

Byrne
16/12/31

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 January, 1931.

The following Members attended :-

Councillor O M Byrne, Chairman ;
Councillors P P O'Reilly, Laurence Moore, John Dunne, J Everett, T.D. ; Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle, T Weadick, D H. Haskins, William Byrne, David Frame, J J Bourne, William J Henry, M Fleming, James McCrea, T Mulcahy and James Kavanagh.

The Secretary read the following telegram which he had received from Mr P J Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor :-
Ballinglass,
12.55 p.m.

Healy,

Court House,

Wicklow.

Car broken down. Cannot attend. Metcalfe, Keogh cannot attend.

Foley.

SUMMONS.

Wicklow County Council.

Court House,

WICKLOW.

12th January, 1931.

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 19th January, 1931, for the purpose of considering the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the Financial Year which will end on the 31st March, 1932.

A Copy of this Scheme is enclosed herewith.

The Members of the Council are hereby requested to attend.

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P T Healy,

Secretary to the County Council.

To/

Each Member

of Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne ;

Seconded by Edward Byrne ;

Resolved :- That we have learned with much regret of the loss of our esteemed colleague, Mr George Heatley, has suffered in the death of his sister, and we offer him our sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

Passed unanimously

The Secretary again submitted the circular letter from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health, [Roads], Custom House, Dublin, dated the 27th October, 1930, Reference No. RGM/2/01/30, in which the Council was asked to frame estimates of the sums which they are likely to allow for the upkeep during the year 1931-1932 respectively of [a] Main Roads and [b] County Roads [copy of which communication is printed in full on pages 14 and 15 of the printed Minutes of the Council's Quarterly Meeting, held on the 17th November, 1930].

The Secretary also read the Memorandum on the same subject issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the 20th November, 1930, in which it is emphasised that 40% of the sum proposed to be expended refers to the sum proposed for Main Roads only and that the question of whether any Grant will be allowed will be governed by the sum proposed for the maintenance of all roads.

19th January, 1931.

The Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1932 [printed copy of which was in the hands of each Councillor for one week prior to the Meeting] was considered and discussed at considerable length.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame ;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne ;

That this Council finds itself—without the information in front of them regarding the relief it was anticipated Ratepayers would receive following the issue of the De-Rating Commission's Report—unable to decide what sums be set aside for Road Maintenance for the service of the year 1931-1932 and we therefore adjourn consideration of the Provisional Road Works Scheme now before us to a date to be subsequently fixed, which date is not to exceed one month from this date.

A Vote having been called for, it was found that the councillors present voted as follow :—

FOR—Councillors J J Bourne, M Fleming, J Kavanagh, J McCrea, W J Henry, Major C M. Mitchell, J Byrne, D Frame, C M Byrne, Wm. Byrne, D H Haskins and T Mulcahy—12.

AGAINST—Councillors P Doyle, T Weadick, P P O'Reilly, E Byrne, J Dunne, J Everett, T.D. ; and Joseph Jacob—7.

The Motion was thereupon declared carried by (12) Votes to seven (7).

The following communication from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health was read :—

COUNTY WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH.

Secretary's Office,
County Home, Rathdrum.
January 13th, 1931.

Annual Estimates.

Dear Sir,

Board of Health—I am forwarding herewith the Annual Estimate and Demand of the Board of Health and Public Assistance as Sanitary Authority, as adopted at the Meeting yesterday.

Board of Health Assistance.—At the Meeting yesterday the Board had under consideration the Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure as a Poor Law Authority. They decided to postpone the making of the Demand for the forthcoming year to the Meeting on the 26th instant, the Wicklow County Council to be asked at their Meeting on the 19th instant, to make arrangements to provide work for the unemployed men in receipt of Assistance and so obviate the necessity for the issue of relief in these cases. Will you kindly bring the matter under the notice of your Council at its meeting on the 19th instant accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

P W Sheehan,
Secretary.

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

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " P P O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That the following Councillors be appointed to sit as a Special Committee to consider and draft a Scheme along the lines suggested by Councillor J J Bourne with a view to giving effect to the proposal of the County Wicklow Board of Health, which would, it is anticipated, considerably reduce the sums payable throughout the County under the heading of Home Assistance.

Chairman.
Vice-Chairman.
D. H. Haskins.

James Everett, T.D.
T. Mulcahy.
T. Weadick.
J. J. Bourne.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That we would press upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health—in view of the approaching Eucharistic Congress—to take over and make concrete roads of the following :—

34. Kilmacanogue—Glassnamullen.

38. Glassnamullen—Togher.

78. Toghermore—Laragh Bridge.

failing which there is absolutely no possibility of these roads, in their present condition, and as maintained by this Council, being able to stand up to the traffic which they will be called upon to carry in the year 1932.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to declare that the following road be a Link Road the expenditure on which will be subject to the usual recoupment from the Road Fund :—

358. The Road leading from Valleymount (Monsmuck) to Blessington.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to declare the following Roads Link Roads the expenditure on which will be subject to the usual recoupment from the Road Fund :—

No. 217. Road from Carnew to Kirks'-the Togher.

No. 213. Road from Killaveney to Kirks'-the Togher.

Passed.

The following communication was considered, after which the Council heard at considerable length the views of a Deputation of the unemployed of the Avoca area whose views were put before the Meeting by Mr James J Dunne :—

Avoca,
Co. Wicklow,
Jan. 16th, 1931.

Dear Sir,

At a large Meeting of the Unemployed of the Avoca area held on the 14th inst. it was unanimously resolved :—" That we call the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the grave destitution existing in this area owing to unemployment as a result of which seventy-five men within a radius of two miles are presently without any means of livelihood and exist on the border-line of hunger. That we respectfully ask the Council to immediately request sanction to :—

1. The widening and thorough repair of the Roadway known as Kilmagig lane.
2. The widening and repairing of the road from Avoca village to Templarney turn."

Yours faithfully,

John J Dunne,
[Actg. Sec.].

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle ;

Seconded by " T Weadick ;

Resolved—That the Representatives of this County in the Dail be asked

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to press upon the Irish Land Commission, in the strongest possible manner, the necessity for relieving the conditions of destitution and privation that the Deputation from Avoca has this day represented to exist in that area—by taking over, widening and putting into a thorough condition of repair the roadway known as Kilmagig lane ; which lane is not, and cannot, be maintained or worked by the County Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained ; we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to expend the sum of £300 over and above the sums in the approved Estimates for the year 1930-31, to be raised out of overdraft, and to be expended preparing stone at Troy's Quarry with a view to relieving the destitution and privation which to-day's Deputation alleges exists in Avoca and District ; the stones to be used on the road from Garnagowan to Coates' Bridge.

Passed unanimously.

A letter dated the 20th December, 1930, and an extensively signed Memorial were received from the Tinahely Town Improvements Committee in which the Council's attention was drawn to certain much-needed works in that town and district, on which portion of the £300,000 Grant by the Dail for the relief of unemployment might be most usefully expended.

No Order—The Council's share in this grant being apparently only £3,000, of which £1,000 has been expended throughout the County in the relief of Unemployment ; the remaining £2,000 being set aside to assist the County Board of Health in the promotion of Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes.

With the unanimous consent of the Members of the Council present, consequent upon the pressure being brought to bear by the Council's Treasurer, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That pursuant to letter of sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 19th day of December, 1930 [S. Wicklow], the sum of £1,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wicklow, for the purpose of defraying portion of the expenditure on road works to relieve unemployment, to be repaid within five years with Interest at the rate of one-half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate, varying subject to a minimum of 4% per annum as in said letter of sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure said loan.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D. ;

Seconded by " C M Byrne ;

Resolved—That the approval of the County Council be given to the raising by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a loan of One Thousand Pounds for the purpose of providing a water supply at Rathnew.

Passed.

Before this Motion was put to the Meeting the Secretary pointed out that, as the subject matter of the Motion was not an item on the Agenda for that day's Meeting in his opinion it should come before the Council as a Notice of Motion in the first instance in order to comply with the provisions of Section 4, Sub-Section 3, of the Local Government Act, 1927.

James J. Dunne
16/1/31

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 6th February, 1931.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman:

Councillors James McCrea, John W Ryan, P P O'Reilly, Laurence Moore, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D., Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle, James Weadick, D H Haskins, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Heatley, Major C C Mitchell, William J Henry, J J Metcalfe, M Fleming and T Mulcahy.

SUMMONS.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,
Wicklow.

30th January, 1931.

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, the 6th February, 1931, for the purpose of considering the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the Financial Year which will end on the 31st March, 1932. A copy of this Scheme was forwarded to each Councillor on the 12th instant.

The Members of the Council are hereby requested to attend.

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P T HEALY,

Secretary to the County Council.

To/

Each Member of Wicklow County Council.

The Council had again under consideration the circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, (Roads), Custom House, Dublin, dated the 27th October, 1930, (Reference No. RGM/201 80) in which the Council was asked to frame, at as early a date as possible, estimates of the sums which they proposed to allow for the upkeep, during the financial year 1931/1932, of respectively, (a) Main Roads and (b) County Roads (Vide complete copy of this circular on pages 14 and 15 of the printed Minutes of the Council's Quarterly Meeting held on the 17th November, 1930), and also memorandum on the same subject issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the 20th November, 1930, in which it was emphasised that 40% of the sum proposed to be expended refers to the sum proposed for Main Roads only, and that the question of whether any Grant will be allowed will be governed by the sum allowed for maintenance of all roads.

The Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1932 (printed copy of which was in the hands of each Councillor since the 14th January, 1931) was considered and discussed at great length.

Proposed by Councillor Major Mitchell;

Seconded by " Wm. Henry;

Resolved:—That this Council allocate to the Main Roads (which

include National, Trunk and Link), for the service of the year ending the 31st March, 1932, the same amount as we allocated to these Main Roads for the current year 1930/1931, namely, £17,663, to which sum the Government contributed by way of Grant the sum of £6,900, and we hereby authorise and direct our County Surveyor to amend his figures in the Road Works Scheme on a pro rata basis.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

That having considered the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1932, we hereby allocate the following sums to National, Trunk and Link Roads to be expended on these Roads during the year in question, and we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to modify his figures in the Scheme so as to bring them down so as to coincide with the total sums allowed:—

National Roads	£1,500.
Trunk " "	2,500.
Link " "	13,668.

£17,668.

This Council wishes to express the opinion that the National Road is in perfect condition, that the Trunk Roads are also in excellent repair, but that the Link Roads are in very bad state indeed.

A Vote having been called for on the Amendment it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT:—Councillors P Doyle, J McCrea, T Weadick, P P O'Reilly, C M Byrne and James Everett, T.D.:—6

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, M Fleming, W J Henry, J J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, L Moore, E Byrne, J Byrne, J Dunne, G Heatley, J W Ryan, D H Haskins, J Jacob and T Mulcahy—14.

The Amendment was declared lost and Councillor Major Mitchell's original motion was thereupon put by the Chairman to the Meeting and declared to have been passed.

The Council proceeded to consider that portion of the Provisional Road Works Scheme which related to motions by County Councillors for works of Road Improvement.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " Major C C Mitchell;

That, for economic reasons, we hereby strike out of the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1931-1932 the twenty-four applications for works of Improvement submitted by County Councillors.

A Vote having been called for it was found that the Councillors present voted as follows:

FOR:—Councillors J J Bourne, W J Henry, J J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, G Heatley, J W Ryan and D H Haskins.—7

AGAINST:—Councillors P Doyle, M Fleming, J McCrea, T Weadick, Laurence Moore, P P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D.; J Jacob and T Mulcahy.—13.

The Motion was declared lost by thirteen votes against seven for.

Each County Councillor's Motion for a Work of Road Improvement was thereupon considered in the order appearing in the printed Scheme.

The following works were approved and ordered to be carried out by the County Surveyor other than by contract, but the Council emphasised the fact that the County Surveyor was to have full power to carry out the works by contract, or other than by contract, whichever he deemed the most economical and best method.

MAIN ROADS.

To ease the dangerous bend on the Glencaly-Rathdrum Road, at Bahana, cost not to exceed £7.

That the dangerous corner at Coneyhorn (Mr Balfo's land) be removed at a cost not exceeding £20.

That dangerous turn at Killaderrig (Douglas's) on the Rathnew-Killougher road, be eased, at a cost not exceeding £60.

A discussion arose as to whether the motion of Councillor James Everett, T.D. "to construct a concrete footpath from Abbey Street, Wicklow to the Railway Station gates" was a work of such importance and utility as to warrant the expenditure of £190 which the County Surveyor estimated it would cost. It was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob;

Resolved:—That the work be passed and that a sum of £150 be allowed to have the work carried out.

A Vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

FOR:—Councillors J McCrea, T Weadick, E Byrne, J Byrne, John Dunne, J W Ryan, C M Byrne, J Everett, T.D.; J Jacob and T Mulcahy.—10.

AGAINST:—Councillors J J Bourne, M Fleming, W J Henry, G Heatley and D H Haskins.—5.

The resolution was declared passed by ten votes to five.

That the turn at Ashford Guards' Barracks (opposite Mr Deegan's Hotel) be eased, at a cost not exceeding £50.

That the turn at Rathnew on the Newrath Road, be eased, at a cost not exceeding £40.

The Council rejected Councillor C M Byrne's Motion to re-construct the old shore in the street of Roundwood from Togher House to the end of the School, the County Surveyor having given his opinion that this was a sanitary matter.

COUNTY ROADS.

Councillor W J Henry withdrew his Motion to make three gulleys on Road No. 367, W. three roads Lackan, to the three roads Ballinatona and to Ballynoultagh village, at a cost not exceeding £30.

The Council rejected Councillor P P O'Reilly's Motion to have the Road leading from Vallemount (Monamuck) to Blessington steamrolled at a cost estimated by the County Surveyor to be £2769.

The Council also rejected Councillor D H Haskins Motion to take over and maintain the road from Toole's cottage through the townlands of Ballyvolan and Timmore, at a cost estimated by the County Surveyor to be £40, on the grounds that the Irish Land Commission had, by resolution, been approached to execute this work with a view to relieving privation due to unemployment.

To reconstruct a suitable gullet over the stream on Road No. 114, known as the "Lucky Brook," at a cost not exceeding £100.

Councillor C M Byrne withdrew his Motion to take over and maintain the road from Red Peg's Cross Roads to Glencaly, at a cost estimated by the County Surveyor to be £228, on the grounds that the Irish Land Commission had, by resolution, been approached to execute this work with a view to relieving privation due to unemployment.

To take over and maintain the road leading from Annamoe Post Office to the Upper Lough Dan-Laragh Road, at a cost not exceeding £30.

That the dangerous turn at 8 roads Castletimon be eased, at a cost

not to exceed £30.

Councillor Everett, T.D., withdrew his Motion to have the road from Brittas Bridge towards Castletimon (Brittas Lane) repaired and maintained, at a cost estimated by the County Surveyor to be £100.

Councillor Edward Byrne also withdrew his Motion to take over and maintain the following roads:—Hillside Road, from the Church Road to Electric Light Station, and from Electric Light Station to "Ardkeen" at St. Vincent's Road, known as the Golf Club Road, so as to give a through connection with St. Vincent's Road, and the following Roads in the Burnaby Estate:—Killincarrig Road (Burnaby Road to Whited Road) Whited Road, Portland Road, St. Vincent Road, Somerby Road, Erskine Avenue, Pavilion Road, South Place, Portland Place, Quarry Road, Kinlen Road, at a cost estimated by the County Surveyor to be £500.

To put the road leading from Kileaven to Parkmore under contract, at a cost not exceeding £40.

To put four gulleys on the road from Ballingale to Donishall and from Ballingale to Knocknolour (Road No. 224), at a cost not exceeding £30.

The Council rejected Councillor James McCrea's Motion to repair and put under contract the Road from Umrigar to Carnew-Shilleagh Road, at a cost estimated by the County Surveyor to be £265.

To remove the dangerous corner on the Carnew-Tinahely Road at Mr Dowse's Land, Carnew, at a cost not exceeding £15.

To take over and maintain the following roads:—Hillside Road, from the Church Road to the Electric Light Station, and from Electric Light Station to "Ardkeen" at St. Vincent's Road, known as the Golf Club Road, so as to give a through connection with St. Vincent's Road and the following road in the Burnaby Estate:—Killincarrig Road, at a cost not exceeding £200.

To repair two gulleys on Road No. 232, at near Park and Shillelagh Church, at a cost not exceeding £40.

Councillor M Fleming, after considerable discussion, withdrew his Motion to put in repair about a mile of Boley Lane (10/- per Perch), at a cost estimated by the County Surveyor to be £200, and the Secretary was directed to submit this work to the Irish Land Commission with the request that it be executed out of the unemployment Grant administered by that Body so as to relieve the destitution and privation that existed in that area consequent upon unemployment.

To ease the dangerous bends on Co. Road No. 117, at (1) Lyons' cottages; (2) at junction of Road leading to Barnaby; (3) about two hundred yards from the bend No. 2, in the direction of Rathdrum, at a cost not exceeding £20.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

for the Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1932.

Summary of Expenditure.

	Main Roads.			County Roads.	Totals
	National & Trunk	Link.	Total		
Repairs.	£6,987	£10,676	£17,663	£13,122	£30,785
Improvements.	247	80	327	505	832
Contingencies.	—	—	250	250	500
Repayment of Loans	—	—	1,051	1,399	2,450
			£19,291	£15,276	£34,567

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

Resolved:—That we give to Road Contractor James Farrell, Umrigar, Carnew, as much stones—not exceeding 100 c.y.—as may be required to keep passable the road from Tomacork Quarry to road No. 220, provided that Contractor Farrell carts and spreads the stones without extra charge or remuneration.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett T.D.:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, to be held on the 16th February, 1931, that this Council hereby authorises and directs the transfer, not later than the 28th March, out of current overdraft of the sum of £300 to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee (providing the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offers no objection) by way of loan over a period of ten years to be repaid by that Committee to the County Council in half-yearly instalments together with interest on the amounts outstanding from time to time at the then current Bank Rate charged to the County Council by their Treasurer, with a view to placing the aforementioned Committee in a position to avail of a free Grant of £300 from the Department of Education for the purpose of increasing the accommodation in the Woodwork and Engineering Workshops in the Wicklow Technical School, and the purchase of additional equipment therefor, which free Grant will be lost to the funds of the Committee if not received from the Department before the 31st March, 1931; and we here by rescind all previous orders or resolutions given or passed in connection with this matter."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J J Metcalfe:—

I hereby give Notice that I will move:—

That the consent and approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the raising by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of £2,000 for the purpose of carrying out improvements and alterations at the County Home.

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 16th February, 1931.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor E Byrne, vice-Chairman, in the chair.
Councillors James McCrea, P P O'Reilly, L Moore, James Everett, T.D.; John Dunne, Joseph Jacob, Thomas Weadick, J J Bourne, George Heatley, D H Haskins, J J Metcalfe, M Fleming, James Kavanagh, William Byrne, William J Henry, Patrick Doyle and D J Kehoe.

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 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 may have been approved by the County Council.
- 7 To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8 To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.
- 9 To consider Application from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture requesting the Council to make provision for the contribution of an extra £200 for the year 1931-32 to cover the cost of the Horse Breeding Scheme.
- 10 To consider a letter from the Department of Agriculture advising the striking of an additional rate for the year 1931-1932 for the purposes of the Agricultural and Live-Stock Schemes administered by the County Committee of Agriculture.
- 11 To consider a second Resolution from the County Wicklow Central Library Committee asking for an increase of £140 in the amount to be transferred during the year 1931-1932 to that Committee so as to qualify them for a Grant of £100 from the Carnegie Trust.
- 12 To consider a letter from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee regarding the Loan of £300 which that Body desire to raise from the County Council in connection with works of improvement carried out in Wicklow Technical School so as to entitle the Committee to a Free Grant from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch).
- 12a. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—
"I hereby give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to be held on the 16th February, 1931, that this Council hereby authorises and directs the transfer not later than the 28th March, out of current overdraft, of the sum of £300 to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee (providing the

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Minister for Local Government and Public Health offers no objection) by way of loan over a period of ten years, to be repaid by that Committee to the County Council in half-yearly instalments with interest on the amounts outstanding from time to time at the then current Bank Rate charged to the County Council by their Treasurer, with a view to placing the aforementioned Committee in a position to avail of a free Grant of £300 from the Department of Education for the purpose of increasing the accommodation in the Woodwork and Engineering Workshops in the Wicklow Technical School, and the purchase of additional equipment therefor, which free Grant will be lost to the funds of the Committee if not received from the Department before the 31st March, 1931; and we hereby rescind all previous orders and resolutions given or passed in connection with this matter.

13 To receive the Resignation of Mr Thomas Langton from his position as Chief Clerk and Accountant in the Offices of the Council.

14 To make such arrangements, by promotion or otherwise, as the Council may deem advisable for the discharging of the duties attaching to the position of Chief Clerk and Accountant, and for the re-organisation of the Clerical work in the Secretary's Offices.

15 To make arrangements for the appointment of a permanent clerk, following an examination, in room of Mr Michael Fox transferred on promotion to the position of Accountant to Louth County Council.

16 To make such arrangements as may be convenient for the consideration of the Estimates for the service of the year 1931-1932 by the Finance Committee and for their subsequent formal approval and adoption by the Council.

17 To consider Resolution from the County Wicklow Board of Health requesting the Council to provide the Board with an Overdraft of £1,000 for the ensuing year.

18 To pass a Resolution, after due consideration of the recommendations of the Finance Committee, connected with the Proposals of the Joint Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway which would lead to the closing down of that line on terms very satisfactory to the Ratepayers of the Guaranteeing Area.

19 To pass a Resolution making application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a renewal of the County Council's Overdraft.

20 To consider County Surveyor's Reports.

21 To receive Counsel's opinion on

- (a) the question of maintenance of Roads adjacent to Dublin Corporation's Waterworks at Roundwood and
- (b) the question of strengthening public Road bridges over Railways.

22 To consider letter from Messrs. Stephen Gordon & Son, Solicitors, 15, Molesworth Street, Dublin, in which the Council's attention is drawn to the dangerous condition of the Road on the Townland of Templecarrig, close to the old farmhouse of Templecarrig Lower, and also to the action of the Council's employees in cutting a passageway for water on the road from Delgany to Belvedere through the hedge and bank thereby flooding a haggard field, the property of Mrs Battley.

23 To consider Resolution from the Arklow Urban District Council requesting the Council to carry out the work of re-making the broken part of the Coast Road between Ardinary and Sallymount and the re-conditioning generally of this Coast Road between Wicklow and Arklow.

24 To consider a communication from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, regarding the necessity for the erection of Directional and Danger Signs on either side of the Court House in Dunlavin.

25 To consider a letter from Mr W. J. Hugo, Glenwood, Rathdrum, in which he states that if he meets with an accident on the roads that he has already complained about he will hold the Council responsible.

26 To consider a letter from H. N. D. LaTouche, Kilmurray, Kilbride, asking to be refunded thirty shillings representing the cost of opening a shore near the three Roads at Kilmanog and Kilmurray West, which he alleges was the duty of the County Surveyor.

27 To consider a letter from Thomas Byrne, "St. Brigid's," Boghall Road, Bray, in which he claims to be refunded ten shillings representing the cost of making an outlet to prevent road surface water flooding his premises.

28 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking the Council to more clearly define the duties of the person to be appointed as Solicitor to the County Council.

29 To consider correspondence requesting the Council to act as Trustees for a Cow Park of about 100 acres about to be set up by the Land Commission for the use of Labourers residing in Kilquiggan.

30 To consider a Resolution from the County Wicklow Central Library Committee regarding a proposal to transfer Bray Urban District Council's Library Powers and duties to the County Council.

31 To consider a communication from the Greystones and District Development Society regarding the administration of the Carnegie Library, Greystones.

32 To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the obligation on the Council to supply Coroners with the Forms required in the discharge of their duties.

33 To consider a communication from the Department of Agriculture drawing the Council's attention to the failure of their Veterinary Inspector, Mr W. J. Richardson, V.S., to adequately and efficiently deal with a suspected case of Anthrax at Violet Hill, Bray.

34 To consider Resolution from the Wicklow District Development Society asking that travelling hawkers be prevented from obstructing the Main Street of Wicklow on Fair Days.

35 To consider correspondence regarding the proposal of Wicklow Urban District Council to rescind their Resolution in which they relinquished their powers under the Public Libraries Acts in favour of the County Council.

36 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which it is stated that the Council's proposal to abandon further proceedings against ex-Collector Charles Byrne and his two personal Sureties and to declare the Rates outstanding

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in that District to be irrecoverable, is one for the consideration of the Council, acting on their own responsibility.

37 To receive from Mr P. J. Foley, B.E., the Goldenfort, Rampere and Sandersgrove Minor Drainage Scheme duly supported by all the documents required by Section 7 of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

38 To consider a communication from the Agents to the Gun Cunningham Estate threatening to serve notice on the Council to determine the tenancy of the building rented as a Court House in Newtownmountkennedy unless the Council are prepared to take a new letting thereto at an increased rent.

39 To receive Minutes of Proceedings of the monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

40 To consider a communication from the Dublin County Council suggesting a conference of the Representatives of the Guaranteeing Area for Grangegorm Mental Hospital to discuss the financial crisis that has arisen concerning that Hospital.

41 To consider correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the establishment of Pounds where required in the County.

42 To consider a letter from the Office of Public Works, enclosing a Summary of the provisions of the National Monuments Act, 1930.

43 To appoint, on the recommendation of the Chief Superintendent Garda Síochána, Sergeant Michael Lee as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts for Aghrim Town and District.

44 To receive County Analyst's Report.

45 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

46 To receive Reports from County Officers.

47 To consider Official Correspondence.

48 To consider General Correspondence.

The Minutes of previous Meetings, as printed and circulated to each Member of the Council, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

The usual fortnightly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday the 22nd December, 1930.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D.; and C. M. Byrne.

In accordance with the instructions given by the Committee at their Meeting held on the 24th October, 1930, the Secretary submitted a large number of Tenders which he had obtained for repairing, re-covering, etc., the 50 mahogany chairs in the Council Chamber, and the different Offices in the Court House.

Having examined and carefully considered each individual Tender, the Committee accepted the Tender of Mr John Kane, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow, at an inclusive price of 7/3d. per chair and directed that this work be put in hands and completed to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, with as little delay as possible, payment therefor to be issued to Mr Kane at the Finance Committee Meeting next following the issue by the County Surveyor of his Certificate for payment.

Signed:— D. H. Haskins,

Chairman Finance Committee.

Dated 29th December, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;

Seconded by " J. Everett T.D.;

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

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Friday the 30th January, 1931.

The Following Members were present:—

Councillor D. H. Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors J. Everett T.D.; Joseph Jacob; Major C. C. Mitchell and William J. Henry.

Minutes of previous meetings were read, confirmed and signed.

The Committee had before them the following Proposals and, after careful examination, recommend them for payment by the County Council.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£9,041 4s. 4d.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Assistance for the service of the Financial year 1931/1932 recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same.

QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1931.

County Board of Public Assistance—£11,640 10s.

The Committee having examined the Annual Demand for the service of the Financial year 1931/1932 from the County Board of Public Health recommend the County Council to make the following transfer on foot of same:—

HALF-YEAR ENDING THE 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

County Board of Public Health—£7,004.

No Order was made by the Committee on the following letter which was submitted by the Secretary.

Ard NaRee,
Greystones,
6/1/31

Secretary,

County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the matter of Grants which were made and subsequently rescinded by your Council in connection with Utility Houses—as a further application will be made for the Council to kindly see their way to restore same, and the Houses are now starting and the conditions of the Council are being complied with, I would be obliged to

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know if any further forms etc., should be sent you or any plans etc., are to be deposited with you. Any steps which you consider necessary will be taken as you may direct.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) EDWARD ARCHER.

The Committee had under consideration correspondence from T Osborne Davis, Esq., Solicitor, 1, Goldsmith Terrace, Quinsboro' Road, Bray, on behalf of his client Mrs Christina Hinds, of "Lee Cote," Meath Road, Bray, applying for payment of a Grant of £100 by way of compensation for the destruction and loss of her house at Greystones last year owing to the action of the sea.

The Committee recommended that Mr T Osborne Davis be informed that the County Council repudiate any liability in the matter.

Letters were submitted from T J Flood, Esq., the Roacks, Grangecon, Land Commission Inspector, enquiring if the County Council is prepared to become Trustee for a Cow Park at Ballymarroge, containing 100 acres 0 rods and 25 perches, Annuity £16 2s., which it is proposed to provide for the use of Kilquigga Labourers.

The Committee having noted that the responsibilities to be borne by the Council as Trustee are (a) Payment of Annuity, (b) Payment of Rates and (c) To ensure that the land will be used for the purpose of grazing of cows and other stock the property of Labourers and others in Kilquigga, directed that the correspondence from an item on the Agenda for the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 16th February, 1931.

BILL OF COSTS.

presented by the late J H McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, incurred opposing in the years 1924 and 1925, The Dublin Electricity Supply Bill; The East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill; The Irish Hydro and Peat Electric Power Bill and the Naas No. 1 R D Electric Power Order.

The Secretary submitted Documents, and correspondence received from James M Magee, Esq., Solicitor, 17 Quinsboro' Road, Bray, who was appointed on the 27th August, 1928 to represent the Council's interests at the Taxing of the above referred to Bill, which amounted in all to £1629 12s. 1d., of which £1,053 11s. 10d. represented outlay, and £576 0s. 3d. represented Professional Charges.

The Secretary pointed out that the Council had already paid to the late Mr J H McCarroll three sums of £300 each ON ACCOUNT of this Bill of Costs, on the 17th December, 1924, the 19th February, 1926, and the 3rd August, 1928, respectively, making a total of £900.

The Committee, after careful consideration, are of opinion that an effort should be made to have the Taxation of this Bill carried to completion without further delay or expense to the County Council and, accordingly, have directed the Secretary, subject to the approval of the Council, to request Mr Magee to have the Bill re-entered in the Taxing Master's Lists and the Taxation completed at as early a date as possible.

DUBLIN & BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

The Committee had under careful consideration the Report prepared and submitted by the Joint Committee of Management set up under the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1927, to administer and operate the above Tramway.

The Report stated that Schemes were prepared by the Joint Committee of Management and endeavours made to have the Line absorbed by either the Dublin United Tramways or the Great Southern Railways, and the assistance of the Department of Industry and Commerce was evoked with this end in view, but without success. The Joint Committee were also unsuccessful in their efforts to put into force a Scheme for the running of Road Motor Services. In July, 1929, the Minister for Industry and Commerce requested the Committee to prepare a definite Scheme for the redemption of the Guaranteed Capital and the closing down of the Undertaking, this being the only method whereby the Ratepayers could obtain relief from the present crushing impost, and it was recognised that legislation would have to be resorted to to give effect to any Scheme that might be agreed upon.

A Scheme was accordingly framed and submitted in due course. The proposals contained therein were accepted by the Minister for Industry and Commerce as a definite move in the right direction, but after a consultation with the different Government Departments involved, the Minister conveyed verbally to the Committee a modified Scheme which he was prepared to give effect to by legislation if agreement could be come to between the County Councils and others concerned. This modified Scheme in due course received the most careful consideration in every detail by the Joint Committee of Management, who present it to the County Councils of County Dublin and County Wicklow in their Report, and recommend its acceptance, and ask the respective Councils to adopt same, and authorise the Committee to obtain the necessary statutory powers to carry out the recommendations contained therein.

The Scheme is as follows:—

- (1) The Guaranteed Capital of £40,000 to be redeemed for a cash payment to the Shareholders. The amount of the redemption money to be agreed between the Committee of Management and the stockholders. Failing agreement the matter to be referred to and decided by the Railway Tribunal.
- (2) The Government to make a Loan to the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow of the amount required to redeem the guaranteed stock. The Loan to be for a period of twenty years and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5½% per annum.
- (3) The Government to make a yearly contribution of a maximum amount of £1,900 towards the interest on and the repayment of the loan, this amount to decrease as a lesser amount becomes necessary to meet the total annual loan charges.
- (4) So long as a liability on both Counties exists for interest on and repayment of the loan or any part thereof the amount of Government contribution to be allocated in the proportion of two thirds (2/3) to County Wicklow and one-third to County Dublin (1/3). Provided that the total Government contribution in respect of the two Counties collectively shall not in any year be less than £1,900 or such lesser sum as shall represent

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the total liability for the year of the two Counties collectively in respect of interest on and repayment of loan.

(5) The Guaranteeing Area in Counties Dublin and Wicklow to be respectively responsible for one-half of the interest on and repayment of the loan, and to be entitled to recoupment by Government grant in accordance with clauses 3 and 4 hereof.

(6) The provisions of the Railway Act, 1924 to be made applicable to the employees of the Committee of Management, and the employees awarded pensions or gratuities according to the third Schedule attached to that Act.

(7) The Annual charges for the pensions to be borne by the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow in equal shares and provision to be made to enable the Councils to raise the amount of same annually by a rate struck over the Counties at large (urban areas excluded).

(8) The Counties to be empowered if desired to raise by loan sums sufficient to purchase annuities equivalent to the pensions arising from clause 6 and to repay same by annual instalments.

(9) The Committee to be empowered to realise all the assets of the Undertaking, whether as chattel, assets or as a going concern, (including power to realise any part of the Undertaking as a going concern) without any Baronial Guarantee, and the net proceeds of such realisation to be distributed as to two-thirds to County Dublin and one-third to County Wicklow to be applied by investment in reduction of the relative annual rate for pensions.

(10) Power to be given to the Minister to fix after consultation with the Committee the date upon which the Undertaking shall be deemed to have determined and the Baronial Guarantee terminated, and to determine the remuneration (if any) to be allowed to the Committee in respect of the winding up of the Undertaking.

(11) Power to be given to the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow to set up a Joint Statutory Committee consisting of two Members appointed by each County to which Committee the proceeds of the rate for Pensions shall be transferred by the respective County Councils and which Committee shall be responsible for the payment of all Pensions payable under clause 6. Power being given to the Minister by Order to make necessary regulations for this purpose.

(12) Power to be given to the Committee to purchase from the Directors of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company the benefit of the Guarantee at present existing in favour of the Guaranteed Shareholders of the concern upon such terms as the Committee with the sanction of the Minister may determine.

(13) Power to be given to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company to sell to the Committee the benefits of the Guarantee mentioned in clause 12 upon obtaining the consent of the majority of not less than ¾ of the owners of the Guaranteed Shares in the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

(14) Provision that for the purpose of aforesaid the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company shall have all the necessary powers (including powers to wind up and appoint a liquidator) analogous to the provisions of the Companies Acts, 1908 and later Acts.

(15) Provision that upon the date determined by the Minister as the date upon which the Undertaking shall be deemed to have determined, all liability by the Baronial Guaranteeing Areas in respect of the Undertaking, the working thereof, (including all previously incurred liabilities) and the shares in the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company shall be absolutely determined.

With a view to clarifying the situation, your Finance Committee desire to point out that the Government propose to advance, by way of loan over a period of twenty years, the £22,000 deemed necessary to purchase the present Shareholders' Interests in the 4,000 shares of the original Company, the par value of each share being £10.

The interest on this loan would in that time it has been calculated amount to £13,282 : 10s. The Government also propose to make an Annual contribution of £1,900 to assist the county Councils of Dublin and Wicklow in repaying the principle and interest on the before-mentioned loan of £22,000. County Wicklow's proportion of that £1,900 would be £1266 13 4d. County Dublin's proportion would be £633 : 6 8d. As County Wicklow's annual share (£1266 : 13 : 4d.) of the Government's Yearly Grant is more than sufficient to repay each year the instalments of principle and interest of the original £22,000 loan it is expected that no Annual charge of any kind will fall on the Ratepayers in that connection.

There are forty-six employees in the service of the Tramway Company, and the Scheme proposes to make the provisions of the Railway Act, 1924 applicable to these employees, who are to be awarded pensions or gratuities as the case may be according to the third Schedule of that Act. These pensions or gratuities it is estimated will amount to approximately £2,570 in the first year, and, of course as may be anticipated—many of the employees being at present aged fifty years and upwards—this annual charge is certain to reduce as the years elapse. The Scheme provides that this annual charge for pensions, etc., of £2,570 shall be borne equally between the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, and the scheme further provides that each County shall raise, by means of a rate, levied over the County at large rural (excluding urban areas), a sufficient sum to meet this charge. The crushing impost on the Ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Area would therefore be reduced from two shillings and two pence (2/2d), which they have borne for many years now, to one penny farthing (1/4d.), but on the other hand the Ratepayers in the rural portions of the County outside the Guaranteeing Area, are asked to assist the Ratepayers living within the Guaranteeing Area by the payment of a rate of one penny farthing (1/4d.) which they have never been, and could never be, asked for before in connection with the administration of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Your Finance Committee in conclusion desire to point out that there only remains the Debit Balance against the Guaranteeing Area which will be £2,400 approximately on the 31st March, 1931. This Debit Balance your Finance Committee recommends might be met by Wicklow County Council using its proportion of the proceeds of the sale of the Line and the Chattels, and also using County Wicklow's proportion (half) of the £1,200 at present lodged to Credit of the Company in the Munster and Leinster Bank, to pay off, immediately the Scheme is put into effect, the debit Balance of the £2,400 before mentioned.

Your Finance Committee, therefore, having given the proposed Scheme submitted by the Joint Committee of Management the most careful consideration, strongly recommend its acceptance and adoption by the County Council, provided that clause 9 of the Scheme be modified so as to allow Wicklow County Council to use the £600 referred to, and to further use County Wicklow's proportion (1/3) of the proceeds of the sale of the assets and chattels of the company, in wiping out the debit Balance against the Guaranteeing Area which is estimated to be £2,400 on the 31st March, 1931, as indicated. The Scheme is recommended for acceptance and adoption on these conditions only, which fact

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the Finance Committee wishes particularly to emphasise.

Signed:— D H Haskins,
Chairman Finance Committee.
Dated 3rd February 1931,

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by " P P O'Reilly;

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

Passed.

At this stage Councillor J Everett T.D., questioned the accuracy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 19th December, 1930, for the purpose of considering the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932, and stated that they contained a Resolution which had not been formally put to the Meeting before being declared by the Chairman to have been passed. After a discussion the following was handed in by Councillor Everett.

"That the Minutes of the Meeting of 19th December, 1930, are not a correct record of meeting and that I would be noted as dissenting."

The Chairman having stated that the Minutes had already been signed as correct at the commencement of the Meeting, ruled both the discussion and the document out of order.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Friday the 13th February, 1931.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors James Everett and Joseph Jacob.

The Committee had under consideration the following Additional Proposals, and they recommend same to the County Council for Payment.

Additional Proposals—£2,250 : 2 : 1.

Signed. DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Date 13th February, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That Report No. 3 from the Finance Committee, as read at this Meeting, be hereby approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " G Heatley;

Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " Wm. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £9041 : 4 : 4, (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " Wm. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Additional Payments amounting to £2250 : 2 : 1, (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

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

Passed.

There were no Proposals for Contracts submitted from the Proposals Committee for approval or Sealing.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne;

Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved—That the application 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.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That the Licences issued under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, to the following be hereby renewed:—

Mrs Annie S Miller, Blessington.

Albert D Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow.

Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh.

William Alcorn, Abbey St., Wicklow.

Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood.

Sylvester V Delahunt, Abbey Street, Wicklow.

Garret B Hopkins, Main St., Wicklow.

John E Griffin, Main St., Bray.

Thomas M Barker, Coolboy House, Tinahely.

James Bradshaw, Kilegan.

Mrs Mary Toomey, Hollywood.

James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor-Kilbride.

D J Cogan, Laragh.

Joseph P Deegan, Ashford.

Michael Tutty, Hollywood.

James Healy, Rathdangan.

James Lawler, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin.

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Robert Spain, Donard.
Patrick Hoxey, Knockenarrigan.
Patrick J Graham, Knockananna.
John W Hanbidge, Dunlavin.
R Griffin, 28 Main St., Bray.
Frederick J Sutton, Rathdrum.
Arthur Hennessey, Blessington.
William F Murphy, Aughrim.
Simon Lambert, Market Square, Rathdrum.
Thomas Annesley, 50 Main St., Arklow.
Edwin Doyle, Church Road, Greystones.
John Synnot, Newtownmountkennedy.
Robin Haskins, Fitzwilliam Sq., Wicklow.
Joseph Harrington, Main St., Dunlavin.
Elizabeth Kavanagh, Aughrim.
Christopher Keogh, Ballyknockan, Blessington.
Patrick Leigh, Grangecon.
Christopher Brady, Roundwood.
Wm. B Kidd, Moyne, Ballinglen.
Miss Mary A Geraty, Carnew.

Passed.

The following letters from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture were submitted and considered.

County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture,
Court House,
WICKLOW.
21st January, 1931.

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

A Chara,

At the Meeting of my Committee, held on the 30th September, last, provisional allocation of funds was made for the year 1931/32 Schemes in Agriculture and Live Stock and it was only found possible to renew the Schemes which were in operation during the year 1930/31.

In this connection, some Members of the County Council who were present at the meeting mentioned that there was great disappointment throughout the County over the withdrawal of the Horse Breeding Scheme in 1930 and recommended that this Scheme be adopted in 1931.

Having discussed the matter, the Committee decided to make provision for the Horse Breeding Scheme but pointed out that it would be necessary to obtain an extra Rate contribution of £200 from the County Council for this purpose.

Accordingly, I was directed on behalf of the Committee, to request the County Council to kindly make provision for an extra rate contribution of £200, for the year 1931/32, to cover the cost of the Horse Breeding Scheme.

Mise le meas mor,
(Signed) G. P. BYRNE,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
DUBLIN C.17.

E 884/31.

31st January, 1931.

Sir,

I have to direct your attention to the fact that the Vocational Education Act, 1930, repeals the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891, and that, accordingly, for the time being, the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, is the only Statute under which a Rate can be struck for the purposes of the Agricultural and Live Stock Schemes administered by County Committees of Agriculture. Under the last mentioned Act the amount which may be so raised is limited to a sum equal to the proceeds of a penny rate; but in recent years the contribution from rates in each County towards the Schemes in question has, with one or two exceptions, exceeded the sum represented by a penny rate. Moreover, in the past few years special Grants (in addition to the Department's ordinary grant) have been made by the State to County Committees of Agriculture which obtained for their Agricultural and Technical Instruction Schemes the proceeds of the maximum rate of 2d. in the £ leviable under the acts of 1889 and 1891 and the Act of 1899. These Grants which are made in view of the urgent need for the development of the Live Stock and General Agricultural Schemes, are payable on condition that the Committees continue to receive the maximum amount of rate aid and that they do not reduce their allocations for the Schemes in question. It will be clear, therefore, that unless the local contribution towards the Agricultural Schemes in 1931/32 is at least equivalent to that afforded in 1930/31, very serious curtailments will have to be made in the amounts allocated by the Committees for their Agricultural and Live Stock Schemes.

This would be a retrograde step of a very regrettable nature at the present time in view of the pressing need realised by both the Department and the County Committees for the continuance and extension of their efforts to improve the Live Stock Industry, from which farmers derive such a large part of their income, and also to raise the general level of agricultural education and practice.

You are probably aware that under Section 32 (1) of the Agriculture Bill now before the Dail, it is proposed that the raising by means of the poor rate of a sum equal to not less than a rate of 2d. in the £ in each financial year (including the financial year commencing the 1st April, 1931) shall be mandatory, and that each County Council shall be empowered in the same financial year to raise, if necessary, a further sum equal to the proceeds of an additional 1d. rate.

It is fully anticipated that this Bill will become law before the 31st March next but as the County Council will shortly be considering their Estimates I have to suggest that they should take the necessary preliminary steps towards raising, in respect of the Agricultural and Live Stock Schemes

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a sum equivalent to the proceeds of a rate of 2d. in the £ as stipulated in the Bill. In order to regularise the position of County Councils in this matter the Minister for Agriculture will arrange, when the Agriculture Bill is next under consideration by the Oireachtas, to obtain legal sanction for any action taken at this stage by County Councils towards the striking of a rate in excess of 1d. in the £ for the purposes of the Schemes referred to.

I have to request that you will kindly favour the Department, as soon as possible, with a statement of the action taken by the County Council in this matter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
F. J. MEYRICK,
Secretary.

To/ The Secretary of each County Council.
Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " J McCrea;

Resolved—That our Secretary be instructed to include in the estimate of rates for the service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932, an extra sum of £200 for the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture in addition to the proceeds of the rate of one penny in the £ authorised by the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1889, notwithstanding the fact that at the moment there is no Statutory authority for raising the said sum of £200.

Passed.

The following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Central Library Committee on the 23rd January, 1931, was submitted.

"Resolved—That we, the Members of the County Library Committee, having examined the Library Estimates for the year 1931/1932 consider them to be an accurate forecast of the necessary expenditure for the period, further, that we would recommend to the County Council the advisability of adopting the proposal of the Carnegie Trust, viz., granting an increase of £140, the product of one-eighth of a penny in the £ considering that in return the Committee will benefit by the addition of £100 which will be expended wholly on books and which must be sacrificed this year if the County Council do not enable us to meet the Trust's requirements."

Resolutions supporting the application were received from the Library sub-Committee in Rathdrum, Carnew, Tinahely and Greystones.
Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " P Doyle;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the inclusion of the sum of £140 in the Estimate of Rates for the service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932, to be transferred to the County Wicklow Central Library Committee in addition to the ordinary yearly sum transferable to that Committee, so as to qualify for the additional Grant of £100 promised by the Carnegie Trust to the Committee in the event of the Council granting this extra sum.

Passed. Councillor D H Haskins objecting.

The following letter from the Chief Executive Officer to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee was considered:—

COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE,

Technical School,
WICKLOW.
7th January, 1931.

A Chara,

With reference to the matter contained in my letter of the 6th June, 25th June and 1st August, and the recommendation of the Department of Local Government and Public Health contained in the resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at their meeting held on November, 17th. I beg to inform you that, as instructed by my Committee at their meeting held on November, 25th. I communicated with the Office of Public Works with a view to the raising of the loan. Their reply dated November, 28th informed me "they were in communication with the other Government Departments concerned in the matter and will write me again at the earliest possible moment," and although a further letter was sent to them on November 19th nothing definite has been received.

Yesterday, I visited the Department of Education and learned that the Vocational Education Committee was not vested with the power of raising loans until April 1st, the date on which the Vocational Education Act commences to operate, and therefore the mode of procedure suggested to your Council by the Department of Local Government and Public Health was misleading. I took the opportunity of interviewing Mr Hurson of the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointing out to him the necessity of raising the loan in order to secure the Department's Free Grant, at the same time drawing his attention to his letter to your Council. On learning that my Committee was not vested with the power of raising the loan themselves until April 1st and having had the matter fully explained to him, he suggested you reopening the question by again writing him with a view to raising the loan on behalf of my Committee.

Owing to the limited time now I beg of you to facilitate my Committee by securing the loan in order that the special grant may be lodged before March 31st.

Mise, le meas,
H. PAINTING,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

P T Healy, Esqr.,
WICKLOW.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor J Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That this Council hereby authorises and directs the transfer, not later than the 28th March, out of current overdraft, of the sum of £300 to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee (providing the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offers no objection) by way of loan over a period of one year to be repaid by that Committee to the County Council in half-yearly instalments together with interest on the amounts outstanding from time to time at the then current Bank Rate charged to the County Council by their Treasurer,

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with a view to placing the aforementioned Committee in a position to avail of a Free Grant of £300 from the Department of Education for the purposes of increasing the accommodation in the Woodwork and Engineering Workshops in Wicklow Technical School, and the purchase of additional equipment therefor, which free grant will be lost to the funds of the Committee if not received from the Department before the 31st March, 1931; and we hereby rescind all previous orders and resolutions given or passed in connection with this matter.

Passed.

The Secretary read Mr Thomas Langton's resignation from his position as Chief Clerk and Accountant, as follows:—

WICKLOW

4th February, 1931.

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

I hereby tender my resignation from the position of Chief Clerk and Accountant in your Offices, as from the 31st March, 1931. I do so with the greatest reluctance, and only in compliance with the imperative order of my Medical Adviser, whose Certificate as to the state of my health I attach hereto.

I have been over thirty-one years in your Offices, and I beg to express the hope that my record over that long period is such that the Council may be able to see their way to award me the full two-thirds of my Salary as Pension, having first added the requisite number of years for good and faithful service that will allow of this being done.

With the assurance that I shall always treasure memories of the unflinching kindness and courtesy accorded me by the Members of the Council, and by my Colleagues,

I remain,
Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
THOMAS LANGTON.

1 Enclosure.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;

Seconded by " William Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby accept with much regret, as from the 31st March, prox., the resignation, owing to continuous ill-health, of Mr Thomas Langton, Our Chief Clerk and Accountant, who for over thirty-one years has been a faithful and valued Official of this Council, and we hereby direct our Finance Committee to consider and report on the terms of the pension which it is our intention to allow Mr Langton, and towards that end we hereby authorise the Committee to add nine years for good and faithful service to his completed years with this Council.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That, for the following reasons, and in accordance with the long established practice in our Offices, we hereby appoint and promote our Assistant Accountant, Mr Laurence Wolohan, to the position of Chief Clerk and Accountant rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Langton consequent upon continuous ill-health:—

(1) Mr Wolohan is now the senior member of our Clerical Staff; he has over thirty-one years service, and he thoroughly understands the entire work of our Offices in all its different branches.

(2) Since the year 1922 he has filled the position of Assistant Accountant and has discharged the duties of that position to the entire satisfaction of the Council, the Secretary, and the Accountant.

(3) For the six half-years March, 1927 to September, 1929 inclusive he has, under the direction of the Accountant, closed, balanced and reconciled the Accounts of the Council.

(4) For the two half-years March, 1930 and September, 1930 he has on his own initiative (owing the recurring illness of the Accountant) closed, balanced and reconciled the Council's Accounts to the entire satisfaction of the Secretary.

(5) Both the Council and Mr Wolohan, in verification, would welcome a report from the Local Government Auditor who has audited the Accounts for the five first referred to half-years, or an investigation of the Accounts for the other half-years referred to.

(6) This Council has always strongly held the view that promotion from the Staff not alone encourages, but helps to maintain efficiency in the work of our Offices, and we are satisfied that this particular promotion is not alone well merited, but it is the most economical way to fill the vacant position of Accountant, and will, we believe, effect a very desirable saving to the rates.

In all these circumstances we confidently ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be so good as to accord his sanction to Mr Wolohan's promotion, and we therefore direct our Finance Committee to consider and fix the terms of his remuneration in his new position and to report thereon in due course to this Council.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That our Finance Committee be authorised and requested to consider and recommend such arrangements as may be deemed desirable, in consultation with our Secretary, for re-organising the Clerical work in our Offices.

Passed.

The Secretary read a communication dated the 4th February, 1931 No. G.7177/1931, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating that the Minister agreed to an extension of time to the 31st March, 1931, for the submission and adoption of the Estimates for the ensuing financial year 1931/1932.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our Chairman to fix, in consultation with our Secretary, the date on which the Finance Committee shall be convened to consider the Estimates for the year 1931/1932, and the date for the Special Meeting of the County Council at which the considered Estimates shall be submitted for approval and adoption.

Passed. Councillor Everett objecting.

The following Resolution passed by the County Wicklow Board of

16th. February, 1931.

Health on the 15th December, 1930, was submitted:—

Resolved—That we request the County Council to provide this Board with an overdraft of £4,000 for the ensuing year, to enable the Board to meet its pressing liabilities, which they will be unable to do out of the Estimate already passed. Passed.

Having heard the views of several members of that Board who were present the following order was made thereon.

ORDER:—Not now required.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That, having reviewed the Scheme submitted by the Joint Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway for the redemption of the Guaranteed Capital and the closing down of the Undertaking, and carefully considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee in that connection in Report No. 2., we hereby accept, approve and adopt that Scheme, provided that Clause 9 of the Scheme be first so modified as to allow Wicklow County Council to use its share (£600) of the £1,200 at present on deposit in the Munster and Leinster Bank, and to also use County Wicklow's proportion (one-third) of the proceeds of the sale of the assets and chattels of the Company, in wiping out the Debit Balance in this Council's Ledgers against the Guaranteeing Area, which Debit Balance it is estimated will be at least £2,400 on the 31st March, 1931. The Council wish it made particularly clear that approval to the Scheme is given on the before mentioned conditions alone.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " George Headley;

Resolved—That our Secretary be authorised to apply on our behalf to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, for a continuation of our Overdraft accommodation at such time, and for such period, as he may find it absolutely necessary, on the usual terms, namely, not exceeding in amount £10,000, at one-half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate rising and falling therewith.

Passed unanimously.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,

12th February, 1931.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING

TO BE HELD ON 16th FEBRUARY, 1931.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report that the matter referred to on the Agenda—Item 22—is receiving attention. The contractor was directed to close the outlet and steps are being taken to have the wall re-built.

Item 24 I consider that if I place a white line on both sides of the Court House, Dunlavin, and danger "warning" signs also, the result would be satisfactory.

Item 26 The roots of a tree the property of Mr H N D LaTouche, obstructed the entry of a gullet, causing flooding to the road. Mr LaTouche was requested to take steps to prevent the flooding.

Item 27 No authority was given to Mr Thomas Byrne, "St. Brigid's," Boghall Road, Bray, to interfere with the road and the County Council can not accept responsibility for his action. The cause of the flood on the road, near his premises, was the insufficiency of a "pass way" gullet on land adjoining the County road.

Roads Nos. 47 (Ballyronan Road); 90, (Glenwood Road); and 347 (Johnstown Road), are subject to heavy timber traffic and steps are being taken to keep these as far as possible in a trafficable condition, but owing to the nature of the traffic no real improvement can be effected until the traffic terminates.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDERS; First four paragraphs approved; last paragraph noted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

COURT HOUSE, WICKLOW,

12th February, 1931.

To/ WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

DUBLIN & BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

GENTLEMEN,

On the 5th instant, I carried out the annual inspection of the Dublin & Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

The general appearance of the line is somewhat improved as many urgent works have been carried out and the greater part of the line is less grass and weed grown than usual. More attention should be given to the drainage in a few places near Blessington.

Some of the worst of the bad sleepers have been replaced, but a good number of very worn ones remain, and generally, the sleeping is poor, with the result that the holding down bolts and fish plates are loose—in a few instances bolts are missing from the fish plates and the rails are quite loose.

The Depot at Templeogue has had some urgent temporary repairs to the roof carried out which, though no doubt for the time do keep out the rain, yet, certainly are not an improvement to the general appearance of the Depot. I must point out that an expenditure of at least £2,000 will be required within the next year on these roofs.

The engines and other stock are in fair working order but very shabby and in want of paint. Some useful alterations have been made to the Petrol Cars. There is a reasonable stock of bolts etc., in the Store and about 300 new sleepers in stock.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

ORDER: Submitted.

Messrs M J Doyle & Sons, Baltinglass, applied on the 23rd January, 1931, for permission to erect a new kerbside petrol pump in front of their premises in Baltinglass, and to remove the existing Pratt and Shell pumps into new positions indicated on the accompanying plan. The following

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report thereon was submitted by the County Surveyor:—
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House,
WICKLOW

11th February, 1931.

P T Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Court House, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I return you herewith the Plan showing the suggested new position of petrol pumps the property of Messrs M J Doyle and Sons Baltinglass. I have previously refused Messrs Doyle permission to make these alterations, as I consider that they would tend to cause an obstruction on the road.

Messrs Doyle and Sons are not satisfied with my decision and wish the matter would be decided by the County Council.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Permission not granted.

A letter dated the 16th February, 1931 was read from the County Surveyor in which he asked permission to consult the Law Agent in connection with three important cases of Road Drainage with a view to ascertaining the liability of the County Council and the power vested in them to remedy matters. He intimated that it might be necessary for the Solicitor to obtain Counsel's opinion on these matters.

ORDER—Approved. Law agent empowered to obtain Counsel's opinion if he deems it absolutely necessary.

The Secretary submitted a file of correspondence which had been received from the Secretary's Department, Water-works and Markets Committee, Corporation of Dublin, 28 Castle St., Dublin; from the General Manager's Office, Great Southern Railways, Kingsbridge Station, Dublin and the Council's Law Agent together with copies of the case submitted to Counsels and Senior Counsel's opinion on each of the following two subjects:—

- (a) The question of maintenance of roads adjacent to Dublin Corporation's Water-works at Roundwood and
- (b) The question of strengthening public road bridges over Railways.

ORDER—Received.

A letter dated the 7th January, 1930 was submitted from Messrs Stephen Gordon and Sons, Solicitors, 15 Molesworth St., Dublin, in which the Council's attention was drawn to the dangerous condition of the Road on the Towland of Templecarrig, close to the old farm-house of Templecarrig Lower, and also to the action of the Council's employees in cutting a passageway for water on the road from Delgany to Belvedere through the hedge and bank thereby flooding a haggard field the property of Mrs Batley.

ORDER—Already attended to (Vide County Surveyor's Report.)

A communication dated the 16th December, 1930 was submitted from the Arklow Urban Council, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by that Body requesting the Council to carry out the work of remaking the broken part of the Coast Road between Ardinary and Sallemount, and the reconditioning generally of this Coast Road between Wicklow and Arklow.

No action taken, these works having been included already in the resolution forwarded the Irish Land Commission with other works of a beneficial character, the execution of which would provide much needed employment and relieve distress.

A communication dated the 12th December, 1930 was submitted from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, pointing out the necessity for the erection of Directional and Danger Signs on each side of the Court House in Dunlavin, which is situate in the centre of the street leaving a very narrow carriageway on each side for traffic, so narrow that it is not possible for two vehicles to pass each other, and drawing attention to the fact that there is a School situate in the centre of one of these narrow carriageways which presents an added danger to life.

The County Surveyor explained the steps he was taking to remedy the situation.

ORDER—Approved. The County Surveyor to give effect to his recommendations with as little delay as possible.

A letter dated the 13th December, 1930 was submitted from W S Hugo, Glenwood, Rathdrum, in which he notified the Council that if he met with an accident on the roads that he had already complained about he will hold the Council responsible, as nothing whatever had been done on the piece he had to use daily.

ORDER—Noted (Vide final paragraph of County Surveyor's Report)

A letter dated the 1st December, 1930 was submitted from H N D LaTouche, Kilmacurragh, Kilbride, Wicklow, in which he asked to be refunded the sum of 80/- which he stated represented the cost of opening a shore near the Three roads at Kilmanog and Kilmurray West which he alleged was the duty of the County Surveyor.

ORDER—Application refused (Vide third paragraph County Surveyor's Report.)

A letter dated the 24th November, 1930 was submitted from Thomas Byrne, St. Brigid's, Boghall Rd., Bray, in which he claimed 10/- for four hours work cutting the banks of the road to prevent water from flooding his premises that morning.

ORDER—Application refused (Vide 4th paragraph County Surveyor's Report.)

LAW AGENT.

The following communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read by the Secretary:—
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
Custom House,

G.87589/1930.Sd.
Gill Manntain.

DUBLIN.
29th November, 1930.

A chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant for—

warding for the approval of the Minister the terms and conditions proposed in connection with the appointment of a permanent Solicitor to the Council and to state that while the Minister sees no objection to the general conditions outlined he considers it desirable that it should be made clear that the duties of the Solicitor would extend to all Committees of the County Council and also to the Board of Health and Public Assistance.

I am to request, accordingly, that before application be made to the Local Appointments Commission, the terms of the appointment be further considered from this point of view.

Mise, le meas,

E P McCARRON.
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—Referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and Report.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by William Byrne;

Resolved—That we desire to place on record that Mr Joseph Brazil, our Temporary Solicitor, has carried out all legal work entrusted to him to our entire satisfaction, and we might add that these matters have been of a most intricate and varied nature.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by James McCrea;

“That, following the Council's Resolution passed at the Meeting of the 6th February, 1931, giving Contractor James Farrell, Umrigar, Carnew, 100 c. y. of stones as may be required to keep passable the road from Tomacork Quarry to Road No. 220, provided the contractor carts and spreads the stones without extra charge or remuneration, we now decide on the additional information now before us, to give Contractor James Farrell the sum of Ten Pounds (£10) to reward him for his extra work, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.”

On it being pointed out to the Council that this was a financial matter and that a Notice of Motion would consequently be necessary, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James McCrea:—

“I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of Wicklow County Council that following the Council's Resolution passed at the Meeting of the 6th February, 1931, giving Contractor James Farrell, Umrigar, Carnew, 100 c. y. of stone as may be required, to keep passable the Road from Tomacork Quarry to Road No. 220, provided the Contractor carts and spreads the stones without extra remuneration or charge, we now decide, on the additional information now before us, to give Contractor James Farrell, the sum of Ten Pounds (£10) to reward him for his extra work, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Correspondence was submitted from T J Flood, Inspector, Irish Land Commission, the Rocks, Grangecon, Co. Wicklow enquiring if the County Council would be willing to consent to act as Trustees for a Cow Park which it is proposed to provide for the use of Labourers residing in Kilquiggan and District, in which the responsibilities to be borne by the Council as Trustees would be payment of Annuity amounting to £16 3s; payment of rates, and ensuring that the land would be used for the purpose of grazing of cows and other stock the property of Labourers and others in the Kilquiggan district who have no lands of their own for this purpose.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by M Fleming;

Resolved—That this Council hereby undertakes and consents to act as Trustees in respect of a Cow Park containing 100 acres 0 roods and 25 perches Statute, Annuity £16 3s., which the Irish Land Commission propose to provide for the use of Labourers residing in Kilquiggan and district, the possible responsibility attaching being the payment of Annuity, payment of rates, and to ensure that the land will be used for the purposes of grazing of cows and other stock the property of Labourers and others in Kilquiggan and district who have no land of their own for this purpose.

Passed.

The following resolution passed by the County Wicklow Central Library Committee on the 28th January, 1931, was submitted:—

“Resolved—That we, the members of the County Library Committee having considered the application of the Bray Town Clerk on behalf of the Bray Urban Authority for the transfer of the Bray Authority's Library powers and duties to the County Council, we recommend to the County Council the said transfer on condition that an adequate rate, not less than 2d in the £, covering all liabilities accruing from the maintenance of the Bray Library, shall be levied yearly on the Bray Urban District and paid into the County Library Committee's funds, and that the transfer of the Bray Authority's Library powers and duties to the County Council shall be made subject to the terms of the Local Government Act (Ireland) 1925, Section 65, Sub-Section 6.”

The Chairman ruled this Resolution, and the discussion which arose thereon, out of order, as the Commissioner administering the affairs of Bray Urban Council had withdrawn his proposals in the matter since the resolution was passed.

A letter dated the 28th November, 1930, was read from the Greystones and District Development Society protesting against the reduction of staff in the Carnegie Library, Greystones, and suggesting that if the rate allowed for its upkeep is not sufficient a new rate be struck.

Submitted No Order.

The Secretary submitted the correspondence which had passed regarding the application of Dr Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, Coroner for West Wicklow, to be supplied with certain forms for use in his Coroner's Court, including the following letter:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.
G.87560/1930 Custom House,
Cill Mhanntain.

DUBLIN.

29th November, 1930.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public

Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant relative to the supplying by the County Council of certain forms for the use of County Coroners, and I am to draw attention again to this Department's letter of the 7th October, and to state that the Minister is surprised at the County Council's action in the matter especially as the expense involved would be trifling.

Mise, le meas,

G M HICKEY,

A/s. Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—No action taken, as under the terms of this Coroner's appointment his salary was to include the supplying of such forms as were required in the discharge of his duties.

The Secretary submitted a File of correspondence which included a letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 6th January, 1931 No. A 14/30, in which the Council's attention was drawn to the failure of their Veterinary Inspector, Mr W J Richardson V.S., Leabeg House, Newcastle, to efficiently and promptly deal with a suspected case of Anthrax on the premises of Mrs Darley Miller, Violet Hill, Bray.

Proposed by Councillor J Dunne;

Seconded by E Byrne;

Resolved—That Mr W J Richardson, V.S., Veterinary, Inspector under this Council, be hereby censured for his failure to deal promptly and efficiently with the suspected case of Anthrax on the premises of Mrs Darley Miller, Violet Hill, Bray, and that he be warned that if any further cause for complaint be brought to the notice of this Council drastic action will be taken against him.

Passed unanimously.

The following Resolution passed by the Wicklow District Development Society on the 23rd January, 1931, was submitted:—

“That we direct the attention of the County Council, the Urban District Council, and the Civic Guards to the obstruction caused every Fair day at Fitzwilliam Square by Travelling Hawkers and ask that such obstruction be prevented by the removal of the offenders from the narrow thoroughfare. That the Council be requested to arrange that such Hawkers can be accommodated at Market Square or Fairgreen and to ask the Guards to insist on these people moving to one of these places where there is ample accommodation if they wish to proceed with their business.”

ORDER—Postponed.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACTS.

The Secretary submitted the following resolution which had been passed by Wicklow Urban District Council:—

“Resolved—That we hereby adopt the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts, 1855-1920, but rescind that portion of the Resolution dated the 4th March, 1930, relinquishing our powers in favour of the County Council in connection with the above Acts.”

The Secretary also submitted the following letter which had been addressed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the Town Clerk of Wicklow on the subject matter of his Council's Resolution:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House,

DUBLIN.

20th January, 1931.

G.2672/31.

WICKLOW U.D.C

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, intimating that Wicklow Urban District Council have rescinded the portion of their resolution of the 4th March last relinquishing their powers under the Libraries Acts 1855 to 1920, to the County Council.

In March last the Council by formal resolution relinquished their powers and duties under the Libraries Acts to the County Council and this Resolution was approved by the Minister under Section 65 (6) of the Local Government Act, 1925. The County Council thereupon became the Library Authority for the urban area and it does not appear to the Minister that the Urban Council have now any power to reassert themselves with the powers of a Library Authority which remain with the County Council.

Mise, le meas,

Runaidhe.

The Town Clerk,
WICKLOW.

OUTSTANDING RATES IN No. 17 DISTRICT.

The Secretary submitted the following communication which had been received in above connection.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House,

DUBLIN.

G.8669/1930. Fa.

Cill Mhanntain.

27th November, 1930.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, relative to the proceedings against the personal Sureties of ex-Collector Charles Byrne, and to state that the matter is one for the consideration of the County Council acting on their own responsibility. The sanction of the Minister, even if given, would not relieve the County Council of their responsibility in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

S. M. HICKEY,

A/S. Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by D J Kehoe;

Resolved—That we hereby provisionally approve of the Golden Forth, Mattymount and Rampere Minor Drainage Scheme, 1931, at an estimated cost of £256 16s. 9d., regarding which the plans, sections and

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other documents have been received from our Engineer, Mr P J Foley, B.E., and we direct that the question of final confirmation of this Scheme be placed on the Agenda for the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 26th May, 1931, the statutory notices required to be published and posted in the meantime, and that the Council's Seal be affixed to Form No. 2 relating to this Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

A communication dated the 20th November, 1930 was submitted from Messrs Rooke & Rooke, 6 Merrion Square North, Dublin C.17, acting as Agents for the Gun Cunningham Estate, threatening to serve notice on the Council to determine the tenancy of the building rented as a Court House in Newtownmountkennedy, unless the Council are prepared to take a new letting thereof at an increased rent.

ORDER—Noted.

The Secretary submitted the Minutes of proceedings of the Central Library Committee at meetings of that Body held on the 5th December, 1930, and the 2nd January, 1931.

A communication dated the 29th January, 1931, was submitted from the Secretary, Dublin County Council in which the suggestion was made that a conference of the Representatives of the Guaranteeing Area for Grangegorman Mental Hospital be held to discuss the financial crisis that has arisen concerning that Hospital.

The Secretary intimated that he had informed Dublin County Council that the four Representatives of Wicklow County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of the Mental Hospital, would, he felt sure be prepared to attend any Conference on being summoned thereto.

ORDER—Secretary's action approved.

Letters dated the 16th December, 1930, (No. G.9199/1930), and 29th December, 1930 (No. G.4374/1930), respectively, were submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health with regard to the Council's proposals to establish Pounds where required throughout the County.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " E Byrne;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked if this Council will be in order in

(a) Expending the sums necessary to set up suitable Pounds on the sites referred to in the correspondence submitted;

(b) Paying yearly rents for these several Pounds at the Rates disclosed in the Reports and

(c) Paying annual sums to the persons appointed by the District Justice as Pound Keepers.

Passed.

A circular letter dated the 30th December, 1930 (No. 8/917/30) was submitted from the Secretary, Office of Public Works with which he enclosed a summary of the provisions of the National Monuments Act, 1930, which considerably extends the powers and duties of Local Authorities in regard to the protection and preservation of National Monuments.

ORDER—Noted. The Secretary to refer to the necessity for preserving the Ogham Stone at present situate at Castletimon.

The following resolution was passed on the application of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, dated the 17th November, 1930:—

Proposed by Councillor P Doyle;

Seconded " J J Bourne;

Resolved—We hereby appoint, on the recommendation of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Sergeant Michael Lee, Anghrim, as Food and Drugs Inspector to replace Sergeant P J Hayden transferred from Anghrim.

Passed.

The County Analyst's Report was submitted as follows:—
PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31/12/1930.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Tea	2/10/30	2	Newtown, Guard Oliver	Genuine
Sugar	"	2	"	"
New Milk	14/10/30	3	Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright	2 gen 1 not gen
Port Wine	"	1	"	Genuine
New Milk	16/10/30	4	Bray, Guard Stanton	"
Wine	18/10/30	4	Arklow, Guard Crowe	"
Whiskey	14/11/30	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Jam	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	19/11/30	2	"	"
Dripping	20/11/30	1	Bray, Guard Staunton	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	2	"	"
New Milk	10/12/30	7	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Flour	11/12/30	4	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Bread Soda	"	4	"	"
New Milk	15/12/30	3	Arklow, Guard Crowe	"
Butter	18/12/30	4	Dunlavin, Guard Callan	"
Margarine	"	2	"	"
Cheese	"	2	"	"
Whiskey	"	3	"	"
Whiskey	19/12/30	4	Shillelagh, Sgt. Canney	"
New Milk	"	4	Baltinglass, Guard Conway	"
Whiskey	22/12/30	1	Carnew, Sgt. Houlihan	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	1	Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright	"
Butter	"	2	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	3	Greystones, Sgt. Morris	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Drugs	20/10/30	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	28/10/30	3	Powerscourt	"
"	31/10/30	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	5/11/30	3	Avoca	"
"	17/11/30	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	20/11/30	3	Dunganstown	"
"	21/11/30	3	Anghrim	"
"	27/11/30	3	County Home	"
"	31/12/30	3	Blessington	"
"	"	3	Coolatfin	"
"	18/12/30	2	T. B. M. O.	"
"	20/12/30	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	22/12/30	3	Baltinglass	"
Waters (Dunlavin)	5/12/30	2	County Board of Health	Passed

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Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 73. Drugs, 38; Waters, 2. Total, 113. Number adulterated—New Milks, 1. Date 16/1/1931.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY COMPANY.

23rd January, 1931.

To/

The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that I attended at Tereure and inspected to-day the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended the 31st December, 1930. The Receipts of every nature from the Undertaking during the half-year amounted to £2224 17s. 3d. and the Expenses to £4959 11s. 8d. leaving a deficit on the working Expenses amounting to £2734 14s. 5d. This sum, when added to the Interest on the Guaranteed Capital, brings the total liability of the Guaranteeing areas of the Counties Wicklow and Dublin to £3734 14s. 5d. for the half-year, one moiety of which (£1867 7s. 2d.) is due for payment by your Council. This is £135 5s. 9d. more than the amount paid for the previous corresponding half-year by County Wicklow. The gross receipts for the half-year were less by £261 12s. 3d. than those for the corresponding half-year, but on the same comparison the expenditure is greater by £8 19s. 3d. I have only to add that these accounts were audited on behalf of Dublin County Council on the 13th January, 1931, by Messrs. Kevans and Company, of 31, Dame St., Dublin, and no item therein would appear to call for special comment on my part.

Signed—P. T. Healy,

Secretary to the Council.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J J Metcalfe:—

"That the approval of the County Council be given to the raising by the Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following loans for the purposes set out, viz. :—

Baltinglass Water Supply	...	£2100.
Blessington Water Supply	...	600.
Dunlavin Water Supply	...	1100.
Rathnew Water Supply	...	1000.
Kilcool Sewerage	...	1000.
Carnew Sewerage	...	1400.

Consideration of correspondence dealing with eleven other matters which were not received in time to be included in the printed Agenda circulated to each Member of the Council was deferred to the next Meeting of the Council.

THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.
CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

17th November, 1930 (No. PH 71246/1930 Cill Mhanntain) (Pg) enclosing Sealed Order declaring Rathdrum Rural District, as constituted immediately before the 1st day of October, 1925, to be the Area of Charge for the cost of providing a Water Supply and maintenance of same at Nun's Cross in the Townland of Ballinahinch.

8th November, 1930 (No. G. 86608/1930 Fa. Cill Mhanntain)

stating that the Council must accept the responsibility themselves to strike out or carry forward for collection the rates assessed on the Mountain holdings formerly rated in the name of the Marquis of Downshire.

28th November, 1930 (No. G. 686730/1930 Cill Mhanntain) intimating that the Minister's sanction to the payment of Taxed costs presented on behalf of the late Mr P J Byrne, Solicitor, to Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council is not required, but suggesting that the taxing Master's attention be drawn to the fact that the Bill runs from February, 1920 to December, 1925, in view of Article 23 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

29th November, 1930 (No. G. 86666/1930 Sd. Cill Mhanntain) noting that the appointment of a permanent Solicitor to the Council has been referred to the Local Appointments Commissioners and stating that that the Minister sees no objection to the appointment of Messrs. J H McCarroll & Co., to do whatever legal business required to be transacted pending a permanent appointment.

4th December, 1930 (No. G. 89557/1930 Sd. Cill Mhanntain) intimating there was no misunderstanding regarding the nomination of Mr Brazil to do the legal work of the County Council pending a permanent appointment, it being understood that he was practising under the name of Messrs J H McCarroll & Co.

3rd December, 1930 (R/RS/33) informing the Council that before sanctioning payment of travelling expenses to Mr P J Foley B.E. who it was understood was a part time Assistant County Surveyor, the Minister required to be informed (a) how Mr Foley's duties are defined; (b) the time devoted to the duties of his Office and (c) the opinion of the County Surveyor as to the discharge of duties by Mr Foley.

Attached communication from the County Surveyor dated 31st December, 1930, answering each of the above queries, copy of which was forwarded in reply.

11th December, 1930 (No. G. 89394/1930 Cill Mhanntain) sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £10,000 up to the 1st March, 1931.

11th December, 1930 (No. F. 76437/1930 Ilgh. (Pd) requesting that the Office of Public Works be furnished with a Map or tracing showing the areas and extent of rivers proposed to be dealt with under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

13th December, 1930 (No. G. 91762/1930 Cill Mhanntain) stating that the Council will incur a serious responsibility if they permit domestic occupation of the former Jail premises in Wicklow in the manner they proposed, and suggesting obtaining the considered views of the County Medical Officer of Health.

Attached—Report dated 18th December, 1930 from Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, Medical Officer of Health for County Wicklow stating he considered Wicklow Jail premises totally unfit for human habitation.

16th December, 1930 (No. PH.Circ. 53/30) transmitting copy of a circular letter addressed on the 16th December, 1930 to the Board of Health and public Assistance accompanied by General Order made on the 11th instant investing Boards of Health with Urban Powers for the purposes of Section 30 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

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19th December, 1930 (Ref. No. S.) enclosing memorandum regarding the provision of work for the relief of Unemployed and intimating that the Minister will be prepared to allocate the sum of £1,000 towards the cost of the works proposed to be undertaken at an expenditure of £2000, the balance to be raised by the Council by way of Loan over a period of five years.

19th December, 1930 (Ref. No. S. Wicklow) sanctioning the proposal of the Council to raise a loan of £1,000 to defray portion of the expenditure on Road Works to relieve unemployment to which a Grant of £1,000 has been allocated, the loan to be obtained from the Treasurer and to be repayable within a period of five years with interest at the rate of 4% under Irish Banks' Rate (varying) subject to a minimum of 4%.

14th January, 1931 (No. PH. Circ 7/31) forwarding copy of a General Order entitled "Boards of Health (Urban Powers) Order, 1931 which empowers Boards of Health to adopt Part 4 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 with a view to the regulation of Dance Halls and other places of entertainment of a like kind in rural areas.

11th January, 1931, (PH. Circ 55/30) enclosing copy of a General Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 11th December, 1930 investing Boards of Health with Urban Powers for Public Lighting.

20th January, 1931 (No. 94289/1930) Sealed Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health determining that the Shillelagh Rural District, as constituted immediately before the 1st day of October, 1925 shall be the area of Charge for the expenses of providing and maintaining a supply of water at Killballyowen.

22nd June, 1931 (No. R/RD/33) acknowledging the County Council's proposals to have Roads Nos 213, 217 and 358 declared to be Link Roads but intimating that for the present no alterations are being made in the existing Main Road Schedules.

23rd January, 1931 (No. R/RM/33) stating the Minister sees no objection to the Council's proposal to expend £300 out of Overdraft in preparing a stock of material at Troy's Quarry for use on Roads to relieve unemployment provided that he is assured that the Council will make such adequate Rate for 1931/32 as will provide fully for this or any other deficit estimated at the 31st March next in addition to full provision for the County Services for 1931/1932.

13th February, 1931 (No. R/RM/33) intimating that no objection will now be raised to the proposal to expend £300 in preparing a stock of Road Material at Troy's Quarry so as to relieve privation due to unemployment.

23rd January, 1931 (No. F. 4271/31 Igh. (Pd) outlining the conditions to be complied with where a Local Authority applies for the State contribution to the cost of a Scheme under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

5th February, 1931 (No. S. 6336/1931 P.C. Cill Mhanntain) intimating that the Minister has certified under Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, that the £1,000 borrowed for the purpose of work undertaken to relieve Unemployment need not be reckoned as

part of the debt of the County for the purposes of any enactment limiting the powers of borrowing.

6th February, 1931 (No. G. 9820/31 Cill Mhanntain) acknowledging Form 61 showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection on the 31st January, 1931, and stating that the condition of the Rate Collection in districts Nos. 5, 6, 17 and 19 is not satisfactory it being particularly backward.

11th February, 1931 (No. PH. Circ 7/31 enclosing a printed copy of the Boards of Health (Urban Powers) Order, 1931, which vests powers in those Boards of regulating places ordinarily used for public dancing, music, or other public entertainment of a like nature.

11th February, 1931 (No. R/RGM/33) intimating that the Government contribution towards the maintenance of Main Roads during the year ending the 31st March, 1932 will be £7,065.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

23rd January, 1931 (No. L 31-31) enclosing copies of the 38th List of names approved for the use in connection with Margarine.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF VALUATION.

1st January, 1931 (No. 3012001) acknowledging the Council's letter of the 29th December, enclosing list of occupiers to be rated for rates on Mountain holdings in Collector Healy's No. 6 District.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY & COMMERCE

Transport & Marine Branch.

2nd January, 1931 (No. M 26093) intimating that the Minister had appointed Mr J J Sheil, to be Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

FROM THE LAW AGENT.

1st December, 1930, acknowledging preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury received from the Solicitor acting for Mrs Mary Murphy, Ardairry, and the Report from the Garda Síochána thereon.

1st December, 1930, acknowledging Equity Civil Bill served on behalf of Mrs Ellen Rylands, Bollarney, Wicklow, and stating that the necessary steps will be taken to protect the interests of the Council.

16th December, 1930 acknowledging Notice of application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to pigs on the lands adjoining Westfield, Sidmonton Road, Bray.

3rd February, 1931, reporting that the District Justice had, at Tinahely, made an Order, directing John O'Reilly, Killavaney to trim and cut hedges or trees on his lands within fourteen days in accordance with the notice served on him, and measured the Costs against the Defendant at one guinea.

5th February, 1931, reporting that there is no charge for defending Malicious Injury Claims in the Bill of Costs recently presented on behalf of the reps. of P J Byrne Solicitor, deceased, and that the Bills of Costs in respect of which payments had already been made by the Board of Health and the County Council related to Malicious Injury Claims only.

24th December 1930, acknowledging receipt of Application for £350 compensation received on behalf of Mrs Mary Murphy, Cronebeg, Aughrim, and stating that every effort would be made to protect the interests of the Council.

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Wicklow Hotel,
WICKLOW.
November, 1930

Dear Mr Healy,

Please convey my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of your Council, also to yourself and Clerical Staff, for very kind vote of sympathy to me, and my family in our recent sad bereavement caused by the death of my wife.

Yours very faithfully,
(Signed) LAURENCE BYRNE.

P T Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Grange Con.,
Co. Wicklow.
19th Nov. 1930,

P T Healy Esq.,
Wicklow County Council.
Court House,
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 18th instant enclosing me the resolution so kindly passed by the Members of your Council on the death of my Father. Will you please convey to the Members of the Wicklow County Council my very sincere thanks and deep appreciation of their kind resolution of sympathy.

I should also very much like to thank you and your clerical staff for associating yourselves with this resolution.

Yours truly,
(Signed) O'MAHONY.

23, Merrion Square,
DUBLIN.

Tel. 61638.

Dear Sir,

On behalf on my family and myself I wish to sincerely thank the Wicklow County Council for their resolution of sympathy in our recent bereavement.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) REGINALD J WHITE.

Dec. 1st, 1930.

Coolbeg,
Bathnew,
Co. Wicklow.
12. 12. '30.

Dear Mr Healy,

Please convey to the Chairman and Members of your Council my most sincere and grateful thanks for the Resolution of sympathy passed to me during my illness. I wish to especially thank the Chairman and other Members for their kind remarks concerning me. Accept the same to you Mr Healy and your Staff for your kind association with the Resolution.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) W BYRNE.

P T Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,

County Council,
WICKLOW.

79, Main St.,
BRAY,
17. 1. 31.

Dear Mr Healy,

Will you kindly convey to my colleagues on the County Council my sincere thanks for their vote of sympathy in my recent bereavement. I also wish to return thanks to yourself and the members of the Staff.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN W RYAN.

Kilballyowen House,
January, 1931.

Dear Mr Healy,

Please convey to the Chairman, Members of the Council, yourself and Staff our sincere thanks for the kind message of sympathy on the occasion of the sad death of my son-in-law Thomas P Kavanagh, which resolution I appreciate very much.

Yours truly,
(Signed) JAMES KAVANAGH.

Knocklinn,
BRAY,
Co. Dublin.
25/1/31.

Dear Mr Healy,

Please convey to the members of the Wicklow County Council my sincere thanks for their very kind vote of sympathy which they unanimously accorded to me on the death of my dear sister.

I am deeply touched by the kind references, made on the occasion, which I appreciate very much indeed. I also take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to both yourself and the Staff, with whom I have always been on the most cordial terms, for associating yourselves with this vote of sympathy.

I am,
Yours very truly,
(Signed) GEORGE A HEATLEY.

27th December, 1930, from the O'Mahony, T.D., Grangecon, intimating he will do everything possible to urge the Land Commission to execute the Road Works submitted to that department by the Council with a view to relieving unemployment.

7th January, 1931, from same enclosing communication from the Irish Land Commission stating that the Council's representations in the matter will receive such consideration as may be possible.

22nd January, 1931, from same stating that he is taking up with the Land Commission the second resolution passed by the Council submitting further Road Works for the purpose of relieving unemployment.

16th January, 1931, from J Everett, Esq., T.D. Summerhill, Wicklow, notifying the Council that he is using every effort to induce the Land Commission to execute the Road Works forwarded them with a view to relieving the privation consequent upon unemployment.

29th December, 1930, from Seamus Moore, Esq., T.D. Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Dublin, intimating that he has written the Land Commission in support of the Council's proposal to have portion of the Relief Grant expended on Road Works submitted by the Council to that Department and that he

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was seeking an interview with a view to urging that these matters be put in hands for execution with as little delay as possible.

13th February, 1931, from same a further letter intimating the steps he had taken to assist the Council to have the Road Works in their Resolution put in hands by the Land Commission.

18th December, 1930, from the Manager, National Bank Ltd., Wicklow (the Council's Treasurer) notifying that his Board had sanctioned Overdraft Accommodation to the extent of £10,000 on the General Account until the 1st March on the usual terms.

30th December, 1930, notifying the Council that his Board has sanctioned the Loan of £1,000 applied for, repayable in five years at the usual rate of interest.

28th November, 1930, from the Secretary Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1., inviting the Council to nominate delegates to attend the Congress to be held at Glasgow July 4th-11th.

December, 1930 from the Secretary, National Association for the prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1., inviting the Council to nominate delegates to attend the annual Conference to be held June 25th.-27th, 1931 at Margate.

1st January, 1931, from the Secretary, Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, 84, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1., inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Bermingham, June 17th-20th, 1931.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

19th November, 1930, from Dundalk Urban District Council, Resolution, suggesting a meeting of the T.D.s. representing all sections for the purpose of evolving a workable scheme calculated to save the tillage farmers from further loss and financial ruin.

25th November, 1930, from the Farmers Protection Association 3 Stephens Green, Dublin, resolution demanding re rating and immediate moratorium in respect of rents, annuities, etc.

2nd December, 1930 from same, resolution condemning the Government attitude towards farmers and all others associated with Agricultural interests in failing to give any definite Scheme of relief to meet the present depression in all classes of agriculture.

3rd December, 1930, from Waterford County Council, resolution calling upon all Public Bodies to demand fresh legislation which would give them greater control over their financial expenditure.

7th February, 1931, from Clones Urban District Council, Resolution calling on the Government to change the age at which old age pensions become available from 70 to 65 years.

12th February, 1931, from Dublin County Committee of Agriculture Resolution condemning certain statements made by the President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, and calling for immediate and complete de-rating.

December, 1930, from "An Rioghacht" Resolution calling for the adoption of drastic measures to cope with the evil caused by the circulation of foreign literature of a degrading character and demanding that no foreign publication shall be allowed into this country for circulation until it has been seen by a competent official and reported to contain nothing offensive.

4th December, 1930, from Limerick County Council resolution urging upon the Government to set up a Departmental Inquiry with a view to expediting the purchase of Labourers' Cottages by the tenants.

4th December, 1930, from the Womens' Prisoners Defence League, Room 4, 32 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, resolution congratulating and thanking all County Councils who passed a resolution demanding the release of the political prisoners, and enclosing a list of the remaining prisoners and copy of an open letter on their alleged scandalous treatment.

9th January, 1931, resolution from Wexford County Council

- (1) Suggesting the necessity of amendments in respect of the existing Law governing the non-payment of Land Annuities;
- (2) That the provisional maintenance of Motor Roads be entirely made from the Road Fund;
- (3) Stating that the Government should take immediate steps to secure the legal status to safeguard the fishing rights on our coasts and
- (4) Calling upon T.D.s to press for immediate full measure of de-rating.

Edw. Byrne
26/3/31

30th March 1931

A Special meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday the 30th March, 1931.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Edward Byrne—Vice Chairman—Presided.

Councillors James McCrea, John W. Ryan, P. P. O'Reilly, John Dunne, L. Moore, Patrick Doyle, T. Weadick, James Everett, T. D.; David H. Haskins, William Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, J. J. Bourne, G. Heatley, James Kavanagh, M. Fleming, T. Mulcahy, Daniel J. Kehoe, J. J. Metcalfe, Wm. J. Henry, and Joseph Jacob.

BUSINESS.

1 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 1 which deals with the Estimate of Rates for the service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932.

2 To pass a resolution granting a superannuation allowance to Mr Thomas Langton following his resignation from the position of Chief Clerk and Accountant in the Council's Offices.

3 To complete the Forms required by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the proposed Loan (referred to in Finance Committee's Report No. 1) to meet the increase in the Demand from the Mental Hospital and to pay the sum due in the forthcoming year to Louth County Council.

4 To complete Form No. 111 to be forwarded the Local Appointment's Commissioners in connection with the filling of the position of Solicitor to the Council.

5 To consider the estimates and strike the Rates for the service of the year ending the 31st March, 1932.

6 To consider Finance Committee's Report No. 2 dealing with the re-organisation of the clerical staff in the Council's Offices.

7 To consider a request from the Joint Committee of Management Grangegorm Mental Hospital to the Council to make arrangements to pay their Quarterly Instalments of the 1931/32 Demand within the first fortnight of April, July, October and January with a view to meeting the exceptional financial circumstances which have arisen in the management of that Hospital.

8 To consider the question of extending the Council's Overdraft from £10,000 to £20,000 to allow of a large advance being made to the Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 1st April proximo.

9 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James McCrea:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of Wicklow County Council, that following the Council's resolution passed at the Meeting of the 6th February, 1931, giving Contractor James Farrell, Umrygar, Carnew, 100 c.y. of stone as may be required, to keep passable the road from Tomarock Quarry to Road No. 220, provided the Contractor carts and spreads the stones without extra charge or remuneration, we now decide on the additional information before us, to give Contractor James Farrell the sum of Ten Pounds (£10) to reward him for his extra work, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

10 To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor John J. Metcalfe:—

"That the consent and approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the raising by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of Two Thousand Pounds for the purpose of carrying out improvements and alterations at the County Home."

11. To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor John J Metcalfe:—

"That the approval of the County Council be given to the raising by the Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following loans for the purposes set out, viz:—

Baltinglass Water Supply	...	£2,400
Blessington Water Supply	...	600
Dunlavin Water Supply	...	1,100
Rathnew Water Supply	...	1,000
Carnew Sewerage	...	1,400
Kilcoole Sewerage	...	1,000

12. To receive, consider and approve of the New Buildings Lists prepared for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1932.

13. To consider a letter from the Irish Land Commission offering to contribute a sum of £100 towards the cost of erecting a foot-bridge over the river at Granabeg, provided the Council execute the work and supply any additional monies necessary to complete it.

14. To consider a letter from Michael Gilvary, Boghall Road, Bray, complaining of the condition of the Boghall Road.

15. To consider a complaint from the Hon. Secretary, Newtownmountkenedy Labour Club, of the Council's failure to deliver, at the appropriate time, the stamped cards of two members of that Club named Patrick O'Connor and John Doyle, whose work at Road Maintenance is stated to have been illegally stopped.

16. To consider a letter from the Joint Committee of Management, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway requesting the Council to erect a Road Warning Sign where the line crosses the road at the County boundary between Brittas and the Lamb stations.

17. To consider a communication from Messrs Donnelly & O'Neill, Solicitors, 50, Duke Street, Athy, with regard to damages alleged to have been sustained by their client, Mr Andrew O'Brien, Holdenstown, Baltinglass, owing to the condition of a drain for the Maintenance of which it is alleged the County Council is responsible.

18. To consider a communication from the Secretary, Greystones Public Utility Society in which application is made for Grants from the Council towards the building of thirteen houses to replace those washed away by the sea.

19. To fix the date for the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

20. To consider a Notice to Quit on the 30th September, 1931, the premises used as a Court House in Newtownmountkenedy served by the owner of that building, Robert G A Gun Cunningham, Woodbrook, Delgany.

21. To consider a Notice dated the 19th March, 1931, from Wicklow Urban District Council to the Lessees of the Technical School premises, Wicklow, and the owner of the Yard in the occupation of Mr Joseph D'Arcy to have the boundary wall between these premises rebuilt within twenty-one days, failing which the Covenants of the Lease will be enforced.

22. To consider a revised Scheme prepared by the Department of Agriculture under which grants may be obtained from that Department by owners of land for the purpose of planting or re-planting under the Forestry Acts, 1919 and 1928.

23. To consider a communication from the Department of Agriculture on the subject of Sheep-dipping, together with the accompanying copy of the Sheep dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915.

24. To consider a resolution from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation requesting that at least two teachers from above organisation be selected and appointed on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

25. To consider a communication from Wicklow District Society for prevention of cruelty to Animals, with enclosures, dealing with traffic in horses sent abroad to Continental slaughterhouses.

26. To consider a communication from Mr J J Loughlin, Ballybla, Rathnew, in which the Council is asked to repair and maintain the road from Killougher Cross to the Marrough.

27. To receive and consider a Petition under Section 2, of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, from four Ratepayers in the Townland of Ballyconnell, in connection with which a Petition for the adjacent lands in the County Carlow has been lodged with Carlow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Seconded by Laurence Moore;

Resolved—That we have heard with deep regret of the great loss that has befallen our esteemed Colleague, Councillor D J Kehoe, by the death of his wife, and we tender to him the assurance of our sincere sympathy.

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Friday the 13th March, 1931.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, Joseph Jacob and C M Byrne.

The Committee had under consideration a Resolution and correspondence from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance in which application was made for the transfer during the current month of March of £4,000 of that Board's Demand received for the service of the financial year which ends on the 31st March, 1932, with a view to relieving the financial pressure being experienced by the Board.

The Committee directed that the sum of £4,000 be advanced to the Board, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained.

Two Tenders were submitted from the Gas, Weights and Measures

Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce, 33, Upper Merrion St., Dublin, for the supply of certain instruments and articles rejected at the recent periodical reverification and adjustment of Weights and Measure Standards and sub-Standards for the County.

The Committee accepted the Tender of Messrs DeGrave, Short & Co., London, to supply the required articles at a cost of £131: 10: 6d., that being the lower Tender, and authority was given to the Minister for Industry and Commerce to procure the Council's requirements in that connection.

An application was submitted from the Irish Tourist Association for an additional allocation this year in view of the Eucharistic Congress being held in the forthcoming year.

Having heard the views of the Association, as put forward by Mr David Barry, Assistant Secretary, the Committee recommended that the Association be allocated the proceeds of a Rate of one farthing (1d) in the £ over the County-at-large in respect of the financial year 1931/1932, and directed that the sum be embodied in the Rate Estimates.

The Committee considered a statement submitted by the Manager, Arane Industrial School in support of a claim for payment of £56: 6: 1d., which is the total sum by which the accounts of that School were reduced owing to the Council's contribution of five shillings (5/-) per head per week having been reduced to 4/6d per head per week in respect of children committed from County Wicklow. The statement also asked the Council to restore the 5/- per head per week for all children committed from the County in future.

The Committee, having fully considered the matter, find themselves unable to recommend the Council to pay the account presented under the head "Arrears due for maintenance of Children," and similarly do not recommend that the 4/6d. per head, per week, be restored to 5/- in view of the fact that the Cost of Living figures have reduced from a peak point of 165 in the year 1921 to the figure 70 in 1930, at which latter figure it still remains.

A Resolution was submitted from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture in which it was pointed out that £1268 was transferred by the Council to that Committee during the year 1930/1931, and that their requirements for the year 1931/1932 would entail an expenditure of not less than £1468.

The Committee have recommended the inclusion of 2d. in the £ in the Estimates for the forthcoming year and direct that the proceeds of that Rate be transferred to the County Committee of Agriculture, having regard to the provisions of Section 32 of the Agriculture-Bill at present under consideration in the Oireachtas.

The Committee, having heard the representations put forward by representatives of the Poor Rate Collectors' Association, on behalf of such of the Rate Collectors as have not found it possible, for one reason or another, to close the First Moiety of their Warrants for the year 1930/1931, recommend that those Collectors who have not as yet received any Poundage for the Collection referred be paid one-third (1/3) of their full year's Poundage for that Collection, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health being first obtained.

A letter was submitted from Collector Michael Roche (No. 12 District) in which he outlined the steps already taken to enforce payment of Rates on an outfarm, the property of Richard Arthur, Kilmacrea, Redcross, pointing out that he thought it advisable to consult the Council on the matter before taking the last remaining step which might possibly entail having the Ratepayer committed to prison for non-payment of Rates.

NO ORDER

An application was considered from Assistant Surveyor J P Caffrey for permission to expend the full year's allowance of £70 on his Travelling Expenses within the dates 24th June, 1930 and 31st March, 1931.

The Committee find themselves unable to grant this application in view of the fact that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health when sanctioning the granting of expenses to Mr Caffrey stated specifically that his sanction took effect from the date of the passing of the Council's Resolution on the matter, namely, 24th June, 1930.

Two Tenders were submitted for the purchase of the Old Jail Premises in Wicklow, one for the sum of £10, the other for the sum of £20.

The Committee considered these Tenders wholly inadequate and consequently can make no recommendation in the matter.

The Secretary submitted a File of correspondence including a letter received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in which no objection was raised to the advance of £300 to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, to be repaid by that Body in two half yearly instalments.

ORDER:—£300 to be advanced.

The Committee had under consideration the following Resolution passed by the Council at the Meeting of that Body held on the 16th February, and proceeded to consider and fix the annual allowance to be granted Mr Thomas Langton on his resignation of the position of Chief Clerk and Accountant, owing to continuous ill-health.

"Resolved:—That we hereby accept with much regret, as from the 31st March, prox., the resignation, owing to continuous ill-health, of Mr Thomas Langton, our Chief Clerk and Accountant, who for over thirty one years has been a faithful and valued Official of this Council, and we hereby direct our Finance Committee to consider and report on the terms of the pension which it is our intention to allow Mr Langton, and towards that end we hereby authorise the Committee to add nine years for good and faithful service to his completed years with this Council."

Mr Langton, who entered the service of the Council on the 17th August, 1899, had thirty-one completed years' service. The Committee, in compliance with the Council's Resolution, have added nine years for good and faithful service and unanimously recommend that he be granted a retiring allowance of £316: 13: 4d., which is calculated on the basis of his average annual salary and emoluments over the three years which ended on the 31st March, 1931, the latter being the date his resignation becomes effective.

COUNTY SOLICITOR.

The Council, at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 16th

30th March, 1931.

February, 1931, referred the following letter to the Committee for consideration and Report :—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

G.87589/1930.Sd.
Cill Mhanntain.
A Chara,
Custom House,
DUBLIN,
29th November, 1930.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant forwarding for the approval of the Minister the terms and conditions proposed in connection with the appointment of a permanent Solicitor to the Council, and to state that while the Minister sees no objection to the general conditions outlined he considers it desirable that it should be made clear that the duties of the Solicitor would extend to all Committees of the County Council and also to the Board of Health and Public Assistance.

I am to request accordingly that before application be made to the Local Appointments Commission, the terms of appointment be further considered from this point of view.

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

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Committee, after most careful consideration, recommend the Council to approve and adopt the following conditions for the appointment of a permanent Solicitor to the Council in room of the late Mr J H McCarroll, Solicitor, deceased, and draw attention to the fact that they have embodied in the Estimates, as recommended, an Annual Salary of £650 for this appointment, strictly on the condition that £325 per annum of that salary be recouped to the County Council by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance :—

Name of Local Authority ... Wicklow County Council.
Title of Office to be filled ... Law Agent to Wicklow County Council.

Date on which Office becomes vacant or is created ... Office rendered vacant by the death of the previous Law Agent on the 8th April, 1930.

Nature of duties (short description) ... To discharge all duties of a legal character of any nature whatsoever entrusted to him by the County Council, or by the Boards of Health and Public Assistance, or by any Committee in the County wholly or partly appointed by Wicklow County Council.

Age Limits ... Minimum Age fixed at thirty years.

General Qualifications ... Candidates to be appointed must be a practising Solicitor, and must possess such legal qualifications as will enable him to efficiently discharge all the legal duties of his position as Law Agent to the County Council.

Special Qualifications (if any) ... The candidate to be appointed must be a practising Solicitor with not less than five years' experience on the 1st January, 1931, and must be a Solicitor resident in the Town of Wicklow.

Is a competent knowledge of oral Irish considered essential? ... No.
Salary (or scale of salary, stating increments, if any), and whether bonus is payable in addition ... £650 per annum of which £325 is to be recouped to the County Council by the Board of Health and Public Assistance. The absolutely essential out of pocket expenses of the person appointed will be refunded by the Council half-yearly on presentation of properly vouched statements of claim. No Bonus is payable, but all costs recovered in any court in County Council may be retained by such Solicitor.

Does the post include a residence (if so, state particulars) ... No.

Is the Office pensionable? ... No.

Is it part-time or whole-time? ... Part time, but the person appointed must always give the County Council's business priority of claim on his time.

Is security required to be given by the person appointed? ... No.

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 31st March, 1932; to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for the sums

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demanding in respect of that period by the subsidiary Bodies financed by the Council.

The following Report was submitted.

6th March, 1931.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

on
Rate Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit herewith my Annual Estimates of the General Rate which, in my opinion, will be required during the ensuing financial year to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and to meet the Demands of other Public Bodies depending for their funds on the Council. The items that go to make up the respective services are set out in detail on the accompanying explanatory Tables.

The following are the figures for General Rate estimated by me as necessary for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1932 :—

OTHER HEREDITAMENTS.

	s.	d.
Roads	2	1½
County Services	3	0
Poor Relief	2	10½
Health Districts	0	5½

TOTAL ... 8 5½

Making allowance for the relief afforded by the double Agricultural Grant provided by the Government again for the forthcoming year, and which is equivalent to 2/10½ in the £ in this County, the Rate on Land recommended is 5/6½. I subjoin, for the purpose of comparison, figures showing the General Rate assessed by the County Council on Other Hereditaments and on Land for the past five years :—

	Other Hereditaments.	Land.
Year ended 31st March, 1927	8/2	5/3½
" " " " 1928	7/5½	4/6½
" " " " 1929	7/7½	4/9
" " " " 1930	8/0½	5/1½
" " " " 1931	7/11½	5/0½

It will be noted that my Estimate, if approved and adopted without modification, would mean striking a rate for the forthcoming Financial Year sixpence in the £ higher than the Rate struck for the current Financial Year. With a view to helping the Council to analyse the causes which lead up to this recommended increase I subjoin a Statement giving the heads of certain services in respect of which the Demands for the coming year have considerably increased, and showing the amounts which it was found necessary to raise for these services in the year 1930/31; the amounts required under Statutory Authority for the year 1931/32; and the consequent increase involved in the forthcoming year's Rate. These services required a total sum of £60,230 in the year 1930/31, but require £73,200 for the year 1931/32, representing an increase in the coming Financial Year over the current Financial Year of no less than £12,970. I regret to have to state that the Council is not vested with power to reduce any of the figures set out in this Statement.

	Year 1930/31	Year 1931/32	Increase
	£	£	£
Roads—To repay Principal and Interest on Loans	1,926	2,450	524
Co. Board of Assistance	40,778	45,432	4,654
Grangegorman Mental Hospital	14,981	17,243	2,262
Louth Co. Council, on retiring from Guaranteeing Area of Mental Hospital	—	2,993	2,993
Provision for Local Government Elections in June, 1931	—	1,000	1,000
Co. Vocational Education Committee	1,277	1,910	633
Co. Committee of Agriculture	1,268	2,060	792
Drainage Schemes—Preliminary Expenses	—	112	112
	£60,230	£73,200	£12,970

To the above List may be added the Demand from the County Board of Health for the forthcoming year. It amounts to £14,188, and this is £20 less than that Board's Demand for the current year.

In conclusion I would point out that the difficulties of preparing and submitting the Annual Estimate are immeasurably increased by reason of the fact that Poor Rate Collections for some years past are rarely closed within the Financial Year to which they relate. This matter, I submit, should receive careful consideration, for not alone are the Council's Finances dislocated, but it helps annually to increase the Rates owing to the fact that in consequence it becomes necessary to approach the Minister for Local Government and Public Health three or four times each year for sanction to an Overdraft, the interest on which the Rural Ratepayer is compelled to meet. While on this point I might also mention the difficulty of securing payment of the Instalments of the Council's Annual Demand by the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow. It is certainly unsound finance that the Rural Ratepayer should be compelled to pay interest on the County Council's Overdraft when at the moment such Overdraft is in operation very large sums are due to the County Council by the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow, whose Urban Ratepayers pay no portion of the interest on the County Council's Overdraft.

Yours faithfully,
P. T. HEALY,

Secretary to the Council.

The terms of the Report and each figure on the Form relating to General Charges (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 comparison of the figures in the form already circulated to each Councillor with the figures on the revised form which accompanies this Report.

GENERAL CHARGES.

A. ROADS. The Committee reviewed the Travelling Expenses claimed by, and paid to, the County Surveyor during the years 1928, 1929 and 1930 and modified the Estimate so as to finally and permanently bring these expenses into agreement with the terms of the resolution passed by the County

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B. County Services.

Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 14th November, 1927.

Repairs to Court Houses,
County Solicitor.
Bill of Costs.
Advertising Pleasure Resorts.
Payment to Louth County Council on the separation of that Body from the Mental Hospital Area.
Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

F. Separate Charges.

Inasmuch as it would require a Separate Charge Rate of 6/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to meet the maintenance expenses of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway for the ensuing financial year 1931/1932, and at the same time discharge the estimated Debit Balance against the Tramway Area in the Council's Ledger on the 31st March instant, the Committee decided to recommend the Council to strike the same rate for this Separate Charge as in previous years, namely, 2/2 in the £, in the hope that matters will adjust themselves consequent on legislation, and the recent decision of the Council, before the next Estimates come up for consideration.

It will be observed that Wicklow County Council's payment under Sealed Order to Louth County Council following the separation of that body from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Area, is £2,993, of which sum provision must be made during the forthcoming financial year for the payment of £1,996. This is a non-recurring payment and consequently the Committee recommend that it be met by means of a Loan, repayable to the Treasurer within a period of ten years.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health, when sanctioning the Committee's proposal, reduced the term of the Loan from ten years to five years, and therefore the form which accompanies this Report has been modified accordingly.

It will also be noted from the Secretary's Report that the Demand from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the ensuing year is £2,262 greater than the Demand received for the current year. The Committee believe that this £2,262 is also of a non-recurring nature, and for that reason the figures in the accompanying Forms in that connection are based on this additional expenditure being met by means of a Loan, recommended in the first instance by the Committee to be spread over a period of ten years which ten years was subsequently reduced in the sanction to the Committee's proposal received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Committee enclose herewith the revised copy of the Explanatory Tables which have already been circulated to each Councillor showing the figures modified in the manner beforementioned, and they strongly recommend that these amended figures be approved and adopted for the purpose of calculating the General and Separate Charge Rates for the service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932.

These recommendations, if adopted by the Council, will entail the striking of the following Rates:—

	£	s	d
A. Roads	0	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
B. County Services	0	2	8
C. Poor Relief	0	2	10
D. Health District Charges	0	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total Rate on Other Hereditaments	0	8	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rebate on Agricultural Land	0	2	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nett Rate on Agricultural Land	0	5	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Signed:— DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 19th of March, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;
Seconded by George Heatley;
Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 1, as printed and circulated, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.
The following letter was submitted regarding the Resolution passed by the Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 16th February, 1931, relative to the Superannuation Allowance to be allowed Mr Thomas Langton, Chief Clerk and Accountant, who was compelled to resign owing to continuous ill-health:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House,
DUBLIN,
G. 13773/1931.
27th February, 1931.
Oll Mhanntain.

A Chas,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, relative to the superannuation of Mr Thomas Langton, and to state that the appropriate superannuation for an officer of Mr Langton's service would be 31/60ths of his average annual salary and pensionable emoluments during the last three years of his service. Query Forms and a copy of this Department's circular letter of the 4th April, 1925 are enclosed.

Mise, le meas,
J. M. HICKEY,
A/s. Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;
Seconded by D H Haskins;
Resolved—That Mr Thomas Langton, who has devoted his whole time to the service of Wicklow County Council in his position as Chief Clerk and Accountant, and who was, at the date of his resignation, incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body, be granted an annual allowance of Three Hundred and sixteen Pounds,

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Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence (£316 : 13 : 4d) subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

The Council considered the following letter:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House,
DUBLIN.
S. 18744/31.
18adh Marta, 1931.

A Chas,

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant, in regard to the Demand made on Wicklow County Council by the Joint Committee of Grangegorman Mental Hospital, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as regards the increase in the Demand due to arrears of salaries and wages of the staff of the Mental Hospital the Minister will be prepared to entertain an application for the raising of the amount by way of loan to be spread over a period not exceeding five years. As regards the amount payable to Louth County Council on separation from the Mental Hospital district, I am to state that an application for a loan to meet the amount of the contribution will also be entertained. Only one-third of amount will be payable in the coming financial year, while a further instalment of one-third will fall due on the 1st April, 1932. In the circumstances perhaps the County Council would not deem it advisable to raise the full amount at the present time.

Loan application Forms are enclosed.
Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON,
ar son Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by Wm. Byrne;

Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendations in the Finance Committee's Report, we hereby ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to accord his approval to this Council's proposals to borrow from their Treasurer a sum of Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds (£4,258), repayment of this loan to be spread over a period of five years; One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds (£1,996) of the said loan to be devoted to paying the two instalments which will become due to Louth County Council within the coming Financial Year, on their withdrawing from the Guaranteeing Area of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital, and the remaining Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds (£2,262) to be devoted to paying the non-recurring portion of the Demand from the Joint Committee of Management of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the ensuing Financial Year.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by M Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby approve, confirm and adopt the conditions governing the appointment of County Solicitor as recommended in Finance Committee's Report No. 1., and we authorise and direct our Secretary to complete Form No. 111, accordingly, and to forward same for the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and, subsequently, to transmit the Form, as sanctioned by that Minister, on behalf of this Council to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by William Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and Seal the Estimate (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 service of the Financial Year ending the 31st March, 1932, as follows:—

GENERAL CHARGES.

	s.	d.
Construction and Maintenance of Roads	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
County Services	2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Poor Relief	2	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Health District Charges	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Total Rate on Other Hereditaments

Rebate on Agricultural Land

Nett Rate on Agricultural Land

5 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

SEPARATE CHARGES.

	d.
Baltinglass No. 1 R. D. Labourers' Acts Loans	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rathdown No. 2 R. D. " " "	3
Rathdrum R. D. " " "	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Shillelagh R. D. " " "	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltinglass No. 1 R. D. Water Supplies, etc.,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltinglass Dispensary District—Sewerage, etc.,	1
Blessington Dispensary District—Water Supply	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dunlavin Dispensary District—Sewerage	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rathdown No. 2 R. D.—Water Supplies	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Delgany Dispensary District—Water Supplies, etc.,	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Delgany Parish—Sewerage	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Powerscourt Dispensary District—Sewerage	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Greystones E. D.—Lighting, etc.,	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rathdrum R. D.—Water Supplies	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Newcastle Dispensary District—Water Supply & Sewerage	1
Rural portion of Wicklow Dispensary District—Water Supplies	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rathdrum Dispensary District—Sewerage	2
Shillelagh R. D.—Water Supplies and Sewerage	2
Part of Enniskerry E. D.—Lighting	2
Ballytharthur and Avoca E. Ds.—Lighting	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Blessington E. D.—Lighting	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Carnew E. D.—Lighting	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Donard E. D.—Lighting	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Newcastle Upper E. D.—Lighting	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rathdrum E. D.—Lighting	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tinahely E. D.—Lighting	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Stratford E. D.—Lighting	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arklow Harbour	4
Wicklow Harbour	26
Blessington Tramway	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltinglass Union Loans	1
Naas Union Loans	1
Rathdrum Union Loans	1

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Baltinglass District Pensions	...	1 3
Rathdown District Pensions	...	1
Rathdrum District Pensions	...	1 1
Ballinacor E. D.—Criminal Injury	...	5 1
Aughrim E. D.	...	1
Carnew E. D.	...	2 1
Arklow Urban District—Criminal Injury (£48 : 6 : 0d.)	...	2 1

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming ;

Seconded by " D 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 the 31st March, 1932, as follows:—

	Arklow.	Bray.	Wicklow.
Roads	£521 2 6.	£2121 11 9.	£675 14 5.
County Services	631 15 9.	2656 13 4.	596 10 10.
Poor Relief	1378 7 10.	5401 2 11.	1299 16 8.
Health District Charges	77 11 3.	369 17 8.	74 15 6.
Separate Charges	309 1 4.		238 4 3.
			840 10 6.
TOTALS.	£2917 18 8.	£10549 5 8.	£3725 12 2.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Friday the 27th March, 1931.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William Byrne, William J Henry and D Frame.

The Committee proceeded to consider the following Resolution passed by the Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on the 16th February, 1931:—

Resolved—That our Finance Committee be authorised and requested to consider and recommend such arrangements as may be deemed desirable in consultation with our Secretary, for re-organising the clerical work in our Offices.

The Committee recommend that Mr Laurence Wolohan, whose salary as Assistant Accountant was £380 per annum, be paid an annual salary of £450 on his recent promotion to the position of Chief Clerk and Accountant, the promotion and increase to take effect from the 1st April, 1931, the latter being the date on which Mr Thomas Langton's resignation becomes effective.

The Committee, having given the most careful consideration to all the facts connected with the re-organisation now required in the County Council's Offices, and the future administration therein, unanimously make the following recommendations:—

(1) That Mr W C Byrne be withdrawn from the County Surveyor's Office and promoted to the position of Assistant Accountant in our

Secretary's Offices, his present salary of £240 per annum to be increased to £275 per annum, with annual increments of £10 until a maximum salary of £325 has been reached, the promotion and increase to take effect from the 1st April, 1931.

(2) That Mr M J Healy be permanently established, and promoted to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mr M J Fox (on promotion to the Offices of Louth County Council), whose salary was £200 per annum, and that Mr Healy be paid a salary of £150 per annum, with annual increments of £10 until a maximum salary of £250 has been reached, the promotion and increase to take effect from the 1st April, 1931.

(3) That Mr A O'Connor be also permanently established, and that he be paid an annual salary of £120, with annual increments of £10 until a maximum salary of £200 per annum is reached, the promotion and increase to take effect as from 1st April, 1931.

(4) That an Examiner be appointed at an inclusive remuneration of Twelve Pounds (£12) to set the necessary papers for a Qualifying Examination of Candidates for the position of Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office; the Examination to be held in the Town of Wicklow, and the Subjects to be IRISH (written), ENGLISH, COMPOSITION, ARITHMETIC and OFFICE ROUTINE AND BUSINESS METHODS; the Examiner to be responsible for the setting of the papers at a Standard equivalent to the Matriculation Examinations held in recent years, and the furnishing of a Report to the Council after the examination showing the marks (possible and actual) obtained by each candidate in each Subject; the Examiner appointed to be responsible for submitting the Examination Papers to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval before the date of the examination is fixed.

That an advertisement be inserted by our Secretary in two consecutive issues of the "Wicklow People" inviting applications from Candidates for the position of Clerk (male) in the County Surveyor's Office, at a salary of £120 per annum, with annual increments of £10 until a maximum salary of £200 is reached; Candidates to be not more than twenty-four or less than nineteen years of age on the 1st May, 1931.

The Committee are of opinion that Messrs Healy and O'Connor would be well advised to present themselves as Candidates at this examination, with a view to demonstrating to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, by the Marks they obtain thereat, respectively, that both this Committee and the Council are fully justified in the submission and adoption of these recommendations. The Committee suggest that the Minister be asked to withhold his decision in respect to these two clerks until the result of this Examination has been presented to him.

The Committee are strongly of opinion that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be asked by the Council, when he comes to consider these recommendations, to make allowance for the fact that (a) Mr M J Healy has already had three years and seven months experience of the work in our Offices, and left College about four years ago; that (b) Mr A O'Connor has already had nearly one year's experience in our Offices, and also left College about four years ago; that (c) it has seldom been found that a person does himself justice at an Examination when he has been four years removed from his studies and his mind occupied with

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the points connected with his daily work during the whole of those years; and that (d) any decision arrived at by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health which would entail the appointment of practically a whole new Staff would manifestly reflect adversely on the admittedly present high standard of administrative efficiency prevailing in the Offices of the County Council.

In conclusion the Committee are glad to be in a position to point out that these recommendations, if approved and adopted, will effect a reduction in salaries of no less than £289 in the ensuing Financial Year.

Salaries as they were prior to 31/3/31. Salaries as they will be if the foregoing recommendations are adopted.

	£	£
Chief Clerk and		
Accountant	480	450
Assistant Accountant	380	275
Clerk	240	150
Clerk	200	120
Clerk	104	120
	1404	1115

Difference £289.

We recommend that Mr Edmund P Power, N.T., Arklow, be appointed to the position of Examiner in accordance with the recommendations of this Report.

Signed:—D. H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by " David Frame ;

Resolved—That Finance Committee's Report No. 2., as typed and circulated, dealing with the re-organisation of the Staff in the Secretary's Offices, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed unanimously.

A letter dated the 5th February, 1931, was submitted from the Joint Committee of Management of Grangeorgan Mental Hospital requesting the Council to make arrangements to pay their Quarterly instalments of their 1931/1932 Demand within the first fortnight of April, July, October and January, with a view to meeting the exceptional financial circumstances which have arisen in the Management of that Hospital. A Resolution adopted by the Joint Committee of Management on the 4th February, 1931 regarding these exceptional financial circumstances was also submitted.

NO ORDER, as the Council is at present operating on Overdraft.

Proposed by Councillor D Frame ;

Seconded by " D H Haskins ;

Resolved—That our Secretary be hereby authorised and instructed to apply for an extension of the Council's Overdraft from £10,000 to £20,000 in the event of his finding that the financial condition of the Council requires such extension following the advance to the Board of Health and Public Assistance of £4,000 in respect of that Board's Demand for the ensuing year 1931-1932.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea ;

Seconded by " Peter P O'Reilly ;

Resolved—That following the Council's Resolution passed at the Meeting of the 6th February, 1931, giving Contractor James Farrell, Umrygar, Carnew, 100 c. y. of stone as may be required, to keep passable the road from Tomacork Quarry to Road No. 220, provided the Contractor carts and spreads the stones without extra charge or remuneration, we now decide, on the additional information before us, to give Contractor James Farrell the sum of Ten Pounds (£10) to reward him for his extra work, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed. Councillor Heatley dissenting.

The Secretary, having read the Special Notice issued to each Member of the Council on the 11th February, 1931, under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Wm. J Henry ;

Resolved—That the consent and approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the raising by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of Two Thousand Pounds for the purpose of carrying out improvements and alterations at the County Home.

Passed.

The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued to each Member of the Council on the 17th February, 1931, under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe ;

Seconded by " Wm. J Henry ;

Resolved—That the approval of the County Council be given to the raising by the Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following Loans for the purposes set out viz:—

Baltinglass Water Supply	...	£2,400
Blessington Water Supply	...	600
Dunlavin Water Supply	...	£1,100
Rathnew Water Supply	...	£1,000
Carnew Sewerage	...	£1,400
Kilcoole Sewerage	...	£1,000

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.,

Seconded by " P Doyle ;

Resolved—That the New Buildings Lists prepared by our Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, in respect to the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932, 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 Lists.

Passed.

The following letter was considered:—

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

P(c) 12198/31.

Upper Merrion Street,
DUBLIN.
19th March, 1931.Estate of Lord Waterford.
County Wicklow—Rec No. S. 3930

A Chara,

With reference to the Resolution passed by your Council at a Special Meeting held on the 19th December, 1930, I am desired by the Land Commission to inform you that they would be prepared to contribute a sum of £100 towards the cost of erecting a foot-bridge over the river at Granabeg provided your Council execute the work and supply any additional moneys necessary to complete it.

Mise, le meas,
R KENT.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
WICKLOW.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Seconded by Wm. J Henry;

Resolved—That the County Board of Health be requested to accept the offer of the Irish Land Commission of £100 and to provide the difference of cost, as we are advised that the County Council as a road Authority cannot legally spend any money on this work.

Passed.

The Council considered a letter dated 7th February, 1931, from Captain Michael Gilvary, Boghall Road, Bray, in which he drew attention to a legal decision by which a car owner is stated to have secured damages for tyres cut by stones spread upon one of the Saorstad's Roads, and in which he alleged that the condition of the Boghall Road, Bray, is shocking at this time of the year and that numbers of persons have complained of it.

The County Surveyor reported, on the 26th March, 1931, that the Boghall Road is repaired in the usual manner, but, unfortunately, the Council made no provision for steamrolling in the present contract. Provision, however, could be made for rolling in repair patches when the present contract expires.

Order: Referred to County Surveyor.

The following letters were submitted:—

LABOUR CLUB.

Newtown-Mt-Kennedy Branch,
10-2-31.

Mr P T Healy,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Sir,

I beg to draw your attention, also the attention of the Council to the following facts. Two Employees of Wicklow County Council Road Staff, Patrick O'Connor and John Doyle, and Members of the above Club. Those two men were served with a pencilled note terminating their employment on Sunday the 25th January, last. (This note was delivered by Patrick Byrne, Killymon). Now I hold that Sunday stoppage is no stoppage and therefore illegal. The cards the property of those two men (Doyle and O'Connor) was not issued to them until the following Wednesday evening at three o'clock. Owing to that unnecessary delay those men are at a monetary loss of three days pay, being unable to sign up owing to having no cards. I think an explanation is due giving a reason why they were stopped on Sunday instead of Saturday preceding 24th January, 1931.

I am Sir,

Yours respectfully,

James Quinn.

Hon. Secretary.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House,
WICKLOW.
12th February, 1931.

Mr James Quinn,

Hon. Secretary,

Labour Club,

Newtownmountkenedy.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 10th instant, from which I note your statement that two Members of your Club, namely, Patrick O'Connor and John Doyle, were served with a pencilled note on Sunday the 25th ultimo to the effect that their employment under Wicklow County Council terminated the previous day. I further note your statement that the stamped cards of these two men were not issued to them until Wednesday the 28th ultimo at 3 o'clock, and that as a consequence these two men are alleged to have suffered a certain monetary loss. I am sending a copy of your letter to the County Surveyor, who, as you are doubtless aware, is the proper Official to deal with the first part of your letter.

The stamping of the cards of County Council employees is, however, a matter for which I alone have the responsibility. I think you will agree with me that there is no blame attributable to my Office in connection with the delay in handing the stamped cards to these two men when I inform you that Overseer E Tierney was handed, on Saturday the 24th January, the stamped cards of Patrick O'Connor and John Doyle, together with the stamped cards of ten other employees.

I fail to see any reason why the cards of the twelve men were not handed to them on that Saturday, the 24th ultimo.

Yours faithfully,

P T HEALY.

30th March, 1931.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

Court House,
WICKLOW.
30th March, 1931.

To,

Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

Re complaint from Newtown-Mt-Kennedy Labour Club.

On Saturday, 24th January, 1931, it was necessary to disemploy Messrs. Patrick O'Connor and John Doyle, Newtown-Mt-Kennedy, owing to the fact that when making up balances it was found that the money to pay them was exhausted. The Ganger, Edward Tierney, was directed to inform them of the fact and was handed their stamped cards to give them. Owing to delay in getting out to Newtown before noon on that Saturday the men were not notified until Sunday and as by some mishap the cards were mislaid these were not handed to the men until Tuesday.

Messrs. Doyle and O'Connor could have registered at the Labour Exchange without their cards and taken advantage of the regulations provided to meet such cases and filled up the form No. 1. 30.

No loss is or has been incurred by Messrs. Doyle and O'Connor, as they cannot be prevented from receiving the allowances due to them on their cards.

Some delay undoubtedly was caused in receiving the allowances but this would be due either (a) to Messrs. Doyle and O'Connor not applying to Register and handing in Form 1. 30 or (b) to the Manager of the Labour Exchange not acting on the Form 1. 30, if handed in to him.

If any loss can be shown I shall insist on the Ganger making good such loss, and in the interim I have censured him for the delay and recorded it against him.

Yours faithfully,

S G GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne;

Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That as Patrick O'Connor and John Doyle are stated to have lost two days Labour Exchange Allowance following their dismissal from work consequent upon the failure of Overseer Edward Tierney to hand them their stamped cards on the day they were handed to him in the Secretary's Office we hereby direct our Secretary to collect these four days lost allowance from Overseer, Edward Tierney and to hand such allowances to the men Doyle and O'Connor; the amount claimed by each man in this connection being 7/- in the case of O'Connor and 18/4d. in the case of Doyle.

Passed.

A letter dated the 27th March, 1931, was submitted, signed by the Secretary and the Chairman of Bray Branch of the Irish Labour Party, conveying a Resolution to the effect that all men employed by Wicklow County Council terminating their employment, temporarily or otherwise, should receive their cards and pay on that day so as to give them every opportunity of signing in their Unemployment Offices.

Order:—Read.

Similar communications from the Newtownmountkenedy and Coolboy Branches of the Irish Labour Party were also submitted.

Order:—Read.

A communication dated the 20th February, 1931, was submitted from the Secretary, Joint Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, Terenure, Co. Dublin, requesting the Council to erect a Road

Warning Sign where the Tramway Line crosses the Road at the County Boundary, between Brittas and the Lamb Stations.

The County Surveyor who was present, informed the Council that this matter was already in hands, jointly, with Dublin County Council.

No Order.

The Council had under consideration a communication dated the 28th January, 1931, from Messrs. Donnelly and O'Neill, Solicitors, 50 Duke Street, Athy, in reference to damages amounting to £5 stated to have been sustained by their client, Mr Andrew O'Brien of Holdenstown, Baltinglass, owing to the condition of a drain, for the maintenance of which it is alleged the County Council is responsible.

The County Surveyor, who was present, reported that the drain in question appears to be a matter for the County Board of Health.

Order:—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 11th February, 1931, from Edward Archer, Hon. Secretary, Greystones Public Utility Society, Ard Na Ree, Greystones, in which application was made for grants from the County Council to wards the cost of the building of thirteen houses in Greystones to replace those washed away by the sea.

No Order.

Proposed by Councillor William Henry;

Seconded by David Frame;

Resolved—That in exercise of the powers vested in this Council by Section 5 of the Local Elections, Act, 1927, we hereby select and appoint Tuesday the 23rd June, 1931, for the holding of Local Government Elections of County and Urban District Councillors for the County Wicklow and the several Urban Districts therein.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a Notice to Quit on the 30th September, 1931, the premises used as a Court House in Newtownmountkenedy, which Notice had been served on him on behalf of the owner of that building, Robert G A Gum Cunningham of Goodbrook, Delgany.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That our County Surveyor be instructed to make careful investigation, and report to the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council on the possibilities and probable cost of providing alternative accommodation in Newtownmountkenedy wherein to hold District Courts.

Passed.

The following was submitted to the Council:—

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,
OFFICE: TOWN HALL,
WICKLOW.

19th March, 1931.

To all whom it may concern I am directed by the Wicklow Urban District Council to hereby give notice to the Lessees of the Technical School Premises and the Owner of the Yard in the occupation of Mr. Joseph D'Arcy, to have the Boundary Wall between said premises re-built within twenty-one days from this date failing which the covenants of said leases will be enforced without further notice.

By Order,

H J MacPHAIL, Town Clerk.

To Wicklow County Council.

To Educational Vocational Committee.

To Miss Nolan.

To Mr Joseph D'Arcy.

Proposed by Councillor D Frame;

Seconded by J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That, having regard to the Notice submitted to us to-day from the Wicklow Urban District Council, we hereby refer to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee the question of having the Boundary Wall between that Body's premises and the yard in the occupation of Mr Joseph D'Arcy re-built, and we sug-

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gest that the matter in dispute between the parties referred to should be amicably, promptly and permanently settled.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a circular letter dated the 5th March, 1931, No. 2520/F, from the Department of Agriculture, with which was enclosed a revised Scheme under which Grants may be obtained from that Department by owners of lands for the purposes of planting or re-planting under the Forestry Acts, 1919 and 1928.

No Order.

The Council considered a Communication from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 10th March, 1931, No. L448/31, on the subject of Sheep Dipping and enclosing copy of the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order, 1915, and a draft copy of suggested regulations for the County Wicklow.

Order:—Referred to County Committee of Agriculture.

A communication dated the 15th February was submitted from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation enclosing a Resolution passed by that Body requesting that at least two Teachers from their Organisation be selected and appointed on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

No Order.

A communication was considered from the Wicklow District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with enclosures dealing with traffic in horses sent abroad to Continental Slaughterhouses.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett T.D.;

Seconded by J. Dunne;

Resolved—That this Council disapproves of the export of live horses for butchery, from the Irish Free State, and considers that steps should be taken by the Government to stop such export, and that the existing carcass trade between Dublin and Antwerp should be developed, so that Irish horses may be humanely killed in Ireland instead of suffering the brutalities of Continental Slaughterhouses and also that the Irish Free State may retain the by-products from slaughtering, and thus increase employment in various trades and manufactures.

Passed.

A communication dated the 2nd March, 1931 was submitted from Mr J J Loughlin, Ballybla, Rathnew, in which he asked the Council to take over, repair and maintain the road from Killoughter Cross to the Murrough.

The County Surveyor, who was present, informed the Council that no repairs can be done to this road as it is not a County Road and has not been included in the roads Scheme for the year 1931/1932.

No Order. Mr Loughlin's application, however, to be forwarded the Irish Land Commission.

The Secretary submitted a Petition under Section 2 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, from four Ratepayers in the Townland of Ballyconnell, in connection with which a Petition for the adjacent lands in the County Carlow has, it was stated, been lodged with Carlow County Council.

Order:—Read, but Petition is informal.

A letter dated the 24th March, 1931 was received from the Defendant in which he asked for permission to employ a Barrister to represent the County Council in defending a Malicious Injury Claim for the sum of £2,500 lodged on behalf of A J Lawler.

Order:—Authority given to employ Counsel.

A further letter dated the 26th March, 1931, was submitted from the Law Agent asking, at the request of Superintendent J Greany Garda Síochána, Wicklow, for authority to appear on behalf of the County Council at the hearing of the Charge against Joseph Murphy, Cronebeg, for an alleged breach of the Food and Drugs Acts.

Order:—Solicitor to appear on behalf of the Council.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1931-1932

The Secretary submitted the following:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

(Roads),

Custom House,

DUBLIN.

25th March, 1931.

Road Improvement Grant 1931-1932.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Wicklow County Council that a sum of £13,260 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the above mentioned Grant for Main Road Improvement as follows:—

S. G. H.

SURFACE DRESSING ROADS.

	£
1. T.7. Within Bray Urban ...	236.
2. T.7. (National Road) selected parts as scheduled by County Surveyor	
Approximate Area 342,400 Sq. Yds. (Contract)	5,707
3. L.29. In Bray Urban	264
4. Selected parts of T.43, L.29, L.161, L.19, L.32, T.42.	7,053.
	£13,260.

In addition to the undermentioned conditions relating to the Grant, it shall be a condition governing purchases of tars and bitumens that the supplies of these commodities for all roads, whether Grant-aided or not, will be obtained from the Official Contractors appointed by the Minister for the year 1931/1932. If an Official Contractor is not appointed, as in the case of cold emulsion dressing in 1930/31, the sanction of the Minister must be obtained before any orders are placed for the supply of such materials. In asking for sanction, information should be supplied as to the quantity to be ordered, the price at which the material is to be obtained, the reason for selecting the particular material and why the use of a cold dressing is being proposed.

The following are the conditions referred to in the previous paragraph:—
1. The Grant shall be expended on the foregoing works only and, while not conditional on any contribution from the County Rates, it is not to be taken as relieving the County Council from responsibility for reasonable and economical road maintenance.

2. Inspections shall be carried out by the Chief Engineering Inspector or his Assistants as the work proceeds and in all cases before final payments are made. The Minister shall take such steps as he may deem proper, either by way of withholding payments or refusing to sanction payments or otherwise in the case of unsatisfactory work.

3. Payments shall be made on Requisition Form No. 97 certified by the County Surveyor:—

(a) On commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the authority during the ensuing month.

(b) Towards the end of the first month after commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the authority during the second month, and so on from month to month until eighty per cent of the Grant has been paid, after which the Authority will submit through the County Surveyor to the Minister a statement showing their expenditure up to date, and the Minister will then determine what further instalments should be paid under the Grant.

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[d] On completion of the work the Authority will supply the Minister with a certificate of their Surveyor stating that the work has been completed and stating with such particulars as may be required by the Forms then in use by the Department, the total expenditure incurred.

4. Conditions regarding the men to be employed attached to previous Grants apply to this Grant also. [See circular letter SR. 1 of 24th October, 1923].

5. Forms No. 11 enclosed should be completed by the County Surveyor and forwarded to this Office, accompanied by a brief specification and tracing.

6. No contract for the execution of any of the work mentioned in the first paragraph is to be advertised until the Minister has notified approval to the until the prior sanction of the Minister is obtained to the acceptance of the specification as well as draft advertisement and no contract is to be entered into until the prior sanction of the Minister is obtained to the acceptance of the particular tender.

Mise, le meas,

E P McCARRON.

RUNAIDHE.

The Secretary,
County Council,
Wicklow.

Order:—Grant accepted—Co. Surveyor to take all steps he deems necessary to proceed with the works contemplated, and to obtain tenders for item No. 2, above referred to.

The following letter was also submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH (Roads),

Custom House,

DUBLIN.

26th March, 1931.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 19th January last, and enclosure, relative to concreting the road from Kilmacanogue to Laragh Bridge via Glassnamullen and Togher, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as the Council have not made the necessary provision for the surface dressing of the roads in 1931/1932, the Improvement Grant of £13,260 notified to them must be devoted to that purpose.

Mise, le meas,

J HURSON. A/s Runaidhe.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House,

Wicklow.

30th March, 1931.

To Wicklow County Council,
Gentlemen,

Owing to the late snows and severe weather it was necessary to maintain many of the roads from the balance left in the Contingencies Fund. This will amount to about £100 on main Roads and about £100 on County Roads.

I request your approval for this action.

Yours faithfully,

S G GALLAGHER.

Order: Approved.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;

Seconded by Wm. J Henry;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council enter our protest against the blasphemous article which appeared in the columns of the English "Daily Mail". We, in common with our Countrymen protest against the circulation of this paper in this country and furthermore we call upon newsvendors to refuse to stock this paper.

Passed.

The Council received the Rev. Brother Ryan, Artane Industrial School, who placed before the Council the views of the Association of Managers of Reformatory and Industrial Schools on the question of the reduction by the Council of their contribution of 5/- per head per week to 4/6d. per head per week as from the 1st April, 1929, for children committed from these Institutions from County Wicklow.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor David Frame:—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the present contribution of 4/6d. per head per week paid for the maintenance of children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools committed from this County, be restored to the sum of 5/- per head per week as from the 1st April, 1929, and that all Orders and Resolutions on the Council's records to the contrary be rescinded."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

"That the consent and approval of the Wicklow County Council be given to the raising by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance of a loan of £4,500 for sewerage of Newtownmountkennedy."

C. C. de Byrne
26/3/31

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 26th May, 1931.

The following members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman.

Councillors Edward Byrne, J J Bourne, D H Haskins, David Frame, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, John Dunne, Thomas Weadick, Joseph Byrne, James Kavanagh, J Everett, T.D.; J J Metcalfe, P P O'Reilly, James McCrea, Patrick Doyle, Denis Condren, T Mulcahy, M Fleming, William J Henry, and John Barry.

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

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 Payments from the Proposals Committee.

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

5. To consider, and, if so decided, approve of the Lists of Rates in respect of the financial year ended 31st March, 1931, declared by the Poor Rate Collectors to be Irrecoverable in their respective Districts.

6. To consider the state of the several Poor Rate Collections in the County in respect of the financial years ended 31st March, 1930, and the 31st March, 1931, and to make such Orders in connection therewith as the Council may deem advisable.

7. To receive the Law Agent's Report following the hearing in the High Court of the County Council's claim against the Hibernian Insurance Company on foot of Fidelity Bond which contained, with others, the names of ex-Collectors Michael Halpin and Garrett Byrne.

8. To consider the views of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the reorganisation of the Council's administrative Staff, as contained in his letter to the Council dated the 28th April, 1931.

9. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.

10. To Seal such Contracts as may have been approved by the County Council.

11. To sign applications for refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

12. To fix a date for the Council's Annual Meeting.

12A To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, and of the Proposals Committee, in the coming year 1931-32.

13. To consider County Surveyor's Report.

14. To receive and accept Tenders for spraying three sections of Main Roads in the County out of Road Fund Grants.

15. To consider a communication from A H Tyler, Templecarrig House, Greystones, complaining of the condition of the road and boundary walls between Redford, Greystones and Windgates.

16. To receive the County Surveyor's Report as to the alternative

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accommodation available in Newtownmountkennedy for the holding of District Courts.

17. To make the Rates for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932, and to Seal and sign 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 consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor James Everett T.D.:—

"That the consent and approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the raising by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of £4,500 for Sewerage of Newtownmountkennedy."

20. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor David Frame:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the May Quarterly Meeting of this Council, that the present contribution of 4/6 per head, per week, paid for the maintenance of children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools committed from this County, be restored to the sum of 5/- per head, per week, as from the 1st April, 1929, and that all orders and Resolutions on this Council's records to the contrary be rescinded."

21. To confirm the Goldenfort, Mattymount and Rampers (Co Wicklow) Minor Drainage Scheme, 1931.

22. To receive County Surveyor's Reports on Drainage Schemes (a) at Ballinamona (b) at Newbawn

23. To consider a letter dated 2nd April, 1931, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the establishment of Pounds where required in the County, and to take definite action in connection therewith.

24. To pass a Resolution dealing with the County Council's Insurances with the Hibernian Insurance Company, and more particularly in regard to the Policies relating to expenditure on Road Improvements and Maintenance out of (a) Poor Rates and (b) Government Grants.

25. To declare a vacancy in room of Councillor Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bray, who is disqualified through non-attendance.

26. To execute an Agreement with the Irish Land Commission, the effect of which is that the Council purchases, for the sum of £341 0 0, 100 acres 0 roods and 25 perches situate at Ballymarroge, Kilquiggan, for the purpose of establishing a Cow Park, the Annuity for which the Council will be liable thereunder to be £10 : 4s.

27. To receive and consider correspondence regarding the Council's special contribution of £140 during the current financial year to the County Library Committee for the purchase of Books on the understanding that the Trustees of the Carnegie Trust make a special Grant of £100 for the same purpose.

28. To consider County Analyst's Report for the Quarter ending the 31st March, 1931.

29. To Consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dealing with the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931.

30. To receive Minutes of Proceedings of the monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

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.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " David H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to the Members of the family of the late Mr Laurence Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford, and to our respected Chairman, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to the Members of the family of the late Mr P J Carey, Tomaniera, Augh-in, who was for so many years a respected Member of this Council, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Passed.

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 Friday, the 24th April, 1931.

The following members attended:—

Councillor David H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors Joseph Jacob and William J Henry.

Minutes of previous Meetings were read, confirmed and signed.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspectors, and also the following Schedule showing the condition of the Poor Rate collection on the 31st March, 1931, was submitted:—

District No.	Collector	Collected and lodged	Discount allowed under Small Dwellings Act	Amount uncollected
1929-1930 RATE.				
		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
5	Frank Healy	1352 9 9	1 4 3	61 8 10
6	Frank Healy	5474 7 3	4 16 9	132 10 11
1930-1931 RATE.				
1	Luke McDonnell	4264 1 4	16 14 11	491 15 10
2	John A Doyle	2406 0 1	8 1 9	406 10 10
3	Edward Lynch	1780 10 5	5 17 5	453 17 2
4	William Burke	2682 11 11	8 9 2	289 11 5
5	Frank Healy	629 8 10	1 5 11	823 4 3
6	Frank Healy	3144 6 9	6 0 2	2535 3 2
7	P J Doyle	11166 14 11	20 3 3	216 18 10
8	Ptk. Mulligan	2771 13 9	4 7 0	226 2 2
9	Mrs K Doyle	8727 6 6	10 5 2	1043 18 10

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10	W P Murphy	2689	6	6	4	9	7	959	5	5
11	J J Jacob	8387	12	8	7	5	4	2100	14	4
12	Michael Roche	4496	5	4	5	5	4	785	15	3
13/15	W J Quinn	4494	16	1	11	15	9	928	15	4
14	Michael Roche	2844	15	11	3	5	5	815	19	6
16	P J O'Byrne	4473	10	8	19	6	6	1691	2	7
17	D J Kinsella	2684	14	0	11	16	6	1887	17	6
18	Thomas Fleming	3047	15	2	20	16	7	1388	2	8
19	John Byrne	1481	9	2	6	7	10	1588	15	6

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The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand, for the service of the financial year 1931/1932, from the County Board of Public Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following Transfers on foot of same :-

QUARTER ENDED THE 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931.

COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—£11,075 10s. 0d

The Committee had before them the following Proposals and recommend same to the County Council for Payment :-

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£10,595 8s 9d.

The following letter dealing with the condition of the Poor Rate Collections was submitted :-

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
Custom House,
DUBLIN,

G.25064/1931.

Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

9th April, 1931.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of March, and to inquire if arrangements have been made for the collection of rates in Districts 5 and 6 during Collector Healy's illness. The sums outstanding in these Districts are excessively high. The total sum outstanding at the end of the financial year (over £19,000) must be a serious handicap to the County Council and they should require the Collectors to close their warrants without further delay.

Mise, le meas,

J M HICKEY,

A/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary having reported that Collector Frank Healy had not been able, owing to ill health, to attend before the Rate Inspector for the checking of his accounts for a considerable time past, but had submitted a Medical Certificate dated the 14th March, 1931, from Dr J M Clearkin, Blessington, to the effect that he was unable to attend to his duties, the Committee made the following Order :-Collector Frank Healy to be called upon to lodge all monies in his hands, and to proceed at once to have his accounts checked.

The following letter was before the Committee :-

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC
HEALTH,
Custom House,
DUBLIN,

G.26622/1931.

Cill Mhanntain

A Chara,

18th April, 1931.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 10th inst., regarding the proposed superannuation allowance to Mr Thomas Langton, former Chief Clerk and Accountant and to state that while the testimony furnished as to the nature of Mr Langton's services has been noted, it is necessary to explain that the reward for efficient and satisfactory service is superannuation at the rate of 1/60th of the salary and emoluments for each year of pensionable service rendered. As already pointed out in this Department's letter of the 27th February last, the maximum to which the Minister could consent in accordance with the uniform principles governing the award of superannuation allowance to officials of Local Authorities would be 31/60ths of the average salary for the three years preceding retirement.

Pending the receipt of an amended resolution awarding Mr Langton an allowance on the basis referred to no objection will be raised to interim payments being made at the rate mentioned.

Mise, le meas,

J M HICKEY,

Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—Submitted. The Committee record the fact that they consider Mr Langton is being severely dealt with.

INSURANCES.

The Committee had under consideration the following letter from the Hibernian Insurance Company, Ltd., 48 Dame Street, Dublin, C.1 :

THE HIBERNIAN FIRE AND GENERAL INSURANCE
COMPANY, LTD.

48, Dame Street,

DUBLIN C.1.

20th March, 1931.

P T Healy, Esq.,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Wicklow.

Workmen's Compensation Insurances—Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

We regret to have to advise you that our experience in connection with these insurances for the past three years has involved this Company

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in heavy losses, the actual result being as follows :-

Total premiums received ... £1796 9 6
Total payments including outstandings 2560 13 1

These figures represent an actual loss for the period stated of £764 odd or over £250 per annum. The loss has arisen under two Policies, viz.:

Policy 311106. Direct Labour Employees including carting, quarrying, blasting and general road work and

Policy 300108. Road grant employees including carting, quarrying, blasting and road work.

We may add that the loss on these two policies alone would be 200%. We have only considered it fair to the Council, however, to include the premiums on the policies covering the Contractor's workmen and the Staff so as to give the Council the benefit of the experience on all the premiums received by us during the past three years, the result being as stated above, namely, a loss of £764 odd over the whole of the business.

We regret that we are compelled to increase the rate of premium charged on the two Policies referred to, and we propose, therefore, increasing the rate for the two Policies stated from 60/-% to 80/-% on the respective wage rolls without making any alteration in the rates charged on the Policies which have resulted in a satisfactory experience.

We would point out that even assuming we were receiving the increased rate suggested for the past three years we would still lose a sum in excess of £160 on the whole of these Insurances.

We are suggesting the small increase asked for in the hope that our experience of the Council's business will show more satisfactory results in future.

Will you please submit this proposition to the Council to which we trust they will be agreeable. Meanwhile, until the matter has been definitely arranged we are prepared to hold the Council covered in respect of all these Insurances.

Yours faithfully,

J P McHALE,

Manager,

ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT

Having discussed the whole question of the Council's Insurances with Mr Thomas Fleming, the Council's Insurance Broker, who was present, and who had gone carefully into the matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry ;

Seconded by Joseph Jacob ;

Resolved—That, having carefully considered the terms of the letter from the Hibernian Insurance Co.—dated the 20th March, 1931—and having heard our Insurance Broker's views thereon, and on the Council's Insurances generally, we hereby decide to refuse to pay the increased Premiums asked for by the Hibernian Insurance Co. in respect of Policy No. 311106 (Direct Labour Employees), etc., and Policy No. 300108 (Road Grant Employees, etc.)—and we further hereby decide to cancel and determine all other Policies entered into with the Hibernian Insurance Co., and we authorise and direct that new Policies be taken out

with Messrs Coyle & Co. (Brokers), Ltd., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, for the above two items of the Council's Insurance business, and for all other Insurances required by the Council consequent upon the cancellation of the Policies hitherto held from the Hibernian Insurance Co.—Messrs Coyle & Co.'s Premiums to be no higher than those hitherto paid on the cancelled Policies, and Messrs Coyle & Co. to indemnify the Council against any possible loss that the Council may incur in any circumstances whatsoever by reason of the Council removing their business from the Hibernian Insurance Company and placing such business with Messrs Coyle & Co., our Insurance Broker—Mr Thomas Fleming—to continue to carry out the County Council's Insurances.

Passed unanimously.

A letter dated 20th April, 1931, was received from Mr Langlois Lefroy, 23 Sumner Place, London, S.W.7., the owner of Castle Howard, Avoca, and certain lands at Cronebane, in which he applied for the refund of rates amounting to £27 5s paid in error to Collector W J Quinn, by his wife on Castlehoward, which had been vacant for a number of years past.

The Committee ordered that the £27 5s in question be refunded to Mr Lefroy, provided the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offered no objection.

An application dated the 10th April, 1931, was received from the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, to be allowed to use the Courthouse in Tinahely for the purpose of conducting Butter Making Classes therein.

ORDER—Granted.

Signed :— DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 1st day of May, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins ;

Seconded by J J Metcalfe ;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming ;

Seconded by William J Henry ;

Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Wicklow Board of Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.

Following a discussion on the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 18th April, 1931, No. G.26622 (which appears in full in Finance Committee's Report No. 1) dealing with the Superannuation Allowance proposed by the Council to be given Mr Thomas Langton, who resigned his position as Chief Clerk and Accountant, in consequence of continuous ill-health, it was

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by Edward Byrne ;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to reconsider his decision as conveyed in the Department's letter dated the 18th April, 1931, No. G.26622/1931, in which the

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Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;
 Seconded by " W J Henry;
 Resolved—The Council notice with dissatisfaction that the following Poor Rate Collectors:—

Edward Lynch (No. 3)
 Frank Healy (No. 5)
 Frank Healy (No. 6)
 James J Jacob (No. 11)
 John Byrne (No. 19)

have failed to close their 1930-1931 Collections up to this date and we hereby warn these collectors that if their collections be not closed before the Council's Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 23rd June, the Council will, on that date, take serious action with regard to the Collectors who have failed to give effect to the terms of this resolution, and we hereby, with a view to assisting these Collectors, direct our Secretary to issue a notice, Form 60, under Article 108 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, on the 16th June, 1931, to all Ratepayers in the above-mentioned districts who appear from the Council's records to owe Rates.

Passed.

The subjoined report from the Law Agent was submitted, following the hearing in the High Court of the County Council's claim against the Hibernian Insurance Company on foot of Fidelity Bond, which contained, amongst others, the names of ex-Collectors Michael Halpin and Garrett Byrne.

4, Church Street,
 WICKLOW,
 28th May, 1931.
 Wicklow County Council

Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir,

The hearing of this action before Mr Justice Hanna commenced on the 4th instant and at the conclusion of a nine days' hearing the Judge reserved judgment.

On Thursday, the 21st idem, Mr Justice Hanna delivered his considered judgment and dismissed the action with costs to be paid by the County Council.

Since the judgment was delivered Mr A Alfred Dickie, K.C., and Mr M J Ryan, K.C., Senior Counsel whom I briefed on behalf of the County Council, have carefully considered the judgment of Mr Justice Hanna, copy of which I obtained at their request from the Official Reporter, and this morning I received their joint opinion, copy of which I send you for consideration of the members of your Council at their meeting to be held on Tuesday next.

Yours faithfully,
 JOSEPH BRAZIL.

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

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
 Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;
 Resolved—That we hear Counsel's opinion in Committee in connection with the case of the County Council against the Hibernian Insurance Company.

Passed—Councillors Everett, T.D., and Duane dissenting.

After the Council's deliberations in Committee had ceased and the transaction of business in public had recommenced, it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved—That having carefully considered the opinion of Senior Counsel, Messrs A Dickie, K.C., and M J Ryan, K.C., in reference to the High Court decision in the case of the County Council against the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, we hereby decide to appeal to the Supreme Court against Mr Justice Hanna's decision.

A vote having been called for, it was found that the Councillors present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors D Condren, Patrick Doyle, James Kavanagh, J McCrea, T Weadick, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, J J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, P P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, J J Barry, C M Byrne and D H Haskins—16.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, Michael Fleming, John Dunne and James Everett, T.D.—4.

The Resolution was declared to be passed by 16 votes to 4.

The Council proceeded to consider the views of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the reorganisation of the Council's administrative Staff set forth in the following letter:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

G.26884/1931.
 Cill Mhanntain.

Custom House,
 DUBLIN,
 28th April, 1931.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 11th instant transmitting a copy of the Report of the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council adopted by them on the 30th ultimo setting out proposals of the reorganisation of the Council's administrative staff arising out of the appointment of Mr. M. J. Fox to a superior position in the service of the Louth County Council and the recent retirement on account of ill-health of the Accountant, Mr Langton.

Two vacancies in the Council's fixed establishment have thus arisen. The Minister is aware that for some time past the Council have had under consideration the desirability of creating a further permanent clerical position. That this has been deferred during the past three and a half years by the employment in a temporary capacity of Mr. M. J. Healy and that the Council are now satisfied that the extent of the County administration is such that in order to secure proper efficiency it is

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necessary that this further clerical position should be established. The Minister raises no objection to the enlargement of the establishment but must point out that all three vacancies will involve the appointment of pensionable officers whose recruitment can only be consented to after public advertisement in the prescribed manner, and the selection, as a result of such advertisement of suitable persons for each position. The Minister concurs in the scale of salary (£120 to £200) proposed by the Council but stipulates that the annual increments be £7 10s and be subject to an annual certificate by the County Secretary or Surveyor as the case may be that the officer's service throughout the period has been efficient and in all respects satisfactory. The Minister does not approve of the differentiation in the scale of salaries for these positions.

The Council propose an examination test for candidates and the Minister raises no objection to the engagement of Mr. Power as examiner. It is suggested that a test in shorthand notetaking might suitably be included in the subjects. A copy of the syllabus, together with a draft of the advertisement, should be submitted for the consideration of the Minister before issue.

With regard to the remuneration of Mr. Wolahan the Minister must have regard to the salaries for the positions of accountants in other counties. The salary suggested by the Council exceeds the average for Counties of similar importance to Wicklow. So far as possible, however, the Minister would wish to meet the Council's wishes and he accordingly sanctions a salary of £400 per annum to Mr Wolahan as and from the 1st instant.

In the case of Mr Byrne, who is being transferred to the accounting section, the Minister agrees that he may receive an immediate small increase of salary but considers a maximum salary of £300 sufficient for the position. Sanction is accordingly given to a salary at the rate of £250 per annum as and from the 1st instant to Mr Byrne with annual increments of £10, subject to satisfactory service, to the maximum of £300.

Forms of declaration are enclosed.

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

The Secretary,
 Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
 Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we consider the £20 per annum increase to Mr L Wolohan on his promotion to the position of Accountant and the scale with the very slight immediate increase, in the case of Mr W C Byrne are not commensurate to the extra work and increased responsibilities attaching to the new positions, and we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to re-consider these two items in the proposals for reorganisation of the Office Staff as sent forward by the County Council from its Meeting of the 20th March, 1931.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;
 Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 28th April, 1931 (No. G.26884/1931, Cill Mhanntain) dealing with the proposals for the reorganisation of the Council's administrative Staff, we hereby decide that the subjects Shorthand and Type-writing be deemed to be essential at the forthcoming examination to be held in above connection—the Secretary to issue his advertisements for candidates in the Dublin Daily papers as well as in the local papers; and we further decide that the candidates to be appointed shall be residents from the County Wicklow, and that the ages of candidates be not more than twenty four years or less than eighteen years of age on the First day of May, 1931.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS.

There were no Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee for submission.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh;
 Seconded by " Denis Condren;

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.

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

Resolved—That the Special or Annual Meeting of this Council be held on Tuesday, the 23rd June, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
 Seconded by " Denis Condren;

Resolved—That subject to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health offering no objection we hereby fix the following dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the Proposals Committee and of the County Council to be held during the year 1931-32.

Place of Meeting	Hour	Summer Qr. 1931	Autumn Qr. 1931	Winter Qr. 1932	Spring Qr. 1932
Courthouse, WICKLOW.					

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE 12 Fri., Aug. 7 Fri., Oct. 23 Fri., Jan. 29 Fri., Apl. 22

Courthouse,
 WICKLOW.

COUNTY COUNCIL 12 Mon., Aug. 31 Mon., Nov. 16 Mon., Feb. 15 Mon., May 23

Courthouse
 WICKLOW

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 1.

Court House,
 Wicklow,
 21st May, 1931.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON 26th MAY, 1931.

GENTLEMEN,

(1). In reference to Item 15 on Agenda, letter from Mr Tyler, Templecarrig, Greystones, the condition of this road is similar to most of the unrolled bye roads of light traffic, and can only be improved by a heavy sheeting of metal and steam rolling. The walls Mr Tyler refers to, where necessary to the road, are being repaired by contract at a cost of £28 out of Sudden Damages.

(2) An application has been received from Miss DeButts, Glenealy Lodge, for recompment of expenditure incurred in repairing damage done to her avenue by the floods at Easter time. The water causing this flooding originated in a field on the upper side of the road opposite Miss DeButts' land and flowed on to the road through a field gate, flooding the road, and thence down through the avenue. The road gullet at this place is in good condition and was thoroughly clear at the time of the alleged flooding. The County Council are in no way responsible for the damage done. I have submitted to the County Secretary the application received from Miss DeButts and also my Assistant's Report on the matter.

(3). I regret to report that water is being turned out from an irrigation channel on the County road No. 296, at Coolamaddra, between Knockaderry Cross Roads and Ballyhubbock, damaging the road. The reason given for turning the water on to the road is that certain persons have turned more water into the irrigation channel than the channel formerly carried, and that on account of this extra water, in wet seasons, too much water goes through one part of the irrigation channel and is eating away and destroying the land of the person who has diverted the water, so that it now runs down the side of the road. The County Council, as a Road Authority, are in no way responsible for the maintenance and condition of the irrigation channel, nor have they any control over the actions of the person or persons diverting additional water into it, and the County Council should direct that proceedings be taken to prevent the continuance of this diversion of the water to the detriment of the road. I tried to settle the matter without friction but objections were raised, and in view of recent legal decisions I considered it advisable to desist.

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

ORDERS:— Paragraph 1, work being carried out.
Paragraph 2, submitted.
Paragraph 3, No Order.

A communication dated the 1st April, 1931, was submitted from Mr A H Tyler, Templecarrig House, Greystones, in which he complained of the condition of the Road and Boundary Walls between Redford, Greystones, and Windgates.

ORDER—See first Paragraph of County Surveyor's Report.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House,
WICKLOW,
21st May, 1931.

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

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform you that an application has been received from Miss DeButts, Glenealy Lodge, Glenealy, for recompment of expenditure incurred in repairing damage done to her avenue by the floods last Easter. I have dealt with this matter in my Report to the County Council for the Quarterly Meeting to be held on Tuesday next.

I enclose the claim received from Miss DeButts, and also a report on the subject from my Assistant.

Yours faithfully,
S G GALLAGHER.

ORDER—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted again to the Council the Circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 25th March, 1931 (SGH/201/31) dealing with the proposed surface dressing roads in County Wicklow out of the Grant of £13,260 allocated for Main Road Improvement, and also the following advertisement which had appeared in the "Irish Times," the "Irish Independent" and the "Irish Builder."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
SURFACE DRESSING.

Tenders are invited for Surface Dressing with Spramex or Bitumen the following Sections of Road in County Wicklow:—

CONTRACT NO. 1—GLEN SECTION—Route T.7.

Spraying approximately 117,000 square yards, parts of roads Nos. 5 and 43, between the County Dublin Bounds near Bray Laundry, and Kilmacullagh (near Newtownmountkennedy), and from Killadreenan Cottages to Killymon Cross Roads.

CONTRACT NO. 2—RATHNEW SECTION—Route T.7.

Spraying approximately 111,000 square yards, parts of roads Nos. 66, 112 and 119, between Killymon Cross Roads and Rathnew; from Rathnew to Deputy's Pass, and from near Glasnarget Railway Bridge to the Sentry Box Cross Roads at Rathdrum.

CONTRACT NO. 3—ARKLOW SECTION—Route T.7.

Spraying approximately 113,000 square yards of the roads Nos. 181 and 186, between the Meetings of Waters Bridge and the County Wexford Boundary at the Bounds Bridge.

Copies of Specifications, general conditions and Tender Forms may be had by enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope to the County Surveyor, Court House, Wicklow; or Specification, general conditions may be inspected at his Offices in the Court House, Wicklow, any work-

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ing day, except Saturdays, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed Tenders endorsed "Surface Dressing Contract No. —" to be forwarded by registered post so as to reach the County Secretary, Court House, Wicklow, not later than 23rd May, 1931; the Tender for each Contract to be on a separate Form and in a separate sealed cover.

The Sealed Tenders will be opened at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 26th day of May, 1931, but no contract will be entered into until the prior sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is obtained to the acceptance of a particular Tender.

The successful contractors will be notified as soon as may be after that date, and shall, within seven days from such notification, enter into and perfect a Bond with two solvent Sureties (or an approved Guarantee Society) on the following conditions, viz:—Double the amount of the accepted Tender, in the case of personal Sureties, and in case of a Guaranteed Society, on the amount of accepted Tender, for the proper carrying out of the work.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

(Signed) P T HEALY, Co. Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Court House,
WICKLOW.

Dated this 6th day of May, 1931.

Tenders from the following were opened and considered:—

Contract No. 1. GLEN SECTION. Route T.7.

(1) Messrs Murray & McCartan, Kilmessan, Meath @ 4d. per sq. yd.

(2) Messrs A V Priestly & Co., Granville House,

Arundel Street, LONDON @ 2.59d. " "

Contract No. 2. RATHNEW SECTION. Route T.7.

(1) Messrs Murray & McCartan, Kilmessan, Co.

Meath @ 4d. " "

(2) Messrs A V Priestly & Co., Granville House,

Arundel Street, LONDON @ 2.59d. " "

Contract No. 3. ARKLOW SECTION. Route T.7.

(1) Messrs Murray & McCartan, Kilmessan, Co.

Meath @ 3½d. " "

(2) Messrs A V Priestly & Co., Granville House,

Arundel Street, LONDON @ 2.59d. " "

(3) Messrs McCreath Taylor & Co., 1 Eden Quay,

DUBLIN @ 4½d. " "

The Council having noted that the Tenders received from Messrs A V Priestly & Co., were informal in consequence of no provision having been made for the blinding material, it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, as required in the last paragraph of his circular letter No. SGH/201/31, dated the 25th March, 1931, this Council hereby accepts the three tenders submitted by Messrs Murray & McCartan, of Kilmessan, Co. Meath, for the three Sections of Road advertised for Surface Dressing, in accordance with the terms of the Council's approved specifications and advertise-

ments, and at the following prices per square yard given in the said Tenders:—

Contract No. 1. Glen Section. Route T.7. 4d. per sq. yard.

Contract No. 2. Rathnew Section. Route T.7. 4d. per sq. yard.

Contract No. 3. Arklow Section. Route T.7. 3½d. per sq. yard.

Messrs Murray & McCartan to be called upon to enter into the Bond required by this Council following upon the Minister approving of this Council's acceptance of that Firm's three tenders.

Passed.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor a communication dated the 13th April, 1931, from Major A Gracie, Monaline, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, in which the latter repudiated liability in connection with the removal from the road of portion of the Boundary fence of his land which, owing to the heavy rains, had slipped on the road.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated the 22nd May, 1931, from Mrs Catherine Doyle, New Street, Wicklow, in which she strongly objected to the foot-path being cemented opposite the entrance gate to her field at Bolanney, on the grounds that the field lies at present about five feet below the level of the road, and the present pull from the field to the footpath is such that if the latter is cemented no animal could possibly draw a loaded cart from the field to the road.

Order—Referred to County Surveyor.

A discussion was initiated by Councillor J J Metcalfe in reference to the employment, as carter, of Richard Lynch, of Intact, Donard. It was alleged that he had carted a number of loads of stones and had not been paid for that work.

Assistant Surveyor P J Foley, B.E., who was present, denied that he had employed this carter, who, he stated, had started the carting of the stones referred to without any authority from him. Mr Foley read a letter from this carter in which regret was expressed for his action, which, it appeared, was due to a misunderstanding.

In all the circumstances the Council referred to the County Surveyor the question of paying Richard Lynch for the carting already done by him, owing to the misunderstanding referred to, and the further question of his future re-employment by the Council was also referred to the County Surveyor.

The following reports were submitted from the County Surveyor as to the alternative accommodation available in Newtownmountkennedy in which to hold District Courts:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, WICKLOW,
20th May, 1931.

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

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the Council's instructions I examined the only place likely to suit in Newtownmountkennedy as a Sessions House. This is a Hall situated at the back of the town, of ample size, but somewhat inconveniently situated.

As the Hall would be used for other purposes any furniture or fittings, should be portable.

I have written to Mr Synnott, Newtown, who, I understand, controls

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the Hall, for the terms he would let it to the County Council.
This is the only suitable place I could hear of in the district.
Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
26th May, 1931.

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

HALL AT NEWTOWN-MT.-KENNEDY.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to my letter of the 20th instant in above connection, I wish to enclose letter received from Mr J Synnott, Newtownmountkennedy, in which he states that the rent of the Hall for use of the District Court would be £10 per annum, and that the furniture necessary would be supplied by him.

Yours faithfully,
S G GALLAGHER.

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

Resolved—That an Agreement be entered into with the Committee controlling the Parish Hall, Newtownmountkennedy, for the use of that Hall as a Court House, and by the Council's ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures at an annual rent of £10, on the condition that this sum includes the use of such seating accommodation as may be required during the holding of Courts in the building.

Passed.

The Council, having noted the contents of the Circular letters from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 7th and 15th May, 1931, No. G45/1931 (Miscellaneous) and G48/31, respectively, which dealt in detail with the allocation, and correct method of treating the Additional Grant to Wicklow County Council for the relief of Rates on Agricultural Land in the financial year ending 31st March, 1932, out of the Grant of £750,000 provided by the Government for that purpose, adjourned to their next Meeting the question of making the Rates for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932; the sealing and signing of the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants; and the sealing and signing of Demands (Forms 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, and at the same time authorised the Secretary to have such changes made as were required in the Rate Books prepared for the year 1931/32, and also in the Demand Notes, Counterfoils and Receipts for the several Poor Rate Collectors, so as to give the fullest amount of relief obtainable in respect of Agricultural Land by the Ratepayers in the County under the Additional Grant given by the Government for that purpose in the year 1931/32.

The Secretary pointed out (1) that the Agricultural Grant for very many years relieved the rates on Land to the extent of 1/5d in the £; (2) this relief of 1/5d in the £ in recent years became 2/10d in the £, in consequence of the Government giving double Agricultural Grant; (3) the Additional relief now given by the Government for the year 1931/32 would bring the 2/10d referred to, up to 4/9d in the £ on Agricultural Land, for the £17,478 which it was notified was County Wicklow's share of the £750,000, would, of itself, give relief to the extent of 1/10d in the £.

The Secretary having read the special Notice issued to each Member of the Council on the 6th April, 1931, under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, pointed out that there was not up to the present any application received by the County Council from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance under the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, for permission to borrow the £4,500 for sewerage works at Newtownmountkennedy.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion by Councillor James Everett, T.D., was thereupon adjourned:—

"That the consent and approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the raising by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of £4,500 for sewerage of Newtownmountkennedy."

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That the present contribution of 4/6d per head, per week, paid for the maintenance of children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools committed from this County be restored to the sum of 5/- per head, per week, as from the 1st April, 1929, and that all Orders and Resolutions on this Council's records to the contrary be rescinded.

Passed: Councillor J Everett, T.D., dissenting from the opinion of the Law Agent that this motion is in order.

A discussion took place as to the manner in which children from the County were committed to Reformatory and Industrial Schools, and the grounds for such committals. The Council noted with approval that the Law Agent invariably appeared in Court to protect the Council's interests at the hearing of each application to have a child committed, and made the following Order in that connection:—

ORDER—The Law Agent to be notified to invite the attendance in Court, at the hearing of all such applications, of Councillors from the locality who might be prepared to give evidence and to submit the local views on each such application.

GOLDENFORT, Mattymount and Rampere (Co. Wicklow) Minor Drainage Scheme, 1931.

The following letter was submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
Custom House,
DUBLIN.
9th April, 1931.

F.14047/31.
Oili Mhanntain (pd.)
A Chas.

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 23rd February, and to state that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has no observations to offer as to the Golden Fort, Mattymount and Rampere Drainage Scheme as provisionally adopted. You will appreciate the necessity for strict compliance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Act of 1928, and the rules contained in the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Regulations, 1928, as to giving notice to occupiers.

The maps, plan and sections which accompanied your letter are returned under separate cover.

Mise, le meas,
E P McCARRON,
Ransidhe.

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

The Secretary submitted Forms A, duly completed, which he had received from the owners of the lands which it was proposed to improve under the Scheme. He pointed out that of the seven owners six had dissented from the

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Scheme, on the grounds that its cost was too high, and one had assented to the Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby refuse to confirm the Goldenfort, Mattymount and Rampere (Co. Wicklow) Minor Drainage Scheme, 1931, for the reason that of the seven Ratepayers owning the lands proposed to be improved six have notified in writing to this Council that they dissent from the Scheme; one Ratepayer only assenting in writing to the Scheme.

Passed.

Ballinamona, Ballinapark and Dunganstown (Co. Wicklow)
Minor Drainage Scheme, 1931.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,

26th May, 1931.

P T Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

BALLINAMONA DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Dear Sir,

The above Scheme has been examined and if carried out would efficiently drain the area indicated.

The probable cost would be £970 and as such comes within the scope of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

Yours faithfully,
S G GALLAGHER,

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That having had before us the Scheme for the improvement of the lands at Ballinamona, Ballinapark and Dunganstown, we hereby approve of the Scheme and appoint J T O'Byrne, Esq., B.E., Ard Cairn, Wicklow, to represent this Council, and to prepare and submit all the required documents connected therewith to our Secretary.

Passed.

The Ballece, Mount Lusk, Ballindoyle, Rockstown and Newbawn (Co. Wicklow) Minor Drainage Scheme, 1931.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,

26th May, 1931.

P T Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Court House, WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

The petition in connection with the Drainage of the lands in Ballece, Mount Lusk, Ballindoyle, Rockstown and Newbawn has been examined. The drainage if carried out will be effective.

The probable cost of the Scheme would be £1600 and therefore does not come under the Minor Schemes of 1928, but can be carried out under the Arterial Drainage Act of 1925.

It will not be necessary to lodge a fresh Petition for the purpose.

Yours faithfully,
S G GALLAGHER,

The Council noted that this Scheme was out of order as it did not come within the financial provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, under which Act the original Petition was submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " John Dunne;

Resolved—That we hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bray, to be vacant, in consequence of his continuous absence from Meetings of this Council, and we hereby decide that this vacancy be filled by co-option at the next meeting of this Council.

Passed.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

IN

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

JOSEPH JOHN METCALFE,

23 Pearse Square,

BRAY,

to be vacant, in consequence of continuous absence from Meetings of this Council, and we direct that this vacancy shall be notified by a circular issued to each Member of the Council, and to the Secretary of the County Board of Health.

A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1931.

SIGNED:—

C. M. BYRNE

EDWARD BYRNE

JOHN DUNNE

SIGNED:— P T HEALY

Three Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Secretary to the said Council.

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31/4/1931.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	6/1/31	2	Arklow, Guard Crowe	Genuine
New Milk	27/1/31	4	Bray, Guard Stanton	"
New Milk	28/2/31	2	Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright	1 gen 1 not gen
Whiskey	"	1	" " "	"
Margarine	"	1	" " "	"
Buttermilk	2/3/31	1	Arklow, Guard Crowe	Not genuine
New Milk	"	3	" " "	Genuine
Jam	"	3	Bray, Guard Stanton	"
Butter	"	1	" " "	"
Whiskey	19/3/31	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Tea	11/3/31	1	" " "	"
Sugar	"	1	" " "	"
Bread Soda	"	1	" " "	"
Butter	25/3/31	1	Aughrim, Sgt. Lee	"
Tea	"	1	" " "	"
Cocoa	"	1	" " "	"
Cornflour	"	1	" " "	"
New Milk	27/3/31	4	Greystones, Sgt. Morris	"
Bread	31/3/31	2	Balinglass, Guard Conway	"
Margarine	"	1	" " "	"
Cream of Tartar	"	1	" " "	"

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Salt	"	1	"	"	"	"
Peas	"	1	"	"	"	"
Butter	"	1	Carnew, Sergt. Houlihan	"	"	"
New Milk	"	2	"	"	"	"
Drugs	7/1/31	3	Delgany	"	"	"
"	9/1/31	3	Bray No. 1	"	"	"
"	14/1/31	3	Newtownmountkennedy	"	"	"
"	23/1/31	3	Annamoe	"	"	"
"	"	2	Tinahely	"	"	"
"	24/1/31	3	Co. Hospital	"	"	"
"	"	3	Arklow	"	"	"
"	3/2/31	2	Wicklow	"	"	"
"	18/2/31	3	Bray No. 1	"	"	"
"	26/2/31	3	Dunlavin	"	"	"
"	27/2/31	3	Blessington	"	"	"
"	28/2/31	3	Rathdrum	"	"	"
"	16/3/31	3	Bray No. 1	"	"	"
"	26/3/31	3	Baltinglass	"	"	"
Water (J W Byrne, B.E.)	23/1/31	1	County Board of Health	Passed		
Water (Rathnew)	17/2/31	1	" " "	Condemned		
Water (Dunlavin)	18/2/31	1	" " "	"		
Water (Avoca)	20/2/31	1	" " "	"		
Water (Wicklow U.C.)	"	3	Wicklow Urban Council	"		
Water (Avoca)	25/2/31	2	County Board of Health	Passed		
Water (Avoca)	2/3/31	2	" " "	"		
Water (Avoca)	4/3/31	2	(Per E M Murphy, B.E.) County Board of Health	"		
Water (Baltinglass)	5/3/31	1	" " "	"		
Water (Windgates)	"	"	" " "	"		
Water (Baltinglass)	12/3/31	1	" " "	"		

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 40.
Drugs, 40; Waters, 15. Number adulterated—New Milks, 1; Buttermilks, 1
Total, 95. 1 Water condemned.

Date 17/4/1931.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

The Secretary having submitted the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 8th May, 1931, No. PH.35721/31, it was

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins;
Seconded by M. Fleming;

Resolved:—That this Council hereby approves of the appointment of Dr. Josephine Conway, Salem, Wicklow, as locum tenens for the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. P. G. Beckett, during the latter's leave of absence on annual holidays for the period of four weeks from the 11th May 1931, Dr Conway to be paid at the rate of £7 per week and refunded the usual travelling expenses.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Denis Condren:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some person for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council that in each case where a Collector has conducted the Collection in a satisfactory manner, and closed the Collection to the satisfaction of the County Council, then all such Collectors be given a Bonus for the year 1931/32 that will make his total Poundage not less than that payable for the year ending March, 1931."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Metcalfe:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some one for me, will move at the August Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, that the £200 paid monthly to the Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway be discontinued, till the £1,200 at present in the Bank, lodged to the Account of the Committee of Management be expended in defraying expenses of the line, as this money was originally obtained from the Guaranteeing Counties for this purpose."

John Byrne
3/5/31

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 23rd June, 1931.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P P O'Reilly, James McCrea, L Moore, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, E Byrne, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick Denis Condren, Joseph Byrne, George Kearon, George Heatley, Major C Mitchell, William J Henry, M Fleming, and James Kavanagh.

BUSINESS

- 1 The 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 appoint a Committee of Agriculture for the County in accordance with the provisions of the Agriculture Act, 1931.
- 5 To pass a Resolution continuing in Office such representatives of the County Council as have been appointed on Committees or Public Bodies appointed wholly or partly by the County Council.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor C M Byrne.

Before proceeding to transact the items on the Agenda it was Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;

Seconded by L Moore;

Resolved:—That we desire to place on record our appreciation of the great loss sustained by the death of Mr William Osborne, Ballyknockan, who was for many years a valued Member of this Council, and we desire to offer to his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Doyle;

Seconded by Joseph Byrne.

Resolved—That Councillor C M Byrne, of Ballykillarane, Glenealy, be, and he is hereby, re-elected Chairman of this County Council for the ensuing year, and to hold such office until such time as his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by J J Barry;

Resolved—That Councillor Edward Byrne, of 9 Florence Villas, Bray, be, and he is hereby re-elected Vice-Chairman of this County Council for the ensuing year, and to hold such office until such time as his successor shall have been appointed.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary read the circular letter from the Secretary Department of Agriculture, Dublin C.17, dated the 9th June, 1931 (No. G.1475/31), and the second Schedule of the Agriculture Act, 1931, dealing with the appointment and membership of Committees of Agriculture.

The Council noted that in consequence of there being four County

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Electoral Areas in County Wicklow they were entitled to appoint not less than twelve Members and not more than sixteen Members on the new County Committee of Agriculture. Having examined the Schedule submitted by the Secretary showing the number of attendances made by Members of the outgoing County Committee of Agriculture over the period commencing 26th November, 1929, and ending the 26th May, 1931, during which period twenty meetings of that Body were held, it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved:—That we hereby select and appoint, under the provisions of Agriculture Act, 1931, the following to be Members of the Committee of Agriculture for the County of Wicklow, and to hold their positions on such Committee until their successors shall have been appointed:—

James J McCrea, Carnew
John J Metcalfe, Ballylion, Donard
P P O'Reilly, Ballyknockan, Blessington
John J Barry, Main Street, Rathdrum
C M Byrne, Ballykillavane, Glenealy
Joseph Byrne, Kilbride House, Bray,
W J Henry, Burgagemore, Blessington
Patrick Doyle, Coolboy, Tinahely
James Everett, T.D., Summerhill, Wicklow
Denis Condren, 81 Lr. Main Street, Arklow
James Kavanagh, Kilballyowen, Ballinglen
Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh
Laurence Murphy, Togher House, Roundwood
Wallace Hammond, Paulbeg, Shillelagh
John Evans, Charlesland, Delgany
J R Hudson, Kilquade House, Delgany

Passed.

Having considered the terms of the circular letter dated 18th June, 1931 (No F 60/31), recieved from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, drawing attention to certain provisions in the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Bill, 1931, it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Barry;

Seconded by " P P O'Reilly;

Resolved:—That all the Members of Wicklow County Council for the time being be selected and appointed to constitute the County Old Age Pensions Committee, to hold their positions thereon and discharge the duties of that office until their successors shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved:—That we hereby select, appoint, and continue in their respective offices such representatives of this County Council as have been elected to Membership of any Committee or any other Public Body nominated wholly or partly by this County Council, and elect them to discharge their duties on such Committee or such Public Body until their successors shall have been appointed.

Passed.

Edw Byrne
31/8/31

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 23rd June, 1931, at 1 o'clock, p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors P P O'Reilly, James McCrea, L Moore, John Dunne, James Everett, T.D.; Joseph Jacob, E Byrne, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Denis Condren, Joseph Byrne, George Kearon, George Heatley, Major C Mitchell, William J Henry, M Fleming and James Kavanagh.

BUSINESS.

6 To recommend to the Commissioner of Valuation the revisions required in the Valuation lists for the County.

7 To make the Rates for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1932, and to Seal and sign the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.

8 To sign and Seal Demands (Form 48) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.

9 To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—

"That the consent and approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the raising by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of £4,500 for Sewerage of Newtownmountkennedy."

10 To fill by co-option the vacancy on the Council caused by the disqualification of Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bray.

11 To consider the state of the Poor Rate Collections of

Collector Frank Healy (No. 5 District);
Collector Frank Healy (No. 6 District);
Collector Mrs K Doyle (No. 9 District);
Collector James J Jacob (No. 11 District);
Collector John Byrne (No. 19 District).

12 To pass a Resolution dealing with the County Council's insurances with the Hibernian Insurance Company, and more particularly in regard to the Policies relating to expenditure on Road Improvements and Maintenance out of (a) Poor Rates, and (b) Government Grants.

13 To consider an application from the Law Agent for an advance of £650 to meet the heavy outlay in connection with the County Council's recent case against the Hibernian, Fire and General Insurance Company.

14 To consider a communication from the County Surveyor reporting that the recent heavy rains have made it necessary to carry out certain works which probably will cause expenditure in excess of the sums allowed for contingencies in the Roads Works Scheme for the service of the year ending the 31st March, 1932.

15 To consider applications for compensation from Messrs Joseph Phillips and M B Murray, Main Street, Wicklow, for damage to property alleged to have been caused by road surface water flooding.

16 To consideration communications from Mr Thomas Byrne and Captain Michael Gilvary, Boghall Road, Bray, regarding damage alleged to have been caused by flooding following the recent heavy rains.

17 To consider a further letter from Mrs Catherine Doyle, Lower New Street, Wicklow, with regard to the cementing of the footpath opposite the entrance gate to her field at Bolarnoy.

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18 To execute an Agreement with the Irish Land Commission, the effect of which is that the County Council purchases, for the sum of £341, 100 acres 0 roods and 25 perches situate at Ballymarrogue, Kilquiggan, for the purpose of establishing a Cow Park, the annuity for which the Council will be liable thereunder to be £16 4s. 0d.

19 To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector for Carnew.

20 To appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector at Arklow.

21 To consider a further letter from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health regarding the conditions governing the proposed appointment of Law Agent.

22 To consider a communication from Mr P W Sheehan in which he intimates that owing to the big increase of the work in his Office as Secretary to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance it will be impossible for him to continue the checking of the Rate Collectors' Books for the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District.

23 To consider application for a new Bellows for Weights and Measures Office in Wicklow.

24 To consider a communication dated the 15th May, 1931, from Great Southern Railways giving Notice of intention to apply to have the Valuations of all their Ratings in the County revised.

25 To consider a communication from the Department of Agriculture dated the 4th May, 1931, No. L1592/31, again referring to the necessity of enforcing Sheep Dipping Regulations in the County, and to consider also a communication on the subject from the County Committee of Agriculture.

26 To receive and consider correspondence regarding the Council's special contribution of £140 during the current financial year to the County Library Committee for the purchase of books on the undertaking that the Trustees of the Carnegie Trust make a Special Grant of £100 for the same purpose.

27 To consider a letter dated the 2nd April, 1931, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the establishment of Pounds where required in the County, and to take definite action in connection therewith.

28 To receive Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee.

29 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dealing with the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931.

30 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

31 To receive Reports from County Officers.

32 To consider Official Correspondence.

33 To consider general correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 19th June, 1931.

The following members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors Joseph Jacob and C M Byrne.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspectors on the condition of the Poor Rate Collections on the dates of their last checkings respectively.

The following Lists of Rates declared to be irrecoverable were submitted by Poor Rate Collectors James Jacob and John Byrne, in respect of the collection year 1930-1931:—

District No.	Year	Allowed	Carried Forward	Disallowed
11	1930-1931	£22 13 4	£16 4 10	£2 16 9
19	"	1 0 6	27 19 9	Nil.

Order—Submitted and found correct; the local Councillors to be asked to examine the Lists relating to their district.

Signed:— DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.
Dated this 19th day of June, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved:—That the Finance Committee's Report, as read by our Secretary, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Kearon;

Seconded by " W J Henry;

Resolved:—That we have considered the changes and alterations deemed to be necessary in the General Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and we request the Commissioner of Valuation to have the Valuation Lists revised accordingly.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved:—That we now allow and make the rates, as assessed in the Rate Books, and that the Poor Rate Books and the Poor Rate Collectors' Warrants for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932, be now signed by the Chairman and Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved:—That, at the request of our Secretary, we hereby decide that in future no Poor Rate Collector in the service of this Council is to be allowed to have Poor Rate Collection Books in his possession, at one and the same time, for two different financial years.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;

Seconded by " W J Henry;

Resolved:—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £2917 18s 8d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932, be now signed by the Chairman, and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Byrne;

Seconded by " Major C C Mitchell;

Resolved:—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District

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Council of Bray, for the amount of £10,549 5s 8d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932, be now signed by the Chairman, and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor George Healey;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

Resolved:—That the Demand (Form 48) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £3725 12s 2d, determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1932, be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed—Councillor James Everett, T.D., dissenting.

The following letter from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health was considered:—

WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH.

Secretary's Office,
County Home,
Rathdrum,
June 2nd, 1931.

Dear Sir,

Your Chairman, Mr Byrne, was speaking to me yesterday regarding the position of the Board of Health in relation to the proposed Loan of £4,500 for the carrying out of the Newtown-Mt-Kennedy Sewerage Scheme. At the Meeting on the 27th April last the Board approved of the raising of the loan in question. I was under the impression that you had been notified of this order of the Board in the matter, but find that this was not done. In my absence from the Office following the April meeting of the Board it got overlooked.

Yours faithfully,
SIGNED:— P W SHEEHAN,
Secretary.

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

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved:—That the consent and approval of Wicklow County Council be given to the raising by the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance of a Loan of £4,500 for sewerage of Newtown-Mt. Kennedy.

Passed.

A communication dated the 26th May, 1931, was submitted from the Assistant Secretary, Bray Labour Party, 45 Main Street, Bray, in which the Council was asked to appoint Mr John J Redmond of Greystones, to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the disqualification of Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bray.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " John Dunne;

Resolved:—That we hereby co-opt Mr John J Redmond, Kenmare Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Greystones, to fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council caused by the disqualification of Joseph Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Bray.

Passed.

The Council proceeded to consider the state of the Poor Rate Collections, when the Secretary reported that of the total Warrant of £85,478 4s 2d for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1931, only the following sums were outstanding unlogged that day:—

No. 5 District—Collector Frank Healy	£193 19 4
No. 6 " " "	193 11 8
No. 9 " " "	94 2 1

Order:—These Collectors to be notified they must close their Collections.

The Council carefully considered, and discussed at considerable length the letter dated the 15th June, 1931 (No.G45127/1931), received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, which letter dealt with the condition of the Collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts (Collector Frank Healy), and sanctioned payment of Poundage at a reduced rate to each of the following Collectors:—

No. 3 District—Edward Lynch.
No. 5 " " "
No. 6 " " "
No. 10 " " "
No. 16 " " "
No. 18 " " "

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved:—That having carefully considered the condition and all the facts relating to Collector Healy's Poor Rate Collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts, for the financial year 1930-1931 not yet closed and also the terms of the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated the 15th June, 1931 (No.G45127/1931), we hereby authorise and direct our Secretary to issue the Certificate required by the Minister to the effect that the above referred to Collections are in order, and we request our Finance Committee to pay the sanctioned Poundage due to Collector Frank Healy on his 1929-'30 Collections in both his Districts.

Passed.

A discussion took place on the hardships stated to have been inflicted on several Poor Rate Collectors in circumstances over which they had no control by reason of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having withheld from these Collectors portions of their Poundage Fees, in consequence of their several Collections not having been closed within the time prescribed by the Public Bodies Order and the terms of their appointments. It was the unanimous opinion of the members present that these Collectors should be paid the amounts of Poundage withheld from them. In accordance with the duty imposed upon him by Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Secretary pointed out that these payments, if made without the Minister's sanction, would be both irregular and surchargeable.

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Councillors C M Byrne (Chairman); P P O'Reilly, James McCrea, Laurence Moore, John Dunne, James Everett, T. D.; Joseph Jacob, Edward Byrne (Vice-Chairman); Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Denis Condren, Joseph Byrne, George Kearon, George Heatley, Major C Mitchell, William J Henry, M Fleming, and James Kavanagh were present when it was

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved:—That we place on record that our Poor Rate Collectors were only obeying the instructions of this Council in allowing a certain amount of latitude to the Ratepayers owing to our local knowledge of the extraordinarily depressed condition of agriculture in County Wicklow, and we therefore desire to inform the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that these Collectors are not being treated fairly or equitably in the opinion of this Council, and accordingly, we hereby direct our Secretary to pay all these Collectors the small margin of Poundage which has been withheld from them by order of the Minister in respect of their Collections for the year 1930-'31.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary intimated that the passing of this Resolution created a very serious situation for the Councillors present, that copy of this resolution would be forwarded to the Minister, and that the Council would be given an opportunity of considering the Minister's reply thereto before any of these payments would be made.

The Council had again under consideration the file of correspondence and other documents in connection with the application of the Hibernian, Fire and General Insurance Company for an increase from 60/- per cent. to 80/- per cent on the respective wage rolls covered by Policy No. 311106 (Direct Labour) and Policy No. 311108 (Road Grants).

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by " P P O'Reilly;

Resolved:—That having been advised we are compelled to comply with the conditions of the agreement entered into on the 2nd September, 1927, with the Hibernian, Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., 48 Dame Street, Dublin, we hereby consent with the greatest reluctance to that Company's application for an increase in the premium rate from 60/- per £100 to 80/- per 100 in respect of the following two Policies:—

Policy No. 311,106—Insurance of Direct Labour Employees including carting, quarrying, blasting and general road work.

Policy No. 311,108—Insurance of Road Grant Employees including carting, quarrying, blasting and road work, and in the special circumstances, we hereby approve of our Secretary's action, in issuing to the Company, through our Insurance Broker, Mr. Thomas Fleming, the Paying Orders for the premiums of all the Council's Insurances for the current year; and further, we request our Finance Committee to reconsider and report to this Council on the whole question of the Council's Insurances generally immediately prior to the above Agreement terminating.

Passed.

An application dated the 3rd May, 1931, was submitted from the

Council's temporary Law Agent, Mr. Joseph Brazil, Solicitor, for an advance of £650 to meet the heavy outlay in connection with the County Council's recent case in the High Courts against the Hibernian, Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd, to enforce payment by the Company of the Council's claims on foot of the Fidelity Bond issued by the Company, which included, with others, the names of ex-Poor Rate Collectors Michael Halpin and Garrett Byrne.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by " W J Henry;

Resolved:—That having considered the letter from our Law Agent, dated the 3rd May, 1931, we hereby authorise and direct our Finance Committee to make an advance to our Law Agent of the sum of £650 to meet the actual outlay in connection with the Council's recent case in the High Court against the Hibernian, Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO.1.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
28th June, 1931.

To/
Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

Owing to the very wet season the embankment supporting the National Road near Woodenbridge has slipped, endangering the road. I consider that it will be necessary to build a heavy surcharged breast wall and the cost will exceed the sum allowed for Sudden Damages on Main Roads.

At Redford a slip has occurred on a Co. Road which will exceed £50. It is an urgent work.

At the Slate Quarry (Kilcarra—Clonwilliam) road, one of the breaches—the repair of which you postponed—has become dangerous owing to flood water coming from a bridge higher up. I have made arrangements for some repairs; the total cost will be about £40.

Several roads have been damaged and steps are being taken to repair them. The amount of this is not yet ascertained.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order:—All Sudden Damage Works to be carried out expeditiously and economically by the County Surveyor.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 2.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
28th June, 1931.

To/
Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

Owing to the recent heavy rains parts of the Main Road in Wicklow Town were flooded and on opening the roads to clear away the obstruction

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it was found that the sewerage and road drainage works were somewhat mixed.

I recommend that a small Committee of the County Council be appointed to meet the Wicklow Urban Council and arrange the matter on a satisfactory basis to the mutual advantage of both Councils.

Yours faithfully,

S. GALLAGHER.

Order: Approved; Councillors C. M. Byrne

T. Mulcahy

J. Jacob

J. J. Barry

to represent this Council on the Committee, the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor J. T. O'Byrne to be present; County Surveyor to make all arrangements required.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT NO. 3.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.

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

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith the claims received from Messrs. Murray and Phillips, Main Street, Wicklow, for damage done to their property owing to a flood during a thunderstorm on the 27th and 28th ultimo.

The damage was caused by flood water flowing down the centre of the road at the Mall and avoided one of two gully traps and flowed to one which was unable to cope with it. No doubt Messrs. Murray and Phillips' property were flooded.

I enclose a valuation made regarding Mr. Murray's claim.

Yours faithfully,

S G Gallagher.

Having noted that Mr. M B Murray's claim was for the sum of £10 12s 6d. and that Mr. Joseph Phillips' claim was for the sum of £2 11s 2d, it was

Proposed by Councillor Major C C Mitchell;

Seconded by " Denis Condren.

Resolved:—That Messrs. Phillips and Murray be informed that this Council repudiates their claims for compensation for goods alleged to have been damaged by flood water from the street surface.

Passed

A Poll having been called for it was found that the Councillors present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors D Condren, P Doyle, M Fleming, G Kearon, J McCrea, W J Henry, Major C C Mitchell, P P O'Reilly, Joseph Byrne, and G Heatley—10.

AGAINST—Councillors T Weadick, L Moore, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, J J Barry, C M Byrne, James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob—8.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion carried by ten votes to eight.

Letters dated the 5th June, 1931, were submitted from Thomas Byrne, St. Brigid's, Boghall Road, Bray, and Captain Micheal Gilvary, Boghall Road, Bray, drawing attention to the urgent necessity of dealing with the surface water on the Boghall Road which was stated to be causing severe damage to vegetable gardens, etc.

Having heard the County Surveyor on the matter of these complaints, the Council made an order repudiating liability.

A further letter dated the 15th June, 1931, was submitted from Mrs Catherine Doyle, Lower New Street, Wicklow, with regard to the proposed cementing of the foot path opposite the entrance gate to her field at Bolarney.

ORDER—Referred again to County Surveyor to comply with Mrs Doyle's wishes in the matter if possible.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " Patrick Doyle;

RESOLVED—That we hereby Seal and sign the Agreement with the Irish Land Commission the effect of which is that the Council purchases, for the sum of £341 0s 0d., 100 acres 0 roods and 25 perches situate at Ballymarroge, Kilquiggan, for the purpose of establishing a Cow Park, the Annuity for which the Council may possibly be liable thereunder to be £16 4s.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Weadick;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved:—That in compliance with the request of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Bray, we hereby appoint Garda F.L. Campbell (5266) Carnew, as Food and Drugs Inspector to replace Sergeant John Houlihan (3205) transferred; and also appoint Garda Thomas McEntire (1762) Arklow, as Food and Drugs Inspector at Arklow to replace Garda Patrick Crowe transferred.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved:—That we hereby refer to the Finance Committee at their next Quarterly Meeting, for consideration and report to this Council, the further letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 29th May, 1931 (N.O.G. 26835/31), in which additional suggestions are made regarding the conditions which shall govern the appointment of a permanent Solicitor to this Council and to the Board of Health.

Passed.

A communication dated the 29th May, 1931, was submitted from Mr P W Sheehan in which he intimated that owing to the big increase of the work in his Office as Secretary to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, it will be impossible for him to continue the checking of the Poor Rate Collectors' Books for the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District.

In this connection the Secretary asked the Council to consider the terms of the circular letter, dated the 22nd June, 1931 (Reference

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NO.G 61/81 Ilgh), which he had received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and which dealt very fully with the whole question of the supervision of Poor Rate Collectors and the checking of their accounts and in that connection he submitted the following Report :—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RE: Supervision of Collectors and method of checking regularly their Poor Rate Collection.

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To/
The Chairman
and Members of

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to refer to the circular letter dated the 22nd June, 1931 (No. G. 61/81 Ilgh), which I submit to-day for your consideration, and which, with its enclosure, deals with the above subject.

The first paragraph in this circular letter calls on me to report on the existing arrangements for supervision and checking, and request me to give to the Council my personal observations as to the effectiveness or otherwise of these arrangements.

In my opinion the Council would be well advised to bring to an end the present system of supervision and checking of poor Rate Collectors' Accounts. This opinion is based on my experience for a great number of years.

I submit that this is a matter of urgency, in view of the fact that the Poor Rate Collection Books for the service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1932, are now practically ready for issue to the several Collectors.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

P T HEALY,

Secretary.

Order : Referred to a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry ;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved :—That authority be hereby given to have a new Bellows procured for the sand blasting bottle stamping machine for the Council's Weights and Measures Office equipment at Wicklow.

Passed.

A communication dated the 15th May, 1931, was submitted from the Secretary, Great Southern Railways, Kingsbridge, Dublin, W.6., in which the Council was given notice of intention to apply to have the Valuations of all that Company's ratings in the County revised.

Order:—Law Agent to attend the revision to protect the Council's interests.

SHEEP SCAB.

A communication was submitted from the Department of Agriculture dated the 4th May, 1931 (No. 1592/31) again referring to the necessity of adopting and enforcing Sheep Dipping Regulations in the County. With this communication was also submitted a letter dated the 27th May, 1931, from the County Committee of Agriculture, together with a copy of a communication from the Sheep Owners and Ratepayers Association, and a file of other documents bearing on the matter.

Order:—Referred back to the County Committee of Agriculture who have been making a careful study of the matter, and who have been entrusted by the Council with the responsibility of enforcing Sheep Dipping in the County.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne ;

Seconded by " James McCrea ;

Resolved:—That having considered correspondence in relation to the matter, we hereby direct that the Council's Special contribution in the current financial year of £140 to the County Library Committee for the purchase of books, be paid when notification is received in writing from that Committee that the Trustees of the Carnegie Trust have lodged their Special Grant of £100 to credit of that Committee for the same purpose.

Passed.

POUNDS.

The Secretary submitted again the entire file of correspondence dealing with the question of establishing Pounds in the County as requisitioned by the District Justice, and in other centres where Rate Collectors represented there were none available to assist them in the discharge of their duties.

Proposed by Councillor Micheal Fleeming ;

Seconded by " WM J Henry ;

Resolved:—That having regard to the terms of the Certificate of the District Justice as to providing Pounds, under the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1851, in Greystones, Roundwood and Tinahely, and the terms of the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 2nd April, 1931 (No. 14140/1931 Cill Mhanntain), we hereby decide to (a) repair, (b) re-establish, or (c) provide (as the case may be) Pounds in Roundwood, Greystones, Tinahely, Dunlavin, Blessington, Donard, Hollywood, Carnew, Aughrim, Arklow, Wicklow and Shillelagh, and towards that end we authorise and direct our County Surveyor to expend the minimum sum required for the purpose of giving effect to this Resolution, and we also authorise and direct our Law Agent to enter into long term Leases with the owners of the yards or Premises to be used as Pounds in the Towns named, such Leases to be ready for execution at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council, on which date this Council will pass a further resolution requesting the District Justice to take such steps as he may deem requisite for the purpose of appointing Pound Keepers.

Passed.

Minutes of Proceedings of the monthly Meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee were submitted.

The Council directed that matters for their special consideration should form the subject of a separate communication from the County Librarian.

The Secretary reported that the necessity for adopting this practice

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had already been brought to the notice of the County Librarian.

No Order was made by the Council on the circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 29th April, 1931 (No.S.) 41/31) which drew attention to several important matters in the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931, copy of which was enclosed.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor a communication from Mrs M McDonald, Chapel Hill ; Baltinglass in which she complained that the floors of her house were being flooded in consequence of a broken sewer opposite.

A communication dated 19th June, 1931, was submitted from Mr J P Caffrey, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, who asked the Council's permission to reside in Aughrim, where he had been able to obtain a suitable residence, instead of in Tinahely.

Order:—No Objection.

A further communication dated the 19th June, 1931, was submitted from Mr J P Caffrey, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, in which he applied for annual holidays for the three weeks from July 4th to the 25th, 1931.

Order:—Granted ; the County Surveyor authorised to direct the other two Assistant Surveyors to discharge such duties in Mr. Caffrey's area during his absence as he may deem absolutely necessary.

The Secretary submitted applications which he had received in response to the Council's advertisements for candidates for the vacant Clerkship in the Secretary's Office and for the vacant Clerkship in the County Surveyor's Office.

Proposed by Councillor William J. Henry ;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne ;

Resolved :—That having considered the applications received in response to the Council's advertisements for candidates for the two vacant Clerkships in the Secretary's and County Surveyor's Offices, we hereby consent to the following eleven applicants sitting at the forthcoming examination, subject, however, to it being found that in each case the Council's conditions and requirements are complied with in the matter of age etc:—

1. Daniel Doyle, Lr. New Street, Wicklow,
2. Charles Newman, Lion's Arch, Meetings, Avoca,
3. John S. McDonald, Ballaharra, Kilbride, Wicklow,
4. David Corrigan, 21 Togher, Arklow,
5. Joseph Keeley, Brittas House, Brittas Bridge, Wicklow,
6. Thomas Cahill, Baltiboy's, Blessington,
7. John O'Rourke, Main Street, Carnew,
8. Vincent King, Wicklow Head, Wicklow,
9. Matthew J. Balton, Brewery Place, Rathdrum.
10. Patrick Flood, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.
11. James J. Jacob, Rathnew, Wicklow.

Passed.

An application supported by a map was considered from Messrs. M J Doyle & Sons, Baltinglass, in which they again asked for permission to move their Petrol Pumps to the kerb opposite their premises at Baltinglass, because the Electricity Supply Board has erected a lighting standard

right opposite the Pumps which has the effect as alleged, of interfering with their customers getting Petrol

No Order.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor George Kearon :—

I hereby beg to give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council, I, or someone for me will move that in view of the increase of trespass on people's lands, by goats and other animals, and the annoyance caused thereby—at least one Public "Pound" be opened at Arklow, and maintained by the Council,

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor W J Henry:—"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, I, or someone for me will move that P J Foley, Esq. B.E., be placed on our engineering Staff as a full time Official."

The following Correspondence was submitted by the Secretary:—
CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

28th February, 1931 (No. G.14137/1931, Cill Mhanntain), sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £10,000 to the 30th April, 1931.

5th March, 1931 (No. G.13770/1931, Se. Cill Mhanntain), stating the Minister is prepared to consider the promotion of Mr Wolahan to be Accountant and will await submission of the terms proposed.

9th March, 1931 (No. RGM/201/31), notifying the allocation of a Grant of £7065 for the upkeep of Main Roads—Year 1931/32

13th March, 1931 (No. P.17587/31, Fa. Cill Mhanntain), sanctioning the advance to the Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £4,000 to meet financial liabilities.

20th March, 1931 (No. G.18743/1931), dealing with the Council's application for an extension to the 30th proximo for the closing of the current year's Rate Collections, and drawing the attention of the Council to article 101 and 102 of the Public Bodies Order.

24th March, 1931 (G.20324/1931 Fa. Cill Mhanntain) relative to the proposed payment of one-third full year's Poundage to Rate Collectors who had not, up to the present, received any Poundage, and drawing the Council's attention to Article 101 (1) (a) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

25th March, 1931, intimating that the County Council's share of the balance of the Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1931, amounted to £6823 5s, less £201 deducted in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities.

25th March, 1931, on the subject of Local Taxation Grants, and intimating that the necessary adjustment in connection with draws upon and repayments to the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts between February 1930 and February, 1931, had been carried out.

2nd April, 1931, (No. G. 22880/1931, Cill Mhanntain) sanctioning collector W P. Murphy an extension of one month in which to close his collection owing to his accident.

9th April, 1931 (No G. 25064/1931 Cill Mhanntain) asking if arrangements had been made to secure the Collection of Rates in Districts Nos. 5 and 6 during Collector Healy's illness.

21st April, 1931 (No. R.RM/3) stating that the Minister has no functions in regard to the Proposal of the Council to give Contractor James

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Farrell 100 c.y. of stone and the sum of £10, which is a matter for the Auditor.

8th May, 1931 (No. G.35641/1931, Cill Mhanntain) with regard to the large amount of Rates outstanding on the 30th April, 1931.

13th May, 1931 (No. G.37074/1931 Cill Mhanntain Se.) noting the resignation of Mr. M. J. Healy from his position as Clerk in the Council's Offices.

26th May, 1931 (No. A.33227/3) enclosing the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital for the year ending 31st March, 1931.

27th May, 1931 (No. 49/31), stating that proposals had been submitted to the Oireachtas to postpone Elections of Local Authorities.

1st June, 1931 (No. R/SGH/53), stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs Murray & McCarten for surface dressing of roads under Grant of £5,707.

2nd June, 1931 (No. G.42088/1931 Cill Mhanntain Fa), stating that the salaries fixed by the Minister for the positions of Accountant and Assistant Accountant are adequate, and he is not prepared to sanction any increase.

3rd June, 1931 (No. G.42036/1931, Cill Mhanntain Se), stating that the Minister sees no necessity for the attendance of a Deputation from the Council in the matter of the proposal to increase the Superannuation Allowance of Mr Thomas Langton.

4th June, 1931 (Ref. No. RGS/201 continuing the allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors for work carried out under Grants.

8th June, 1931 (No. G.43466/1931 Cill Mhanntain) stating that the Collections in Districts 5, 6, 9, 11 and 19 should be closed at once.

13th June, 1931 (No. F. 46059/31 Cill Mhanntain Pd.) acknowledging the council's resolution re Golden Fort, Mattemonnt and Rampere Minor Drainage Scheme.

15th June, 1931, (No. MH. 16353/31 Ardee) enclosing copy of the final Louth Mental Hospital District (Adjustment) Order, 1931.

15th June, 1931 (No. P. 47031/1931/AbCill Mhanntain), acknowledging Council's resolution re increase in contribution for maintenance of children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools, as from the 1st April, 1929.

17th June, 1931 (No. G. 47397 Cill Mhanntain) sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 up to the 30th September 1931.

19th June 1931 (No. PH 46743/1931) Cill Mhanntain Ae.), noting that approval had been given by the County Council to the appointment of Dr. Conway as substitute for Dr. Beckett, County M. O. H., during his absence on annual leave.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

31st March, 1931 (No. E 2740/31) informing the Council that the Agriculture Act, 1931, is now Law, and advising the Council to take steps to comply with Section 36 of the Act, copy of which Section was enclosed Foreign Animals Order, 1931, dated 30th January, 1931.

The County Roscommon (Control of Dogs) Order of 1931, dated the 25th March, 1931.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF VALUATION.

2nd April, 1931 (No. 3103202) acknowledging receipt of notices of appeal.

2nd April, 1931 (No. 3103202) further letter on same subject.

11th March, 1931, from the Office of Public Works stating that steps are being taken to preserve the Ogham Stone at Castletimon.

29th April, 1931, from the Irish Land Commission (No.10214/31) stating that the only Ancient Monument vested, under the Land Acts, in Wicklow County Council is Knockrath Castle, known as O' Toole's Castle.

FROM THE LAW AGENT.

21st February, 1931, stating that the Circuit Court Judge had awarded £32, with costs and expenses, to Thomas Hickey, Deerpark, Shillelagh, in his action for Malicious Injury to an Artesian Well.

21st February, 1931, that the Malicious Injury Claim by Joseph Ogden, which had been withdrawn, had been dismissed with costs by the Circuit Court Judge.

21st February, 1931, notifying the adjournment of the Malicious Injury Claim by Mary Murphy, Cronebeg, for the sum of £350 representing damage to a hay shed.

21st February, 1931, reporting the withdrawal of the Malicious Injury Claim by Mary Murphy, Ardinary, for £60 in respect of damage to hay.

16th March, 1931, intimating that Mrs J H McCarroll was prepared to accept £500 in full settlement of her claim against the Council in respect of the Bill of Costs taxed to £703 17s 4d for services rendered by the late J H McCarroll, Solicitor, in opposing the East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill and others.

19th March, 1931, informing the Council that no portion of the £140 compensation awarded Anthony J Lawlor, Ballinascorney, near Tallaght for the burning of a game preserve, would have to be borne by Wicklow County Council.

27th May, 1931, reporting the withdrawal of the Claim for compensation for Malicious Injury to a plantation at Greenanemore, which had been lodged by the Minister for Agriculture.

30th May, 1931, informing the Council that Mrs Mary Murphy, Cronebeg, had succeeded in her claim for Malicious Injury, and had been awarded £255 with costs and expenses, to be levied off the Electoral Division of Aughrim.

4th June, 1931, reporting that a fine of £2 together with £4 14s 6d costs had been imposed in Rathdrum on Joseph Murphy for an offence under the Food and Drugs Act.

12th June, 1931, acknowledging receipt of resolution re Court-house accommodation in Newtownmountkennedy.

12th June, 1931, acknowledging receipt of extract from Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the 26th ultimo re committal of children to Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

15th June, 1931, from John Synnott, Hon. Secretary, Newtown Public Hall Committee, intimating that the Committee were unanimous in setting the Hall for use as Court House, etc., at an annual Rent of £10.

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22nd February, 1931, From Seamus Moore, T.D., outlining his efforts to secure the expenditure on bog Roads in County Wicklow of portion of the sum allocated to the Irish Land Commission out of the Relief Grant.

27th February, 1931, from the Council's Treasurer—The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow—intimating that the Board of Directors had sanctioned a continuance of the Council's overdraft accommodation of £10,000 to the 30th April, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

23rd June, 1931, from same intimating that the Board of Directors has sanctioned a temporary overdraft of £20,000 to the 30th September, 1931.

24th March, 1931, from Mr John Evans, Charlesland, Delgany, complaining of the action of the Rate Collector in issuing a Civil Bill against him 'or Rates.

30th March, 1931, from Arklow U D C requesting the Council to include in the Urban Demand on that Body for the year ending 31st March, 1932, an additional sum of £5 (or its equivalent 1d in the £) for Library purposes.

16th June, 1931, from Messrs P J Byrne & Co., Solicitors, 18 Dublin Street, Carlow, returning Paying Order for the sum of £131 11s 11d., and stating that the taxed Bill of Costs in respect of which this Paying Order was issued amounted to £297 7s 10d., and further stating that unless the full amount of the Bill of Costs was received they would institute immediate proceedings for recovery thereof.

Abstract of Accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1931, submitted by the County Library Committee.

"The family and relatives of the late Mr Patrick J Carey wish to return their sincere thanks for your kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement."

Tomanerrin,
Aughrim.

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Rathmore,
Ashford,
Co. Wicklow.
1st June, 1931.

Dear Mr Healy,

Will you kindly convey to the Members of Wicklow Co. Council, on behalf of my family and myself, our very sincere thanks for the very kind vote of sympathy passed by that body at their Quarterly Meeting.

May I also thank you, and the Clerical Staff, for your kind association with this resolution, which I assure you I appreciate very much.

Yours sincerely,

JULIA CULLEN.

22nd April, 1931, from Liam O'Dwyer, 7616 Epworth Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., containing suggestions for the development of the Tourist Industry.

From Edward Tierney, Road Overseer—formal receipts for the 7/- and 2/4, which he was instructed to pay two employees—Patrick O'Con-

nor and John Doyle—whose stamped Insurance cards he had not delivered at the proper time.

9th May, 1931, from Irish County Councils' General Council, Parnell Square, Dublin, enclosing copy of Council's opinion as to the powers of the Minister for Local Government and Local Authorities, respectively, under Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

30th May, 1931, from Dublin County Council enclosing copy of a Report of a Joint Committee on the findings of the De Rating Commission, also copy of a report by Councillor Belton on the same subject.

4th June, 1931, from Irish County Councils' General Council notifying the date of the annual Meeting of that Council, to which notice of all subjects requiring discussion should be given.

16th June, 1931, from same, on the question of compelling owners of stock to expose their cattle for sale only in Fair Greens, where such are available.

21st March, 1931, from Mrs J S Lyons, Cinema, Blacklion, Tul-low, Co. Carlow, notifying the Council of her intention to travel County Wicklow with a touring Cinema.

16th April, 1931, from the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1., inviting the Council to appoint Delegates to the 42nd annual Conference to be held in Glasgow, from July 4th to 11th, 1931.

22nd April, 1931, from Mr Kevin J Kenny, enclosing list of Contents of the Saorstát Éireann Official Handbook.

April, 1931, from the National Association for the prevention of Tuberculosis, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, inviting delegates to attend the 17th Annual Conference to be held June 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1931.

From the President, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, appealing for support to extend the fashion of Irish holidays, especially during 1931.

4th June, 1931, from the Public Works, Roads, and Transport Congress and Exhibition, 1931, 84 Eccleston Square, Westminster S.E.1., intimating that the 6th Congress and Exhibition will be held in the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, from the 16th to the 21st November next.

From University College, Dublin—pamphlet, notifying Summer Course in Library Training from July 6th to 18th, 1931.

10th June, 1931, from the Women's Prisoners Defence League, Room 4, 32 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, enclosing leaflet dealing with the Hunger Strike in Mountjoy Gaol.

From the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis—Report of Council for year 1930.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

26th May, 1931, from Dublin County Council enclosing copy of resolution on the subject of De-rating.

19th February, 1931, from Westmeath County Council copy of resolution protesting against any further curtailment of the powers of County Councils.

4th March, 1931, from Donegal County Council—resolution cal-

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ling upon the Government to amend Section 45 of the Veterinary Surgeons Bill, 1930.

4th March, 1931, from Tullamore U.D.C.—resolution protesting against a recent irreligious article in the "Daily Mail."

5th March, 1931, from Dunlaoghaire Borough Corporation—resolution condemning the present preferential treatment in the manner of employment of labour on works of Public Utility.

20th March, 1931, from the County Borough of Limerick—resolution making suggestions for more drastic censorship of Cinema pictures.

13th May, 1931, from Galway County Council—resolution protesting against the imprisonment, by the Northern Government of Wm. Kavanagh, Patrick Sweeney and Thomas McGrath.

29th May, 1931, from Tipperary S.R. County Council—resolution calling upon the Government to remit, at least for five years, the charge of £3 and interest per cow, in Districts where the Dairy Disposal Board has purchased Creameries under the Dairying Act, 1928.

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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 31st August, 1931.

The following members were present :—
Councillor C M Ua Broin, Chairman.

Councillors James McCrea, John W Ryan, Daniel J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Joseph Jacob, James Everett, T.D.; Edward Byrne, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Denis Condren, Timothy Mulcahy, Joseph Byrne, David Frame, J J Bourne, George Heatley, Major C C Mitchell, John J Metcalfe, William J Henry, Michael Fleming, P P O'Reilly, John Dunne, J J Redmond and James Kavanagh.

A letter was submitted from Councillor David H Haskins in which he regretted that an important business engagement would prevent him being present at the Meeting.

Councillor John J Redmond, being newly co-opted, signed, before the Secretary, his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by Article 9 of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898.

The 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 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 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 County Surveyor's Reports.
- 9 To consider application from William Doyle, the Garage, Roundwood, for the sum of £31 18s representing the extent of damage to his 'Bus caused by the height of the bridge in the centre when crossing a bridge near Garryduff Crossroads on the road from Moneystown to Arklow.
- 10 To consider a communication from the Greystones and District Development Society drawing the Council's attention to the shocking state of the thoroughfare through the Burnaby Estate, Greystones.
- 11 To consider communications from Mr J D LaTouche, Kiltymon, Newtownmountkennedy, regarding shrubs along his boundary wall in Kiltymon Glen, in which he alleges gaps had been created and laurels slashed unnecessarily without his authority.
- 12 To consider letter from Mr J E S Mulcahy-Morgan, Innismore, Delgany, drawing attention to the condition of the road from Delgany Rectory, via Glenair, Glenbrook to the Kilcool road.
- 13 To consider letter from Mr T Dalton, Kiltegan, in which he complains that he is unable to obtain work on Road Maintenance.
- 14 To take such steps as the Council may be advised to deal with

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the Tram Offices at Poulaphouca, which it has been stated, are at present in an unprotected condition.

15 To consider an application from Mrs Josephine Ahearne, Railway Hotel, Arklow, for portion of the lands attaching to the Court House, Arklow.

16 To consider an application from the County Library Committee for permission to erect a sign-board outside the Court House in Arklow indicating Library hours.

17 To receive the Examiner's Report following the Examination of candidates recently held by order of the Council, and to appoint two Clerks to fill the vacant positions existing in the Secretary's Office and the Office of the County Surveyor.

18 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J Metcalfe :—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the August Quarterly Meeting of the Wicklow County Council that £200 paid monthly to the Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway be discontinued until the £1,200 at present in the Bank, lodged to credit of the Committee of Management, be expended in defraying the expenses of the Line; as this money was originally obtained from the Guaranteeing Counties for this purpose."

19 To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor George Kearon :—

"I hereby beg to give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council, I, or someone for me, will move that—in view of the increase of trespass on people's lands by goats and other animals, and the annoyance caused thereby—at least one public Pound be opened at Arklow, and maintained by the Council."

20 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor William J Henry :—

"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, I, or someone for me, will move that P J Foley Esq., B.E., be placed on our Engineering Staff as a full-time official."

21 To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Denis Condren :—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some person for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, that in each case where a Collector has conducted in a satisfactory manner, and closed the Collection to the satisfaction of the County Council, that all such Collectors be given a Bonus for the year 1931-'32 that will make his total Poundage not less than that payable for the year ending March, 1931."

22 To execute Agreements in connection with the setting up of Pounds in certain Towns in the County.

22A To consider a communication from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance asking for the Council's co-operation in initiating a Scheme whereby work might be provided for able-bodied unemployed.

23 To consider a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enquiring what action the Council proposes to take to secure the closing of the 1930-'31 Collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Collecting Districts.

24 To make an Order, after due consideration of the portion of Finance Committee's Report No. 3 dealing with the question of the appointment of a Rate Inspector for County Wicklow.

25 To fix officially a place for the checking of Poor Rate Collection Books within the area formerly known as Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

26 To re-consider the conditions regarding the proposed appointment of a Solicitor to the Council.

27 To execute an Agreement for the letting of the Public Hall, Newtownmountkennedy, for use as a Court House.

28 To fill two vacancies existing on Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

29 To consider an application from Collector Michael Roche to have his Poundage restored to Seven-pence.

30 To consider communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the Council's Resolution authorising the payment of full Poundage to certain Poor Rate Collectors in face of the Minister's refusal to sanction such payments.

31 To consider an application from Mr P J Foley, B.E., Tournant House, Dunlavin, for fees for professional duties carried out in connection with the abandoned Goldenfort, Mattymount and Rampere (Co. Wicklow) Minor Drainage Scheme.

32 To consider letter from the Department of Agriculture suggesting that the Council make certain regulations controlling the cleansing and disinfecting of Markets, etc., under the provisions of the Animals (Transit and General) (Ireland) Order of 1913.

33 To consider correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and County Committee of Agriculture forwarded with a view to the improvement of the present position with regard to Sheep Scab and Sheep Dipping in the County.

34 To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908:

35 To consider communication from the Wicklow Urban District Council asking the County Council to fix the lowest price they are prepared to accept for the Old Jail Premises, Wicklow.

36 To consider an application from the County Library Committee to the Council to amend their Resolution of the 29th of November, 1926, so that further powers might be delegated to that Committee.

37 To consider communication from the County Library Committee relative to the payment of arrears of Unemployment Insurance in respect of Mr Daniel Doyle, Temporary Clerk in its Offices, and Miss M Lynch, Librarian and caretaker, Greystones.

38 To consider communication from the Department of Agriculture drawing attention to advertisements issued on behalf of the Tariff Commission, inviting parties who are in favour of, or opposed to a Tariff on imported oats, to communicate with the Secretary, Tariff Commission, Room 03, Government Buildings, Dublin C.17, before the 14th September, pr. ximo.

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39 To receive a communication from the Civic Institute of Ireland, pointing out the necessity for concerted action in dealing with the Housing Problem.

40 To receive Minutes of Proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Library Committee.

41 To receive from Mr J T O'Byrne, B.E., the Ballinamona, Ballinapark and Danganstown Minor Drainage Scheme, duly supported by all the documents required by Section 7 of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

42 To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

43 To receive Reports from County Officers.

44 To consider Official Correspondence.

45 To consider General Correspondence.

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

Resolved—That we desire to place on record our sense of the great loss which this Council has sustained by the death of our valued Colleague, William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, and we tender to the Members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Denis Condren;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to Dr P J Hamilton—an old and valued Official in this County—and to the Members of his family, the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee held their usual fortnightly meeting in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Friday, the 3rd July, 1931, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The following members were present :—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;
Councillors James Everett, T.D., and Joseph Jacob.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received since the last meeting from the Rate Inspectors following their checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' accounts.

The Committee noted that these Reports showed the condition of the following Collections to be as set forth hereunder :—

1930-1931 Rate.		
Collector Frank Healy.		
	Collecting District No. 5	Collecting District No. 6
Collected and lodged	£1,209 7 8	£5,257 11 7
Discount under Small Dwellings Act	1 5 11	6 0 2
Allowed as Irrecoverable	2 5 3	12 9 2
Carried forward to next Collection	41 16 10	174 19 4
Amount still outstanding	199 3 4	234 9 10
Amount of Warrant	£1,453 19 0	£5,685 10 1
Collector Mrs K M Doyle.		
Collecting District No. 9.		
Collected and lodged	£9,685 15 7	
Discount under Small Dwellings Act	10 5 2	
Allowed as Irrecoverable	20 8 9	
Carried forward to next Collection	42 10 9	
Amount still outstanding	22 10 3	
Amount of Warrant	£9,781 10 6	

Collector Mrs K M Doyle appeared before the Committee and pointed out the difficulties which confronted her in closing her Collection. They related entirely to rates outstanding on the Gun-Cunninghame Estate, now the property of a Mr J Johnson-Cooney, of Newtown House, Blackrock, who disputed certain items of rate claimed by the Collector.

After fully discussing the matter the Committee recommended the Collector to take legal proceedings in her own name for the recovery of the rates still outstanding in respect of this Estate, and towards that end the Committee gave her the services of the Council's Law Agent.

Signed :— DAVID H HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

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.

The usual fortnightly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Friday, the 31st July, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m.

The following Members were present :—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors Joseph Jacob and James Everett, T.D.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received since

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last meeting from the Rate Inspectors following their Checkings of the Poor Rate Collectors' Accounts.

The Committee noted that these Reports showed the condition of the following Collections as set out hereunder.

1930-1931 Rate.			
Collector Frank Healy.			
	Collecting District No. 5.	Collecting District No. 6	
Collected and lodged	£1,249 17 9	£5,847 4 6	
Discount under Small Dwellings Act	1 5 11	6 0 2	
Allowed as Irrecoverable.	2 5 3	12 9 2	
Carried forward to next Collection.	41 16 10	174 19 4	
Amount still outstanding	158 13 3	144 16 11	

Amount of Warrant			
Collector Mrs K M Doyle.			
	No. 9 District.		
Collected and lodged	£9,685 15 7		
Discount under Small Dwellings Act	10 5 2		
Allowed as Irrecoverable	20 8 9		
Carried forward to next Collection	42 10 9		
Amount still outstanding	22 10 3		

Amount of Warrant £9,781 10 6

The Committee granted permission to the Secretary to retain the services of Temporary Clerk, Miss J Flynn, for a few further weeks in order that certain matters of importance in connection with the preparation of the Poor Rate Collection Books for the service of the year 1931-32 might be completed.

Signed: D H HASKINS,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

Dated this 31st day of July, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Jacob;

Seconded by James Everett, T.D.;

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 Summer Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Friday, the 7th August, 1931.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D H Haskins—Chairman.

Councillors William J Henry and C M Byrne.

The Committee has before them the following proposals and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£7,082 11s 8d.

The Committee recommend the County Council to make the following Transfers on foot of the Annual Demand received from the County Board of Assistance and County Board of Public Health:—

QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1931.

County Board of Public Assistance—£11,640 10s 0d.

HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1932.

County Board of Public Health—7,094 0s 0d

The Committee had under consideration the following letter dated the 15th July, 1931, from the Acting Law Agent in reference to Law Costs incurred by the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, a portion of which, namely, items of expenditure incurred subsequent to 4th June, 1924, had already been paid by the County Council, at its Quarterly Meeting in May last:—

4 Church Street,
WICKLOW.
15th July, 1931.

Wicklow County Council.
re Costs due Repts. P J Byrne, Decd.,

Dear Sir,

I am receipt of your letter of the 9th instant with copy of letter received by you from Messrs. P J Byrne & Co., Solicitors.

I have carefully gone into the matter and in my opinion your Council would be justified in paying the full amount of the Certificate of Taxation, viz. £297 7s 10d.

The threat of legal proceedings contained in the letter from Messrs. P J Byrne & Co., dated the 24th ult. is sufficient justification to pay the full amount. If proceedings were instituted a Court would probably hold that the full amount is payable and the letter referred to will have the same effect in justifying the payment when the sum subsequently comes before the Auditor for vouching.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH BRAZIL.

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

Order: To be paid in full as recommended by our acting Law Agent.

The following circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 22nd June, 1931, dealing with the question of supervision of Collectors of Local Revenue, was under consideration of the Committee by Order of the County Council at its special Meeting held on the 23rd June:—

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

Custom House,
DUBLIN.
22nd June, 1931.

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High.

Supervision of Collectors of local revenue.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has been concerned to learn that a number of cases of misconduct on the part of Collectors of rates, &c., have recently been reported in some actual embezzlement having occurred. The circumstances point to ineffective checking and I am to request that you will be good enough to prepare for submission to the next meeting of the Council and the Minister a report on the existing arrangements for this purpose in the County together with your personal observations as to the effectiveness or otherwise of these arrangements.

In this connection special attention should be given to the terms of my circular letter of 24th August, 1928 (copy enclosed) and also to the terms of Article 106 of the Public Bodies Order. From the terms of this Article it will be noted that County Councils are required to appoint one or more Rate Inspectors for each health district. Selected centres for the attendance of Collectors and fixed dates for the purpose should be arranged. The rate Inspector will of course be allowed reasonable locomotion expenses for visiting outlying centres and as his duties if properly carried out may involve occasional visits to ratepayers appearing as in arrears he should be allowed travelling expenses for such purpose. In my circular of 7th October, 1925, it was recommended that by arrangement with the Board of Health the Rate Inspector should also be entrusted with the checking of rent collection for the Board and the obvious economy of this course requires no stress. The duties of Rate Inspectors are outlined in Article 106 of the Public Bodies Order. In the event of a Rate Inspector being at any time incapacitated the duty of ensuring that checking is properly carried out will devolve on the County Secretary as chief executive Officer. Some Councils have appointed a number of part time Inspectors but the Minister doubts that such arrangements have proved effective and experience indicates the appointment of whole-time officers to be preferable as well as an ultimate economy. In this connection moreover the terms of the Bonds by which most Rate Collectors are now secured should not be overlooked—the danger of vitiating such bonds through lack of efficient rate inspection being considerable.

The Minister directs me to take this opportunity of impressing upon County Secretaries that their responsibilities as chief executive officers imposes upon them the duty of advising their Councils to the best of their abilities as to the character and suitability of any new collectors it may from time to time be necessary to engage.

Mise, le meas,
E P McCARRON.
Runaidhe

To each County Secretary.

The Committee having discussed this matter in all its bearings made the following order:—

Order: We recommend that the Council appoint a Rate Inspector for the County on lines similar to the County Wexford. We think the Council ought to consider the appointment of an existing official or of a person drawing a pension from the County, as in this case the pension would automatically cease.

In connection with the appointment of Law Agent the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 29th May, 1931, was submitted by the County Council from its Special Meeting held the 23rd June to the Committee for consideration and report:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH

Custom House,
Dublin.

G. 26885/31.
Cill Mhanntain.

29th May, 1931.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 11th ultimo regarding the proposed appointment by the Wicklow County Council of a Solicitor to that body and the Board of Health, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he considers that an annual salary of £500 should enable the services of a suitable Solicitor to be secured.

The Minister is further of opinion that such salary should cover all office and minor expenditure such as for stationery, postage, etc., as well as travelling or subsistence expenses in cases in the local courts and all costs recovered should be lodged to credit of the County Council or Board of Health as the case may be. Out of pocket expenses, such as for stamp duties and Counsel's fees, when the engagement of Counsel has received the consent of the Local Authority, would be additional and might include travelling and subsistence in connection with any case which might involve attendance in Dublin on High Court Business. Such expenses should be properly vouched at least once each half year. The salary should cover attendance at Meetings of any of the public bodies concerned if and when required.

The (form 111) submitted is returned herewith together with a fresh copy and I am to request that the Council will reconsider their proposal on these lines.

Mise, le meas,
E P McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Order—Having considered the letter dated 29th May, 1931, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health we consider the

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letter most unfair and recommend the Council to adhere to their Resolution fixing their conditions of employment dated the 30th March, 1931.

The following application was before the Committee for their consideration:—

County Council Offices,
WICKLOW.
4th August, 1931.

To the Finance Committee.

Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

The protracted illness of your Accountant, Mr Thomas Langton, and the promotion of Mr M J Fox to Louth County Council Offices threw an enormous amount of additional work on me during the last year and which still continues.

I respectfully ask for some remuneration by way of bonus for this additional work and overtime.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

L Wolahan.

The Committee, having carefully gone into this matter made the following order:—

ORDER—We recommend the Council to give Mr L Wolahan £30 for overtime for the past twelve months owing to shortage of staff in that period.

Signed:— D H HASKINS,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 7th day of August, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved:—That Finance Committee's report No 3, as printed and circulated, be, and is hereby, approved and adopted, subject to the modification that the recommendation therein regarding the appointment of a Rate Inspector be first deleted therefrom.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved:—That the Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the County Board of Health, and from the County Board of Public Assistance, as given 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 Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 31st August, 1931, at 11.15 o'clock a.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Major C C Mitchell, Chairman.

Councillors William J Henry; C M Byrne; David Frame; J J Bourne; J Everett, T D, and Joseph Jacob.

The Committee recommended the following Additional Proposals to the County Council for payment;

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£2,447 7s 5d.

The Committee had under consideration the usual Reports received since the last Meeting from the Rate Inspectors for the several Poor Rate Collections in the County. They observe that of the 1930 '31 Rate the following sums are still outstanding:—

No 5 District—Frank Healy—£144 17s 3d.

No 6 District—Frank Healy—£144 16s 11s.

The Secretary reported that Mrs K M Doyle (No. 9 District) had closed her 1930-'31 Collection and had been given the new Collection Books for the service of the year 1931-'32.

Signed:—

CHRISTOPHER C MITCHELL,

Presiding Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor Major C C Mitchell;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved:—That Finance Committee's Report No. 4, as read by our Secretary, be, and is hereby, approved and adopted.

Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE WERE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOW:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " John W Ryan;

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £7082 11s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " John W Ryan;

Resolved:—That we hereby approve the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas, amounting to £2447 7s 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

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 FOLLOW:—

The Proposals Committee reported that at their Adjourned

31st August, 1931.

Quarterly Meeting, held that morning, they had received three Tenders for Printing, providing, and supplying the Books, forms, notices circulars, stationery, etc., etc., required by the County Council and the County Registrar, and their respective Offices, as same may be ordered, during the three years commencing the 1st October, 1931, and ending the 30th September, 1934.

The following were the three Tenders:—

Firm tendering.	Amount of Tender
(1) Athlone Printing, Works Co, Ltd.,	£329 10 0
(2) Thomas E Doyle, Manager—"The Free Press", Wexford.	£425 6 6
(8) County Printing Works, Wicklow, Ltd.,	£387 15 3

The Committee submitted a Resolution passed unanimously (seven Members of the Committee being present) recommending the Council to accept the Tender received from the County Printing Works, Wicklow, Ltd., notwithstanding that it was £58 5s 8d more than the lowest Tender received, on the grounds that that firm were large Ratepayers in the County, gave local employment, and would be most convenient to the Council's Offices.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T. D.;

Seconded by " C M Byrne.

Resolved:—That we hereby accept the Tender of the County Printing Works, Wicklow, for County Printing for the three years commencing the 1st October, 1931, at an annual sum of £387 15s 3d, notwithstanding the fact that this is not the lowest Tender received, and we do so for the reasons that they are considerable Ratepayers, give local employment, and will be most convenient to the Council's Offices, this step to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Passed.

The Secretary drew the Council's attention to his personal responsibility under Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, with regard to this Motion, in view of the fact that the lowest of the three Tenders received was not being accepted. A show of hands being taken, it was found that the following Members then present in the Council Chamber voted for the Motion:—

Councillors J J Bourne, D Condren, M Fleming, J McCrea, T Weadick, William Henry, D J Kehoe, John J Metcalfe, Major C C Mitchell, Laurence Moore, P P O'Reilly, Edward Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, David Frame, George Heatley, J J Redmond, John W Ryan, C M Byrne, James Everett, T. D, Joseph Jacob, and Timothy Mulcahy—22.

Against the Motion Councillor Patrick Doyle—1.

Passed by 22 Votes for to 1 against.

The Secretary thereupon submitted the prescribed form of Minute which it was his duty in the circumstances to forward to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in pursuance of Section 18 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

The following Tenders were received for executing the whole of the advertising required by the County Council and their several Offices, and for certain advertising required by the County Registrar during the three years commencing on the 1st October, 1931, and ending on the 30th September, 1934.

Firm Tendering.	Amount of Tender
The Manager—"Wicklow People," Al North Main St., Wexford.	@ 6d. per line.
The Manager—"Leinster Leader," Naas.	@ 6d. per line.

ORDER:—Both Tenders approved and accepted at 6d per line for such advertisements as are required and ordered by the County Secretary and County Registrar.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council be now Sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

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.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby authorised, empowered, and directed to apply from time to time, on behalf of this Council, to the Treasurer for Overdraft accommodation, not exceeding in amount in any one application the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, for such periods, and at such times as he may find it necessary for the purpose of carrying on the Council's services, the conditions governing each such Overdraft to be as usual, namely, at one half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate rising and falling therewith.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House,

WICKLOW,

31st August, 1931.

To/

Wicklow County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

(1). An application has been received for permission to erect a Reflect-or at the entrance gate of "Wingfield," Bray, to prevent motorists from turning into the entrance gate in mistake for the turning at the 3 roads, Hollybrook. The application is somewhat unusual, but I see no objection to giving the required permission.

(2). In reference to item 10 on the Agenda, I wish to state that the road through Burnaby Estate, Greystones, is well attended to and that as much pitch rolling as is possible will be carried out, having regard to the very small sum allowed. My Estimate was £1,676, and same was reduced to £531.

(3). In regard to item 11, concerning some laurels cut at Killymon. The workman employed in cutting back obtruding briars, etc., through error, cut a few branches which obstructed the view of the traffic at this turn. He has been warned not to interfere in such cases again. He received no specific instructions as to the cutting of these particular branches.

(4). Regarding item 12. This road would certainly be vastly improved by steamrolling, but as no money is provided for this work it cannot be done.

(5). As the amounts allowed for Main Road Groups No. 10 (Glassnagall-

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led Togher); No. 17, Killinearick to Five Mile Point, and No. 25 Wooden-bridge-Annacurra. Aughrim, Corballis, will be insufficient to properly maintain the roads, I recommend that I be permitted to expend such money as may be saved from the Main Road General expenditure. This will cause no increase in rates and will enable the useful work recently carried out on the roads in question to be conserved.

Mise, le meas,
S G GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

ORDERS:

Paragraph 1—Permission granted.

Paragraph 2, 3 and 4—Noted.

Paragraph 5—Amounts to be dealt with in manner outlined by County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by Major C C Mitchell;

Resolved—That a Deputation of Members of this Council be formed and proceed to Dublin and interview the Road Board and Government Minister with reference to the present state of the Roads of the County, and as to the urgent necessity of the Government allocating sufficient money to place the roads in such a state as will fit them to carry the enormously increasing traffic, principally tourist, which is now passing through the County; and we direct our Secretary to get into communication with our Deputies, the Road Board, and the Government Minister to arrange for their meeting the Deputation at a very early date.

MEMBERS OF DEPUTATION.

Chairman (Councillor C M Byrne).

Vice-Chairman (Councillor Edward Byrne).

James Everett, T.D.

D H Haskins.

David Frame.

W J Henry and

James McCrea.

Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House,

WICKLOW,

31st August, 1931.

To/Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I request permission to take 30 days leave of absence on Vacation. This leave to be taken from time to time as the exigencies of my work permits—due notice being given to the County Secretary of the dates and duration of such absences.

I also request that authority be given to direct and cause the Assistant Surveyors to attend to any urgent matters which may require attention during my absence.

Yours faithfully,

S G Gallagher,

County Surveyor.

ORDER—Permission to take annual leave of absence granted—the Assistant Surveyors to attend to such urgent matters as may require attention during County Surveyor's absence.

ROADS DEPARTMENT.

Eastern Division.

To

County Council Meeting.

(31st August, 1931).

Re: Annual Leave.

Gentlemen,

I beg to make application for permission to absent myself from duty as from Tuesday, the 1st September, to Tuesday, the 22nd September, both days inclusive, subject to the arrangements of the County Surveyor.

Yours faithfully,

J T O'BYRNE,

ORDER—Granted.

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;

Seconded by William J Henry;

Resolved—That the names in tenders, and the amount of the accepted tender, for roads in charge of the Co. Surveyor be submitted to the County Council as such tenders may arise.

Passed.

The Council considered an application from William Doyle, the Garage, Roundwood, for the sum of £31 18s representing the extent of damage to his 'Bus caused by the height of the bridge in the centre when crossing a bridge near Garryduff Crossroads, on the road from Moneystown to Arklow.

ORDER—No responsibility accepted.

The Council considered a communication from the Greystones and District Development Society drawing the Council's attention to the shocking state of the thoroughfare through the Burnaby Estate, Greystones.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

Communications from Mr J D LaTouche, Killymon, Newtownmount-kennedy, regarding shrubs along his boundary wall in Killymon Glen, in which, he alleges, gaps had been created and laurels slashed unnecessarily without his authority, were considered.

ORDER—County Surveyor to handle this matter with due regard to the facts.

The Council considered a letter from Mr J E S Mulcahy-Morgan, Innismore, Delgany, drawing attention to the condition of the road from Delgany Rectory via Glenair, Glenbrook, to the Kileool Road.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated the 28th August, 1931, was submitted from the Rev J R Colthurst, Calary Rectory, Kilpedder, in which he complained of the condition of the Main Road, Dublin-Glendalough, for a distance of three miles north of his Rectory.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated the 12th August, 1931, was submitted from Mr T Dalton, Kiltegan, in which he complained that he was unable to obtain work in connection with Road Maintenance.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated the 28th August, 1931, addressed by the Hon. Secretary of Tinahely Town Improvements Committee, was submitted, pointing out that the curbing of the footpath from the Bridge, Tinahely, to Kilaveney Catholic Church is in a most dangerous condition.

ORDER—Work to be included by the County Surveyor in next Provisional Road Works Scheme.

A further letter was submitted from Mr John Hamilton, The Lamb, Tinode, Co. Wicklow, in which he referred to an account already forwarded the County Surveyor in respect of fow and turkeys killed by tar from drums left on the platform for months in a leaking and broken condition.

ORDER—Council repudiates all liability.

The Council referred to Kildare County Council for consideration the question of taking such steps as that Council may be advised to deal with the Tram Offices at Poulaphouca, which it was reported by Mr Maurice Byrne, Home Assistance Officer, Baltinglass, are at present in an unprotected and neglected condition.

An application dated the 30th July was submitted from Patrick Leigh, Merchant, Grange Con, for permission to erect a petrol pump in Grange Con Village.

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ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

An application was submitted from Mrs Josephine Ahern, Railway Hotel, Arklow, for portion of the lands attaching to the Court House in Arklow, indicated on Map enclosed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;

Seconded by W J Henry;

Resolved—That Mrs Ahern's application to be sold portion of the land attaching to Arklow Court House be referred to the Under-Sheriff—Mr William Toomey, B.L., for his observations.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by John J Metcalfe;

Resolved—That permission be granted the County Library Committee to erect a sign-board, at their own expense, outside the Court House at Arklow, indicating the location of the Library and setting out the hours of opening.

Passed.

CLERKSHIPS IN THE OFFICES OF THE COUNTY SECRETARY AND COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The Secretary submitted the following Reports received from Mr E P Power, N.T., Arklow, the Examiner appointed by the County Council to conduct the Examination which the County Council ordered to be held in above connection.

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	IRISH 300		ENGLISH 300		200	200	200	200	1400	
	Composition 150 Marks	Grammar 150 Marks	Composition 150 Marks	Grammar 150 Marks	Arithmetic 200 Marks	Typewriting 200 Marks	Business Methods 200 Marks	Shorthand 200 Marks	Total Marks	Percentage
ALPHONSUS O'CONNOR	140	103	140	96	105	200	135	188	1107	79%

Signed:—E. P. POWER.

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NAMES (as written on papers)	IRISH 300		ENGLISH 300		200	200	200	200	1400	
	Composition 150 Marks	Grammar 150 Marks	Composition 150 Marks	Grammar 150 Marks	Arithmetic 200 Marks	Typewriting 200 Marks	Business Methods 200 Marks	Shorthand 200 Marks	Total Marks	Percentages
JOHN O'ROURKE	142	148	150	147	195	200	186	—	1168	83.4%
VINCENT KING	140	100	100	103	84	200	140	175	1042	74.4%
D. DOYLE	120	89	105	88	105	200	192	132	1031	73.6%
P. J. FLOOD	106	86	72	54	83	150	72	158	761	55.8%
J. McDONALD	82	70	93	40	72	135	80	60	632	45.1%
J. KEELY	135	30	105	38	24	88	157	27	604	43.1%

Signed:—E. P. POWER.

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The Secretary explained in connection with the Examiner's Report No. 1 that Mr Alphonsus O'Connor was not a candidate at the Examination in competition with the other six Candidates, he presented himself in compliance with the wishes of the Council, as expressed in Finance Committee's Report No. 2 approved and adopted at the Council's Meeting held on the 30th March, 1931, with a view to establishing the fact that the Council were justified in promoting him to permanent establishment on the Secretarial Staff after a temporary service of nine months which had been reported very favourably upon by the Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That having regard to the terms of Clauses 3 and 4 of Finance Committee's Report No. 2 which was approved and adopted by this Council at their Meeting held on the 30th March, 1931, and having noted with satisfaction in the Examiner's Report, to day submitted, the high marks obtained by Mr Alphonsus O'Connor (i.e. 79 per cent of the gross marks possible) in every subject at the Examination referred to in the above mentioned Finance Committee's Report, we hereby approve and confirm Mr O'Connor's appointment to the permanent Clerical Staff in our Offices at a salary of £120 per annum, with annual increments of £7 10s until a maximum salary of £200 per annum has been reached, and we direct that his permanent establishment and salary take effect as from the 1st April, 1931, the date already decided upon by this Council.

Passed unanimously.

In submitting the Examiner's Report No. 2, the Secretary informed the Council that the Candidate whose gross marks placed him first on the list had not obtained any marks in shorthand, which the Council in their published advertisement (given hereunder), and in their Resolution passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 26th May, 1931 (also hereunder) "deemed to be essential" at the Examination.

Copy of advertisement issued by Wicklow County Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Two Male Clerks Wanted

Applications are invited by Wicklow County Council from residents from the County Wicklow competent to fill the above positions in the Offices of the Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor, Court House, Wicklow. Candidates who may not be more than twenty-four years or less than eighteen years of age on the 1st, May, 1931, must be prepared to present themselves for Examination in the following subjects, which are deemed to be essential:—IRISH (written); ENGLISH; COMPOSITION; ARITHMETIC; OFFICE ROUTINE and BUSINESS METHODS; SHORTHAND (80 words per minute) and TYPEWRITING. The papers set at the Examination will be of a standard equivalent to the Matriculation Examination held in recent years. Candidates will receive notice in due course of the date, hour and place at which this Examination will be held.

The scale of salary attaching to each position is £120 per annum, with annual increments of £7 10s until a maximum salary of £200 per annum is reached; such increments to be subject to annual Certificates by the County Secretary or County Surveyor, as the case may be, that the

Officer's service throughout the period has been efficient and in all respects satisfactory.

Applications must reach the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Court House, Wicklow, not later than 5 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 22nd June, 1931.

BY ORDER,

P. T. HEALY,
County Secretary.

5th June, 1931.
County Council Offices,
Court House,
WICKLOW.

Copy of Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council at the Quarterly Meeting of that Body held on 26th May, 1931.

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 28th April, 1931 (No. G26884/1931, Cille Mhanntain) dealing with the proposals for the re-organisation of the Council's Administrative Staff, we hereby decide that the subjects Shorthand and Typewriting be deemed to be essential at the forthcoming Examination to be held in above connection—the Secretary to issue his advertisements for candidates in the Dublin daily papers as well as in the local papers; and we further decide that the candidates to be appointed shall be residents from the County Wicklow, and that the ages of Candidates be not more than twenty-four years or less than eighteen years of age on the first day of May, 1931.

Passed.

Certain Councillors present appeared to be in doubt as to the eligibility of the Candidate John O'Rourke for one of the vacant Clerkships notwithstanding the fact that his name was placed first on the list by the Examiner in his Report.

Accordingly, the Acting Law Agent, who was present, was asked by the Chairman to give his opinion on the point. Towards that end the Secretary handed the Law Agent copy of the Council's published advertisement with the original letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health approving of same, dated the 5th June, 1931, No. G.43465/1931, Cill Mhanntain, and also copy of the Resolution passed by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 26th May, 1931.

After perusing these documents the Law Agent informed the Meeting, that, in his opinion, John O'Rourke was not eligible for one of the vacant positions, because of the fact that he did not obtain, according to the Examiner's Report, any marks for Shorthand, Shorthand being one of the subjects which the County Council in their Resolution, and in their published advertisement, deemed to be essential.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;
Seconded by " Michael Fleming;

Resolved—That John O'Rourke, Carnew, who scored the highest number of marks (1168 out of a possible 1400, or 83.4 per cent) at the Examination of Candidates for the two vacant County Council Clerkships, be hereby appointed as Clerk in our service, and that it be a condition of his appointment that Mr O'Rourke qualify himself in the subject Shorthand within a period of

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six months—the position to carry a salary of £120 per annum, from the date of taking up duty, with annual increments of £7 10s until a maximum salary of £200 per annum is reached.

A vote having been called for it was found that the Councillors present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, D Condren, P Doyle, M Fleming, J Kavanagh, J McCrea, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, J J Metcalfe, L Moore, P P O'Reilly, G Heatley, J J Redmond, C M Byrne, and T Mulcahy—15.

AGAINST:—Councillors T Weadick, Major C C Mitchell, E Byrne, J Byrne, John Dunne, D Frame, J W Ryan, J Everett, T.D., and J Jacob—9.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution passed by 15 votes for to 9 against.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved:—That Vincent King, of Wicklow Head, who scored 1042 marks out of a possible 1400, or 74.4 per cent, at the Examination of Candidates for the two vacant County Council Clerkships, be hereby appointed as clerk in our service, the position to carry a salary of £120 per annum, from the date of taking up duty, with annual increments of £7 10s until a maximum salary of £200 per annum is reached.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor John W Ryan;
Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That Mr Daniel Doyle be appointed to fill one of the vacant Clerkships in our service.

A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors D Condren, E Byrne, J Byrne, J Dunne, D Frame, G Heatley, J W Ryan, C M Byrne, and T Mulcahy—9.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P Doyle, M Fleming, J McCrea, T Weadick, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, J J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, L Moore, P P O'Reilly, J J Redmond, J Everett, T.D., and J Jacob—14.

The Amendment was declared to be lost by 14 votes to 9.

The original motion was then put and declared by the Chairman to have been passed by 14 to 9.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor J J Metcalfe;
Seconded by " P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That the £200 paid monthly to the Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway be discontinued until the £1,200 at present in Bank lodged to credit of the Committee of Management be expended in defraying the expenses of the Line; as this money was originally obtained from the Guaranteeing Counties for this purpose.

Passed unanimously.

In the absence of Councillor George Kearon, by permission of the Council, his Notice of Motion was

Proposed by Councillor Denis Condren;
Seconded by " T Mulcahy;

Resolved—That in view of the increase of trespass on people's lands by goats and other animals, and the annoyance caused thereby—at least one public Pound be opened at Arklow, and maintained by this Council.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was
Proposed by Councillor William J Henry;

Seconded by " P P O'Reilly;

Resolved—That P J Foley, Esq., B.E., be placed on our Engineering Staff as a full-time Official, at a salary of £250 per annum and £75 additional for Travelling Expenses.

A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors D Condren, J Kavanagh, J McCrea, T Weadick, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, Major C Mitchell, L Moore, P P O'Reilly, E Byrne, D Frame, J J Redmond, and C M Byrne—18.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P Doyle, M Fleming, J J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, G Heatley, John W Ryan, Joseph Jacob and T Mulcahy—10.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion to have been passed by 13 votes for to 10 against.

Mr P J Foley, B.E., who was present at the Meeting, verbally undertook to the Council that in the event of being sanctioned as a full-time Official he would dissolve his present partnership in the Dublin firm of Messrs Foley & O'Sullivan, Architects and Civil Engineers, Grafton Chambers, 102 Grafton Street, Dublin C.3., and would confine his future professional activities to work for Public Bodies only.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor D Condren;
Seconded by " J Dunne;

Resolved—That in each case where a Collector has conducted in a satisfactory manner and closed the Collection to the satisfaction of the County Council, that all such Collectors be given a bonus for the year 1931-'32 that will make his total Poundage not less than that payable for the year ending March, 1931—the Finance Committee to deal with the matter.

A vote having been called for it was found that the Councillors present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, D Condren, P Doyle, M Fleming, J Kavanagh, J McCrea, T Weadick, D J Kehoe, L Moore, E Byrne, J Byrne, J Dunne, D Frame, J J Redmond, J W Ryan, C M Byrne, J Everett, T.D., and J Jacob—18.

AGAINST—Councillors W J Henry, J J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, P P O'Reilly, G Heatley and T Mulcahy—6.

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The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution passed by 18 votes for to 6 against.

POUNDS.

Proposed by Councillor George Heatley;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we now execute the Agreements necessary for setting up Pounds in Tinahealy and Dunlavin, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John W Ryan;

Seconded by " John Dunne;

Resolved—That a Pound be set up in Roundwood, and that the Law Agent prepare and submit to Mr Christopher Byrne for approval a draft of the Agreement to be prepared for execution at the next Meeting of this Council.

Passed.

The Acting Law Agent in a communication dated 22nd August, 1931, submitted a tracing of the Shillelagh Union Workhouse premises and asked to have the site for the proposed Pound therein for Shillelagh marked thereon, and the Council to fix the rent they proposed to pay for the premises.

ORDER:—The Council hereby fix an annual rent of One Shilling.

A further communication dated the 27th August, 1931, was submitted from the Acting Law Agent in which he reported that the conditions laid down by the owner of the premises in Greystones which it was proposed to establish as a Pound were unsuitable.

ORDER:—Premises not considered suitable by the Council; fresh enquiries to be made by the County Surveyor and Law Agent.

The Council considered a communication dated the 12th of June, 1931, from the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, in which the Council were asked for their co-operation in initiating the Scheme whereby work might be provided in Wicklow for able-bodied unemployed.

The Secretary reported that Mr A P Delany, Inspector from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, had called on him in support of this application which formed portion of a progressive Scheme in this and other Counties which had the entire approval of his Department.

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved:—That both the Jail and Court House premises in Wicklow be placed at the disposal of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance for the purpose of providing work for able-bodied unemployed who are recipients of Home Assistance, on the strict condition that no responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever be allowed to fall on the County Council arising out of or consequent upon the provision by the Board of such work for unemployed.

A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION—Councillors J J Bourne, D Condren, F

Doyle, M Fleming, J Kavanagh, T Weadick, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, J J Metcalfe, Major C Mitchell, L Moore, P P O'Reilly, E Byrne, Joseph Byrne, G Heatley, J J Redmond, J W Ryan, C M Byrne, J Jacob and T Mulcahy—20.

AGAINST—Councillors James McCrea, John Dunne, and J Everett, T.D.—3.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution carried by 20 votes to 3.

The Secretary submitted the following letter regarding the state of the Poor Rate Collections in Nos. 5 and 6 Districts for the Collection year 1930-31, which Collections remained unclosed; £144 17s 3d being still unlogged in No. 5 District, and £144 16s 11d being still unlogged in No. 6 District.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
Custom House,
DUBLIN,

10th August, 1931.

G. 61807/1931, Fa.

Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of July, and to state that it is noted that Collector Healy has not yet closed his 1930/31 warrants. I am to enquire what action it is now proposed to take in view of the Council's resolution of the 26th May last.

Mise, le meas.

A/s. Runaidhe.

The Secretary.

Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—Collector to be asked for a detailed report, setting out each rating separately, as to why he has not closed both his Collections, and giving for each rating the reason which has prevented his closing before this date.

The Council proceeded to again consider the circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 22nd June, 1931, Reference No. G. 61/31 Ilgh., which dealt with the supervision of Collectors of Poor Rate (which letter appears in full in Finance Committee's Report No. 8 submitted to this Meeting), and the Secretary's Report thereon to the Council at the Meeting of that Body held 23rd June, 1931, which report appears in full in the Minutes of that Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " J J Metcalfe;

That this Council is satisfied that the existing system of checking the Poor Rate Collections is efficient and satisfactory, and consequently we hereby decide that there is no necessity for the appointment of a whole-time Rate Inspector as referred to in the Department's letter of the 22nd June, 1931 (No. G.61/31 Ilgh.).

A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

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FOR THE MOTION—Councillors D Condren, J McCrea, W J Henry, D J Kehoe, J J Metcalfe, P P O'Reilly, Joseph Byrne, J W Ryan and T Mulcahy—9.

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P Doyle, M Fleming, J Kavanagh, T Weadick, Major C Mitchell, L Moore, E Byrne, John Dunne, D Frame, G Heatley, J J Redmond, C M Byrne, J Everett, T.D., and J Jacob—15.

The Chairman declared the Motion to have been lost by 15 votes against to 9 for.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " David Frame;

Resolved—That a Rate Inspector be appointed, and that his salary be £150 per annum, with vouched Travelling Expenses not exceeding £75 per annum; the Inspector to check the Rate Collector's Books and Accounts in accordance with the Public Bodies Order for the entire County (outside the Urban Areas); the appointment to be a whole-time, permanent one; in addition to checking the Collectors' Accounts the Inspector to mark up the Rate Books each fortnight in respect of each item of rate when paid, and to call on Ratepayers from time to time in order to ensure that no Rates have been paid without the official Rate receipt being issued; he must assist Collectors with seizures; and must, when required, attend Meetings of the Finance Committee or County Council to explain the progress of the Collection.

The Council further resolves to fill the position by promotion from amongst the officials already in their employment, or from the pensioners on this Council's list.

As an Amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne;

Seconded by " J J Redmond;

That the position of Rate Inspector be filled by the issue of an advertisement in the Press.

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

The Chairman's Motion was thereupon put to the Meeting and declared to have been carried by the same show of hands.

The Council adjourned consideration of an application dated the 31st August, 1931, which had been received from Poor Rate Collector Thomas Fleming, for the position of Rate Inspector on promotion from his position as Rate Collector in No. 18 District, which he has held since the 13th January, 1909.

The Secretary, however, informed the Council that in his opinion the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would insist on the position being filled following an application to the Local Appointments Commissioners, under the terms of his Order, dated 22nd October, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That the Rate Inspector and Poor Rate Collectors for the area formerly known as Balinglass No. 1 Rural District be informed that in future the place officially appointed by this Council for the checking of Poor Rate Collection Accounts is to be a room in the newly built Court House, at Balinglass.

Passed.

Re: POSITION OF SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL.

A protracted discussion took place on the letter dated 29th May,

1931, No. G. 26885/31, Cill Mhanntain, regarding the proposed appointment by the Council of a Solicitor, which letter was referred to in Finance Committee's Report No. 3 submitted to the Meeting.

ORDER:—The following Members of the Council are appointed to wait upon and submit to the Minister for Local Government and public Health the Council's considered views on this matter:—

The Chairman (Councillor C M Byrne);

The Vice-chairman (Councillor E Byrne);

Councillor James Everett, T. D.;

D H Haskins;

James McCrea;

David Frame;

W J Henry.

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry;

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob;

Resolved:—That we hereby execute an Agreement with the Trustees of the Public Hall, at Newtown Kennedy, for the letting of the said Hall, for a term of six months to be used as a Court House, etc., and that the Council's Seal be attached thereto.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " W Henry;

Resolved:—That the following:—Rev J R Tomlinson, The Rectory, Wicklow, and Mr John O'Leahan, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow, be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Wicklow Old Age Pensions Sub-committee caused by the transfer of Rev Mr Orr, and by Mr Smullen not being able to attend any further Meetings.

Passed.

An application from Collector Michael Roche to have his Poundage for his Collections restored to Sevenpence was submitted.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Denis Condren:—

"I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the poundage to be allowed Collector M J Roche for his Collection Districts Nos. 12 and 14 be the same as that allowed to every other Poor Rate Collector in the County, namely, Sevenpence in the £."

The following letters were submitted regarding the Council's proposal to pay to certain Poor Rate Collectors Poundage which had been withheld from them by order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
Custom House,
DUBLIN,

1st July, 1931.

G. 51211/1931.

Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the Wicklow County Council of the 23rd ultimo, relative to the payment of full Poundage to the Rate Collectors in face of the Minister's refusal to sanction it, and I am to draw your attention to Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925. I am to ask to be furnished

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with the names of the members present and voting for this decision and those abstaining from voting on this decision.

Mise, le meas,

E P McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,
Custom House,
DUBLIN.

G. 53300/1931. 7th July, 1931.
Cill Mhanntain.
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant regarding the resolution of the County Council at their meeting on the 23rd instant relative to the payment of Poundage in respect of the 1930-'31 warrants. I am to state that the conditions requisite to enable the payment of Poundage to Rate Collectors at the full rate are well known and if such conditions are not complied with the Collectors have only themselves to blame for any penalties applied in the shape of reduced fees. It would be obviously inequitable that Collectors who have complied with the prescribed conditions, or nearly done so, should receive no better treatment than other Collectors who failed.

The Minister is not prepared to modify the moderate penalties for delay imposed and instructs that the Council be warned that any contrary action taken by the Council will be brought to the special notice of the Auditor who will be bound to consider the responsibilities of the members who voted for such action as well as the responsibilities of any members who may by their signatures to the Advice Note direct any unauthorised payment to be made.

I am to enquire if it is to be understood from your letter that the payments in question have not been made.

Mise, le meas,

E P McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

ORDER—The Secretary to take no further action in the matter in the circumstances.

An application was submitted from Mr P J Foley, B.E., Tournant House, Dunlavin, for £12 6s, representing fees for professional duties carried out at the request of the County Council in connection with the abandoned Goldenfort, Mattymount and Rampers (County Wicklow) Minor Drainage Scheme.

ORDER—Adjourned to next Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee.
The Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Agriculture dated the 3rd July, 1931 (No. L. 2778/31) in which it was suggested that the Council should make certain regulations controlling the cleansing and disinfecting of markets, etc., under the provisions of the Animals (Transit and General) (Ireland) Order of 1931.

ORDER—Adjourned.
Correspondence was submitted from the Department of Agriculture, and from the County Committee of Agriculture, which was forwarded with a view to the improvement of the present position with regard to Sheep Scab and Sheep Dipping in the County.

ORDER—Adjourned.
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by " T Weadick;
Resolved—That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be granted to Mr James Quinn, of Vallemount, Blessington.

Passed.
The Council had under consideration a communication from the Urban District Council of Wicklow dated the 9th July, 1931, asking to know the lowest price the Council were prepared to accept for the old Jail premises in Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor David Frame;
Seconded by " J J Bourne;
Resolved—That the Wicklow Urban District Council be asked to put before this Council in writing detailed proposals regarding the use they propose to put the Jail building and Premises generally to in the event of this Council disposing of same to them, and that the following be asked to meet, inspect the Gaol, and report to this Council as to what, in their opinion, would be an equitable price to sell these premises:—

Councillors David Frame,
T Mulcahy,
W J Henry.

Passed.
Letters dated the 8th July, 1931, and 22nd August, 1931, were submitted from the County Library Committee containing an application to the Council to amend their Resolution of the 29th November, 1926, so that further powers might be delegated to that Committee.

ORDER—The Council regret they are not prepared to delegate any further powers to that Committee.

Letters dated the 11th June, 1931, and 22nd August, 1931, were submitted from the County Library Committee relative to the payment of arrears of Unemployment Insurance in respect of Mr Daniel Doyle, Temporary Clerk in the Offices of that Committee, and Miss M Lynch, Librarian and Caretaker, Greystones.

ORDER—No action; this being an Administrative matter to be dealt with by that Committee.

The Council considered a communication dated the 20th August, 1931, from the Department of Agriculture in which attention was drawn to advertisements issued on behalf of the Tariff Commission inviting parties who are in favour of, or opposed to, a Tariff on imported oats to communicate with the Secretary, Tariff Commission, Room 03, Government Buildings, Dublin C.17, before the 14th September.

ORDER—Commission to be informed that the Council favours prohibition.

A communication dated the 11th June, 1931, was submitted from the Civic Institute of Ireland, Court House, William Street, Dublin, pointing out the necessity for concerted action in dealing with the Housing problem.

ORDER—Read.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Monthly Meetings of the County Library Committee were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett;
Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That we request the Department of Lands and Fisheries to carry out immediately the fencing of the Cow Park at Kilquiggan, on the Boscawen Estate; and the County Council agrees to give permission to the Tenants to till portion of the land allotted to them.

Passed unanimously.

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PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30/6/1931.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date Received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	1/4/31	4	Bray, Guard Stanton	Genuine
New Milk	11/4/31	3	Arklow, Guard Crowe	"
Buttermilk	"	1	"	"
Tea	15/4/31	3	Blessington, Guard Brennan	"
Sugar	"	3	"	"
Whiskey	21/4/31	1	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	30/4/31	1	"	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Tea	"	1	"	"
New Milk	12/6/31	4	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Whiskey	13/6/31	9	Dunlavin, Sgt. Callan	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
Gin	17/6/31	1	Aughrim, Sgt. Lee	"
Vermouth	"	1	"	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	19/6/31	4	Bray, Guard Staunton	3 gen. 1 not gen
New Milk	23/6/31	5	Greystones, Sgt. Morris	Genuine
Butter	25/6/31	3	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
New Milk	"	1	"	"
Butter	25/6/31	3	Shillelagh, Sgt. Carney	1 gen. 2 not gen
Whiskey	"	3	"	Genuine
Butter	26/6/31	2	Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright	"
Port Wine	"	1	"	"
Lard	"	1	"	"
Whiskey	"	4	Greystones, Sgt. Morris	"
Rice	"	1	"	"
Sugar	"	1	"	"
Butter	"	1	"	"
Margarine	"	1	"	"
New Milk	27/6/31	5	Balinglass, Guard Conway	"
Drugs	9/4/31	3	Avoca	"
"	10/4/31	3	Delgany	"
"	"	3	Coollatin	"
"	14/4/31	2	Bray No. 1	"
"	16/4/31	3	Co. Home, Rathdrum	"
"	22/4/31	3	Arklow	"
"	5/5/31	3	Balinglass District Hospital	"
"	15/5/31	3	Dunganstown	"
"	16/5/31	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	18/5/31	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	22/5/31	3	Annamoe	"
"	10/6/31	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	12/6/31	3	Blessington	"
"	26/6/31	2	Wicklow	"
" Water (Carrawe)	16/6/31	2	County Board of Health	Passed

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 72. Drugs, 40; Waters, 2. Number adulterated—Whiskey, 1; Butters, 2. Total, 114.
Date 10/7/1931.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

A letter dated the 26th August, 1931, was submitted from the Clerk, Arklow Urban District Council, in which the County Council was asked for their general agreement to that Urban Council contributing an extra 1d in the £ during 1931-'32 to the County Library Committee.

ORDER—The Council regret that as the warrants for the entire Poor Rate Collection were at present in the hands of the Poor Rate Collectors they were unable, at this date, to give effect to the Urban Council's wishes.

A letter dated the 27th August, 1931, was submitted from William O'Connor, Courtkeeper, Bray, in which he asked for an allowance or Bonus for alleged extra duties performed by him.

ORDER—Adjourned.
The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne:—

(1) "I hereby give Notice that at the Meeting to be held on the 16th November, 1931, I will move:—That the County Council approves of the application by the Board of Health for a loan of £1300 for the provision of a water supply at Windgates."

(5) "I hereby give Notice that at the Meeting to be held on the 16th day of November, 1931, I will move:—That the County Council approve of the application by the Board of Health for a loan of £2,800 for the purpose of carrying out extensions of the water supply and sewerage systems at Greystones."

The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Councillor James McCrea:—

(1) "I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that this Council raise a sum of £500 by way of loan provided the L.G.D. put up a similar sum to complete the reconstruction of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road."

(2) "I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, that the Council again consider the question of taking over the quarries and supplying stones for all roads (contract and otherwise) for which quarry stones are required."

NOTICE OF VACANCY

IN

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

WILLIAM BYRNE,
COOLBEG,
RATHNEW,

to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and we direct that this vacancy

31st August, 1931

shall be notified by a Circular issued to each Member of the Council, and to the Secretary of the County Board of Health,
A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the Court House, Wicklow.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1931.

SIGNED :— C. M. BYRNE.

WILLIAM J. HENRY.

J. J. MEICALFE.

SIGNED :— P. T. HEALY.

Three Members of
Wicklow
County Council.
Secretary to the
said Council.

No action was taken in connection with the Ballinamona Ballinapark and Dunganstown Minor Drainage Scheme in the absence of the Report to be submitted by Mr J T O Byrne, B.E., the Engineer, appointed by the Council, and the other documents required by the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH.

24th June, 1931, (No. G. 49555/1931 Fa. Cill Mhanntain), returning declarations subscribed by Messrs L Wolahan and W C Byrne under Section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

29th June, 1931, (A. 50585/31) enclosing Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the late North Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the period which ended on the 28th October, 1930.

3rd July, 1931, (P.H. 52332/31 Cill Mhanntain Ae) enclosing copy of a communication addressed to the Board of Health and Public Assistance on the same date regarding the apportionment of the remuneration of the County Medical Officer of Health for the purpose of recoupment from State Grants as from the 1st April, 1931, owing to the development of the County School Medical Services Scheme.

8th July, 1931, (No. RGM/201/31) intimating that the Council's share of the Main Road Upkeep Grant for the year 1931-'32 has been fixed at £7065, and intimating the conditions under which this Grant is given.

13th July, 1931, (No. Circ. 59/31 Ngh.) transmitting copy of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, and drawing attention to the provisions of same.

27th July, 1931, (No. F 52113/31 Cill Mhanntain (Pd.) stating that it should be made clear to Mr J T O'Byrne, B.E., Assistant County Surveyor, whose district comprises the whole or part of the area covered by the Ballinamona, Ballinapark and Dunganstown Minor Drainage Scheme, that he will act under the general supervision of the County Surveyor who will be responsible to the Council for the due performance of the work.

ORDER :—Noted.

18th August, 1931 (No. A. 62233/31) enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee and the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to the 31st March, 1931.

18th August, 1931, again drawing attention to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, which requires the prior assent of the County Council to the exercise of borrowing powers by the Board of Health and Public Assistance whether under the Public Health Acts, or Poor Relief Acts.

24th August, 1931 (No. S. 60. 185/31 Cill Mhanntain Pg) sanctioning the raising by way of loan of the sum of £4,258, £2,262 of which is payable to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee, and £1,996 of which is payable to Louth County Council.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

22nd July, 1931 (No. 3073/31) stating the Minister has no objection to the temporary employment of Mr J Lowndes, V.S., Bray, as substitute Local Authority Veterinary Inspector during the absence of Mr S Conway, V.S., on two days leave during the week commencing 20th instant.

ORDER :—Secretary's action approved and confirmed.

10th August, 1931 (No. L. 8294/31) intimating that eight samples of butter taken up by an Officer of the Department in Wicklow and Bray on the 14th July, 1931, were found on analysis to be genuine.

FROM THE ACTING LAW AGENT.

25th June, 1931, reporting on the facts submitted at the hearing of the case when Michael and Patrick Murphy were committed to an Industrial School at Baltinglass District Court on the 24th instant.

28th July, 1931, transmitting copy of the Order of the Court made on the 24th February, 1931, at the hearing of the case of Rylands against Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, which Order he received from the County Registrar on the 27th instant.

18th August, 1931, from Gerald Byrne and Co., Solicitors, 7 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin, asking to have a Certificate from the County Surveyor that the work ordered by the Court at the hearing of the case Rylands v. the County Council and Urban District Council of Wicklow, has been completed.

16th July, 1931, from Mr S Conway, V.S., Salem, Wicklow, the Council's Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts, intimating that he will be away from home for a couple of days at the beginning of the coming week and nominating Mr J Lowndes, M.R.C.V.S., Bray, as locum tenens during the period of his absence.

ORDER :—Secretary's action approved and confirmed.

22nd July, 1931, from Miss F M B Powell, Hon. Secretary, County Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, stating that many complaints have been received of cruelty to horses employed by the Council in the carting of stones up the hills near Killinarrick, and suggesting to the Council to pay for such carting by the job and not by the load.

ORDER :—Submitted; the Secretary having intimated that he had written informing Miss Powell that the Council did not pay by the load, but instead usually paid by the cubic yard of stones carted.

31st August, 1931.

9th July, 1931, from the Catholic Protection and Rescue Society of Ireland, 30 South Anne Street, Dublin, asking the Council to suggest, or take the steps necessary for the committal of a boy named Patrick Timmis to an Industrial School.

No. Order.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

22nd June, 1931, from the Irish Tourist Association enclosing Resolution passed by Dublin Corporation supporting an appeal of the President of the Irish Tourist Association to every holiday maker to see Ireland first.

8rd July, 1931, from Tipperary South Riding County Council. Resolution calling on the Government to retain the Land Annuities for de-rating purposes.

3rd July, 1931, from Sligo County Council, Resolution protesting against the proposed legislation having for its object the cutting down of popularly elected representatives of the people.

18th August, 1931, from Buncrana Urban District Council, Resolution requesting the Government to pass legislation to enable Local Authorities to acquire land for public purposes through the District Courts.

20th August, 1931, from Donegal County Council—Resolution calling upon the Minister for Fisheries to take adequate steps to prevent Trawlers poaching within the three Miles Limit.

26th August, 1931, from County Borough of Cork—Resolution pointing out the necessity for legislation which will secure hygienically clean milk and the eradication of Tuberculosis from our Dairying and meat supplying herds.

C-M-As, O'han
16/8/31

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 16th November, 1931.

The following Members were present :—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman ;
Councillors James McCrea, P P O'Reilly, L Moore, John Dunne, J Everett, T.D. ; J J Redmond, E Byrne, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Weadick, Denis Condren, J J Metcalfe, D H Haskins, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Kearon, George Heatley, James Kavanagh, William J Henry, M Fleming, Daniel J Kehoe, T Mulcahy, Joseph Jacob and David Frame.

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 sign Applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
6. To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee.
7. To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
8. To consider County Surveyor's Reports.
9. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking to be supplied with an estimate of the sums which the Council are likely to allow for the upkeep, respectively, of (a) Main Roads ; (b) County Roads, for the financial year 1932/33, so that he may be in a position to indicate what upkeep Grant, if any, can be made on a basis of 10% of the total estimated sums to be expended.
10. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James McCrea :—" I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that this Council raise a sum of £500 by way of loan, provided the L. G. D. put up a similar sum, to complete the reconstruction of the Carnew-Shillelagh road.
11. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James McCrea :—" I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, that the Council again consider the question of taking over the quarries and supplying stones for all roads (contract and otherwise) for which quarry stones are required."
12. To hear the views of the deputation who waited on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the Council's claim for additional Grants for the improvement and maintenance of roads in County Wicklow.
13. To consider Resolution from Arklow Development Committee regarding the necessity of opening up the Coast Road between Wicklow

and Arklow, particularly that portion between Sallymount Turn and Ardinary.

14. To consider letter from Major E H C Wellesley, Bromleigh, Kilpedder, drawing attention to the state of the footpath between Kilpedder and the Glen of the Downs.

15. To consider a Memorial together with letters from the Rev J Somers, C.C., Tinahely, calling attention to the condition of the piece of road that leads past the gate of the Catholic Church at Cross Bridge, which is in urgent need of improvement and steamrolling.

16. To consider a letter from Mrs M Walsh, Sleemane, Roundwood, complaining of her lands being flooded by water from the Public Road.

17. To consider letter from Mr H Peet, Glenbrook, Delgany, directing attention to the condition of the hills on the Delgany-Pretty Bush Road, between Glenbrook and Delgany.

18. To consider letter from Mr Henry Webster applying for compensation for land used in improving the corner at the cross-roads at Blainroe Upper.

19. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Denis Condren :—

" I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Poundage to be allowed Collector Mr J Roche for his Collection Districts Nos. 12 and 14 be the same as that allowed to every other Poor Rate Collector in the County, namely, sevenpence in the £."

20. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne :—

" I hereby give notice that at the Meeting to be held on the 16th November, 1931, I will move :—That the County Council approves of the application by the Board of Health for a loan of £1300 for the provision of a Water Supply at Windgates."

21. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Edward Byrne :—" I hereby give Notice that at the Meeting to be held on the 16th November, 1931, I will move :—That the County Council approves of the application by the Board of Health for a Loan of £2,800 for the purpose of carrying out extensions of the water supply and sewerage systems at Greystones."

22. To consider communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to appoint Mr John O'Rourke as Clerk in their Offices.

23. To consider letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the proposal of the Council to accept a Tender for County Printing which was not the lowest received.

24. To execute the Mortgage required by the Council's Treasurer in connection with the loan of £1,258 made by the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow Branch, to the Council.

25. To receive and consider Report from the Councillors who were present when the lands at Ballymarroge, Kilquiggan were handed over by the Representative of the Land Commission to the prospective users of such lands.

26. To fill by co-option the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew.

27. To re-consider the conditions regarding the proposed appointment of a Solicitor to the Council, and to receive a report from the recent deputation to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in that connection.

28.—To consider letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the procedure to be adopted in making the proposed appointment of Rate Inspector, and to make formal application to the Local Appointments Commissioners for the selection of a suitable person.

29. To pass a Resolution, on the expiry of the probationary period, ratifying and confirming the permanent appointment of Miss H A McDermott as Courtkeeper for Wicklow Courthouse premises.

30. To confirm the temporary appointment of Mr John Sheehan as Rate Inspector in the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District during the illness of his father, Mr P W Sheehan.

31. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to grant a bonus to each Rate Collector for loss of emoluments due to the reduction of rates by reason of the Additional Agricultural Grant received during the financial year 1931-'32.

32. To fill a vacancy on Arklow Old Age Pension sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr T Birthistle.

33. To fill a vacancy on the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr P O'Toole.

34. To fill a vacancy on the Wicklow Old Age Pension sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr William Byrne.

35. To fill a vacancy on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board caused by the death of Mr William Byrne.

36. To execute an Agreement in connection with the setting up of a Pound in Carnew.

37. To appoint Guard Thomas Lundon as Food and Drugs Inspector at Baltinglass to replace Guard James Conway who has been transferred.

38. To consider a communication from Councillor James Everett, T.D. (1) advocating more frequent Meetings of the Council to consider matters of Public importance, and (2) suggesting that the consideration of correspondence should be the first item on the Agenda for each Meeting.

39. To consider an inquiry from the Irish Tourist Association if the Council is agreeable to authorise that body to publish its Official Guide.

40. To consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, and drawing the Council's attention to certain important provisions thereof.

41. To consider a further letter from the Irish Tourist Association asking if the Council is willing to enter into an agreement with the Association in regard to expenditure of the amount included in estimates for

the current year for Tourist Advertising purposes, and enclosing relative extracts from the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.

41A. To consider letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the necessity for complying with Regulations 7 and 12 of the Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926.

42. To re-consider the application of Mrs Josephine Ahern, Railway Hotel, Arklow, to be allowed to purchase portion of the lands attaching to the Court House, Arklow.

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

44. To consider a notification from Mr J Keenan, Roundwood, that he is applying to the Garda Síochána to inspect a building in Roundwood which he proposes to use as a Cinema.

45. To re-consider letter from the Department of Agriculture suggesting that the Council should make certain Regulations controlling the cleansing and disinfecting of markets, etc., under the provisions of the Animals (Transit and General) (Ireland) Order, 1931.

46. To make arrangements for receiving, considering and accepting Tenders for Road Contracts, and for the confirmation and sealing of such Contracts prior to the 1st April, 1932.

47. To re-consider correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and County Committee of Agriculture, forwarded with a view to the improvement of the present position with regard to Sheep Scab and Sheep Dipping in the County.

48. To nominate a representative on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association for the period ending 31st March, 1932.

49. To receive Minutes of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.

50. To consider County Analyst's Report.

51. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

52. To receive Reports from County Officers.

53. To consider Official Correspondence.

54. To consider General Correspondence.

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

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by David H Haskins;

Resolved—That we hereby tender to the relatives of the late Charles Davis, High Street, Wicklow, the assurance of our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

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 11th September, 1931.

The following Members attended:—
Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors James Everett, T.D., and C M Byrne.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspectors on the condition of the Poor Rate Collections on the dates of their last checkings.

The following additional list of Rates declared to be Irrecoverable was submitted by Poor Rate Collector Mrs K M Doyle.

Year Amount claimed Amount allowed
£ s d £ s d

1930/31 16 13 1 16 13 1 (1st Moisty)

16 13 1 16 13 1 (2nd)

ORDER—Submitted; approved, and allowed as Irrecoverable.
Signed:— DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

11th September, 1931.
Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;
Seconded by D Condren;

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, the 23rd October, 1931.

The following members attended:—
Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman.

Councillors Joseph Jacob and William J Henry.

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the Rate Inspectors, and also the following Schedule showing the condition of the Poor Rate Collection in the County on the 30th September, 1931—the closing date of the financial half-year.

Collect- Amount of Amount col- Discount al- Amount
ing Dis- Warrant lected to date lowed under not col-
trict No. lected Small Dwel lected

£ s d £ s d £ s d £ s d

1 3588 8 1 1576 3 5 20 9 11 1986 14 9

2 2072 8 9 740 14 7 8 7 7 1323 6 7

3 1618 9 4 559 10 0 6 0 7 1047 18 9

4 2222 18 1 578 5 9 7 17 9 1638 14 7

5 1110 13 4 1110 13 4

6 4786 19 8 4786 19 8

7 11056 11 0 3582 12 8 13 15 1 7460 3 8

8 2570 13 3 1446 1 2 4 10 8 1120 1 5

9 8062 13 6 1833 7 0 9 2 9 6220 3 9

10 2907 5 7 540 6 9 4 0 10 2862 18 0

11 4862 15 8 314 8 11 6 17 6 4041 9 3

12 3888 12 8 1187 10 3 4 18 2 2696 4 3

13/15 4235 17 6 1465 12 1 10 18 0 2759 7 5

14 2416 17 10 902 5 3 3 5 9 1511 6 10

15 4973 9 1 1202 1 5 15 5 6 3756 2 2

16 3766 9 6 909 17 0 11 14 7 2844 17 11

17 3602 4 0 1204 2 9 20 10 1 2377 11 2

18 2386 5 5 206 17 8 6 8 10 2173 3 11

69619 12 3 18249 16 3 153 18 7 51215 17 5

In submitting the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health the Secretary pointed out that substantial lodgments made by certain Collectors prior to the 30th September, 1931, were not, and could not, be included in the return pending the receipt of Reports from the Rate Inspectors following the checking of the accounts of these Collectors.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

G.76451/1931. Custom House,
Cill Mhanntain. DUBLIN.
16th October, 1931.

A Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of September, and to state that the Minister is very dissatisfied with the Rate Collection in County Wicklow. There was only 26 1/2% of the rates collected at the close of the financial half-year ended the 30th ultimo. The Council should take serious notice of the failure of Rate Collectors to carry out their duties effectively.

Mise, le meas.
G M HICKEY.
A/s. Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co Council.

ORDER:—The Committee direct the Secretary to forward copy of the above letter to each Rate Collector.

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

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE—£11,978 10s 7d.

The Committee, having examined the Annual Demand for the service of the financial year 1931-'32 from the County Board of Public Assistance, recommend the County Council to make the following transfers on foot of same.

Quarter Ending 31st March, 1932.

COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—£11,075 10s 0d.

The Committee recommends the cancellation in the current half-year's Ledger of the following Paying Orders which were drawn at various dates during the two years ended March, 1930, and were either not issued, or were issued but not cashed by the Payees:—

No. of Pay- Half-year during Amount
ing Order. which drawn

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

621 11 7782 1 01 05 March, 1929 £ s. d.
1131 8 8112 01 0 8 March, 1930 15 2 11
150 March, 1930 8 3 3
167 71 01318 7 01 01 March, 1930 11 0 0
5 16 8

178 March, 1930 8 5 9
592 March, 1930 8 3 1
605 March, 1930 8 18 3
626 March, 1930 7 9 6
631 March, 1930 8 9
642 March, 1930 3 19 2
652 March, 1930 5 19 10

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT

1116 September, 1928 9 4
2837 September, 1928 17 6
3718 September, 1928 11 5
5365 September, 1928 4 4
6611 September, 1928 6 15 0
5899 March, 1929 10 0 0
3

6579 March, 1929 2 2 0
5245 September, 1929 6 6
6130 September, 1929 9 4
608 March, 1930 1 1 0
4122 March, 1930 1 0 7

The following Account was submitted by Mr P J Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor:—

Tournant House,
Dunlavin,
Co. Wicklow.
3rd July, 1931.

Works abandoned by Wicklow County Council.

TUCKMILL DRAINAGE.

To fees on plans, Sections, estimates and valuation at 2 1/2% on £360 £9 0 0
Six Ordnance Sheets £1 16 0

Out-of-pocket expenses:
Staff men, 12/-
Travelling, 18/- 1 10 0

£12 6 0

Note—I had to pay £3 for valuation of land as agreed by me that I should do so.

(Signed) P J FOLEY.

P T Healy Esq.,
Courthouse,
WICKLOW.

ORDER:—Payment recommended subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having been first obtained thereto.

An application dated the 27th August, 1931, was received from William O'Connor, 17 Castle Street, Bray, the Court-keeper for Bray

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Court House, in which he asked for an allowance or bonus for duties performed by him, which he submitted were extra.

ORDER—The Committee consider the payments made to Mr O'Connor are ample for the duties performed.

An application dated the 19th October, 1931, was submitted from James Murray, Newtownmountkennedy, to be continued in his position as Court-keeper in Newtownmountkennedy of the Hall now rented by the Council for Court House purposes, the tenancy of the building formerly used as a Court House having been determined, and that building having been handed up to the Agent for the Gun-Cunninghame Estate.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that the services of James Murray be retained as Court-keeper, that he be paid a sum of 5/- for cleaning up, etc., in respect of each Court held in Newtownmountkennedy; further, that he be paid a sum of 1/8 for cleaning up on each day the District Court Clerk attends in the Hall, Newtownmountkennedy, for the discharge of his duties; and that he be paid a sum of 5/- for cleaning up the Hall at the close of the periodical visit to Newtownmountkennedy made by the Inspector under the Weights and Measures Acts.

An application dated the 6th October, 1931, was received from Patrick Kinsella, Court-keeper, Baltinglass, for additional remuneration consequent upon the Court House being now used for the purpose of checking the accounts of the several Poor Rate Collectors in West Wicklow.

ORDER—The Committee recommend that Patrick Kinsella be paid a sum of £5 per annum as from the 1st October, 1931, for the extra duties which may devolve upon him as Courtkeeper consequent upon the Court house in Baltinglass been used by the Rate Inspector and the several Poor Rate Collectors for the purpose of checking the accounts of the latter.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The following letter was before the Committee.

AN GARDA SIOCHANA.

D.W. 3472/31.

Chief Superintendent's Office,
Bray,

16th September, 1931.

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

Re Weights and Measures Office, Wicklow.

A Chara,

The Weights and Measures Inspector at Wicklow reports that the Weights and Measures Office at Market Square, Wicklow, is in need of the following repairs:—

1. The plaster on the inside of the walls has commenced to crumble away with the result that mortar is constantly strewn about the floor and on top of the boxes, which contain delicate scales and valuable weights and measures. The walls would require to be stripped and re-plastered and painted.
2. The ceiling, like the wall plaster, has crumbled away, leaving a large

patch of ceiling lathes exposed. This is in a dangerous condition and may cause damage if not attended to.

3. There is no means of artificial lighting in the office and now, with the approach of the short evenings, work will have to be suspended early in the day for want of light. The house is already wired for electricity and it is recommended that Electric Light be installed.
4. An outlet pipe from water basin is required.
5. The firegrate is falling to pieces and would be required to be repaired or replaced.

I would be very grateful for the favour of your attention regarding these matters, please.

Mise, le meas.

W. STACK,

Chief Superintendent.

ORDER—County Surveyor to obtain and submit Tenders for what work he considers necessary.

The Secretary submitted a formal notice received by him from the Government Auditor of his intention to begin an Audit on Wednesday, the 18th November, 1931, of the Council's Accounts for the period ended on the 31st March, 1931.

Signed:— DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

23rd October, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " D Condren;

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

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John Dunne:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move that William O'Connor, Court House, Bray, be made a fair allowance for the extra duties he performs as Court-keeper, which duties could not have been anticipated when the Eight Pounds per annum salary for his position was fixed by Statute."

Proposed by Councillor John J Metcalfe;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That the Quarterly Transfers on Foot of Demands from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance be now signed.

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3.

The Adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, the 6th November, 1931.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor D H Haskins, Chairman;

Councillors William J Henry and Joseph Jacob.

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

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS—£2,121 2 3

The Secretary submitted, as usual, the Reports received from the

the Rate Inspectors following their checking of the Poor Rate Collectors' accounts.

Signed:— DAVID H. HASKINS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

6th November, 1931.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William J Henry;

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 FOLLOW:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Wm Henry;

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas amounting to £11,978 10s 7d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS.

Proposed by Councillor David H Haskins;

Seconded by " Joseph Jacob.

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals for Payments chargeable to the various areas amounting to £2,121 2d 3d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid.

PASSED.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " George Kearon;

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved:—That the applications for the refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed, and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

Passed.

There were no Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee for submission.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House,
WICKLOW.

16th November, 1931.

To/
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
Gentlemen.

As a result of the heavy floods in September, a series of

sudden damages occurred of which the most serious are:—

- (1) The Bridge at Lough Dan collapsed. A new bridge will be required and the probable cost will be about £1800 0s 0d. The sum of approximately £200 0s 0d will be expended in constructing the temporary bridge now nearly completed.
- (2) The undercutting of river bank on the road near Enniskerry, about £200 0s 0d may be required. Temporary work in hands will cost about £20 0s 0d.
- (3) Road surfaces cut and damaged:—

Glencree-Sallygap	No. 12.
Sallygap-Luggala	No. 37.
Glencree-Curtlestown	No. 11.
Onagh-Ballyreagh	No. 13.
Red Lane	No. 31.
Templecarrig Road	No. 28.
Ballyduff Road	No. 70.
Togherbeg-Glassnamullen	No. 36.
Athdown-Shankhill	No. 380.
Athdown-Tinode	No. 376.
Tinode Road	No. 384.
Brittas Kilbride	No. 388.
Ballyfolan Road	No. 381.
Gullet at Shankhill	

I am causing these roads to be repaired and the cost of same will be about £229 0s 0d.

I was compelled to issue 10-day notices and initiate legal proceedings against contractors and sureties on the followings roads:—

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Aughrim-Ballygobban | No. 137. |
| Three Wells Road | No. 146. |
| Ballinglen Bullockford | No. 134. |
| Sallygap Road | No. 37. |
| Togherbeg Road | No. 36. |
| Ballinastoe-Willow Grove | No. 39. |
| Corsilagh-Mount John | No. 62. |
| Kilcurra West-Clone | No. 197. |
| Killavenny Barnadown | No. 204. |
| Oake's X-Knockballystyne | No. 252. |
| Knockeen-Killinure | No. 253. |
| Knockeen-Ballyconnell | No. 254. |

I require your approval to this and authority to take further proceedings as may be required—said Roads being neglected and the terms of the contract not sufficiently complied with.

I submit a letter from Messrs Osborne & Brady, Ballyknockan, Blessington, in which they complain that the road at Ballyknockan is not suitable to their new lorry. The turn is a bad one, and it would be a useful work to have it eased—about £100 would be ample for this work.

Yours faithfully,
S G GALLAGHER.

ORDERS:—

Item Numbered 1—see Resolution passed at this Meeting.

Item numbered 2—see Resolution passed at this Meeting.
Item numbered 3—report approved, work to be carried out on roads enumerated—the total expenditure thereon not to exceed the sum of £229 0s 0d.

The County Surveyor's action in initiating proceedings against the Sureties for, and the accepted Contractors of, the twelve roads specified in the Report was approved and confirmed, and authority given for such further legal proceedings as may be required in these twelve cases. Last Paragraph—See resolution passed at this Meeting regarding the dangerous corner at Ballyknocken.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;
Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved:—That we hereby authorise and empower our County Surveyor to expend a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds in removing the dangerous corner at Ballyknocken so as to preserve the quarry industry at Ballyknocken at present so successfully worked by Messrs Osborne & Brady.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by " John Dunne;

Resolved:—That we hereby decide to raise loan of £8,000 over a period of ten years to be expended on (1) building the new Bridge required at Lough Dan; (2) undercutting of river bank at Enniskerry; (3) the battlements of Webb's Bridge, Arklow; (4) removing the dangerous turn on the Bray-Wicklow Road, known as Jameson's corner; (5) re-constructing Moneystown Bridge; (6) to improve the dangerous corner at Ballyknocken, known as Osborne's Corner; (7) improvement of Moneystown Lane; (8) the Lane in Coolroe Townland, called Cobler's Lane, to be widened so as to allow cars to pass each other; (9) repair Killahurley Bridge; (10) complete the re-construction of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road; and (11) to do many other useful and important works under consideration from time to time by this Council, thereby giving the employment so much needed in this County to prevent poverty and hardship at Christmas time.

After a prolonged discussion, a Vote was called for when it was found the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR THE MOTION:—Councillors D Condren, P Doyle, J McCreagh, T Weadick; D J Kehoe, L Moore, P P O'Reilly, E Byrne, J Dunne J J Redmond C M Byrne J Everett, T. D., J Jacob and T Mulcahy—14

AGAINST THE MOTION:—Councillors J J Bourne, M Fleming, J Kavanagh, G Kearon, W J Henry J J Metcalfe, Joseph Byrne, D Frame, G Heatley, and D H Haskins—10

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution PASSED by 14 Votes to 10.

Proposed by Councillor P P O'Reilly;
Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Surveyor to re-

pair, and put into good order, the six gulleets broken on the road from Lacken to Ballyknocken on the 12th November, 1931—these works to be treated as Sudden Damages.

Passed.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANTS 1932-1933.

A protracted discussion took place on the following letter, which was read by the Secretary:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
RGM/201/31 (Roads),
Custom House,
DUBLIN.

30th October, 1931.

Main Road Upkeep Grants 1932-1933.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that County Councils would do well to take an early opportunity to frame estimates of the sums which they are likely to allow for the upkeep respectively of (a) Main Roads and (b) County Roads for the financial year 1932-33. On particulars of these estimates being furnished to this Department, the Minister will have them examined and he will then indicate, as soon as practicable, what upkeep grant, if any, can be made. Upkeep Grants are calculated by reference to the amounts finally passed by County Councils, so that if Grants are to be notified early the figures supplied should correspond as nearly as possible with the final figures. In furnishing particulars of the estimates, the requirements in regard to the upkeep of Main Roads in the Urban Areas of the County should be borne in mind.

2. Provided the estimates of the Council show that a reasonable sum is proposed for the upkeep of all roads, the Upkeep Grant for 1932-33 will be calculated on the basis of 40% of the sum proposed.

(3) In dealing with their estimates, Councils, subject to what is stated in the preceding paragraph, are to assume that the total sum provided in their Road Works Scheme is relieved to the extent of the Grant. In other words, the Grant is to be taken in as a credit and is not to form the basis of a supplementary Scheme after it is notified.

Mise, le meas,

E P McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary to each
County Council.

ORDER—Consideration adjourned to the Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th December, 1931, at which Meeting Members of the Deputation would report the main points of the discussion which took place recently in the Office of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The following Notice of Motion on the Agenda standing in the name of Councillor James McCreagh was withdrawn with the Council's permission:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting that this Council raise a sum of £500 by way of loan, provided the L.G.D. put up a similar sum, to complete the re-construction of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road."

The Council adjourned to their next Meeting consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor James McCreagh:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, that the Council again consider the question of taking over the quarries and supplying stones for all roads (contract or otherwise) for which quarry stones are required."

The Council had before them a Resolution from the Arklow Development Committee regarding the necessity of opening up the Coast Road between Wicklow and Arklow, particularly that portion between Sallymount Turn and Ardinary.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A communication was submitted from Major E H C Wellesley, Bromley, Kilpedder, drawing attention to the state of the footpath between Kilpedder and the Glen of the Downs.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A Memorial, together with letters from the Rev J Somers, C.C., Tinahely, calling attention to the condition of the piece of road that leads past the gate of the Catholic Church at Crossbridge, which is in urgent need of improvement and steamrolling, were considered.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter from Mrs M Walsh, Sleemane, Roundwood, in which she complained of her lands being flooded by water from the Public Road, was read.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

The Council referred to the County Surveyor a communication from Mr H Peet, Glenbrook, Delgany, directing attention to the condition of the hills on the Delgany-Prety Bush Road, between Glenbrook and Delgany.

An application from Mr Henry Webster for compensation for land used in improving the corner at the cross-roads at Blainroe Upper, was considered.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A communication was submitted from Captain J O Adair, Ballynoe, Tullow—Agent for the Marquis of Waterford—pointing out the urgent need for a foot-bridge over the King's River, near Granabeg School.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A Memorial from the Ratepayers in the Stratford Post Office District was submitted in which the Council's attention was drawn to the condition of the road leading from Stratford Cross to the Post Office, which, it was stated, was a danger to the Public.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued to each Member of the Council on the 12th September, 1931, under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That the County Council approves of the application by the Board of Health for a loan of £1,300 for the provision of a Water Supply at Windgates.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary having read the Special Notice issued to each Member of the Council on the 12th September, 1931, under Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, in accordance with Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That the County Council approves of the application by the Board of Health for a loan of £2,800 for the purpose of carrying out extensions of the water supply and sewerage systems at Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

COW PARK AT BALLYMARROGUE, KILQUIGGAN.

The Secretary read the following letter:—

Kilquiggan,
Coolkenno,
Tullow,
9-11-31.

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

Dear Sir,

The users of Kilquiggan Cow Park, of which your Council is Trustee of

same, are very dissatisfied by the wire fence that has been erected for Mr Byrne's convenience, for where it is placed it leaves it impossible to get to turf on Hill, and also divides the grazing and leaves it inconvenient for stock to get from one portion of the land to the other.

They beg to ask your Council to receive a Deputation at the next Meeting. There is also a matter of £30 which was to be spent to repair a road to tillage right, to know how that money has been spent.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Richard Candy,
Sec. Cow Park Committee.

Proposed by Councillor James McCreagh;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That having regard to the representations made to this Council as to the fencing of the lands used as a Cow Park at Ballymarrogue, Kilquiggan, which fencing, it has been stated, consists of broken cement standards, held in their places by wooden supports, we hereby call upon the Irish Land Commission to have these statements investigated, and if they be founded on fact, to have the fence re-erected in a proper manner; and, further, that the position of the new road through the Park be re-considered—as the road contemplated is impassable owing to its gradient.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " J Byrne;

Resolved—That J P O'Donnell, Coolawinna, Rathnew, be co-opted in the place of the late William Byrne, Coolbeg.

Passed.

DAIL EIREANN,
Leinster House,
DUBLIN,
22-10-31.

A Chara,

I regret that owing to urgent business in the Dail I am unable to be present at the Proposals Meeting to be held to-morrow.

Had I been present it was my intention to press that a Meeting of the Council should be held to deal with the many urgent and important matters awaiting decision of the Council. You, I am certain, have received many important letters of public importance, and Wicklow County Council seems alone the only Council that have not dealt with them. Again, take the case of past Procedure, where correspondence is always taken at end of meeting, when many members have to leave for home a full discussion is not then taken. At last Meeting that very important letter requesting the Council to appoint representatives to attend commission on Tariffs on Oats, this was taken when the majority of the members had left, therefore the members interested had no opportunity of discussing it. I must request that all correspondence received between meetings should be the first item on the Agenda in future.

Again take the position of the County Roads and Bridges as a result of recent floods, no meetings held, and members have no official knowledge what action, if any, have been taken to repair same.

Almost every other County Council holds meetings every two weeks or monthly, and I consider that with the amount of correspondence received in your office that we should hold meetings more frequently, and not place responsibility on Officials for replies and decisions without the Authority of the Councils. Take the case of unemployment in the County, and the preparations necessary for Xmas work. This important matter alone should receive the immediate attention of the Council, and I must ask you to be good enough to request

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the Chairman to convene a special Meeting to deal with the necessary and urgent matters awaiting decision of the Council.

Misc.
(Signed) JAMES EVERETT, M.C.C.
P T Healy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Co. Council,
WICKLOW.

After considerable discussion it seemed to be the general feeling of the Members present that the Administrative business of the Council should not require more than eight or nine meetings in the course of any one year.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That our Secretary be instructed to prepare and post to each Councillor an abstract of all correspondence which it is intended to submit to a meeting of this Council, and towards that end we direct that no correspondence be brought before a meeting which has not been received by our Secretary in time to be included in the printed abstract for that meeting, except very urgent matters—to be decided by the Chairman.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D Frame;

Seconded by " D H Haskins;

Resolved—That this Meeting stands adjourned at 5.15 p.m. to-day until Monday, the 7th December, 1931, to consider the balance of the Agenda unconsidered to-day—together with such other items of business as may require attention.

Passed unanimously.

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7th December, 1931

The Adjourned Autumn Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 7th December, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor C M Byrne, Chairman;
Councillors James Crea, Denis Condren, Laurence Moore, James Everett, T.D.; John Dunne, J J Redmond, E Byrne, Patrick Doyle, T Weadick, D H Haskins, J P O'Donnell, Joseph Byrne, J J Bourne, George Kearon, James Kavanagh, George Heatley, William J Henry, J J Metcalfe, M Fleming, P P O'Reilly, John W Ryan and Daniel J Kehoe.

EB
BUSINESS.

1. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking to be supplied with an estimate of the sums which the Council are likely to allow for the upkeep, respectively, of (a) Main Roads; (b) County Roads, for the financial year 1932/33, so that he may be in a position to indicate what upkeep Grant, if any, can be made on a basis of 40% of the total estimated sums to be expended.
2. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James McCrea:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, that the Council again consider the question of taking over the quarries and supplying stones for all roads (contract and otherwise) for which quarry stones are required."
3. To hear the views of the deputation who waited on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the Council's claim for additional Grants for the improvement and maintenance of roads in County Wicklow.
4. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £8,000 with a view to providing work for the unemployed.
5. To consider a communication from Mr D O'Driscoll, Rathnew, complaining of the condition of the roads in and about the village of Rathnew.
6. To consider letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the necessity for complying with Regulations 7 and 12 of the Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926.
7. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Denis Condren:—"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council that the Poundage to be allowed Collector Mr J Roche for his Collection Districts Nos. 12 and 14 be the same as that allowed to every other Poor Rate Collector in the County, namely, sevenpence in the £."
8. To consider communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to appoint Mr John O'Rourke as Clerk in their Offices.

9. To consider a Resolution from the County Library Committee advocating the appointment of Mr Daniel Doyle as Clerk in the Council's Offices.
10. To consider letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the proposal of the Council to accept a Tender for County Printing which was not the lowest received.
11. To execute the Mortgage required by the Council's Treasurer in connection with the loan of £1,358 made by the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow Branch, to the Council.
12. To receive and consider Report from the Councillors who were present when the lands at Ballymarroge, Kilquiggan were handed over by the Representative of the Land Commission to the prospective users of such lands.
13. To re-consider the conditions regarding the proposed appointment of a Solicitor to the Council, and to receive a report from the recent deputation to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in that connection.
14. To consider letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the procedure to be adopted in making the proposed appointment of Rate Inspector, and to make formal application to the Local Appointments Commissioners for the selection of a suitable person.
15. To pass a Resolution, on the expiry of the probationary period, ratifying and confirming the permanent appointment of Miss H A McDer-mott as Courtkeeper for Wicklow Courthouse premises.
16. To confirm the temporary appointment of Mr John Sheehan as Rate Inspector in the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District during the illness of his father, Mr P W Sheehan.
17. To consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the Council's proposal to grant a bonus to each Rate Collector for loss of emoluments due to the reduction of rates by reason of the Additional Agricultural Grant received during the financial year 1931-'32.
18. To appoint a Member on the Finance Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. William Byrne, Coolbeg.
19. To fill a vacancy on Arklow Old Age Pension sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr T Birthistle.
20. To fill 2 vacancies on the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr P O'Toole, and the non-attendance of Miss A Griffin, Clonroe, Enniskerry.
21. To fill a vacancy on the Wicklow Old Age Pension sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr William Byrne.
22. To fill a vacancy on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board caused by the death of Mr William Byrne.
23. To execute an Agreement in connection with the setting up of a Pound in Carnew.
24. To appoint Guard Thomas Landon as Food and Drugs Inspector or to replace Guard James Conway who has been transferred.
25. To appoint Sergeant J P Croke as Food and Drugs Inspector at Roundwood to replace Sergeant P Mahony, transferred.
26. To consider an inquiry from the Irish Tourist Association if the Council is agreeable to authorise that body to publish its Official Guide.
27. To consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, and drawing the Council's attention to certain important provisions thereof.
28. To consider a further letter from the Irish Tourist Association asking if the Council is willing to enter into an agreement with the Association in regard to expenditure of the amount included in estimates for the current year for Tourist Advertising purposes, and enclosing relative extracts from the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.
29. To re-consider the application of Mrs Josephine Ahern, Railway Hotel, Arklow, to be allowed to purchase portion of the lands attaching to the Court House, Arklow.
30. To consider applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
31. To consider a notification from Mr J Keenan, Roundwood, that he is applying to the Garda Síochána to inspect a building in Roundwood which he proposes to use as a Cinema.
32. To re-consider letter from the Department of Agriculture suggesting that the Council should make certain Regulations controlling the cleansing and disinfecting of markets, etc., under the provisions of the Animals (Transit and General) (Ireland) Order, 1931.
33. To nominate a representative on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association for the period ending 31st March, 1932.
34. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John Dunne:—
"I hereby give notice that I or some Councillor for me, will move that William O'Connor, Court House, Bray, be made a fair allowance for the extra duties he performs as Court House Keeper, which duties could not have been anticipated when the Eight Pounds per annum salary for his position was fixed by Statute."
35. To review the Personal Fidelity Bonds issued by certain of the Council's Poor Rate Collectors with a view to deciding that the Sureties submitted continue to be satisfactory.
36. To make arrangements for receiving, considering and accepting Tenders for Road Contracts, and for the confirmation and sealing of such Contracts prior to the 1st April, 1932.
37. To re-consider correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and County Committee of Agriculture, forwarded with a view to the improvement of the present position with regard to Sheep Scab and Sheep Dipping in the County.
38. To receive Minutes of Monthly Meetings of County Wicklow Library Committee.
39. To consider County Analyst's Report.
40. To received from Mr J T O'Byrne, B.E., the Ballinamona, Ballinapark and Dunganstown Minor Drainage Scheme, duly supported by

all the documents required by Section 7 of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Scheme) Act, 1928.

41. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
42. To receive Reports from County Officers.
43. To consider Official Correspondence.
44. To consider General Correspondence.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House,
WICKLOW.
7th December, 1931.

To/
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I regret to report a series of Sudden Damages owing to the floods on the 23rd ultimo.

1. The undermentioned roads were damaged —

- No. 269, Talbotstown-Killaleah,
" 271, Barraderry-Talbotstown,
" 280, Carrigeen-Belan St., Baltinglass,
" 288, Baltinglass-Ballycore,
" 289/290 Tuckmill-Baltinglass,
" 295, Kylebeg-Davidstown,
" 296, Knockaderry-Davidstown,
" 300, Tuckmill-Ballyhook,
" 302, Rathbrann-Kilruddery,
" 307, Knockadoo-Dunlavin,
" 310, Dunlavin-Griffinstown,
" 317, Merginstown-Donard,
" 320, Castleruddery-Donard Mountain,
" 322, Donard Mountain-Davidstown,
" 336, Cryhelp-Dunlavin,
" 341, Mullica-Dragon Hill,
" 348, Coonmore-Lugglass,
" 349, Coonmore-Treher Brook.

The probable cost of repairing the above roads will be about £130 0s 0d., and the work is in progress.

I shall be glad to have your formal sanction to this work.

2. The Bridge Approach walls were damaged at Whitestown-Fortgranite and in Baltinglass. The probable cost of the repairs will be about £20 0s 0d., but until the debris is cleared away the exact amount cannot be ascertained.

3. Nothing has been done in connection with the turning of water on to the County Road at Coolmadra, reported to you on the 21st May last, the result is that the road is severely damaged and I strongly advise you to direct your Law Agent to at once take proceedings.

4. I have received a letter from the Minister for Local Government stating that the work at Newtownmountkennedy turns referred to at the

Deputation to the Minister last month, under the exceptional circumstances may be proceeded with and charged against the future Road Grants. I am prepared to start this work at once and probable cost will be about £580 0s 0d.

5. I understand that a sum of not exceeding £3000 0s 0d may be expended on preparing metal for roads in anticipation of next year's Road Maintenance. I am preped to start men in (1) Blessington, (2) Merginstown, (3) Carrigower, (4) Tober, (5) Raheen, (6) Holdenstown, (7) Tuckmill, (8) Kilmagig, (9) Troy's Quarry, (10) Three Walls, (11) Coolroe, (12) Ballymoyle Pit, (13) Tomacork, (14) Clash, (15) Ardoyne, (16) Killpoole, (17) Ballylusk, (18) Carrigmore, (19) Glen of Downs, (20) Mullinaveigue, (21) Windgates, (22) Rocky Valley, (23) Kilcool, and (24) Ballyrahan

Yours faithfully,

S G GALLAGHER.

ORDERS—Paragraph 1—Approved and confirmed, expenditure not to exceed £150.

Paragraph 2—Expenditure not exceeding £20 sanctioned.

Paragraph 3—Law Agent to take proceedings if parties concerned do not mutually agree within one month to remove the water let out on the road.

Paragraph 4—Expenditure not exceeding £580 approved and sanctioned.

Paragraph 5—£3,000 expenditure in anticipation of the financial year 1932-'33 is hereby approved, and County Surveyor's recommendations sanctioned.

Order of employment to be as follows—

1. Married men with dependents, able-bodied men in receipt of Home Assistance, and men living in Board of Health Cottages
2. Unmarried men with dependents.
3. In no circumstances are two men out of the one house to be employed.

4. The rule regarding Insurance Cards is to be strictly enforced.

The Council again considered the communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 30th October, 1931, No RGM/201/31 (which letter appears in full on page 13 of the printed Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th August, 1931), asking to be supplied with an estimate of the sums which the Council are likely to allow for the upkeep of respectively (a) Main Roads and (b) County Roads for the financial year 1932-'33, so that he may be in a position to indicate what upkeep Grant can be made in respect of that year.

After considerable discussion the Council adjourned further consideration of the Minister's letter to the Provisional Roads Works Scheme Meeting.

Consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor James McCrea on the Agenda was further adjourned.

"That I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council, that the Council again consider the question of taking over the quarries and supplying stones for all roads (contract or otherwise) for which quarry stones are required."

The Chairman reported the views of the Deputation who waited

on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the Council's claim for additional grants for the improvement and maintenance of roads in County Wicklow, after which the following communication was discussed.

Department of Local Government & Public Health,
(Roads)

Custom House,
DUBLIN.

R/RB/33. 26th November, 1931.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 17th instant, with enclosure, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the proposal of Wicklow County Council to raise a loan of £8,000 for expenditure on certain named and unnamed works does not commend itself to the Minister. With the exception of Lough Dan Bridge and the reconstruction of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road, the works proposed are such as should be done out of revenue, provided they are otherwise in order. Having regard to the season the two first mentioned works should be deferred for inclusion in the Roads Works Scheme 1932-'33.

As the Council's intention is to provide immediate work, the Minister thinks the Council might act upon the suggestion made to the Deputation recently interviewed at this Department, viz., the provision of a stock of materials over the county for next year's work. Provided such work could be economically carried out, expenditure up to £3,000 might be incurred.

Mise, le meas,
E P McCARRON.
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
County Council,
Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne,
Seconded by " E Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 26th November, 1931, (ref No. R/RB/33) we hereby rescind the Resolution passed by this Council at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 16th November, 1931, in which it was proposed to raise a loan of £8,000 for expenditure on certain named and unnamed works, and in replacement of that proposal we now decide to expend the sum of £3,000 in different parts of the County Wicklow (selected and set out by the County Surveyor in his Report to this Meeting) in making provision of a stock of materials for next year's work of Main Road Maintenance, and the Secretary is hereby instructed to include the said sum of £3,000 in this Council's Estimates for the service of the financial year 1932-'33, and, further, we direct the County Surveyor to embody in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1932-'33, the

building of the Bridge required at Lough Dan, the re-construction of the Carnew-Shillelagh Road, and such of the other works enumerated in the Council's Resolution above-referred-to as may be legally incorporated in the Scheme.

PASSED.

A communication dated the 24th November, 1931, was submitted from Mr. D O'Driscoll, Rathnew, in which he complained of the condition of the roads in the village of Rathnew.

ORDER—£50 to be expended by the County Surveyor.

The Secretary read the following communication from the Very Rev. F E O'Loughlin, P. P., Parochial House, Vallemount.
Parochial House,
Vallemount,
Co. Wicklow.
7th Dec., 1931.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I regret exceedingly that owing to Parochial duties I am unable to to accompany some of my principal Parishioners on this Deputation regarding the steam-rolling of the Main Road from Blessington to the P.O., Vallemount. I am writing this letter to show my sympathy and whole-hearted support of the object of this Deputation.

Words of mine fail to describe the awful condition of the said road. To have any idea of its condition it would be necessary either to drive a motor or a bicycle over it. To my mind it seems a miracle that up to this no accident has happened owing to the ruts, pot-holes, and boulders that dot the five mile track, for in some places it cannot be called a road.

I respectfully urge the Council to give a very careful hearing to the Deputation and to come to the decision to take in hands the steam-rolling of this road, and expend some of the money which as ratepayers and motorists the members of the Deputation and myself contribute to the upkeep of the roads in West Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

F. E. O'LOUGHLIN, P.P.

The Deputation consisted of James Quinn, Merchant, Vallemount, James Mahon, Merchant and Postmaster, Vallemount, and James Osborne Ballyknockan, representing the firm of Osborne & Brady, Quarry Owners, Ballyknockan, appeared and informed the Council that if immediate steps were not taken to have the road referred to in Father O'Loughlin's letter improved by steam-rolling there was a grave risk that the Ballyknockan Quarries would have to be closed down, as a consequence of which between 150 and 250 people depending upon this last surviving industry in County Wicklow would be left without any means of support.

Proposed by Councillor William J Henry,
Seconded by " P P O'Reilly.

Resolved—That we hereby call upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health again to classify the road from Blessington to Vallemount as a Main Road, and to give a grant for its improvement from the Road Fund, so as to preserve the Quarrying Industry at Ballyknockan, which we learn to-day from a representative Deputation, is faced with the possibility of having to close down because the above road has now reached the condition of being almost impassable, and that the following members of this Council be hereby delegated to wait upon the Minister, accompanied by the Members of the Deputation who waited upon us to-day and the Members of the Dail for the

County, with our County Surveyor, to emphasise the stern necessity for immediate action in this connection.

Councillor C M Byrne Chairman,
Councillors P P O'Reilly,
John J Metcalfe,
W J Henry,
D J Kehoe,
Laurence Moore,
Major C O Mitchell,

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Kavanagh,
Seconded by " J J Bourne.

Resolved—That the question of removing the very dangerous corner at Ballishal be embodied by our County Surveyor in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year 1932-'33.

PASSED.

The Secretary read a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 24th November, 1931, No. R/RB/33 requesting to be furnished with plans etc., in relation to the proposed new Bridge at Lough Dan.

ORDER—Plans etc. to be prepared and submitted to the Department by the County Surveyor.

A letter dated the 22nd November, 1931, was submitted from Mr Cecil West, Burnaby Lodge, Greystones, complaining of the condition of the roads in the Graystones District, and asking the Council to remedy same.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A communication dated the 27th November, 1931, from Messrs. Norris Goddard & Coulter, Solicitors, 30 Upper Merrion St., Dublin, alleging that property of their client—Mrs Goddard—in the village of Donard, has been flooded as a result of a shore underneath the road being choked, was considered.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated the 1st December, 1931, from H G Donnelly, Solicitor, 50 Duke Street, Athy, in which it was alleged that the premises of his client—Mrs McDonald—at Chapel Hill, Balinglars, have been flooded owing to the condition of a shore outside, was submitted.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

Letters dated the 30th November, and 1st December, 1931, were submitted from Mr H Peet, Glenbrook, Delgany, complaining of the condition of the Delgany—Prettybush Road.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

The Council considered a letter dated 2nd December, 1931, from Mr J E S Muleahy-Morgan, Innismore, Delgany, again calling attention to the condition of the Delgany-Kilcoole road.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted a communication dated the 4th December, 1931, from Miss A K S Deverell, B.L., Ellesmere, Greystones, in which it was stated that the Bray-Windgate road was in a disgraceful condition.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A Memorial was handed in by Councillor John J Redmond also directing the Council's attention to the disgraceful condition of the Bray-Windgate road.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A letter dated the 4th December, 1931, from Brown & McCann, Solicitors, 23 Angelsea Street, Dublin, alleging that the lands of their client, Mr John O'Gorman, Dunlavin, have been flooded, the flooding being caused by the action of the Council's employees in opening holes in the ditch and allowing road surface water to flow over the land, was read.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A communication dated the 3rd December, 1931, from William Long, and Phelim Cleary—on behalf of forty unemployed in the Aughrim District—appealing to be provided with work to tide them over Christmas, was considered.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

The Council had before them a communication dated the 5th December, 1931, from Mr R K A Kennedy, Lakeen, Shillelagh, conditionally offering the use of his quarry for the supply of road-making material.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A communication dated the 5th December, 1931, was received from Dr. W G Lyons, Balinglars, recommending that the Council consider the condition of the laneway from Rathmore to Tinoran, which he states is appalling.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor.

A communication dated the 28th October, 1931 (Ref. No. R/IR/39) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding Regulations 7 and 12 of the Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926, was before the Council.

ORDER—The provision of such Direction and Danger Signs as are required in the County to be included in the Provisional Roads Works Scheme by the County Surveyor.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was

Proposed by Councillor D Condren;
Seconded by " George Kearon;

Resolved—That the Poundage to be allowed to Collector M J Roche for his Collection Districts Nos. 12 and 14 be the same as that allowed to every other Poor Rate Collector in the County, namely, sevenpence in the £, as from this date.

PASSED.

The Council referred to the Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee the following letter received from Collector James J Jacob:—

RATHNEW,
7th December, 1931.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my Poundage on current half-year's Rates, I consider it very hard on myself and other Collectors who have been paid at 6d. in the £—a deduction of 1d. in the £. I did my utmost, as I am sure, every other Collector did, to close within the time appointed, but considering the very difficult times, I could only succeed in doing so a month later. I would be glad if you will let this matter go forward at Meeting on to-day.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES JACOB,

ORDER—Referred to Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee.
CLERKSHIP.

The Council proceeded to consider and discuss the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,
G.70982/1931, Custom House,
Wicklow County, DUBLIN,
3rd September, 1931.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant relative to the result of the recent examination for clerkships in the service of Wicklow County Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is to be regretted that there should have been any element of indefiniteness in the conduct of the examination.

The advertisement stated that the subjects mentioned were deemed to be essential and it now appears that a number of prospective candidates did not attend the examination owing to lack of knowledge of one of these essential subjects, viz., shorthand. The candidate who obtained first place in the

examination did not secure any marks in that subject and in view of the specific terms of the advertisement the Council's Law Agent advised that this candidate was ineligible for appointment. Messrs O'Connor and King who secured the next two places acquitted themselves creditably in all subjects and the Minister sanctions their appointments on the terms proposed. Copies of the forms of queries and delarations in these cases are returned.

While the terms of the advertisement did not bind the Council to make appointments as the result of the examination it appears clear that the intention was that no candidate would be appointed who not did satisfy the Council concerning his knowledge of the essential subjects. In these circumstances the Council should further consider the filling of the third vacancy and in this connection the enclosed letter received from the candidate who secured fourth place should receive attention.

Mise, le meas,
E P McCARRON,
Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

The Secretary read to the Meeting the following accompanying original letter addressed by the candidate Daniel Doyle, of 4 Lower New Street, Wicklow, to the Secretary of the Department:—

4 Lower New Street,
WICKLOW,
9th September, 1931.

A Chara,
As you will see from the Minutes of Wicklow County Council, that Body at their Meeting on the 31st August appointed Mr O'Rourke, Carnew, and Mr King, Wicklow, to fill the vacancies on the clerical staff.

The County Council decided to make the appointments on the result of public examination. At the suggestion of your Department, Shorthand and Typewriting were made essential subjects for examination. The result of the examination was—Mr O'Rourke, 1st; Mr King, 2nd; and myself, 3rd. Mr O'Rourke, however, did not receive any marks for Shorthand. The County Secretary explained the position to the Council, reminded them of their Resolution and of the terms of the Advertisement.

The Law Agent advised the Council that, as Mr O'Rourke had failed in an essential subject, he had not qualified in the examination. However, he was appointed and given six months to learn Shorthand.

Mr O'Rourke having failed to qualify my name came next on the list and therefore I claim one of the vacant positions.

Trusting you will give this matter your consideration.

Is mise, le meas,
DANIEL DOYLE,

An Runaidhe,
Roinn Rialtais Aitiula,
Baile Atha Cliath.

The Secretary further submitted the following resolution forwarded to the Council by the County Wicklow Central Library Committee in support of the candidate, Mr Daniel Doyle:—

"That we, the County Wicklow Central Library Committee, having heard that Mr D Doyle is a candidate for a Clerkship in the County Council Offices, most respectfully commend Mr Doyle's candidature to the notice of the County Council and we have pleasure in testifying to his attainments and experience for the position. Six years ago Mr Doyle was appointed as Assistant County Librarian here by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. Later he was re-appointed by the County Council and confirmed by the Local Government Department. In 1929 he was appointed Acting County Librarian and was unanimously recommended by the County Council for the permanent position of County Librarian. After having acquitted himself with success at several Com-

mercial and other examinations held under the Department of Education he finally took Matriculation at the National University. For the past six years Mr Doyle has proved himself a most efficient, capable and reliable Officer of this Committee, which being a statutory Committee of the County Council, gives the opportunity of Office experience similar to that which obtains in all other Public Offices under the County Council. His work in this department which included shorthand, typewriting, accountancy and office organisation was characterised by constant ability, initiative, resourcefulness and untiring energy and certainly showed distinct promise of a brilliant career.

Though we would regret to lose Mr Doyle's services, in justice we recommend his candidature to the favourable consideration of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor James McCrea;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That in view of the previous decision of this Council to appoint Mr John O'Rourke as Clerk in our Office we refuse to reconsider the matter.

A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follow:—

FOR THE RESOLUTION—Councillors J J Bourne, D Condren, P Doyle, M Fleming, J Kavanagh, J McCrea, W J Henry, J J Metcalfe, Laurence Moore, P P O'Reilly, G Heatley, J J Redmond, C M Byrne—13.

AGAINST—Councillors G Kearon, T Weadick, D J Kehoe, E Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Dunne, J W Ryan, J Everett, T.D., and D H Haskins—9.

Councillor John P O'Donnell explained to the Meeting that he did not propose to exercise his vote, as he was not a Member of the Council or present at any of the previous Meetings of the Council at which this matter was under discussion.

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution to have been passed by Thirteen Votes to Nine against.

PRINTING CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1934.

The following letter was considered:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

G.68306/31,
Cill Mhanntain.

Custom House,
DUBLIN,

12adh Meadhon Foghmar, 1931.

A Chara,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant regarding the tenders for printing considered by the Council at their meeting on the 31st ultimo and to state that this is a matter which the Council must decide on their own

responsibility and be prepared, in due course to justify any action taken to the Auditor.

Mise, le meas,
G M HICKEY,
a.s.Runaidhe.

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

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

Resolved—That, having considered the letter dated the 12th September, 1931, No.G.68306/1931, Cill Mhanntain, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, regarding the Council's proposal to accept the tender of the County Printing Works Ltd., Wicklow, for printing, etc., for three years commencing the 1st October, 1931, for the annual sum of £387-15s-3d., notwithstanding the fact that a lower tender from the Athlone Printing Works Co. Ltd., Athlone, for the annual sum of £329-10s., had been received, we hereby reject the Tender from the County Printing Works Ltd., Wicklow, and accept, as from this date, the Tender of the Athlone Printing Works Company Ltd., for printing and supplying all books, forms notices, etc., required between this date and the 30th September, 1934, on the basis of the prices incorporated in the tender received from that Company, that Company in their letter dated the 27th October, 1931, having stated that they are prepared to accept and agree to this proposal.

As an Amendment it was
Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne,
Seconded by " D H Haskins.

Resolved—That we hereby re-affirm the decision of this Council made at our August Quarterly Meeting accepting the tender of the County Printing Works Ltd., Wicklow for supplying, printing and binding, etc., of all printing required by our Offices during the period ending 31st March, 1934, at the figure in that tender, namely, £387-15s-3d., notwithstanding that the tender was not the lowest received, and we do so for the reason already set forth in our previous resolution.

The Secretary, discharging the duty imposed on him by Section 61, Sub-section 2, of the Local Act, 1925, made objection to the acceptance of the higher Tender of the County Printing Works, Ltd., Wicklow, which, he pointed out, was £58 5s-3d per annum higher than the tender of the Athlone Printing Works Co. Ltd., and that, as a loss is likely to result in or to the funds of the Council, he would require the names of the Members present and voting for, and against the Amendment.

A Vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follow—

FOR THE AMENDMENT—Councillors J McCrea, T Weadick, D J Kehoe, Laurence Moore, Edward Byrne, John Dunne, John J Redmond, C M Byrne, John P O'Donnell, J Everett, T.D., and D H Haskins—11

AGAINST—Councillors J J Bourne, P Doyle, M Fleming, G Kearon, W J Henry, Joseph Byrne, and G Heatley—7.

The Amendment was thereupon put to the Meeting by the Chairman and declared to have been passed by eleven votes to seven.

The Chairman declared the original Motion to have been lost Seven having voted for it and Eleven Against.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming,
Seconded by " William Henry.

Resolved—That pursuant to letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 24th August, 1931, the sum of £4,258 be borrowed from the

National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, for the purpose, (1) of defraying £2,262 being a proportion of the amount due by the Council to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee for arrears of salaries and wages due to the Officers of the Mental Hospital, and, (2) of defraying £1,996 being proportion of the liability of the Council to Louth County Council on the separation of County Louth from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee, both said sums to be repaid within five years with interest at the rate of one-half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate varying subject to a minimum of 4% per annum as in said letter of sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan.

PASSED. REPORT RE COW PARK AT BALLYMARROGE, KILQUIGGAN.

The undermentioned Councillors met this 21st day of September, 1931, Mr W R Bastow, Surveyor, Irish Land Commission on the above lands which we saw formally handed over to the users thereof.

The following are the names and addresses of the parties who propose to use the lands:—

	For Grazing Purposes.
Richard Candy, Kilquiggan,	3 Collop.
James Connolly, Killabeg,	3 "
Patrick Ryan, Quigginroe,	3 "
Robert Byrne, Killabeg,	4 "
James Neill, Kilquiggan,	4 "
Henry Ryan, "	8 "
Matthew Tallon, Killabeg,	1 "
Matthew Bolger, Quigginroe,	1 Donkey
Patrick Conron, Laragh,	3 Collop
Michael Conron, Kilquiggan,	3 "
Mrs Conron, Ballymarroge,	3 "
James Bowes, Kilquiggan,	1 "
Patrick Conroy, "	1 Donkey
Mrs O'neagh, "	1 " and 2 Goats
Frank Nolan, "	3 Collop
Harry Nolan, Laragh,	1 "
P Horan, Killabeg,	1 "

As Arable Land.

Robert Byrne, Killabeg,
Richard Candy, Kilquiggan,
Patrick Ryan, Quigginroe,
Michael Condron, Kilquiggan,
Patrick Condron, Laragh,
James Neill, Kilquiggan,
James Connolly, Killabeg,
Henry Ryan, Kilquiggan,
Matthew Tallon, Killabeg.

We have arranged that one of the above users, Mr R Candy, of Kilquiggan, Tullow, Co Carlow, shall, from time to time, report to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, the extent to which each of the above uses the lands and such persons liability therefor (as mutually arranged between the users), and, further, shall collect from such users from time to time sufficient monies to meet the Demands from the Irish Land Commission and from Wicklow County Council in respect of Rates.

SIGNED. M FLEMING, Councillor.

JAMES MCCREA "
PATRICK DOYLE "
JAMES EVERETT "

ORDER—Approved and confirmed.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL.

The Council, having considered at great length the correspondence which had passed with the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with this matter, it was

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " E Byrne;

Resolved—That in accordance with the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (dated the 3rd November, 1931, No. G.69849/1931, Cill Mhanntain) we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend to this Council a suitable person for appointment to the part-time, non-pensionable position of Solicitor to Wicklow County Council, at an annual salary of £600 (of which sum the County Board of Health and Public Assistance shall recoup £300 per annum to the Council) and we hereby decide that the conditions imposed in the Minister's letter dated the 29th May, 1931, No. G.26885/1931, Cill Mhanntain, with those already approved, shall govern the appointment, and shall be incorporated in the Form No. 111, above-referred-to by our Chairman and Secretary, as follows:—

Name of Local Authority—Wicklow County Council.

Title of Office to be filled—Solicitor to Wicklow County Council.

Date on which Office becomes vacant or is created.

Nature of duties (short description)

Age Limit

General qualifications.

Special qualifications (if any)

Is a competent knowledge of oral Irish considered essential?

Salary (or scale of salary, stating increments, if any), and whether bonus is payable in addition.

Does the post include a residence?

(If so, state particulars)

Is the Office pensionable?

Is it part-time or whole-time?

Is security required to be given by the person appointed?

Office rendered vacant by the death of the previous Solicitor on the 8th April, 1930.

To discharge all duties of a legal character of any nature whatsoever entrusted to him by the County Council, by any Committee of the County Council, and by the Boards of Health and Public Assistance.

Minimum age fixed at thirty years. The candidate to be appointed must be a practising Solicitor and must possess such legal qualifications as will enable him to efficiently discharge all the legal duties of his position as Solicitor to the County Council.

The candidate to be appointed must be a practising Solicitor with not less than five years experience on the 1st January, 1931, and must be a Solicitor resident in Wicklow Town.

No.

£600 per annum of which £300 is to be recouped to the County Council by the Board of Health and Public Assistance.

The Salary shall cover all office and minor expenditure such as for stationery, postage, etc., as well as travelling or subsistence expenses in cases in the local Courts, all costs recovered in such cases shall be lodged to credit of the County Council, or the Board of Health and Public Assistance as the case may be.

The salary shall not include out-of-pocket expenses such as for stamp duties, and Counsel's fees when the engagement of Counsel has received the consent of the Local Authority and shall not include travelling and subsistence in connection with any case which may involve attendance in Dublin on High Court business. Such expenses as may be claimed shall be properly vouched at least once each half year.

The salary shall cover attendance at meetings of any of the Public Bodies concerned, if and when required.

No bonus is payable.

No.

No.

Part-time, but the person appointed must always give the County Council's business priority of claim on his time.

No.

PASSED.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE INSPECTOR.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated the 17th September, 1931, (No. G.69491/1931 Cill Mhanntain), from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in which the Council was notified that the position of Rate Inspector is one falling to be filled pursuant to Section 6, sub-section 1, of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, by application to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

The Secretary further submitted applications for the position received from Poor Rate Collector Thomas Fleming, Shillelagh, and James Cahalane, Rathdrum.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " P Doyle;

Resolved—That in all the circumstances we hereby adjourn the appointment of a Rate Inspector for the period of twelve months.

PASSED.

Court House,

WICKLOW.

7th September, 1931.

To/ The Chairmn and Members of Wicklow County Council Gentlemen,

I beg to report that Miss Harriet A McDermott, who was appointed by the Council, at their Meeting held the 24th June, 1930, Courtkeeper for Wicklow Court House, has discharged her duties in an entirely satisfactory manner during the probationary period of one year fixed by the Council.

In the circumstances I would strongly recommend the Council to pass a

resolution confirming and ratifying her permanent appointment to that position.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

P T HEALY.

Proposed by Councillor E Byrne;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby ratify and confirm the permanent appointment of Miss Harriet A McDermott as Courtkeeper for Wicklow Court House, she having most satisfactorily discharged the duties of that position during the probationary period fixed by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

The Secretary read the letter dated the 3rd October, 1931, (No. G.74063/1931 Cill Mhanntain) from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that he sanctions, subject to ratification by the County Council, the temporary appointment of Mr John Sheehan as Rate Inspector for the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District pending the appointment of a Rate Inspector for the County.

The Secretary also read a letter dated the 30th September, 1931, from the Managing Director of the New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., Dawson Street, Dublin, C2., agreeing to the arrangement that Mr John Sheehan should act as Deputy Rate Inspector during the illness of Mr P W Sheehan.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " James McCrea;

Resolved—That we ratify, and hereby approve of our Secretary's action in appointing Mr John Sheehan, of the Staff of the County Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance, to the temporary position of Rate Inspector of Poor Rate Collectors' Collection Accounts in the area formerly known as Rathdrum Rural District, and we hereby decide that Mr John Sheehan shall continue to discharge the duties of Rate Inspector in that area until such time as his father, Mr P W Sheehan, may be feeling sufficiently well to resume his duties as Rate Inspector.

PASSED.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Bonus To Poor Rate Collectors.

The following letter was submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH,

Custom House,

G.69490/81/fa.

Cill Mhanntain.

Dublin.

11adh Meadhon Foghmar, '31.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, regarding the proposal to grant a bonus to Rate Collectors for loss of emoluments due to the reduction of rates by reason of the Additional Agricultural Grant and to state that he is not in a position to come to a final decision in regard to the question of allowing bonuses to Rate Collectors until

towards the end of the financial year when he will be in a position to judge the progress of the collections and will have received the views of all the County Councils on the subject.

I am to add that it should be borne in mind that the reduced assessment will obviously facilitate the work of the collectors.

Mise, le meas,

J M HICKEY.

a.s. Runaidhe.

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

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint Councillor John P O'Donnell of Coolawinna, Rathnew, to fill the vacancy on our Finance Committee caused by the death of Mr William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor T Weadick;

Seconded by " G Kearon;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr Thomas Birthistle of Main Street, Arklow to fill the vacancy on Arklow Old Age Pensions sub committee caused by the death of Mr T Birthistle.

PASSED.

Proposed by Councillor E Byrne;

Seconded by " J P O'Donnell;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr John Clarke, of Killinacarrick Delgany, to fill the vacancy on Rathdown No. 2. Old Age Pensions sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr P Toole, Kilmacanogue, and further, we hereby appoint Mr William Douglas of 49 Main Street, Bray, to fill the second vacancy on that Committee caused by the non-attendance of Miss A Griffin, Clonroe, Enniskerry.

PASSED.

Proposed by Councillor Laurence Moore;

Seconded by " John J Redmond;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor David H Haskins, Two-Mile-Water, Wicklow, to fill the vacancy on the Wicklow Old Age Pensions sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew.

PASSED.

Proposed by Councillor James Everett;

Seconded by " C M Byrne;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health when the question of assessing the valuation of land etc., arises in the case of applicants for Old Age Pensions to give instructions to Pension Officers to make allowance for the depression of same, as it is found from experience

that the system at present in operation inflicts grave hardships on many of the applicants for Pension.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor J P O'Donnell, of Coolawinna, Rathnew, to fill the vacancy on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board caused by the death of Mr William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That we now execute the Agreement with Mr Edwin Hammond, of Carnew, necessary for the setting up of a Pound in Carnew and that the Seal of the Council be attached thereto.

Passed.

Letters dated the 1st December, 1931, and 4th December, 1931, were submitted from the Secretary, County Wicklow Board of Health, and the Council's Temporary Law Agent, Mr Joseph Brazil, relative to the acquisition of a plot at Shillelagh Workhouse to be used as a Pound.

Proposed by Councillor J J Bourne;

Seconded by " Joseph Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered the letters from our Law Agent, the County Wicklow Board of Health, and the Department of Local Government and Public Health (dated the 30th November, 1931, No.P. 92316/31 Pg. Cif Mhannain) we hereby direct our Law Agent to prepare a letting Agreement with the County Wicklow Board of Health for the use of the plot at the Workhouse premises, Shillelagh, as a Pound, at an annual rent of One Shilling.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D J Kehoe;

Seconded by " L Moore;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Garda Thomas Lundon (5413), at present stationed at Baltinglass, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, to discharge the duties of that position in place of Guard James Conway (5758), who has been transferred from Baltinglass.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M Fleming;

Seconded by " William Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Sergeant J P Croke (4387), at present stationed in Roundwood, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, to discharge the duties of that position in place of Sergeant P Mahony (4350), who has been transferred from Roundwood.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D H Haskins;

Seconded by " William J Henry;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and empower the Irish Tourist Association to prepare, print, and circulate an Official Guide to the County of Wicklow, provided always that in granting such authority the Association clearly understands this Council is not accepting any financial responsibility whatsoever other than such sum as this Council decides from time to time to transfer annually to the Association, and provided also that the approval of this Council is given to the draft of such Official Guide before the same is finally printed for circulation.

Passed.

TOURIST TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1931.
Correspondence in above connection (including copy of the Act), was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and from the Secretary of the Irish Tourist Association, American Chambers, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.8.

The more important provisions of this Act having been considered, it was

Proposed by Councillor W J Henry;

Seconded by " J J Bourne;

Resolved—That we hereby enter into the agreement contemplated by the Irish Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, with the Irish Tourist Association, under which Agreement this Council undertakes to transfer to the funds of the Association the sum of £310 during the financial year which will expire on the 31st March, 1932, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to such Agreement and witnessed by our Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

The Council reconsidered the application of Mrs Josephine A Ahern, Railway Hotel, Arklow, to be allowed to purchase portion of the lands, attaching to the Court House in Arklow.

No Order.

Proposed by Councillor G Kearon;

Seconded by " J Everett;

Resolved—That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Edward Victor Briscoe, Ballinalea House, Ashford.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J P O'Donnell;

Seconded by " George Heatley;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise and empower our Secretary to issue a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 for the premises in Roundwood which Mr J Keenan proposes to set up as a Cinema, provided the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in Bray reports in writing that the aforementioned premises are suitable for such purposes, and that a similar favourable report is received from our County Surveyor.

Passed.

The Council reconsidered the circular letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 3rd July 1931, No.L.2778/31, in which it was suggested that the Council should make certain regulations controlling the cleansing and disinfecting of markets etc., under the provisions of the Animals (Transit and General) (Ireland) Order, 1931.

No action taken.

On considering the request of the Irish Tourist Association, American Chambers, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, to name a representative on the Board of Directors of the Association for the period ending 31st March, 1932, the Council decided that their present Representative, Councillor W J Henry, of Burgagemore, Blessington, shall continue in

office, and in this connection referred to their Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 23rd June, 1931.

The subject matter of the following notice of Motion standing on the Agenda paper in the name of Councillor John Dunne, was referred to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee—

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move that William O'Connor, Court House, Bray, be made a fair allowance for the extra duties he performs as Court-House keeper, which duties could not have been anticipated when the Eight Pounds per annum salary for his position was fixed by statute."

The Secretary was instructed to refer to Local County Councillors the question of reviewing the personal Fidelity Bonds entered into by certain of the Council's Poor Rate Collectors, with a view to ascertaining if the Sureties party to such Bonds continue to be satisfactory.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House,
WICKLOW.
7th December, 1931.

To/
The Chairman and
Members of
Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to direct your attention to the exceedingly backward condition of the Poor Rate Collection in No 19 District, for which Mr John Byrne, of Seskin, Tinahely, is collector. On the 1st of this month (two months after the close of the financial half-year) only one-third of the entire year's Warrant had been lodged to credit of the Council.

I am of opinion that strong action on the part of the Council is indicated.

Yours faithfully,
P THEALY,
Secretary.

Order—Collector to be called on to proceed more energetically with his collection and to close the First Moiety of same forthwith.

The Council adjourned arrangements for receiving considering and accepting Tenders for Road Contracts, and for the confirmation and sealing of such Contracts prior to the 1st April, 1932.

The Council reconsidered correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, forwarded with a view to the improvement of the present position with regard to Sheep Seab and Sheep Dipping in the County.

Submitted—No Order.

Minutes of Proceedings of monthly meetings of the County Wicklow Library Committee were submitted.

PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Public Analyst appointed for the County of Wicklow upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 30/9/1931.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	Date received.	No.	From	Result of Analysis.
Whiskey	4/7/31	1	Newtown, Guard Oliver	Genuine
Brandy	"	1	" " "	"
Port Wine	"	1	" " "	"
Sugar	"	1	" " "	"
Tea	"	1	" " "	"
Butter	15/7/31	4	Wicklow, D.A.T.I.	"
Butter	"	4	Bray, D.A.T.I.	"
New Milk	28/7/31	3	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
New Milk	30/7/31	1	Carnew, Guard Campbell	"
Whiskey	"	1	" " "	"
Butter	1/8/31	1	Wicklow, Guard Bergin	"
Buttermilk	"	1	" " "	"
New Milk	"	1	" " "	"
Whiskey	4/8/31	4	" " "	"
New Milk	13/8/31	1	Bray, Guard Stanton	"
Ice Cream	"	2	" " "	"
New Milk	3/9/31	4	Arklow, Guard McEntire	"
Port Wine	11/9/31	1	Aughrim, Guard Lee	"
Coffee	"	1	" " "	"
Ginger Wine	"	1	" " "	"
New Milk	"	1	" " "	"
New Milk	12/9/31	2	Rathdrum, Sgt. Cartwright	"
Margarine	"	1	" " "	"
Butter	"	1	" " "	"
Butter	16/9/31	4	Arklow, D.M.A.T.I.	"
New Milk	22/9/31	2	Roundwood, Sgt. Mahony	"
Butter	"	1	" " "	"
Jam	"	1	" " "	"
Sugar	"	1	" " "	"
Butter	25/9/31	1	Greystones, Sgt. Morris	"
Cheese	"	2	" " "	"
Margarine	"	1	" " "	"
Drugs	13/7/31	3	Newtown	"
"	"	3	Kilcool	"
"	17/7/31	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	18/7/31	3	Co. Fever Hospital	"
"	"	3	Powerscourt	"
"	22/7/31	3	Delgany	"
"	25/7/31	3	Ferrybank	"
"	17/8/31	2	Baltinglass	"
"	"	3	Rathdrum	"
"	"	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	22/8/31	3	Arklow	"
"	24/8/31	4	Baltinglass	"
"	31/8/31	3	Co. Home	"
"	"	3	Tinahely	"
"	9/9/31	4	Kiltegan	"
"	21/9/31	3	Bray No. 1	"
"	24/9/31	3	Co. Hospital	"
"	26/9/31	2	Dunlavin	"

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Analysis—Continued.

Articles sub- mitted for Analysis	Date Received	No.	From	Result of Analysis
Water (Bray U.C.)	31/7/31	1	Bray U.D.C.	Passed
Water (Raheen- graney)	14/8/31	1	County Board of Health	Condemned
Water (Grangecon)	24/8/31	1	" " "	Passed
Water (Stream, Derrybawn)	8/9/31	3	" " "	Condemned

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 53;
Drugs, 54; Waters, 6. Number adulterated—nil. 4 Waters condemned.
Total—113.
Date 14-10-1931.

Signed, PHYLLIS RYAN, Public Analyst.

In the absence of a report and the supporting documents from the Engineer appointed by the Council, no action was taken in connection with the Ballinamona, Ballinapark and Dunganstown Minor Drainage Scheme.

An application, supported by a Map, was submitted from Mr Patrick Leigh, Merchant, Grange Con, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump opposite his premises in Grange Con.

ORDER—Sanction given.

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint the three following to fill the vacancies on the Newcastle Old Age Pensions sub-Committee to replace the Rev Patrick Vaughan, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy, transferred, E W Condell, Newtownmountkennedy, deceased, and James Doyle, Newtownmountkennedy.

Rev Anthony Crinnion, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy.

Major A Gracie, Monalene do.

Daniel Dunne, Newtownmountkennedy.

these appointments to be effective from the date of the first Meeting of that Committee attended by any or all of such newly elected representatives.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John W Ryan;

Seconded by " M Fleming;

Resolved—That we hereby select and appoint the following to fill the vacancies on the Bray Old Age Pension sub-Committee to replace Rev. K R Brady C.C., Bray, and J M Bermingham, Claremont Terrace, Bray, Mr D J Hennessy, Bray.

Mr J M Foster, St Johns, Bray.

these appointments to be effective as from the date of the first meeting of that Committee attended by either or both of these newly elected representatives.

Passed.

A communication dated the 4th December, 1931, was submitted from Mrs M Short, Clerk, Newcastle Old Age Pensions sub-Committee enclosing the following resolution.

"That room in Valle Pacis, Newtownmountkennedy, be used for future Meetings at a fee of 5/- per Meeting, Members of Committee find this place the most central for their Meetings."

ORDER—Adjourned.

A letter dated the 28th November, 1931, was submitted from the Secretary, Joint Committee of Management, Dublin & Blessington Steam Tramway, Terenure, Co. Dublin, pointing out the necessity for the Council to resume payment of £200 monthly towards the maintenance expenses of the Undertaking.

ORDER—Council's representatives on the Joint Committee to be asked, if, in their opinion, the provisions of the following resolution, passed unanimously by this Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 31st August, 1931, have been complied with.

"Resolved—That the £200 paid monthly to the Committee of Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway be discontinued until the £1,200 at present in Bank lodged to the credit of the Committee of Management be expended in defraying the expenses of the Line, as this money was originally obtained from the Guaranteeing Counties for this purpose."

A letter dated the 4th December, 1931, was submitted from the Temp-

orary Law Agent, with which was enclosed a letter dated the 4th November, 1931, from Superintendent J Greaney, Garda Síochána, Wicklow, intimating that an application would be made at the Arklow District Court to be held on the 7th inst., to have Nancy Vickers, aged nine years and six months, and John Vickers, aged four years, committed to an Industrial School.

The Secretary reported that the Council was represented by their Law Agent at the hearing of all applications in the District Courts to have children committed to Reformatory and Industrial Schools, and it was a question whether the considerable expense thus incurred was justified by results.

ORDER—Council not to be represented in future at the hearing of these applications.

A communication dated the 7th December, 1931, was submitted from the Clerk, Urban District Council, Wicklow, asking the County Council to have a concrete footpath constructed on both sides of the road at Summerhill and to continue same to the Golf Links, as the present paths are in very bad repair.

ORDER—Referred to County Surveyor and the Roads Works Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor James McOrea;

Seconded by " James Everett, T.D.;

Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, representing as we do one of the principal milk producing Counties of the Saorstát, are of opinion that the Demand for 1/1d per gallon free of all other charges made by the Milk Producers we represent is equitable, having due regard to the ever increasing cost of production, and we strongly recommend the producers to insist upon being paid that price, which, in our opinion, is the very least which would pay them for their labours.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John P O'Donnell;

Seconded by " D J Kehoe;

Resolved—That this Council, in conjunction with the Limerick County Council, expresses their grateful approval to his Grace Archbishop Hanna, and the Clergy, of San Francisco for requesting the President of the U.S.A. to advocate Ireland's right to a moratorium, and urging the League of Nations to take up their case in respect to the Saorstát Land Annuities, and other payments, when International Debts are being considered.

Passed.

7th December, 1931

Proposed by Councillor C M Byrne;
Seconded by " J P O'Donnell;
Resolved—That we extend to our County Wicklow Representatives, Messrs Martin O'Neill and Luke Sherry, of Bray, our warmest congratulations in winning the all Irish Senior Soft Ball Championship for the second year in succession, thus bringing this great honour to our County again.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor George Heatley:—

"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the February Quarterly Meeting of Wicklow County Council, that the Resolution passed at the County Council Meeting held on the 26th August, 1929, agreeing to raise a loan of £1,300 to be expended in assisting thirteen people to rebuild their houses lost at Greystones owing to Coast Erosion, be restored to the orders of the Council, and that the subsequent Order rescinding the Resolution be rescinded."

CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:—

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

18th September, 1931, No.G.48/31, transmitting copy of the

Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1931.

21st September, 1931, No.G.69848/1931, Cill Mhanntain, Se., stating—in regard to the Council's proposal to pay a bonus to their Accountant, Mr Laurence Wolahan—that the Minister does not view with favour claims for overtime from senior Officials arising out of wholly temporary emergencies.

2nd October, 1931, No. P.H. 66354/1931, Sealed Order fixing the area of charge for the Telephone System at the Post Office, Kilcool, as Newcastle Dispensary District, the sum to be paid for seven years by the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance to be £34 5s 0d.

12th October, 1931, No. P.H. 68581/1931, Sealed Order fixing the former Rural District of Shillelagh as the area of charge for providing the Sewerage System and maintaining same at Carnew.

16th October, 1931, No. G.76451/1931, Cill Mhanntain, suggesting that the Council take serious notice of the failure of certain Rate Collectors to carry out their duties effectively, as a consequence of which only 26½% of Rate had been collected by the 30th September—the close of the financial half-year.

24th October, 1931, No. P.H.58582/1931, Sealed Order fixing Newcastle Dispensary District as the area of charge for providing the Sewerage System and maintaining same at Kilcool.

24th October, 1931, No. P.H.68579/1931, Sealed Order fixing the former Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1 as the area of charge for providing a supply of Water and maintaining the same at Baltinglass.

24th October, 1931, No. P.H. 68580/1931, Sealed Order fixing the former Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1 as the area of charge for providing a supply of water and maintaining same at Dunlavin.

24th October, 1931, No. 68583/1931, Sealed Order fixing Wicklow Dispensary District as the area of Charge for providing a supply of water and maintaining same at Rathnew.

24th October, 1931, No. G.81675/1931/Fa., Cill Mhanntain, noting that the increase in the expenditure sanctioned in connection with the applotment, etc., of Rate for 1931-32 has been occasioned by the applotment of additional relief of Agricultural Land provided this year.

24th October, 1931, No. G.81676/1931/Se., Cill Mhanntain, sanctioning continuation of the employment of Temporary Clerk, Miss J Flynn, during the month of August.

7th November, 1931, No.G.85895/1931, Cill Mhanntain Fa., drawing the Council's attention to the backward state of the Poor Rate Collection and pointing out that only 46% of the year's Warrant had been accounted for up to the 31st October, 1931.

11th November, 1931, No. 1R/93/33, enclosing an appeal from Messrs M J Doyle & Sons, Baltinglass, against the decision of Wicklow County Council refusing them permission to erect petrol pumps on altered sites adjacent to their premises.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

29th September, 1931, L.4126/31, stating there is no objection to the temporary employment of Mr S Conway, V.S., Wicklow, as substitute Local Authority Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts

during the absence of Mr W J Richardson, V.S., from the 24th September to the 7th October, 1931.

ORDER—Secretary's action herein approved and confirmed.

6th October, 1931, No. L.8294/31, intimating that four samples of butter taken up in Arklow under the Food and Drugs Acts on the 15th September were certified on analysis to be genuine.

October, 1931, No. L.4197/31, enclosing copy of the Diseases of Animals (Disinfection) Order, 1931.

October, 1931, enclosing copy of the Exportation of Animals Order, 1931.

FROM THE OFFICES OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONERS.

21st November, 1931, No. I.R.10409/6, circular letter for the guidance of Bankers, Secretaries of Companies, and others under the provisions of the Finance (Increase of Income Tax) Act, 1931.

FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

25adh Samhain, 1931, No.19025/31, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Carlow County Council in connection with the Aghinree proposed Drainage District.

FROM THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

1st December, 1931, stating that the Council's resolution regarding the fence and road of the Cow Park at Ballymarrogue, Kilquiggan, is receiving attention.

FROM THE TEMPORARY LAW AGENT—JOSEPH BRAZIL, ESQ., SOLICITOR

(of Messrs J H McCarroll & Co., Solicitors)

2nd October, 1931, reporting the Committal, at Rathdrum District Court of Teresa Byrne, Tomaniern, to an Industrial School

27th October, 1931, reporting that through his efforts, and the efforts of Councillor D J Kehoe, Kate Murphy of Lathaleer, Baltinglass, had been discharged from Booterstown Industrial School, to which she was committed on the 25th September, 1925.